

## Leaffield Fete is Here to Stay!



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June saw the villagers, dogs and owls out on the green at Leaffield for the wonderful village fete. The whole day was a roaring success, with plenty of money raised and everyone enjoying themselves.

The fete committee gathered at 9.30am sharp to set up the gazebos, marquees and bunting around the village green; the long-awaited fete was back! We built stalls, made rings out of bunting and placed hay-bales for seating. We had people driving to Burford to collect tablecloths and to Hilltop to buy charcoal.

### Approval from the PM!

I want to thank everyone who came along and supported us. Our Prime Minister David Cameron was particularly supportive. He said "I was delighted to hear that the Leaffield Summer Fete is returning, thanks to the admirable enthusiasm of a 15-year old schoolboy Jake Acock."

### Everyone loved the Owls

Gay and Alan Copper from 'Britain's Got Talent' performed and let the children have a go at ringing their hand-bells. Al's Owls from Oxford brought along three lovely owls and everyone loved them (including me). Then we had over 50 dogs in our dog show, which was sponsored by Witney Farm Supplies, Paw-Pals from Finstock and the Chipping Norton vets. The dog show made £170,

with a lady from Witney winning best in show with her golden retriever.

The second-hand book stall, wet sponge throwing and darts for bottles made plenty of money for the church. We had a variety of stalls from tombola to bric-a-brac. Even Mr Whippy turned up to raise funds for the village.

### The Best Fete Ever: What Next?

One fete-goer said "That was the best fete I have ever been to." Sir Christopher Godrington took wet sponges in the face to raise funds. He said "It was an absolutely brilliant day; ask anyone who went along, they really enjoyed it. It is extraordinary for someone of Jake's age to pull all this together. Well done him!" The weather was on our side, it was beautiful just like the fete.

We will be back again next year on the last Sunday in June, so put the **29<sup>th</sup> June 2014** in your diaries.

Not only that, some of the committee are planning to start a drama group - the first meeting is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm in Leaffield Village Hall**. There will be a barn dance in November and a Christmas Bingo evening in December, all following on from the success of the fete. So a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped, supported and came along on the day and made Leaffield Fete such an amazing success.

**Jake Acock**

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