

CLIVEDEN CRAFT FAIR - 23/24 September 2006

Cliveden was a great event, with the craft fair being held in the grounds of Cliveden. It was well laid out and had lots to interest any visitors. There were all sorts of countryside craft displays such as wool spinning, wood carving and fence-making, as well as handicrafts and food stalls selling all manner of produce such as honeys, jams and cakes.

In addition to the CLAWS stand, there was a ferret rescue organisation attending the event, holding ferrets races every couple of hours, to the delight of the crowd. In their marquee, you could see baby ferrets sleeping in hammocks.

The CLAWS stall was in the marquee with hand-made jewellery, toiletries, fabrics and wildlife stands. Many people stopped by our stall, over the two days, to chat about possible adoption and to browse through the goods on the stall. We had lots of gift items on offer – ranging from beautiful hand-made cards donated by a volunteer, to photo frames, decorative candles, ornaments, jewellery and cat-related items such as bowls, magnets, toys, donut beds, fleeces and cat carriers. All of our fleeces sold, as did the donut beds. It was quite a successful weekend but very hard work. We managed to raise just over £425 over the two days.



Anne Roberts (fundraiser) and Sue Collins
(CLAWS coordinator)



Beverley Gubbins, CLAWS founder

MARLOW AUTUMN FAYRE – 7 October 2006

CLAWS hosted an Autumn Fayre at All Saints Church Hall in Marlow on 7th October 2006.

We filled the Hall with different types of specialised stalls: cat-related gifts, general gifts, cakes & biscuits, hampers of food or toiletry items hand-selected and beautifully wrapped by a volunteer, Christmas gifts, books & videos, and finally a stall with jewellery, pretty fabric & porcelain items which was nicknamed the “boudoir” stall! Visitors were also invited to try their luck on a raffle for Eurostar tickets, a name-the-cat game, guess the weight of the cake raffle, and tombolas for children and adults.

Our Chairwoman, Beverley Gubbins, stood at the top of the hall with her “About CLAWS” display, ready to dispense information and attract sponsors for our cats. There were some storyboards showing some of the cats in our care and how they came to be with us. During the course of the event, Beverley was invited to give a talk, at a later date, about CLAWS and cat rescue work, to a local children’s group.

The winner of the first prize on the raffle was a Mrs Brown of Marlow. She won a pair of Eurostar tickets which had been generously donated to us. Second prize of a ladies watch and bracelet went to a Mrs Jones of Lane End. Third and fourth prizes of a photographic session each at Raymond Thatcher were won by a Miss Morris and Miss Scott of Maidenhead.

A wonderful £1,472 was raised on the day of the Fayre itself, with a £350 being raised subsequently from the sale of jewellery (donated for the event) by volunteer Sam Collington.



Alesa Goga at the Christmas gift stall



Diane Miller at the general gift stall



Anne Roberts at the hamper stall



Sam Collington at the jewellery "boudoir" stall



One view of the hall



View of cat-gifts and general gifts

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