

Brimpton Fete

A meeting of all organisers, together with some helpers, took place on 28 March at the Traveller's Friend. The following was reported:

1. Performances

Performances in the central arena will run through the afternoon and include the Kennet Samba Band, the West Berkshire Ballet, the Hannington Brass Band, Pole Theatre, Brimpton School choir, a gymnastics display and a Morris dancing team.

2. Competitions

The competitions will be launched after Easter. They include photography, crafts and cookery. There are separate classes for children and adults.

3. Stalls

We are expecting there to be over 20 stalls and one or two more are in the pipeline. Most will be staffed by organisers and helpers; commercial stalls (who are paying a rent for their space) are expected to look after themselves. In addition there will be games loaned by Brimpton School who are recruiting children and parents to run them.

4. Classic Vehicles

The number of confirmed classic vehicles remains at 8, including a working steam roller.

5. Refreshments

Julie Goode of the Traveller's Friend will provide the bar and the BBQ. Shelley Bassil is organising the W.I. tea tent and an ice cream van has been booked.

6. External Organisations

The MOD Police and the Thames Valley Police will be in attendance, and subject to emergencies Blue Watch from Newbury Fire Station will attend as well.

7. Finance

Preparations remain within budget. Thanks to donations by local companies, we have raised over £1000 in sponsorship. Our target was £800.

8. Publicity

Publicity will begin after Easter and will be gradually stepped up in May and June. Information on the fete continues to be circulated via the Parish Magazine, the Parish Council's website and Facebook page and the Brimpton Parish Update email.

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