



Tradition start to Regatta, then party mood prevails

FOWEY'S spectacular Royal Regatta Week got off to its traditional start on Sunday with a special morning service in the parish church followed in the evening by a concert by St Dennis Male Voice Choir.

Large crowds began to arrive in the town on Monday when children's entertainment was provided on town quay and a large flotilla of yachts arrived from Falmouth.

The party atmosphere got into full swing in the evening with the crowning of the Carnival Queen, 11-year-old Amy Tuckley and her six year-old brother Peter, who was crowned Fairy King.

The ceremony was performed by recently retired vicar of Fowey, David Maddock and his wife Jill.

Amy and Peter climbed into their Royal coach of purple and pink and led off the Flora dancers around the town, many of whom dressed-up for the occasion.

A group of Cowgirls won the Val Kessel Cup, given in memory of the popular landlady of the

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Safe Harbour who died earlier this year. Second were the Muppet Maids, and third were a group from the Funnybone Youth Theatre. The Jubilee Belles won the adult fancy dress section, with a group of Moppett Maids second, and a mixed bag of children and grown-up Cowgirls third.

So many people took part in the Flora Dance that they had to be split into two sections, with music by Lostwithiel Town Band and Bugle Silver Band.

Later in the evening, a good crowd listened to a samba band on town quay before the first of two firework displays lit up the sky from Brazen Island.

A huge crowd was expected to descend on Fowey last night (Wednesday) for the Carnival, and tonight, in the region of 15,000 people are expected for the 25th anniversary visit of the Red Arrows.



The Fowey Funnybone Youth Theatre performed its spirited rendition of *Red Riding Hood* in the Wednesday lunchtime slot on the Town Quay during Regatta week.