

Welcome to the Chew Stoke Harvest Home 2010.

Well, here we go again! Where does the time go? Another Harvest Home, organised not only to raise money for local causes and local community groups, but also to give the village an opportunity to get together and enjoy a day of fun, entertainment, and a little competitive spirit thrown in for good measure.

Having suffered at the hands of some rather questionable weather conditions for the last few years, the committee has this year appointed a sunshine co-ordinator in the guise of Rev. Victor Barley – so come on Victor, work your magic for us!

As events such as this rely heavily on the goodwill and hard work of the committee members and a wider circle of helpers, I'd first like to thank all those involved in last year's show, in making it such a success. Obviously we're looking to build on that achievement for this year, and so I'd also like to thank all those involved in this year's Harvest Home preparations for their help, guidance and good humour. As always, next year we'll be looking for even more support, so please get in touch if you feel you'd like to be involved in some way.

With the increasing costs of putting on a show like this, I'd also like to say a special thank you to all our sponsors, advertisers and donors for their continuing generosity.

So, what's at the Harvest Home this year? Well, we have some new attractions such as the Archery, Dragon Show, Headmaster in the Stocks (come on kids, you're unlikely to get another chance like this!), Ferret Racing, Mini-Golf, Vintage Cars and Bikes and we've even persuaded the very popular Chew Stoke "Breakfast Chef" to run our BBQ. We also have some old favourites including the Flower & Produce Tent, Tractor Rides, Alpacas, Fairground Rides, a wide variety of Stalls and Games, Face Painting, a Children's Assault Course and Races, and so much more!

The gates open at 12:30pm, and the afternoon will conclude at 5pm with Prize Giving. The official "opening" will be conducted by **Miranda Krestovnikoff** and **Mike Dilger** from the BBC's *The One Show* at 2pm to coincide with the opening of the Flower & Produce Tent. Our thanks to Miranda and Mike for taking time out to join us.

For the evening, which starts at 8pm, we have the return of the popular **Midnight Shadows** who'll be "Rockin' and Rollin" us through until 11:45pm in the Marquee on Hedgehogs Field. (Tickets are £12.50, including hot 2-course supper – available from the village shop).

The curtain will then fall on hopefully another very successful Chew Stoke Harvest Home, with preparations for next year starting not long after.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Philip Chalk
Chairman