

Market Report

Since August when I started looking after the weekly markets Newbourne Farm has been a regular attendee every Saturday with other traders joining them on an ad-hoc basis. These include The Chantry Kitchen, The Quince Tree and on one or two occasions, Gelham Hall Flowers, TabbouleTal and Gourmet Fudge.

Wednesday markets have been patchy, DPC Fish have attended twice a month with a few other stall holders now and then however, there has been some days when there haven't been any stalls at all.

The large, seasonal market, Celebrate Summer saw 37 stalls on The Hill and a good turnout of buyers. The Community Choir took part, and the day was warm and dry. My thanks to the volunteers who helped us set up very early in the morning and to those who helped 'strike camp' in the afternoon.

The Tour of Britain Saturday saw five stalls on The Hill including the bike stall. Plenty of people took the opportunity to have their bikes checked over and on the Sunday there were plenty of spectators for the race itself and Café 46 was open.

The bike sticker book trail for children was well liked by families.

We are presently planning our Christmas Market for 30th November, 9am – 2pm. All 40 pitches have been booked and we have five businesses on the waiting list. We are about to start promoting the market via social media and traditional signage and we will be encouraging the stall holders to promote the market to their contacts too.

All Saints Church intend to hold a Christmas Trail around the village via the local businesses (similar to the bike sticker books) which will be a lovely addition on the build up to the 25th December.

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