

Nothing to Fret About

During the 1930s to 1950s Shipton had three separate joinery shops.

The larger ones were on the Shipton side of the station, next to the red brick house called The Hawthorns and in Upper High Street.



The Till Yard

They carried out detailed fret-work carvings, making the casings for the new, modern, sunshine-style radios. They also made wooden tills for shops. My father took a copy of the monthly magazine called, I believe, 'Hobbies'

The third was at the end of Gas Lane on the Ascott Road. It was a small, one-room workshop. It was owned by my Great Uncle Harry Coombes. I think my father Bob Brookes worked there for a short period before WWII.

and made many useful toys, sack-trucks, wheelbarrows and xylophones, which he was able to tune (I still have one) and ukuleles. In his later life Father took up marquetry. I still have pictures of local landmarks such as Witney Buttercross.

Phyllis Clarke

Leaffield Fete and Dog Show

Leaffield Fete and Dog Show, revived so successfully last year, will swing into action once more on **Sunday June 29th** at The Green from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.



This time the fete will have a theme of **Britain over the Past 100 Years** in commemoration of the centenary of World War One. Stallholders will be in fancy dress and there will be a large variety of stalls, tea and cakes, a pig roast, children's games,

plants, books, a tabletop sale, tug-of-war, tombola and raffle plus some surprises.

The fete promises to be a great afternoon with activities for all ages, food, entertainment and music.

Visitors can also admire the scarecrows that will be decorating the village and there may be the chance to see a fly-past by the Red Arrows.

Chris Pointer