

## **SHIPTON FETE, Saturday July 7th, 2 p.m. on and around the New Beaconsfield Hall and Recreation Ground.**

After a couple of meetings, plans are proceeding for what we hope will be a mix of old favourites and new experiences for this year's fete – **SO DO NOT MISS THE BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR!!** The theme for the day will be **ORANGES AND LEMONS** and we hope that everyone will come suitably dressed and that stall-holders will decorate their tables appropriately.

The afternoon will start with a parade of children in fancy dress along the Church Path from the Green and a procession of cars from the Cotswold Sports Car Club and the Bristol Austin Seven Club (lead by Jane and Peter Hills). Many local organisations will be fund-raising for their causes with the usual mix of Tombolas, Bric-a-Brac, White Elephant, Cakes, Books, Nearly New Clothes, etc. so please start turning out your cupboards on their behalf – the requests for suitable items will soon be dropping through your doors. If you already have things earmarked for the fete which are in your way please give me a ring and I will point you in the direction of the right stall-holder. The high point of the afternoon will undoubtedly be the fly-past of a yellow biplane with Dr. Scott doing a wing walk – not to be missed because I am sure it will never be repeated.

To help Dr Scott with his fund-raising for the Everest Memorial Trust and his rebuilding works at Pheriche Hospital in Nepal the 'ladies of the Surgery' will be running a Grand Draw – so all donations of prizes gratefully received and look out for the tickets when they go on sale. Another new attraction will be the chance to win a brand new Suzuki Jimny for just £1. The car will be there for all to see courtesy of John Miskin and his Sportif Suzuki garage at Long Hanborough.

Loxley School of Dance is already planning a display for our entertainment and we are hoping that the Youth Orchestra from Burford School will also be appearing. They need to be under cover so we will be on the lookout for garden gazebos to borrow for the afternoon and also garden tables and chairs to serve tea outside if the weather is as fine and sunny as we are all hoping it will be. If you have anything that we can borrow please give me a ring.

Harmans Butchers will be running a Hog-roast with profits going to the Pheriche Hospital project.

Chris Hampton will be organising races for the children and to ensure that all ages and tastes are catered for an added attraction will be computer games for all – give it a try – you might even beat the teeny-tiny computer boffs – who knows?

We still need volunteers to run a few more sideshows, so this is your big chance to run the hoop-la or the coconut-shy – don't hesitate to volunteer.

We hope that once again the afternoon will be an enjoyable occasion for all involved, that the sun will shine and that we will make **LOADS OF MONEY** for all our good causes.

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## **SEE YOU ALL THERE ON JULY 7th.**

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**So that we can sell ice-creams ourselves we need the use of a small freezer; does anyone have one that could be easily moved and installed at the hall for the day?**

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## **A NEW SOCIETY FOR ART ENTHUSIASTS**

Are you interested in learning more about subjects such as paintings, porcelain, architecture, archaeology, the history of art, conservation, restoration and visiting fine houses and exhibitions? If you are, we suggest you join the new Northleach Decorative and Fine Arts Society: these are some of the subjects to be covered in the programme of lectures that we are putting together for the Society.

Meetings will be held at the new Westwoods Centre in Northleach in the third Tuesday morning of each month from October to June, with a break for Christmas. Morning meetings will mean that the Society will be convenient for parents with school-age children and should be ideal for lunch with friends afterwards at one of the many nearby pubs.

Northleach DFAS will be affiliated to the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), which has over eighty thousand members in the UK, Western Europe and Australia. The success of NADFAS has meant that in our region, the five neighbouring Societies have such long waiting lists that it can take up to several years to join. At Northleach many people will have the chance to join NOW. The membership list is open, but numbers are restricted.

Among its many activities joining NADFAS means that opportunities become available for volunteers to record the fabric and furnishings of local churches, many of which have never been fully recorded, and to help to preserve and conserve books, textiles and works of art, following in-house training. The inaugural meeting will be on Thursday, 18th October. Douglas Skeggs, writer, artist and TV presenter, will speak on "Prague".

Other lectures planned in the first season include Dinah Reynolds on "The History of Porcelain", Tom Duncan on "Irish Country Houses", Helen Clifford on "600 years of Oxford College Silver" and Nina Levick on "The Pre-Raphaelites".

For further details and an application form phone Mark Dawbarn on 01993 831632 or Philippa Mitchell on 01451 820391.

The annual subscription is £32 (£30 per person for couples) and there is a joining fee of £6 per person.