

Supporting Local Children's Sports

The Shipton Fete Committee are delighted to have been able to support local Sports Organisations with the following donations: the Junior Tennis Club, £1,300 to pay for coaching at Wychwoods Primary School for the next two years; the Junior Football Club, £1,300 towards equipment and kit costs; the Junior Cricket Club, £1,300 towards an electronic scoreboard and the Junior Badminton Club, £250 for new equipment.



A presentation of cheques was recently held in the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Ray Derkacz

Windrush Valley School

The Headmaster and staff would like to thank the children, parents and friends of Windrush Valley School, for raising an impressive £122.26 from their harvest festival produce sale. Many of the items were home grown, with the school's Nursery and Reception classes producing a basket of fresh vegetables they had grown in the school garden. The proceeds will be sent to Helen and Douglas House, a local charity providing hospice care for children and young adults. Each term one of the school 'houses' organises a charity fundraising event. This time, it was the turn of Cheviots House.

They chose the 'Shoebbox Appeal' through Samaritan's Purse, who send shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts to Eastern Europe and Africa.

We are hoping to collect over 50 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse to distribute this Christmas. For many of the children receiving these Christmas shoe boxes, it will be the only present they get. www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk Congratulations to all entrants of the French Diary competition with a special mention to Charlotte Roscoe for the overall winning entry.

Victoria Taylor

Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

In the Bleak Midwinter: Artists' Responses to Snow is the title of the Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society Christmas lecture on **Wednesday, December 7th, 2011**. The lecturer is Ann Clements. As it is our Christmas lecture, it will be followed by complimentary wine and mince pies. On **January 11th, 2012**, our lecture is entitled, *Leonardo's Portraits and Madonnas: Painting, Patronage and Privilege in the work of*

Leonardo da Vinci, by Leslie Primo. Leslie Primo lectures at the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and several educational institutes. Lectures take place at the Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF, beginning at 11.00am. Non-members are very welcome to attend (suggested donation £8). For further information please see our website at: www.cotswolddfas.org