

Community Events Working Group Report to Parish Council

The Fete Sunday 11th September

Preparations for the Fete are proceeding very well on most fronts. All the food stalls, childrens' brought in amusements, entertainment and other stalls are organised and confirmed as are the services and facilities. Following Council approval for the use of the Assarts Lane Playing Field for parking, preparations are in hand to effect that decision. All the advertising is taking place as planned.

Having talked to Steve Maund, I understand that most of the wildflowers have already seeded and that it should be possible to cut the Green at the end of July. This gives sufficient time for the Green to be prepared for the Fete by Steve. It is obviously essential that he is able to complete this task satisfactorily.

The one major issue that still has to be resolved is identifying the people to assist with various tasks over the Fete weekend. These tasks are:

To erect the marquee, eight gazebos and the admin tent on Saturday afternoon, probably from 3pm onwards. With sufficient people available this should take no more than two hours. Together with Howard I will mark out the site beforehand.

On Sunday morning assistance is required for two activities. From 9.00am to collect tables and chairs from the Village's Halls and from 10.00 am to ensure the site is fully prepared. With sufficient help this latter task will take no more than an hour.

During the Fete there are two tasks that need to be undertaken. Firstly, to run the Arena and Children's Games (including the Dog Show and the Tug of War) and the Bouncy Castle from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. (The Youth Church are currently without a leader and it is questionable whether any of them will be available. The Abbey College are only returning that weekend). Secondly, again from 1.00pm to 4.00pm, to ensure that the site is properly maintained - eg. clearing rubbish, provisioning toilet paper, infrastructure remains safe.

From 4.15pm a team of people is required to take down the marquee, gazebos and tent, to completely clear the site of all infrastructure and rubbish and to assist with the return of tables and chairs to the two Village Halls and of other equipment to the Chapel. This could well take up to three hours, very much depending on the number of people available. The complete clearance of the site (other than the picnic tables, toilets and generators) has to be accomplished on the Sunday.

In previous years the non-council members of the working group have been heavily involved in most of these activities but age has caught up and they are not physically able to undertake as much as in the past.

Council is requested to discuss the issue of assistance in completing these tasks.

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