

Shipton Village Fete 2011



Having left the field clear this year for Shipton church to have their own fete, we have now started planning for next year's village fete. Our previous one in 2009 was a great success (despite a committee of first-timers) and we are determined to do even better next year. Now that we know the ropes it should be a lot easier next time (I'll probably regret that

statement). We currently have six committee volunteers but to help spread the load we could do with a few more. If you feel the urge to make a positive - and rewarding - contribution to the community I would be delighted to hear from you.

If joining the committee is not for you, then perhaps you are able to help out in other ways such as donating a raffle prize, giving items for the White Elephant stall or book stall, running a stall or generally helping out on the day of the fete. Please do get in touch.

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Shipton Play Area

What has happened to the promised new play area I can hear you all asking? Having rashly promised that it would be completed by mid-September, we were devastated to hear that a third of our grants were to be clawed back by the Government. Our plans had to be trimmed drastically while we waited for four months for the final decision. Hence the delay.

Thankfully the Government thought better of their proposed cut and we are back on target. Once again we can afford the trip wire, roundabout for the disabled, a broad slide, the parabolic dishes and possibly a tube slide and a netted, pyramid climbing frame. We also have plans for extra trees and hundreds of small shrubs and plants. At the risk of sticking my neck out again, we hope the work will have started by the



time you are reading this. Depending on the weather, all the equipment should be in place by Christmas, but the ground will probably be rather muddy. The area will be seeded in the spring and the official opening will be in March, but everything can be played on before then. Plans of the layout can be seen on the Shipton village website and on the notice board outside the New Beaconsfield Hall.

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