

## New Date For Your Diary! Don't Miss St Mary's Church Fete

The Shipton-Under-Wychwood Church Fete has been postponed to August, and will now take place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August** from **12 noon to 3:30 pm** on the Village Green and in the Church. The reason for the change of date from 19<sup>th</sup> June was to avoid a clash with the Wychwood Primary School Fete.



The aim of the Shipton Church Fete is to provide a day of family fun, and to raise money for the upkeep of the church, which is totally financially reliant on local community contributions, because, contrary to common belief, neither the Church of England nor the Government provide any funding whatsoever. The theme of the Fete is 'Noah's Ark', and there will be a large mural in which the animals will be outlined, and children can colour in their favourites. There will be stalls of bric-a-brac, books, cakes, a series of children's games, a drinks tent,

pig roast and ice cream, all on the village green. Inside the church, there will be cream teas, organ, harp and vocal music, trips up the bell tower, a display of vestments, and a quiz to find unusual things in the church.

There will be a raffle of Wychwood talents, and everyone is welcome. Make sure not to miss it!

**Peggy Walmsley**

### Letter to the Editor

## How Do We Curb Dog Fouling?

Having lived in Shipton for the last eight years our family miss the Wild Garden and so we very much appreciate all that is being done to secure its return.

However my concern is that the 'dog fouling' in the Wild Garden that contributed to its closure, is now very evident in Dog Kennel Lane. Once more, it would appear that we have very irresponsible dog owners in the village (as well as owners from afar parking their cars in the lane) with the inability to clean up after their dogs. I observe both individuals and groups walking the route from early morning to late at night and yet

rarely if ever do I see people carrying bags.

In the past I have questioned the regular 8.15 morning group of senior citizens (you know who you are) who I thought would have been more respectful, only to be verbally abused. And so as I clear up at the end of each day after my two dogs, using the bin provided, I keep asking why my bags are still top of the pile from the night before.

So how do we plan to curb this anti-social behaviour when the Wild Garden reopens?

**Mark Doughty**