



We were delighted with the success of the Fete again last year. The weather was fantastic and the green was buzzing with activity.

After the money had been counted and bills paid, our final total was over £2,500!

We received four applications for funds from local charities/groups and following the AGM (Minutes from the AGM as well as guidelines for the allocation of funds are available to view on our website www.medsteadfete.com or can be sent to you on request).

We are delighted to say that we have been able to support all these groups and funds have been allocated as follows:

- Medstead Primary School £600 for new picnic benches
- Broadlands RDA £500 to cover the increased costs for 2 riders for one year
- Rotary Club £500 for Medstead over 70's lunch
- Medstead Bowls Club £109.60 for new delivery mats

Our hard work during 2015 certainly paid off and once again there really was something for everyone; from roundabout rides and a circus skills workshop for the little ones, tea and cakes and plants for sale for the mums and dads and fun and games and ice cream for everyone! And not forgetting our four legged friends with their very own dog show, and Margot with the fabulous sheep racing! It was fantastic to see all four sides of the green occupied by stalls and activities – everyone there to support the village of Medstead.

We were very fortunate to have an amazing team of helpers supporting us before, during and after the Fete and would like to again thank everyone who pitched in to lend a hand.

We now want to build on this success and make 2016 even better! But, we can't do this without much needed support from you, our local community.

We had a couple of fabulous new additions to the committee last year; Barbara who did an outstanding job with getting some fantastic prizes for our grand draw, and Lesley who has taken on the role of liaising with all the stall holders. However, we really do need some more help. Without a strong committee the Fete simply cannot happen each year. I'm sure that nobody wants the Fete to disappear from the village calendar! We are all busy people – the current committee members have jobs which take them away from home on a regular basis, and some run their own businesses. So we understand the pressures of work, but we don't ask for hours of your time – a meeting once a month (usually in the pub) to talk about ideas and plans for the Fete – a very sociable event!

So, are you interested? Whether you've been a resident in the village for years, or just moved to the area, it would be great to get some new faces involved. We would love to hear your ideas on making 2016 a spectacular event.

The planning has already started; meetings are taking place and decisions being made. The Fete will be held on **Saturday 9th July 2016**. So, let's make it a Fete to be really proud of, but we can't do it by ourselves – **we need YOU!**

If you can help in any way please contact Debbie Bickerdike (Secretary to the Fete Committee) on 01420 562719 or email help@medsteadFete.com

THANK YOU