



We have recently been to several school fairs and shows around the area and seen quite a few of you there.

Even though the weather has been horribly wet on some days and much of our time has been spent pulling all the tables and painters under the gazebo and then out into the sunshine to dry off again.

We have not been to the St Helens Show before and I looked forward to it very much as I used to enjoy going to it with my family many years ago when I lived nearby.

The day dawned and also the reality – and the rain. We arrived at the entrance to the park and were waved through by event organisers and felt quite important. It went downhill from there. Over the last few days huge lorries pulling fairground attractions had arrived and much of the landscape, which was waterlogged, now resembled farmers fields after ploughing.

From behind there was much beeping of horns and the queue that we had become part of was ushered to the side of the pathway. A lorry containing gravel manoeuvred into position and a team of men began shovelling the gravel either side of road to make it more useable. It must have taken us half an hour to actually get 200 yards down to our allocated site.

Once we had managed to get the hang of our new gazebo and actually put it up we felt much better.

Then came the wind.

After chasing our paint palettes halfway back to Warrington we struck on the idea of weighting them down with nearby stones. This solved the problem and we managed to

Get through the next 2 days without any major problems. at least the weather has improved since then and the first full week of the holidays has been busier than ever .