

Jake Revives Leaffield Fete

Leaffield fete is back again this summer, and it is all thanks to the enthusiasm of 15-year-old schoolboy Jake Acock.

Disappointed that the village has missed out on holding an

annual fete for the past couple of years, Jake called a meeting in April and to his delight discovered there was enough support to revive the event.

“We have not had a fete in Leaffield for a while, which is a shame because I believe it brings the community together” says Jake, a pupil at Burford School. “There is a danger of events like this dying out because there are not enough people willing to get involved.” Jake’s concern that a strong village tradition might disappear forever prompted him to rally Leaffield people and organisations to get the fete going once again; “So many people said yes to helping with the fete, now I feel Leaffield is really behind me”, he says. **Leaffield Fete and Dog Show** will now take place on **Sunday June 30th**



on the Green between **2.00pm** and **4.00pm**. There will be a large variety of stalls, tea and cakes, children’s games, plants, books, a tabletop sale, tombola and raffle. There will also be the

added attractions of the dog show, an owl display and a special opening by Britain’s Got Talent handbell-ringing sensations, Gay and Alan Cooper.

The fete promises to be a great afternoon with activities for all ages, food, drink and dancing –Morris dancers have been especially invited, as Leaffield is one of the homes of Morris Dancing. Visitors can also admire the ‘best-dressed wheelie bins’ that will be decorating the village! For more information go to the village website www.leaffieldvillage.co.uk and to enquire about stalls, tabletop availability and dog show entries contact leaffieldfete@gmail.com. In case of rain, the fete will be held at the Village Hall. Parking will be available at the Green and at the Hall.

Chris Pointer

Open Gardens

Garden open at **Hunters Lodge, High Street, Shipton**, by kind permission of Madeleine Taylor and Andrew Spalding on **Sunday 30th June**, 2 to 4pm as part of the NGS scheme, proceeds will go to NGS and The Wychwood Wild Garden. Tea and cake will be served. We regret dogs not admitted.

Gardens Open at **The Old Vicarage, Main Street, Bledington, OX7 6UX**, on B4450 between Chipping Norton and Stow on the Wold. **Sunday 14th July**, 2 to 6pm. Entrance by donation, in aid of The Katharine House Hospice, by kind permission of **Sue and Tony Windsor**. See their 1 ½ acre garden, a small rockery and pond with bog plants. There are borders and beds of hardy perennials, shrubs and trees and also a rose garden with about 250 roses under-planted with hostas, penstemons, astilbes and astrantia. Enjoy teas and cakes, plants for sale and a Hospice stall. Dogs welcome on leads.