

## The Minchinhampton Country Fayre

The Minchinhampton Country Fayre took place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Fayre commemorated the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Minchinhampton.

It was a wonderful day, with perfect sunny weather and lots of amazing things to do for all ages.

The day started with a parade of Minchinhampton school children through the village, led by the Town Crier and a line of vintage cars. The children were protesting about the use of plastics – some of them had clothes made out of recycled plastic items which looked very cool and creative.

There were lots of stalls up and down the High Street and on the school field, including stalls selling food and cakes, candles, books from the library, handmade tiles and many charity stalls. I had a really tasty burger from the Brownie and Scouts BBQ. There were also lots of stalls from Minchinhampton Market, which is usually at the Market Hall on Thursdays, selling their homemade produce.



There was lots of dancing throughout the day – including country dancing, Morris dancing and Zumba dancing – and some amazing music and bands too. There were many things to do, including circus skills, fairground attractions like “Test Your Strength and Ring the Bell” and a coconut shy, bouncy castles and inflatable slides, bumper cars for younger children and many football related activities. There was also face painting – there were lots of designs to choose from and I got my face painted with some colourful flowers.

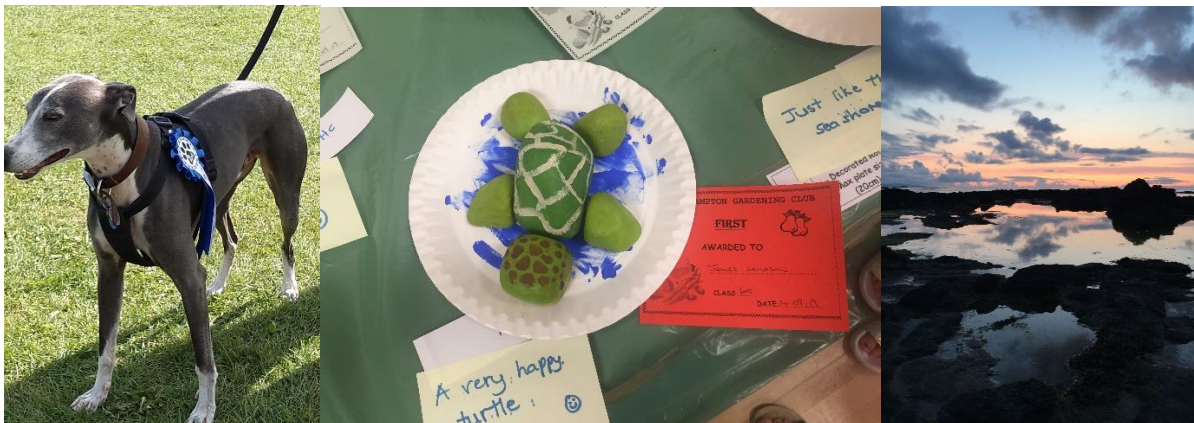


My favourite activity would have to be the Punch and Judy show, because it was hilarious, very interactive and lots of fun. I watched it with my friends, and we all thought it was very entertaining!



I particularly enjoyed visiting the wedding dress exhibition at the Church – it was fascinating to see wedding dresses through the years from people that I know from the town. It was a fantastic idea. There was also a brilliant flower festival there too.

There were also lots of competitions – such as a dog show, the Gardening Club show, baking and foods. There was also a photography competition – I entered the section for the best sunset photograph.



The next Fayre is due to take place in September 2021, and I am sure that we are looking forward to it already!

By Elizabeth