

2022 Shalfleet Village Fete

The late summer sunshine and cool breeze provided the perfect weather for the Annual Shalfleet Village fete on Bank Holiday Monday. Opened by the Rev. Jackie Maw (Team Rector of the West Wight Mission Community and Priest in Charge of the West Wight), the event attracted 1003 visitors and holiday makers from across the island. Stalls selling pre-loved items including books, china and glass, clothing, household, and toys proved ever popular. Other activities included the tombola, raffle, and bottle game, and, new for this year, the 'big buzzer' and 'hook a duck'. Many visitors climbed the spiral stairs of the Church Tower to take in the glorious views. Children were well catered for with a bouncy castle and sweet store. Special thanks go to Maureen Beavis for baking 106 cakes for the legendary teas and cake stall. Plaza provided the much-needed ice-creams from their iconic van, and delicious local honey was sold by Bob Bromley. Both gave generously to the fete proceeds, which in turn help to support the fabric of the Church, the ongoing maintenance of the Village Hall, and the ability to hold events that reach out to the local community.

Local charities, Friends of the Animals, West Wight Time Bank, Ability Dogs for Young People, Men in Sheds, and the Isle of Wight Prostate Cancer Support Group all had stalls at the fete. Friends of the Animals ran the 'Fun Dog Show' which attracted many waggy-tailed entrants. Organisers Michael Beavis and Catherine Powell appreciate the kind words from visitors that reflect an enjoyable and family-friendly afternoon. Thanks go to all those who donated many wonderful items, gifts and prizes and especially to those who volunteered their time and efforts to ensure the success of the fete, and to all those who chose to spend their August Bank Holiday in Shalfleet.