

Residents turned out in force to support and enjoy all on offer at the 32nd Michaelmas Fair and Show on Saturday 10th of September. Another great day for the local community with music and entertainment, slides, rides, a slithering, wriggling animal menagerie, owls and dozens of games and stalls. A test-pit, dug on site by the Parish Archaeological Survey Project Team led by local professor, Mick Aston, of 'Time Team', was of great interest.

The Fete provided the fun, but, not surprisingly, the Show for many was the major attraction. A total of 241 local entrants, submitted a staggering 1,220 exhibits in the 200 classes covering horticulture, arts, crafts, baking, preserving, floristry, photography and bee-keeping. The enthusiasm of local schools was evident, over 200 children entered. There was a good response from juniors in the 21-16 age group and also from families competing for the coveted family trophies.

Challenging weather affected horticultural entries, which were slightly down on last year. Inspirational use of materials and a high standard of creative ability across the board resulted in striking displays in all other sections.

Commenting on the day, Show organiser, Jill Cureton, said "The weather held, the village turned out as ever, and it was another fantastic afternoon. I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way and encourage anyone new to join us".

Proceeds look set to match last year's £4,000 figure. This is good news for Winscombe Community Association, which is facing major costs to replace a failing boiler and heating system at the Centre.

Anyone wishing to offer their services for the 2012 Michaelmas Fair should contact Jill on 01934 843776.