

Our Market Days in 2021

With COVID-19 dominating plans during 2020 the Spring Fair committee redesigned our usual single fair day in October to three consecutive Saturdays – in order to be able to better control the number of people attending. Although this proved very profitable and easier to set up for the smaller events, for those involved it was very tiring. So, our post-fair meeting in November has planned our major fundraising endeavour for 2021 in an attempt to utilize the best of 2020 – and split our Spring Fair into four Market Days – spread throughout the year.

Our first one is planned for Saturday 1st May – with plants, home baked goods and sweets, hot drinks and a sausage sizzle.

The second market say is planned for Saturday 14th August, with mostly native plants, trash and treasure, home baked goods and sweets, hot drinks and a sausage sizzle.

The third day is planned for 9th October with produce, books home baked goods and sweets, hot drinks and a sausage sizzle.

And the fourth day is planned for more plants, collectibles, home baked goods and sweets, hot drinks and a sausage sizzle.

There will be entertainment on each day, some of it held in the church.

This will still require a lot of work but we know that we have a parish of people who are always willing to be involved, so keep an eye and ear out for how you can be involved in these Market Days.

Our first Market Day – 1st May

Following the success of our Spring Markets last year, our Spring Fair of previous years now has the form of four market days, spread throughout the year.

Our first day is planned for Saturday 1st May, from 9am to 12pm – with stalls for craft, plants, home-made food, sweets and an ever-popular sausage sizzle. Two entertainment items each morning will bring bands, choirs and dancers onto our grounds throughout the year.

Ann-maree Clarke is convener of the craft stall, so if you have bright ideas for interesting craft items, now's the time to start creating. This market is the week before Mother's Day, so any items suitable for gifts would be well received. Also, knitted items should be well received. If you are available to either make items or help price or sell on the morning, please see Ann-maree.

Alison Baistow is again convener of the homemade food stall – cakes, slices, preserves, quiche, etc, etc, ... whatever you make that is food, is suitable for this stall.

Mary Young is again convener of the sweets stall, so if you have made sweets in previously Mary is asking for not as much as we have had in the past. But a good variety is always welcome. See Mary if you can contribute here.

Angela Lester is leading the sausage sizzle, but she'll need a helper to cook and someone for drinks. Can you assist on this day?

And we're planning to sell hot drinks, so if you'd like to be involved, ask Sue Campbell if you're able to assist in this way.

Now this is the first of our four market days and while we want to make the most of this fundraising opportunity, we also are mindful that we have other days planned for 14 August and 9 and 16 October – each with a different main stall, so we need to make sure we don't burn out on the first day. We need to pace ourselves to be around till the end.

We found these market days to be more relaxed than a full-blown Spring Fair – and it's always pleasing to see locals wander in our precinct. So, I encourage you to join in as and when you can.

Watch out for publicity and start crafting for 1st May

Sue Campbell

Market Day Convener.