



# Combs Village FETE 2016

*Issued to the village*

*residents on behalf of the*

*Combs Village Fete organising committee*

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## Let us go forward together

### WHAT TO SEE AND DO AT THE FETE

WINSTON Churchill said “Let us go forward together” to rally the country to victory in his first speech as prime minister to the House of Commons, on 13th May 1940. We can take this as good advice for the closing stages of our fete, although in our case it is about acting as a community, not a matter of national survival.

We have seen what the people of Combs and surrounding villages can do already. Many volunteers have come forward. The first fund raising event for the fete, the Pig Race in May, was a

social and financial success. It was well attended by young and old.

The final success will depend on widespread participation in the last two days. Please come to enjoy the Swing Band, compete in the Battsford and District Garden Club Annual show, and come along to the fete afternoon and evening on the meadow.

You can also donate cakes for sale to the cake stall, or help with preparations and clearing up.

Now is the time for us to go forward together, to step up and make the 2016 Fete a series of happy events for all to remember.

THE CULMINATION OF ALL THE EFFORT IS NOW IN SIGHT, WITH TWO EVENTS REMAINING.

**1ST JULY SWING BAND EVENING**

**2ND JULY FETE DAY WITH EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

Make sure that you are involved in these to have full enjoyment of the 2016 celebration of the community in Combs.

## I

### THE SWING BAND EVENING ON 1ST JULY

Time	7.30 to 11.00 pm		
Location	The Fete Marquee	Price	£10.00

The exuberance of the music of the 1940s is well known. Band music revelled in names such as Glen Miller. Vera Lynn sang sentimental songs which captured the mood of the moment, and Gracie Fields sang to cheer with her more robust approach. Couples danced to the music of orchestras at Tea Dances and nightclubs, snatching shared moments whenever they could.

The evening will feature the **Swing Machine** band which plays in the style of the Glen Miller Orchestra. There will be drinks and canapes, and the chance to get up from the table and dance. Please dress in the style of the 1940s if you are able.

Tickets are available from Jill or Adela as shown on the back page.

## II

### THE FETE DAY ON 2ND JULY

Time	1.00 to 5.00 pm
Location	The Meadow, Fenns Farm, Combs

#### 1) Opening address

The fete will be opened at 1.15 pm by Mr. Nick Portway, a well-known and long-term resident of Combs.

#### 2) Battsford and District Garden Club Annual Show

The show this year will feature ***Dig for Victory*** exhibits, fittingly for the fete theme of the 1940s You will have received the show categories and an entry form with the Barcliff magazine. Please decide what you can enter. Entry forms must be submitted by **Wednesday 29th June 2016**. The more people are involved in the competition, the more fun it is for everyone.



#### 3) Vintage and modern vehicles

The vehicles of past and present, including some military vehicles, will be on display again this year. By popular request some farming equipment from the 21st century will also feature, so you can look towards the future.



#### 4) Donkey rides

All children love donkey rides, so here's your chance....

### 5) **Grand Prize Draw**

### 6) **Birds of Prey**

A chance to get close to these magnificent birds, have one perch on your wrist and watch them show off their aerobatic skill as they fly



### 7) **Entertainment**

There will be varied entertainment with sporting demonstrations of young people's karate. Musical interludes by the Concert Band, the School Choir and the local Buskers will provide a background for the afternoon

### 8) **Dog show**

This will feature some rather unusual categories as well as more traditional ones.



### 9) **Children's games**

A variety of games suitable for different age groups will take place. There will be a free bouncy castle and sandpit available too. A junior cricket match will conclude the afternoon entertainment.

### 10) **Civilian, voluntary and armed services**

The police and fire brigade will be representing our dependable civilian services. St John Ambulance will represent the voluntary services and will render first aid if needed. We hope that our gallant armed services will be represented by a detachment of officers and men, but they may be unavailable for operational reasons.



### 11) **Stalls and sideshows**

As we plan to install defibrillators in Combs, **Community Heartbeat** will be there to talk about saving lives. There will also be a wide range of stalls and exhibits from local organisations and companies. Games, a cake stall, tombola, a raffle and sideshows will attract and amuse you.

### 12) **Barbecue and bar**

The bar will be open with last orders at 10.30 pm, and food from the barbecue can be purchased until 9.00 pm.

### 13) **Fete day evening entertainment**

Date	2nd July 2016	Time	7.00 to 11.00 pm
Location	The Meadow, Fenn's Farm, Combs		

The fete day will end with live music from **Connor Ryan Adams** and **Zoom Club**. Throughout the evening the bar will be open and the barbecue will continue to sell food until 9.00 pm.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

12.45 pm	Vintage vehicles depart from Tannery
1.15 pm	Opening of fete by Mr. Nick Portway
1.30 pm	Karate display
2.00 pm	Children's games
3.00 pm	Combs Ford Primary School Choir performance
3.30 pm	Bird of prey display
4.00 pm	Battisford and District Garden Club awards
4.45 pm	Junior cricket match
7.00 pm	Evening entertainment with live music from Connor Ryan Adams and Zoom Club
11.00 pm	Fete closes

The programme may be subject to change nearer the day.

## KEEPING THE FETE GOING AND HELPING OUR PARISH CHURCH

EACH year we hope to make enough money to start the organising for the following year's fete. Last year we were able to donate £4,000 from the fete proceeds to St. Mary's Church in Combs after thieves stole about six tons of lead from the roof, causing much external and internal damage to this beautiful mediaeval church, which may cost up to £100,000 to repair.

## WHO TO CONTACT

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## RESTRICTIONS

FOR both events:

Smoking is prohibited in the covered areas.

No alcoholic drinks are to be brought onto the sites. Bars will be available.

Food, clothing, petrol or other ration coupons will not be required for any of the goods or services. This last restriction is subject to any new emergency powers approved by H.M. Government.

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