



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Melton Fete

As I write this in the week before Christmas 2020, we would normally have been gathering for the Fete Christmas party and Alan would be welcoming Father Christmas with a glass of sherry and a mince pie and the school choir would be delighting us with their wonderful carol singing.

Maybe Carol would be thanking everyone for their efforts again and we would be congratulating her on another successful Fete. Then a volunteer project manager would step forward and together we would agree a date for the 2021 Fete and start putting together ideas for events and stalls. Perhaps we would set up a little working party to rally round!

At this point I awake and realise that with so much uncertainty – even with a vaccine- it seems highly unlikely we will be able to commit to going ahead with any plans in 2021.

Apart from anything else, as things stand, the Pavilion would be out of commission and that has always been our focal point where we gather with friends old and new. Sadly, that just does not seem at all likely to happen this summer and it's best to let people know early in the New Year.

The good news is that there are plans afoot for a four-day Bank Holiday weekend in early June 2022 and we could start planning now for the next Fete to be held in 2022.

The reason for celebration is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and this is a golden opportunity for Melton because the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 is where it all started with the first Fete. The icing on the cake would be to plan the Grand Opening of the new Pavilion!!

Recreation Committee to decide as follows-

Cancel the 2021 Fete in the light of continuing uncertainty surrounding large events.

Announce plans for the next Fete to take place in June 2022 during the Bank Holiday.

Agree with the Architect a date for the completion of the new Pavilion as above.

Start planning for the Grand Opening!

Cllr Bryony Abbott, Melton Parish Council

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