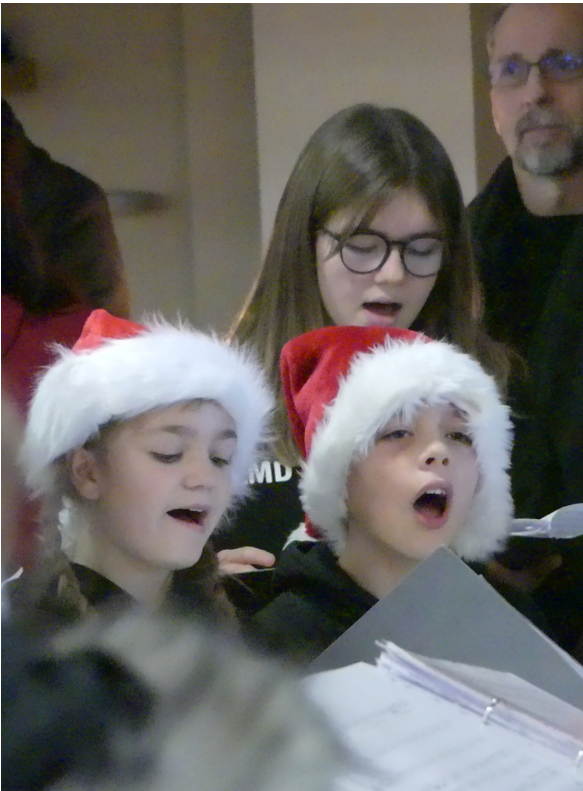


Hospice is onto a winner as Christmas fair moves to racecourse



FESTIVE: A number of choirs entertained the fair goers with a selection of Christmas tunes

THE going was extremely good for St David's Hospice Care when Chepstow Racecourse threw open its doors for its annual Christmas fair.

It was a Dream Alliance for the racecourse and hospice which saw the important fundraising fair being hosted at the venue for the first time.

Event organiser Beth Harrington said: "We normally hold the fair at Chepstow's St Pierre Golf and Country Club, but due to complications surrounding covid, we needed to find a new venue and Chepstow Racecourse stepped in to help.

"Although the fair was in a completely different configuration to at St Pierre it worked really well and stall holders, choirs and perhaps most importantly shoppers, all had a great time."

Annual stall holder Mrs Ann Nicholas, mother of Grant Nicholas of rock band Feeder, gave the new venue the thumbs up after selling out of her mince pies - a favourite for regulars at the event.

Mrs Nicholas, who makes each of her pies herself selling them all in aid of the hospice, said: "We had customers at the stall from the word go. We sold a total of 2,000 of my homemade mince pies. We sold everything we had, in fact I had to send out for more pies that I had in reserve half way through, as they were selling so well. We didn't have a pie left at the end which is very pleasing in terms of funds raised for St David's Hospice Care."

Stalls were situated on the ground and first floors of the main concourse at the racecourse and, with the success of this year it's now odds on favourite that the fair will return in the future.

All pictures: David Barnes



DELICIOUS: Marie Rees and Ann Nicholas manning the ever-popular mince pie stall at the St David's Hospice Care Christmas fair



SPECIAL: And of course Father Christmas made an appearance to meet the little ones at the St David's Hospice Care Christmas Fair at Chepstow Racecourse

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CRAFT: Lots of festive goods were for sale on the day

DONKEYS: The animals proved a hit with the crowds



FESTIVE: Plenty of Christmas decorations were on offer



POPULAR: The Christmas tombola did a roaring trade



CROWDS: The day attracted hundreds of people who enjoyed looking round the stalls at Chepstow Racecourse



HONEY: There was a wide range of produce for sale on the day

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