

SHIPTON FETE 2002

Congratulations to everyone involved in Shipton Fete, whether as helpers or visitors – we 'Flew the Flag' and had a wonderfully successful afternoon.

We raised £1,220 for Village Hall funds and more than £1,500 for other local charities, but the afternoon was about more than just fund-raising.

I am sure that everyone had a very enjoyable time; the weather held, the sun even shone at times, the crowds came along despite Henman's match at Wimbledon and it was a lovely, traditional village fete.

The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the drop by the RAF Falcons Parachute Team. It was quite breath-taking to see them descend and land on the crosses. Mrs White was the envy of many when she took the salute and received a kiss from all the team. Many children were given colour brochures, which were duly autographed by each Team member and enjoyed talking to them. Perhaps this will boost RAF recruitment in years to come.

Once again we were treated to a display of dancing by the children of Loxleys School of Dance; it cannot be easy to perform so elegantly on grass when you are used to the Hall stage – so congratulations to them all.

The children also participated in races with great gusto. Well done to Rob Gorton for trying valiantly to get a Karaoke competition going against all odds and well done too to those brave enough to have a go. I have not heard if anyone is going on to 'Pop Idols'!

It was very pleasing to see increased entries for the Fancy Dress competition and the Dog Show. Thank you to all who took the trouble to enter.

Unfortunately I do not have the names of the winners of the Fancy Dress but the Dog Show winners were:

1st Prize Ramsey & Dillon with Fred, the French Basset.

2nd Prize Mrs. Hockley with Jason, the Great Dane.

3rd Prize Katie with Hettie, the Spaniel.

I still have some Shipton tea-towels left, excellent value at £3.75 each and notelets at £2.00 for a pack of 10. If you missed them at the Fete or would like to buy more, please give me a ring.

I have enjoyed organising the Fete for the last two years but feel that new commitments in other directions mean that I will not be able to undertake the task next year.

Whilst not expecting a rush of volunteers, if the Fete is to continue, and how can it not, we do need a small group of people willing to undertake the organisation for next year.

If you are interested please let me know; I will be happy to pass on my lists and files to get you started!

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