

## **James B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **(KS2 NATT+ Young Voices Competition)**

What I do began 100 years ago. The first showmen had a joint in the shape of a fifty pence piece. They had poles and planks of wood painted in gold and red and they had to build it up and take it all apart again every time they went to a fair. This is how my family began as showmen.

Now my family has a Space Train ride, a blow up slide, a merry-go-round and a kiosk selling burgers and hot dogs. My uncle James uses an air gun to spray paint the rides and Uncle Darren builds and fixes them. My dad and I usually mind the Space Train or the slide.

When I man the slide, I need to be able to get up there quickly to help young ones that are scared. I need to be able to count up in my head very quickly as there is no till when I am taking money.

On the Space Train I yell at the top of my voice to call the people on. If they stand up I have to shout "sit down" for health and safety. I also put the drinks in the kiosk and I help build up and pull down the rides. When I have free time I have a little walk around the fair. I sometimes have a go on the rides. I know everyone there as they are all my cousins and aunts.



Now there have been some changes in our ways. We now spend more time at school. I think this is a good thing because I meet people who can help me one day like a friend might become a mechanic. A lot more people have kiosks nowadays also one of my aunts has a soft play area which is always in the same place and does not travel with the fair.

I want to always be part of the travelling community and taking rides, kiosks and blow ups. I find it fun and it is always exciting because you are going to a new place and you don't know where it is. Also I might find friends there.