

## Dinton Parish Fete Celebration 2018

Sylvia welcomed all who attended and praised all who turned up to the Fete in such terrible weather. Of the three main raffle prizes one was a weekend break for two at a Dorchester hotel which was won by Roger Edwards of Dinton, The Blaise Brogan sculpture was won by Janet Bowness of Ford and the Case of Dinton Folly wine won by Mary Hosking of Ford. David Jackson went through the accounts and for the first time in the history of the Fete a loss was made. It was decided to reduce the amount they keep back for next year but still leaving enough to cover pre-fete costs. Donations were made to:

Dinton Cricket Club	£250
Dinton Church Organ Fund	£100
Dinton Church	£350
Dinton Church Flowers	£100
Dinton Village Hall	£100
Ford Village Society	£200

Sylvia was very sad to announce that all of the committee have decided to resign. They are very proud of their successes and the amount of money raised over the years for local organisation is over £51,000. It is sad to bow out on a loss, however, they hope a new committee will be formed. Sylvia was presented with a large potted plant, a signed card from members and a framed picture collage of previous fetes for her hard work over the years.

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Could Bank Holiday Sunday's weather have been worse? Three of our gazebos have been ruined by the wind. Despite the rain a couple of hundred brave people did turn up and, hopefully, enjoyed themselves. Of course, the weather prevented the Lancaster bomber flying over. It must be several years since we have had a fly past. The bouncy castle and slide as well as the children's rides were unable to turn up as their equipment is dangerous for children if wet. Thankfully, Colonel Custard was in the village hall and dry and warmer. Tony Hadley pulled the raffle and the 3 main prizes were won by Roger Edwards, Dinton, Janet Bowness, Ford and Mrs. Hosking of Ford. Unfortunately, we missed the demonstration of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf as they do not perform well in the rain. We finished earlier than intended and cancelled the After Party for everyone because of the weather.

On Monday the drier weather and wind dried out equipment sufficiently for us to clear and pack away in time for an impromptu lunch for helpers using Fete left-over burgers and beer. It was a happy, relaxed occasion and made a lovely ending to the weekend. We intend to hold a 'get together' on the 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Village Hall when we will be able to announce if we managed to make any profit. It will be interesting to find out from David if, for the first time, we have not been able to give out any cheques from the profits. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way of the weekend.

**Sylvia Eaton**

## Dinton Parish Fete Celebration Evening 2017

The Celebration Evening was a very pleasant affair with a good turn out of people enjoying the refreshments provided. The main purpose of the evening was to hand out cheques to people who had requested our help, with a project, from the profits from this year's fete.

The recipients were:

Defibrillator – Andy McCrea	£200
FOCDS – Mrs. Kim Price	£500
Church Notice Board – Andrew Wild	£700
Flowers – Sylvia Eaton	£250

Ford Village Society – Sarah Ellis	£170
Village Hall – Alan Weston	£1000
Church Organ – Jean Moore	£200
Cricket Club – George Piggott	£500
RAF – BBMF Benevolent Fund	£150

A representative from each outlined how they hoped to spend the money. Andy McCrea gave a very enlightening explanation of the future positioning and use of a defibrillator, which is to be sited at the Seven Stars.

He is planning an evening of practice on CPR and use of the defibrillator if anyone needs help. Someone raised the point about how hard to press on chests of elderly people. Andy caused much laughter by suggesting that “if someone was already dead it would be an ideal time to practice!” One person hoped it wouldn’t be her!

On a more serious note, it was stressed that we need more committee members. We think some feel it is too onerous for them to undertake but, in fact, we only meet once a month, starting in February. Yes, more meetings may need to be held nearer the date of the fete. We meet, usually in the pub, and it is a very sociable evening. Please volunteer if you want the fete to continue.

### **Dinton Parish Fete 2017**

Well what a good weekend, weatherwise! Despite the slightly lower numbers attending, hopefully it was a successful day for everyone who came to spend their money or helped run the stalls. I have since learned that many people preferred to stay in their garden with a cool drink, which is a shame. We cannot win as it is either too hot or too wet.

Sylvia and the committee would like to thank everybody who helped in any way but particularly the wonderful help we received setting, manning stalls and clearing away so efficiently and returning everything to the fete sheds. The fete could not carry on without your help.

The Spitfire fly past was greatly appreciated this year as we have not had one for several years because of bad weather or engine failure. Also, this year many of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight planes are grounded because of a problem with their engines. An application for next year has already been submitted to the RAF. Many of the raffle prizes were won by local people, which is very satisfying.

