

## Fifield with Idbury News

First, the organisation - renewing the Lottery Licence, applying for Alcohol and Entertainment Licences, letters seeking donations to help with expenses, requests for raffle prizes, then printing and distributing raffle tickets. Next, booking tables, games and entertainments, organising the many helpers and organising publicity. The night before 'The Day' spent transforming quiet, little Fifield to a carnival atmosphere with bunting, tents and tables, straw bales and chairs.

### Glorious Fifield

This year it was a 'Glorious Day' with weather, setting and festive atmosphere all combining wonderfully. We had Tom Gay and 'Hullabaloo', Children's Corner and the Bouncy Castle with its endless queues. The homemade food on the barbecue was superb, the bar sold out at one point and further supplies were sent for and the teas were delicious. Diana Coad's new innovation, a Family History stall, provided information for

genealogists. The usual books, plants, tombola, jewellery, cards, bric a brac bottles stalls were never without customers.

### 2009 was a GREAT Year!

The fantastic result of all this hard work is £5000 for distribution between the Fifield Memorial Recreation Ground, the Fifield Parish Hall and the churches of St. Nicholas, Idbury and St. John the Baptist, Fifield. Was it worth it? Yes it certainly was! 2009 was not a good year, it was a GREAT year!

Sufficient money has been raised to do all the restoration and Robin Perry will soon start the work, which is expected to take eight to ten weeks to complete.

This year's harvest supper will be on **Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Hall.

Tickets will be £10 per head and Please Bring Your Own Bottle. Look out for further details on the notice boards and buy your tickets without delay, spaces will be limited.

**Catherine Hitchens**

## Great Opportunity to Learn Dry Stone Walling

We all enjoy our historic Cotswold dry stone walls and it is always a shame when a section collapses or the wall has eroded over time.

Building these walls is a special skill and there are trainers who spend weekends passing on their knowledge to those who are interested. I have organised several courses over the last four years and I am arranging two one -day courses in the autumn .They will take place in a pleasant spot close to the allotments in Shipton- under- Wychwood. A professional tutor will run the courses and all tools, new stone etc. will be

provided. The training days have been arranged primarily for the Shipton Volunteers, to enable manageable repair jobs around the village to be undertaken.

There may be a few vacancies so if you are interested in learning a new skill book early!

The dates are: **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** and **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. The cost is £10 per day and for maximum benefit try to attend both days. The maximum attendance on each day is twelve so contact me now on: 01993 831808.

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