

Exhibition revival draws in crowds



Best Staff Award with Margaret Hicks-Clarke, Stephan Walker, Peter Brooks from Goole Gymnastics Club, with Mayor James Cooper. (14-08-060 GT)



Ellise Bennett, 7, inspecting some of the Goole Model Boat Club's vessels. (14-08-068 GT)

More than 220 visitors attended the Goole and District Hobbies Exhibition in search of new hobbies, volunteering opportunities and organisations to join.

Goole Civic Society revived the event, which was once a popular fixture of Goole's annual calendar, and 30 stalls took over The Courtyard, Goole, on Saturday, August 8.

Officially opened by the Mayor of Goole, Councillor James Cooper, who stressed how important arts, hobbies and sport were to the life of the town.

He commended the Civic Society for organising a fantastic event and bringing so many organisations together.

The Mayor toured the stalls and was asked to judge the best for a special award.

He said he found it difficult to choose just one, adding: "I could give it to 10".

He decided on Goole Gymnastics Club, which was founded 42 years ago by Peter and Jane Brooks, who still run it with their daughter Peta.

Thousands of youngsters have passed through the club, now based in First Avenue, many competing in national and international competitions.

"The club's stall included an array of trophies won by club members in the last 12 months.

Councillor Cooper praised the Brookes for having such a positive impact on children for so many years. He said: "If you get children into things as early as possible, it will stay with them."

The Mayor also gave a special mention to the work of Men In Sheds.

To accompany the exhibition, the Civic Society created a Goole & District Hobby & Leisure Directory listing details of 30 local community organisations and clubs.

Copies will be made available from Goole Library.

The Chair of Goole Civic Society, Margaret Hicks-Clarke, said: "It has been a long-time ambition to relaunch the Hobbies Exhibition, which was hosted successfully for many years by the Rotary Club.

"We are pleased to see how well attended it was and to receive such positive feedback from exhibitors and visitors.

"I'd like to give special thanks to Stephan Walker, one of our trustees, who threw himself into getting this event off the ground, applying for funding, contacting so many wonderful organisations and making it such a success on the day.

"I'd also like to thank East Riding of Yorkshire Council for providing funding through the Do It For East Yorkshire Community Fund, HEY Volunteering for sending along three excellent volunteers, and The Courtyard staff for making us so welcome."

The Civic Society hopes to run the event again next year as part of the town's Bicentenary programme. Expressions of interest can be made now.



Paul Mitchel from Kingston Lapidary Society. (14-08-063 GT)



Goole & District Ramblers with Martin Wreakes, Jo Mouncey, Helen Helm and Steve Dyson. (14-08-064 GT)



MAD about Making A Difference were Lydia Seethibosee, Emma Franz, John Leary and Margaret Snow. (14-08-069 GT)



A glam seamstress with Ros Moyes from the Goole Library and Museum Embroidery Group. (14-08-067 GT)



Howdenshire Archaeology Society Research Group with Gary Tavender, Chris Collins and Julie Shillito. (14-08-062 GT)



First World War Society with Keith Laidler. (14-08-065 GT)



Hey Volunteers Trevor Sylvester, Sue Clark and Caron Mincke welcome Richard & Marjorie Powells. (14-08-059 GT)



On your bike! David Brogan, Denis Kirby, Stuart King and Alan Clarke. (14-08-066 GT)

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