It is likely that the profit margin may not be as high as we would wish due to lower numbers and increased charges for everything we have to hire etc. The children’s wheelbarrow races seemed a great success as was the Dog Show. I understand that in the final category there were 45 dogs in the arena! We still need more people on the committee and we would welcome anyone volunteering. We start meeting about once a month in February and it is a very sociable evening!

We will be holding a Celebration Evening, when we give out cheques to those who have applied for a portion of the profits on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm. Once again thank you all for supporting us and we look forward to seeing you next Bank Holiday Sunday. **Sylvia Eaton (01296 748537)**



### **Dinton Fete 2016**

At last, a dry fete! Changing the day to the Sunday didn't seem to affect the number of people turning up, although possibly the uncertain weather forecast may have put some people off.

However, there were 3 disappointments on the day. Unfortunately the BBMF Lancaster developed engine troubles and may require a new engine. The R.A.F. were very apologetic about letting us down. The other problems were that neither the children's cricket or the tag rugby demonstrations turned up. Next year we must find something more reliable so that we don't have an empty arena again.

The 'after party' went well and the pizza oven man was very popular. It was nice that so many children were able to enjoy the extended day along with so many local people enjoying the entertainment and refreshments.

A lot of work goes into the 3 days of setting up, running the fete and then taking everything down, putting away and clearing up the field. There would be no fete without the wonderful helpers that volunteer in so many ways including denoting not only their time and cooking wonderful cakes but in manning stalls so cheerfully. A special thank you to Dick Healey, who used his lorry to do so much of the heavy moving of equipment. and to Blaise Brogan for loaning us his sit-on mower to trim the grass on the field. The members of the committee work so hard not only at the weekend but throughout the year but rely on the generous support of so many people from the parish and we would love to hear of anyone else who would be prepared to help next year.

As I write this at the end of August, it is too early to give final figures but certainly we must have done better than last year!

I hope the 3 people who won the main raffle prizes enjoy winning firstly The Chauffeur driven car to lunch at La Manoir - Vanda on a 01844 number; secondly the £500 cash prize – Anne Seckington ; thirdly the valeting and car washing once a month for a year – Patricia Withers. Congratulations. The

bucket lottery, although a new project, seemed popular but there are too many winners to mention but we hope they enjoy their winnings.

Finally, don't forget to join us for a glass of wine at our Celebration Evening on 18th October when we will hand out the cheques to those organisations requesting a share of the profits for their particular project. It is in the village hall and starts at 8 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you next year on Bank Holiday Sunday.

Sylvia Eaton  
Chairman, Fete committee



**DON'T FORGET THAT THE  
DINTON PARISH TRADITIONAL FETE  
IS ON SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016**

**1.30 pm to approx 4.30 pm**

**Plus after Party until late,  
including live band, b-b-q and bar,  
on the Parish Field, Dinton, HP17 8QU**

**Main Attractions :**

A Lancaster Fly-Past – (weather permitting)  
The brilliant Award Winning Colonel Custard  
Bletchington Silver Band  
Traditional games and challenges, stalls, good quality books,  
plants, preserves and garden produce,  
b-b-q, beer tent and garden and wonderful homemade teas  
A children's cricket demonstration  
Tag Rugby demonstration

**YOUR PARISH FETE NEEDS YOUR HELP AND  
SUPPORT TO MAKE IT A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

You can help in many ways, even just for an hour or two, for example, by:-

**Helping set up the site on Sunday morning  
Helping on stalls or games on the day  
Help park cars  
Help clear equipment on the Monday**

## **Selling raffle tickets**

**We are waiting to hear from you now.**

**Sylvia Eaton – 01296 748537**

Plans are well in hand now for this year's Bank Holiday Sunday Fete on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us this year.

The raffle this year is slightly different as we will have just 3 prizes on the main raffle tickets.

We are offering a lunch for 2 at Le Manoir with a chauffeur driven car each way. The second prize is £500 and the third prize is car washing and valetting for a year. Other prizes will be raffled separately on the day.

One new stall will be the sale of nearly new children's clothes. So if you have anything your child has grown out of please let us know.

With usual stalls and arena games we, of course, will have the fabulous Tea Tent, Beer Tent and Barbeque etc. So, do not forget to save bottles for the tombola stall, books (good quality only, please), preserves, plants and any broken or chipped crockery.

Do not forget to let us have a letter requesting a share of profits if your club or organisation has any projects planned.

We look forward to your continuing support again this year and if you have anything to offer, any member of the Committee would love to hear from you.