

We had the 9th Mentmore Arts Festival over the late May Bank holiday weekend and what a wonderful weekend it was!!

We had fabulous weather on Friday evening for the preview night and all day Saturday and Sunday and even the clouds and showers on Monday couldn't dampen the spirits of the artists, visitors and volunteers.

We welcomed back many artists who are regulars every year and also lots of new faces who together transformed St Mary's church and the village hall into wonderful displays of their talent. This year we were treated to painting and drawing, photography, glasswork, ceramics, textile work and jewellery.

The warm weather encouraged even more people than usual into the garden to enjoy the delicious food and cakes and the local beer and Pimms at the bar.

When we totalled up all the funds raised we discovered that we were able to donate a total of £10,500 , which we split between our chosen charities, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Young Carers Bucks and St Mary's Church in Mentmore.

The committee are very aware that we couldn't run such a successful event year after year without the help and support of the villagers and other volunteers. We had help with setting up and taking down the displays, selling the artwork and providing and serving the refreshments. There were so many willing volunteers this year and we would like to extend our thanks to you all .Thanks must also go to our talented artists and ,of course, to all the visitors, for making this another extremely successful festival.