

Sweffling Fete Organisation Report 2021

As we started to plan for a date for a fete in the middle of August 2021, but still in the middle of a pandemic there were many unanswered questions:

- Will we want to be inviting outsiders into our village?
- Will we be happy to handle money?
- Are we prepared to add all the safety measures to our stalls and games?
- What about handling food?
- Will enough people come?

A provisional date to discuss the possibilities of a fete was set for June but government guidelines had not been published and in the end lockdown dictated that this meeting could not go ahead.

Many parishioners emailed their thoughts and it was obvious there would not be enough people to run the stalls needed to make the fete a success.

The feeling of the management committee was that we should definitely find a way to have some kind of village event, even if it was only for social reasons. We needed to get together!

Amanda Daniel very generously offered her garden for an Enormous Picnic on the afternoon of Sunday 12th September.

Grateful thanks to Amanda for all her hard work in her magical garden. It turned out to be a very successful event for the community with tables being booked by many families for afternoon tea or supper. There were lots of activities for children as well as games for adults and a Grand Draw which raised a fair amount for the Village Amenity Funds.

Due to the continued Covid restrictions in the winter no further SFO indoor Planning or Wash- up meetings were allowed, so for the time being these funds have not been distributed.

- Jill Abbott

Chairman of SFO and Fete Co-ordinator