



I called the organisers of the Mixbury fete back in January and we agreed that Evenley fete would take place on Saturday 31st August, leaving Mixbury free to have their fete the following Saturday on the 7th. It seemed a shame last year that they clashed and now both villages are free to enjoy and support each other's fetes which is as it should be.

Evenley Fete & Dog Show has become a well-oiled machine over the years thanks to the hard work of previous fete committees and this year's fete will follow last year's well laid structure and plan - thank you to Kirsty Burnham and Jacky Alder who did such an amazing job of spearheading the organisation in 2018 which led to a record breaking amount of money being raised for Evenley Matters. The attractions and events that we have come to expect and can look forward to again this year are as follows:

- The Dog Show - run by Nic Hamblin and Lisa Proffitt
- The Tea Tent - tea and cakes on the green will be organised by Kirsty and Jacky
- The Red Lion will organise a BBQ and beer tent, and the gin wagon will also be reappearing again this year.
- A group of children in the village are in charge of the children's area and the usual fairground rides and bouncy castle are booked.
- Pernilla Hatter and Linette Petersen will be collecting donations of chocolate and running the chocolate tombola
- Faye Tennant and Imogen Saunders are booking business stalls and garnering raffle prizes (any donations gratefully received).
- Cathy Ellis is looking after the silent auction (silent auction prizes also gratefully received).
- Ian and Trish Mackway are running the bottle stall.
- Mike Baul will make sure we're health and safety compliant and that road closures are authorised.
- New this year is a cake and produce stall run by Evenley's new WI and we will rely as ever on donations.
- Evenley Wood Gardens will be selling food, as will the Wood Fired Pizza Oven van which went down a storm last year.

Michael Graham is sponsoring the fete again and will provide posters and extensive advertising on their social media channels and in the press to make sure we're known about far and wide.

As ever we rely on the support of everyone in the village, and nearer the time will be putting out the usual plea for cakes and donations for the bottle stall and chocolate tombola. Lookout for the wheelbarrows which will tour the village and then be left for donations outside the shop!

Putting up and taking down the marquees on the Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday morning is also a huge job and volunteers for that will be snapped up!

If anyone would like to get involved with the planning, would like to help with a stall on the day or has any new ideas for the fete, I would love to hear from you. Please do call me on 01280 841 904 or 07804 709222 or drop me an email at lisajproffitt@gmail.com

We don't have anyone to open the fete yet, so suggestions for that would be amazing.

With many thanks in advance to everyone

Lisa