

# STRETE VILLAGE DAY

**Saturday 3rd August 2019 - Mewstone Paddock**

Again, this year's Strete Village Day was held in the most idyllic of locations thanks to the hospitality of Andrea and Malcolm Hollis at the Mewstone Paddock.

The weather did us proud once again this year after a worryingly wet start to the day, but as midday approached we were treated to a mild, dry afternoon with occasional sunshine.

Our dedicated teams of volunteers kept us fed and watered providing everything from local Stokeley Brewery ale, perfect Pimms, tasty BBQ, sweets and popcorn and of course the excellent tea tent served tea and coffee with an amazing array of scones and cakes donated by the Strete village bakers. Vintage tractors and motorcycles were on display plus some new farm vehicles.



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The Alpacas and Ash Rescue ponies charmed the arena audience.



The two Ash Rescue ponies Snowdrop a Dartmoor pony and Bean a Miniature American



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The numerous children's races proved very popular and great fun. Winners rosette's were proudly on display around the arena.



Concentration, effort or just happy to take part even when you have achieved a rosette in a previous race.



A proud multiple race winner with his rosette's for



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Jeremy Huggett's Dart Valley Stompers "playing traditional jazz bringing a New Orleans Mardi Gras atmosphere to our Village Day"

Displays included ship wreck treasure trove and historical photographs of Strete, Blackawton and surrounding countryside (BASH)

The sale of Bric-a-Brac and wide selection of books and trade stall goods proved very popular.





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# KIDS GET CREATIVE

An eco friendly wind turbine powered home.  
1st Prize in Lego section



Bryher Whatley aged 8yrs  
Winner of the Stretewise  
Cover Design competition



A peacock fruit cocktail.  
1st Prize in fruit and vegetable  
character section



The children showed their considerable creative flair with various craft competitions which included the chance to create an illustration for the cover of this magazine. A drawing by Bryher aged 8yrs being selected by our judge this year Nick Shepherd. Children were also invited to submit creations in the three categories: a Fruit and Vegetable Figure, a Miniature Garden or a Lego Model.

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The fun dog show attracted over 40 canine entries this year of all shapes, sizes and mixture. Our judge awarded prizes 1st,2nd and 3rd in five different classes.

- 1: Dog with the most appealing eyes.
- 2: Dog with the waggiest Tail.
- 3: Handsomest Dog
- 4: Prettiest Bitch
- 5: Dog the judge would most like to take home.



Prizes kindly donated by 'Daisy's Dog Food' were presented to the winners.

The dogs and handlers had a chance to show their skill in the agility ring. As usual this proved to be great fun as even the best behaved dogs got stage fright and confused by the obstacles and demands of the course despite the enthusiastic encouragement of their handlers.

If you can't train them join them.





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More views from the paddock thanks to our official and very professional photographers Nick Shepherd and Malcolm Hollis.



No they won't bite



Well deserved



Hello-Hello-Hello



What all the bottles have gone!



What rat?



Caught in the act

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Finally the acknowledgements and thanks' to everyone who helped make Strete Village Day another memorable and happy event enjoyed by locals and visitors.

There are two outcomes we aim to achieve. It is for everyone to get together and have some FUN and to raise funds to support on-going community activities.

This is only possible with the enthusiasm of the helpers and volunteers, the organisers and planners, the transport, construction and clearance teams. The trade and charity stall holders. The catering and baking volunteers. The gate and parking team. The dog handlers. The sponsors and prize donations, and many more, but most importantly a very special thank you to Andrea and Malcolm Hollis our hosts for allowing Strete Village Day to use a location that is a perfect, idyllic setting for the event, their garden and paddock. Well done everyone.



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