

Chairperson's Report 2007

Thorney Lakes

Green Kidz Area

Our new site at Thorney Lakes allowed us for the first time to have a kid's area all in one place, which was christened 'Greenkidz'. Colourful flags that had been designed by young people at the local Kingsbury Episcopi Youth Club defined the area. A community grant from the South Somerset District Council enabled Andy Hawthorne from SHH! Décor to lead a design workshop at the youth club in the weeks preceding the fair.

Photos were taken of the designs, which were sent off to Bali by e-mail. Batik craftsmen then used the designs to create the beautiful colourful flags we used at the Fair. The Flags are a resource that is available for other local community events. However we hired the flagpoles for the event so we still need to buy some to be able to use them independently of SHH! Décor.

The GREENKIDZ area was full of activities, children and families all day long and proved a great success. Professor Paradox made us all laugh, the Mini- Mummers troupe wowed us all with their pirate show of stealth and daring, and Austen Keenan the Storyteller enthralled us all with his tales of mystery and magic.

The Yeocals Juggling Troupe (from Yeovil!) led a continuous hands on juggling workshop, while Sophie Courtious led a willow sculpture workshop with young people helping to create a huge 'Girt dog of Langport' willow figure.

Other activities included Songs of Peace & Joy, (Joy Leingaard), Hand powered roundabout (Wells Carnival Club) Leaf badge making (Hannah Aitken) Soft Stone Carving (Richard Langford), Clay Modelling (Alison Hayward) Face Painting (Jennie Pank) Leafy Crown Making (Forest School Cluster Group) and Flower Mandala Creation (Jan Pemberton). This was all taking place in and around our new Geodesic Domes, funded by Awards for All and expertly made by Nick Durnan from local hazel and willow.

Music Tent

Joining up with the Scythe Festival meant we had the use of their large 40x 40 metre tent. Once the Scythers had finished talking blades and grass, we were able to run a line- up of Musicians and Speakers, throughout the day and into the evening with a wonderful final from Kangaroo Moon. This all went really smoothly thanks to Yeovil College Music Department, namely Rosie Russell, Simon Squire and their trusty helpers Luke, Chris And Lee. Together they provided a P.A. system and professionally managed the stage through out the day.