

Wembdon Village Day report

In spite of the unseasonal weather on this year's August Bank Holiday Monday, members of the Wembdon community came to support the Annual Village Day, run by the Wembdon Community Association who work tirelessly raising funds to aid local organisations and projects.

Wembdon Village Day incorporates the annual Fruit, Vegetable, Flower and Craft show, which this year saw an increase in the number of entries, as well as several new exhibitors, and, as ever, the quality of entries was exceedingly high. Though there was a decrease in the number of fruit, vegetable and flower entries (no doubt due to the weather), but there was an increase in the number of domestic entries. Each year a different theme is chosen for the children's classes, and this year the theme was "Carnival". Special thanks go to the Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee for donating additional prizes for the winners of the children's cups and trophies. This year the judges awarded the Best Exhibit trophies to Mr M Higgins for his gladioli, and to Miss Mary Lockyer for her novelty sponge cake. Many of the exhibitors donated their entries after the show to be auctioned off and the WCA auctioneer, Nick Tasker, did a marvellous job. The spectators had a lot of fun, though many have now learnt not to move their arms during a Wembdon Village Day auction, otherwise they may find themselves going home with the village's heaviest marrow!

Even though the rain did not stop falling, representatives of various charities, along with some of Wembdon's organisations (including Wembdon Scouts and Wembdon Ladies) held stalls on the Common, including a coconut shy, smash the crockery, and for anyone who wasn't too cold, ice creams! Wembdon St George's Church was also open for visitors to view.

Anyone braving the elements found a few car booters, a bar an excellent BBQ on the Playing Field, as well as entertainment from Pulse Radio station and a dog display team from The National Animal Welfare Trust at Heavensgate. Back in the Parish Centre coffee shop refreshments were available, and though originally scheduled to play outside, Burtle silver Band played an outstanding rendition of cheerful tunes in the Parish Centre, surrounded by the Flower Show exhibits that was enjoyed by all who came to the Show Hall.

With planned work on the Wembdon Playing Field due to start within the next year it is likely that next year's event will be held at Trinity Sports & Leisure Centre, and the WCA hope that members of the community will still come to support the event "in glorious sunshine".

The next public event to be held by the Wembdon Community Association will be the spectacular Annual Firework Display at Blake's Field (by the church), on Saturday 25th October 2014 at 6.45 p.m. This is a professionally fired display by "Skyburst" and we look forward to seeing you there!

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