



Marhamchurch Food Fair 1st May 2023

As I write this with rain pouring against my window one week after the Food Fair, I am so grateful for the 6th time we have had good weather for the fair. This is so much a village event and, though we missed the presence of 'our Jackie', the day carried so much of the spirit she invested in it in previous years.

We had 12 food stallholders with a variety of offerings including for the first time a mushroom stall from Poundstock with its own barbeque for tasters. There were also cheeses, meats, artisan breads, pickles, jams, pasties, cream teas, breakfast baps, burgers and slow beef, all washed down with Davvers' ciders or coffee.

The music was again wonderfully provided by Finch, All@C and Aidan as a perfect backdrop to our day.

Although not our main preoccupation, we raised over £500 which has been donated to the village shop to assist with steeply rising costs. The shop itself had a bumper day of sales including 100 pasties and many sausage rolls on offer at the front of the shop.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the sterling effort of many people. In particular, thanks to Angela Grills and her team in the Bray serving the cream teas and to the many who made themselves available in setting up/taking down all the stalls. Also to each of the stallholders who again entered into the event in such good spirit and made voluntary contributions from the money taken on the day.

On the basis that this is an event which has become signature to our village, it only remains to say Marhamchurch Food Fair 2024 is on **6th May 2024!**