

Popular fete proves its worth



● Ben Cropper tries out the pilot's seat in Tony Tillman's microlight. (0664).

AN ingenious obstacle course designed for all ages had children and adults queueing to beat the clock at Nayland Community Council's summer fete on Monday.

The course was one of many popular features, including a static microlight and model aircraft display, which drew hundreds of visitors to the village playing field.

The fete made a profit of about £1,400 for council funds and chairman Mr. Bob Hawtin said he was delighted with the "excellent result".

"It will ensure the village's free newspaper continues and we will have some over for other things," he said.

Thirteen local organisations took part and donated half their profits.

Fete attractions included

displays by Colchester Model Aero Club and Glemsford Emeralds Majorettes, a dogs' agility course and a ride round the countryside in an open-top Norfolk bus.

Tony Tillman's microlight aircraft created a lot of interest and the raffle prize, a free flight in the machine from Clacton airstrip, was won by Mr. Hawtin, an ex-Spitfire pilot.

There were nearly 50 entries for the children's flower painting competition, judged by Nayland sculptress Bette Curtis. Winners were: Under 5 — 1 Sean Wilkinson, 2 Jennifer Norfolk, 3 Susannah Richards; 6-9 — 1 Katie Bannister, 2 Violet Bugg, 3 Rebecca Downing; 10-14 — 1 Rosie Townshend, 2 Neil Sebba, 3 Vanessa Thomason.