

# Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Eight People had Fun!

The 10 Parishes Festival 10th-18th September 2005

THE 2005 10 Parishes Festival was judged a great success by everyone who took part and by those visitors who wrote their appreciations in many Visitors Books.



The variety of artistic skills on display was even greater than during the 1st Festival in 2003 and an even larger number of people took part.

□ The total number of visitors, artists, participants, traders and exhibitors totalled 9228!

□ 857 children and adults took part in some sort of workshop or activity

□ 216 artists were connected by opening their studios, creating a gallery exhibition or producing an artistic performance of some kind.

In a rural area like ours, this is some achievement and there are many people who worked very hard to make their events and studios happen.

The Festival Working Group always knew what skills lay hidden in our wonderful part of West Somerset when the first Festival was planned, but surprises are always around the corner. What about:

□ Claire Rice - Artist and poet, whose Christmas cards are now on sale locally, and has picked up dozens of commissions from the North Street Gallery where she exhibited.

□ Sarah Greenslade, a young lady who lives in Lower Langley, who with her Mum visited 25 venues and has been offered a days tuition in portrait painting with Stawley artist, Emily Hare.

□ ArtPassport Winner Margje Franse of Lion d'Angers who visited 28 venues!

□ Bathealton's Scarecrows took first

prize for visitor attraction! That brilliant bunch of artists and fund raising stars in Bathealton deserve a medal!

□ A fabulous Country Market with lovely local produce for everyone, held in the Festival Marquees.

□ Loads To Do for kids and grown ups - clowns, pottery, monkeys, willow, drumming...

□ Va Watt and her Fitzhead Friends transformed the village with banners and bunting and brought a very different angle to the Festival, with top class film animation workshops.

□ Michael Fairfax could not have coped with any more whittlers in his wood! . . . and much more.

Grateful thanks, as ever, go to all of our funders for making the Festival possible - and especially Taunton Deane Tourism Department, headed by David McCubbin, who organised the design and printing of our super Festival Guide this year. With such a professional aid to our marketing, we couldn't go far wrong!

Our local "Angels" were such a valuable source of funds and The Jim Laker Fund ran a successful Dinner Draw towards our costs. The local commitment was very much appreciated.

Our input to 10 Radio was greatly enjoyed - after the initial terror of going out live! - and it gave some of our artists the chance to talk about their work and network with other like-minded people . . . didn't we miss it in October?!

Artists gathered for a Wash Up meeting at the end of September and have agreed to go ahead again with Festival 2007 - if you would like to get involved in any way call Pauline on 01984 623564 or homeshaw@btopenworld.com



Jo Dove's ceramic workshop



Trish Perrin, textile artist and photographer

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