

CURDRIDGE VILLAGE FETE & COLOUR RUN

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at the Fete & Colour Run that took place in July. It was a beautiful sunny morning when the set-up team arrived on site and soon turned into one of the hottest days of the year! Despite the very hot weather, people had a good time and there was a lovely community vibe on the cricket field.



Unfortunately due to the heat, dog factor was cancelled and Pony Magic were unable to join us. There was still lots to see and do though with Solomons Alpacas, traditional fete games, craft stalls, a merry-go-round, refreshments, the craft & horticulture competition and of course, the colour-run.

The PTA for Curdridge Primary School (the CSA) organised the Colour Run with the funds raised going towards the school. The children loved being covered in the brightly coloured powder and it was lovely to see some adults taking part too!

The wellie-throwing competition proved to be incredibly popular and brought out some healthy family-rivalry to see who could get the highest score!

Visitors enjoyed the Ceilidh dancing performed by children from Curdridge Primary School. Thank you to Mrs Wood - Headmistress of Curdridge Primary for encouraging the children to take part.

There was a mesmerising Tai Chi demonstration from Linda and her class members who had the good sense to stay in the shade of the trees. If anyone is interested in taking part in this mindful exercise, classes are held at the Reading Room on a Friday morning. Please contact the Total Care Clinic in Botley to book your space.

Faye Knight, another of our regular hirers and a local artist who specialises in acrylic painting was also there giving a demonstration of her work. Faye runs workshops on a Thursday afternoon at the Reading Room. Please visit the clubs and classes page on our website for contact details if you would like to take part.

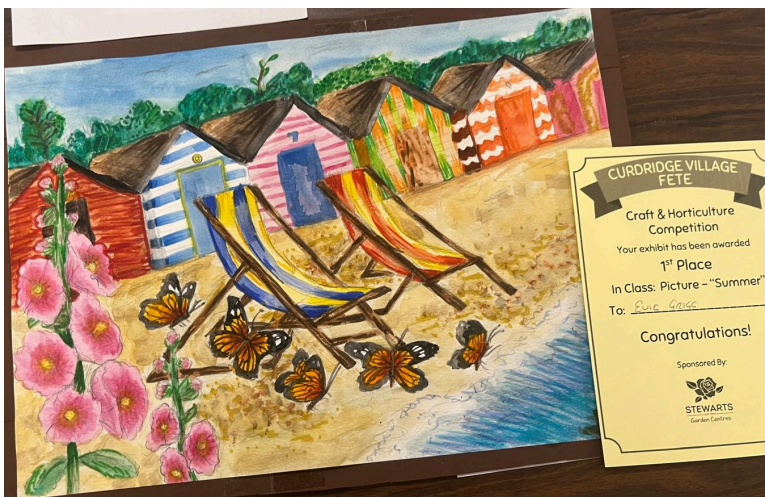
There were some lovely entries for the Craft and Horticulture competition. We certainly have some very talented local residents!

Congratulations to Ethan McDermott for getting the most points in the adult classes. His entries won him a trophy and a £50 voucher kindly donated by Stewarts Garden Centre.

Well done to Becky and Jackie who organised the competition this year for the first time. It is surprising how much time it takes to organise, but it is always worth it when the entries are on display.

Allison Farrell was the winner for the baking section and the Flowers and Plants. Simon Fleming was the section winner for vegetables, Helen Howe won the Preserves class, Jacqui Payne was the winner of the craft section and Sarah Baker won photography and art.





Evie Grigg was the overall winner for the Junior entries. Her painting of beach huts and deckchairs epitomised summer and certainly made people stop to take a look.

The public voted for the most popular Junior and Adult entries on the day. Ryan Williams and Ethan McDermott were the winners with the photographs that they submitted. Well done to all of our winners and to everyone else who took part, your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you to all the stallholders who took part as well as The Bishops Waltham Men's Shed, Connors Castles, the 29th Itchen Scout Group, Solomons Alpacas, the Curdridge Cricket Club for running the Pavilion Bar, Marucci's Ice Cream and the CSA for running the Pimms and Prosecco bar.

Thanks also go to Arlington Fleet Group and The Cricketers Inn - Curdridge for donating the main prizes for our raffle. The raffle made a profit of £1,921 from ticket sales prior to and on the day which is an amazing amount! Thank you to those who supported us by buying tickets. Well done to all of the winners.

Well done to Sarah Baker for selling the most raffle tickets before the event. The volunteers who went door-to-door selling tickets before the Fete worked incredibly hard and their efforts significantly contributed to the funds raised.

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

We had a huge number of cakes donated to us by local residents. This helped us to keep the costs of running our cafe to a minimum, making an awesome £394 profit.

Volunteers on the BBQ worked incredibly hard throughout the event to keep everyone fed.



The burgers and sausages were kindly donated by Arlington Fleet Group which again helped us to keep costs down, raising £640 from hot food. Final figures for the event are still being calculated but we hope to announce them in the next magazine.

Last, but by no means least, thank you to the planning team for their help and support. This team of volunteers work hard to put on an event of this size. 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. **The next event is the Beer Festival on the 13th September.** Tickets are available to buy online. More details are on our website. We hope to see you there.