



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 around £2,500!

We received five applications for funds from local charities/groups at our 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 Bowls Club £320.40 (for 6 bowl gatherers)
- Medstead Cricket Club £500.00 (towards replacing sports ground roller)
- Medstead Village Hall £260.00 (for 4 small tables)
- Helen Bennett £500.00 (for the Wings of Life charity fund)
- St Andrews Church Hall £1000 (towards the toilet refurbishment costs)

Our hard work during 2016 certainly paid and without our fabulous team of volunteers we would not have been able to support these groups and we would once again like to thank everyone who pitched in to lend a hand.

However, we are very sad to say goodbye to four of our committee members; Barbara & Dick who worked hard to ensure we had a fantastic selection of raffle prizes, Lesley who co-ordinated the largest number of stall holders we have ever had and finally Adam our treasurer (and regular M/C who has been with us for 10 years).

I am sure you will now all appreciate this leaves the Fete in a very vulnerable position. We believe we currently don't have enough resources to successfully run the Fete, and without a strong committee the future of our Village Fete is in jeopardy. I'm sure that nobody wants the Fete to disappear from the village calendar, so we are now desperately seeking some additional volunteers to replace those we have lost this year! We are all busy people – the small handful of 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 2017 a really successful event.

The planning has already started; meetings are taking place and decisions being made. The Fete will be held on **Saturday 8th July 2017**. So, let's make it a Fete to be really proud of, but we really can't do it without more help – **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