

A DATE TO MEET THORA HIRD

The Tall Trees Fete, to be held this year on the 5th June, will be opened by Thora Hird.

There will be all the usual stalls selling cakes, ice cream, garden plants, etc., plus various 'try your luck' stalls as well as the Chipping Norton Silver Band to supply musical entertainment. For the younger ones, a Bouncy Castle and a Magic Show will be available, and for the older visitors, a beer tent. Food will also be on sale. Most importantly, there will be a raffle with numerous attractive prizes.

Should you be unable to join us on the day, please buy raffle tickets, which will be on sale around the villages from early April. The proceeds make it possible for the residents to enjoy a summer holiday, so please support us.

FAMINE RELIEF

It is encouraging to realize that the mention of the above words brings an immediate and generous response from so many people. A bridge drive was organised among Cotswold villages and took place at Taynton. Players came from Burford, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Shilton, Broadwell, Windrush and Witney among others.

Prizes and refreshments were given spontaneously - whilst putting up a notice in the local library I was presented with a very useful prize! When raffle prizes were being awarded, one of the winners selected a box of biscuits only to find when she reached her place that she had taken the raffle money! Was there ever a greater need for a consolation prize?

Over £180 was made in profit and, even more important, great interest was stimulated by the speaker who has since received various goods from the players attending.

M.M.

ANOTHER QUESTION ANSWERED

Following our recent articles on place names, another question was put to us - "Why Fiddlers Hill?"

According to the mother of one of Shipton's oldest residents, it is because a fiddler lived in a cottage at the top end of the hill, and used to come out and play for people to dance to.

Or have you another explanation?