

PRESS RELEASE | SUN SHINES ON SUNNINGHILL VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE

The 2018 Sunninghill Victorian Street Fayre, on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>, looked more like a summer carnival than a winter fair, despite the roasting chestnuts and Santa's Grotto! Families soaked up a warm autumn sunshine day on carousels, bungee jumps, bouncy cottages and watching Punch & Judy shows.



Thousands of visitors enjoyed a Sunday lunch of hog roast, Courtyard catering (pictured below), award winning sausages, or authentic Indian cuisine and candy floss, some washed down with refreshments by Windsor & Eton Brewery. Sponsors, Coworth Park, also provided wonderful afternoon tea treats.



The Courtyard Stall

The street entertainment was also outstanding this year, thanks to the St.Andrews Pipe Band, Instrumentally and the lovely harmonies of acapella group - the [Reading Barberettes \(pictured below\)](#)



For those with Christmas on their mind, it was a chance to find plum puddings and original gifts, such as beautiful glass vases decorated with silk, as well as charity merchandise - by Cats Protection, the War Horse Memorial, Ascot Round Table and Sebastian's Action Trust.

'Blue Daisy' Vases (below)





The Rotary Club of Ascot - which also ran a balloon decorating competition, took the opportunity to enlist teams for the forthcoming Sunninghill New Year Wheelbarrow Race. Previous winners were on hand, with their Concorde barrow, to encourage. Ocean Theatre also said they had a good day, recruiting young performers for their forthcoming production, Legally Blonde.

For competitive visitors, the challenging 'Spot the Window' competition - identifying incongruous items in shop window displays, was won by Sian Upton, who received £25.

The Cordes Hall was packed with excited youngsters visiting Santa's Grotto, helping to raise money for the nominated charities. These include the Ascot Day Centre. While the Fayre's main objective is family fun, stall rental and donations will have raised significant sums of money for the local charities. Watch this space for details of the awards made and forthcoming cheque presentation ceremony.

The day was also a great opportunity to showcase the many independent shops and services in Sunninghill High Street. Most, like Chapman's Ironmongers and Inspirations gifts, were open on the day and say that the Fayre is a major opportunity to remind local people what a great High Street we have in Sunninghill- with its artworks, homewares, designer clothing, estate agents, gifts, flowers, 3 mini supermarkets, and much more.

Pictured below is Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Allison Sharpe (Hansel & Gretel's Wicked Witch), picked the raffle tickets with Robert Ellison at Chapmans. Robert said: "This year's Victorian Fayre was the best ever; it was a wonderful community event with something for all. The Fayre was organised by Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council who should take credit for their hard work in bringing this bi-annual event to their parishioners. The parish's next extravaganza is their wonderful "Party in the Park" which is to be held at The Victory Field in July 2019



Everyone agreed it was a fantastic family day out with something for everyone. At least one stallholder committed to a stand at the next Fayre (November 2020), on the spot. Andrew Darling of Sapphire Estates said: "What a great turnout on Sunday!" Berkshire Mummies blogged: "Yesterday I visited the Sunninghill Victorian Street Market with my family. It was such a wonderful afternoon out with so much going on."



Organisers would like to thank the sponsors, without whom the Fayre wouldn't be possible: This year's main sponsors are Ascot Racecourse, Chapmans Ironmongers, Inspirations Gifts, Shorts Group, the Sunninghill Trust, Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council, as well as 'Sponsors' - British Industrial Truck Association, Character Cars, Coworth Park Hotel, Dreamcatcher Childcare, Lynwood Village, Osborne Heath, Quince Players, The Stock Exchange, T J Gardiner Electrical and Waitrose Sunningdale.

For more information, contact Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council as soon as possible on 01344 623480 or e-mail: [events@s-a-pc.com](mailto:events@s-a-pc.com)

Integral Photos: (Originals available on request)

1. Punch and Judy
2. Food by the Courtyard Café of Sunninghill High Street
3. The acapella group, the Reading Barberettes
4. Glass, Silk Wrapped Vases by 'Blue Daisy'
5. Concorde| the 2018 New Year Race, Winning Wheelbarrow
6. The Wicked Witch Picking Raffle Tickets with Robert Ellison
7. Traditional Carousel in St. Michael's School Playground

Attached Photos (Larger files available on request)

1. Quince Players| Dame & Fairy from Hansel & Gretel
2. The Crooked Cottage