

CURDRIDGE VILLAGE FETE & CRAFT FAYRE

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at the Fete & Craft Fayre that took place in July. It was a beautiful sunny morning when the set-up team arrived on site at silly o'clock, but sadly, this did not continue! Despite the two very heavy downpours, people continued to have a good time.



Dog Factor had some amazing winners:

- Bumble won best senior
- Kezzie was deemed the cutest puppy
- Kootchie's human (Sofia) won the best young handler
- Willow performed the best trick
- Max had the waggiest tail and;
- Fred won best in show!



Congratulations to Ollie Haswell and Andy H-T for winning the wellie throwing competition. It was equally fascinating and amusing watching the various throwing techniques to try to get the longest throw!



Visitors enjoyed the Ceilidh Dancing performed by children from Curdridge Primary School. Thankfully, they managed to finish their performance before the rain came.

For some of the older children, this was their last performance before leaving to go to secondary school. We wish them all well on their new journey in September.

Thank you to Mrs Wood - Headmistress of Curdridge Primary for encouraging the children to take part.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Craft & Horticulture Competition held in the Main Hall. There were some stunning entries which made judging a challenge at times, but it was lovely to see so many entries showcasing all of the hard work and effort for those who took part.

There was a clear winner throughout the event who is rather embarrassed at how many trophies she won. Congratulations to Tara Woodyer for being the winner in baking, horticulture, craft and photography & Art!

Vanda Nowak was the winner for wine & preserves and James Schaefer won the Junior section. There was a public vote for the most popular adult and junior exhibit with Larry Burden winning the adult vote for his tray of vegetables and Ryan Williams winning the junior vote for his Butterfly photo.

Sadly, in the excitement of the day, I completely forgot to take any photos of the exhibits. If you have any photo's that you would like to share please email them to me at events.readingroom@gmail.com and I will add them to a Facebook post on the Curdridge Village Events Group.

Thank you to all the stallholders who took part including DeGaris Designs Art Gallery, The Bishops Waltham Men's Shed, Pony Magic, Connors Castles, the Curdridge Cricket Club for running the Pavilion Bar, Marucci's Ice Cream and the Thirsty Forester for bringing their converted horsebox to serve Pimms and Prosecco.

Thanks also go to Arlington Fleet Group and The Cricketers Inn - Curdridge for donating the main prizes for our raffle. Stallholders attending the event also contributed to this and we had some generous donations from local resident as well. The raffle took over £1,500 from ticket sales prior to and on the day - this is an amazing amount. Thank you to those who supported us by buying tickets. Prizes that weren't collected on the day are being distributed as we speak. Well done to the winners.



A big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped man our stalls on the day. We really appreciate your assistance, without which, the Fete would be significantly harder to run.

Last, but by no means least, thank you to the planning team for their help and support. This small team of volunteers work hard to put on an event of this size. It isn't always easy fitting it in amongst other commitments, but every month they come along to planning meetings and contribute their thoughts and ideas for every fund-raising event that takes place at the Reading Room. Their contribution is immense and incredibly valued by the Trustees of the Curdridge Reading Room & Recreation Ground Charity that benefits from their efforts.

If you would like to know more about the events taking place throughout the year at the Reading Room, please visit the website at www.curdridgereadingroom.co.uk/events or join the Facebook group @CurdridgeVillageEvents. If you would like to join our planning team, please contact Vanessa on 07722 787338 for a no obligation chat! **The next events are the Craft Market on the 8th September and the Beer Festival on the 14th September.** More details are on the website. We hope to see you there.