

## **For Launton Annual Parish Meeting April 2022**

### **Update and report from the Launton Village Fete Group for the 2021-22 year.**

With the disruption to all aspects of life brought on by Covid-19, the Fete Group decide in early 2021 to cancel the Fete on Saturday 12 June 2021, and then hope to focus on the event for 2022.

But Covid-19 kept on advancing and in early autumn 2021 the Group decided to make a final decision on the 2022 Fete in November. When the time came for the final choice, a number of the Group were having to isolate having succumbed to the virus, and there was news beginning to filter out of the plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the long weekend prior to the Fete on the second Saturday of June. The Group came to a conclusion in the autumn of 2021 that it would be difficult to deliver an event with the Covid-19 restrictions, and that it would require an unsustainable financial risk with the restrictions that might be in place. We also were not sure that enough of the village population would feel safe enough to take part in what is a mixed indoor-outdoor event.

It then became clear at the end of 2021 that another group based in the Launton Playing Fields Association and the former Sports and Social Club had plans for the Jubilee weekend, and that there was considerable public funding available to support a Jubilee event. The Fete Group didn't want to compete with these plans, so decided to formally cancel the 2022 Fete in June, and to start work soon after the Jubilee weekend on plans for a Launton Village Fete to be held on Saturday 10 June 2023.

The Group wishes great success to the organisers of the Jubilee event, and looks forward to supporting the imaginative programme of events.

We also hope that we can recruit new members to the Fete Group for the 2023 event from the many new families who have joined Launton over the past few years. Watch out for news of our open meeting in July 2022.

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