

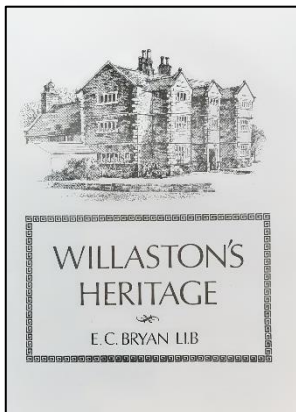
1975 Willaston Heritage Festival



FRI. 20th JUNE 1975
SAT. 21st JUNE 1975
SUN. 22nd JUNE 1975

In 1975, Willaston celebrated the European Architectural Heritage Year with our own Willaston Heritage Festival. This was organised in response to the articles in Cheshire Life (*Wake Up Willaston*).

There were exhibitions in several halls in the village, teas on the lawn and Morris dancing on the Green, with folk singing and dancing around the maypole



A booklet by E.C. Bryan, titled *Willaston's Heritage* was launched. This gave a history of the village and some photos of the historical buildings. The picture on the cover was drawn by Dennis Williams.

As part of the festival, the diamond shaped clock on the front of the Memorial Hall was inserted.



Pictured are (from left to right) Eileen McDonald (seated), Janet Worth, Mary Daugherty (Chairman of the Festival Committee), Kay Ruddock and Rosemary Stevens (seated).

Janet Worth waitressing





Eileen Macdonald and Joan Greaser

Exhibition of arts and crafts (past and present) in the Memorial Hall

Dave Clements, Everton football play and Gerry Marsden were the referees for a fancy-dress football competition



A football team with a difference! These Willaston lads dressed up in drag and other costumes for a fancy dress match held on Saturday afternoon in connection with the village's heritage festival. The match was refereed by Everton player Dave Clements who is pictured standing third from left with his arm round Gerry Marsden of Pacemakers fame, who, dressed as a St. Trinian's schoolgirl, captained the home team. A report of the festival appears on the back page. M52975

As part of the celebrations, there was a variety show:

WILLASTON
HERITAGE
VARIETY
SHOW

WILLASTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL YEAR 1975

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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| 1. Welcome to Willaston Fair | 10. The Fuj |
| 2. Junior Country Dancers | 11. Marjorie Annetts ... Golden Days |
| 3. Mr. Jim Reynolds ... Tenor | 12. Barber Shop Quartet |
| 4. Diane & David Long ... Stanchion | 13. Ruth Holding & Hilary Faull |
| 5. Kay Ruddock ... Walter | 14. Kay Ruddock ... Wanting to sing in opera |
| 6. Junior Recorder Group | 15. Debbie Wilton ... Close to you |
| 7. Irene Boardman ... Soprano | 16. Junior Handbell Ringers |
| 8. Legionnaires ... Fanny's Young Man | 17. Merry Maids of History |

INTERVAL

FINALE

COMPERE — JOE BENNION

TIME — DOT TO HERITAGE YEAR



Donkey Derby

Ruth Hampshire remembers: *'The donkey derby was held in a field on the corner of Hooton Road and Benty Heath Lane because betting is not allowed on Johnston Recreation Ground – even for fundraising purposed! I was one of the Jockeys and whilst racing the saddle slipped and I was hanging on underneath the donkey to the finish line. There was a steward's enquiry but I still won because no part of me touched the floor.'*



Photos: Ruth Hampshire

Parade and Church Service

This was led by the Bishop of Chester, Rt Rvd Victor Whitsey. Optimistically two hundred hymn sheets were printed but eight hundred people showed up!







1975 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Donations		210.00
Net Profit on Coffee Mornings in March & April		93.50
Programme Sales		131.83
Entrance Fees: Old Hall - Gardens	37.60	
Memorial Hall - Home Crafts	162.68	
Methodist Church - Flowers	13.30	
Scout Hall - Art Exhibition	59.03	
Willaston Grange - Gardens (shared)	63.90	
Hobbies Exhibition	3.85	
		340.36
Net Profit - Refreshments on Green and Memorial Hall		184.06
Church Floral Display Collection		121.03
Church Hall Concerts		128.55
Art Exhibition Sales		16.40
Print Sales		19.50
Historical Book Sales		99.10
Sports and Side Shows (shared)		80.00
Collecting Boxes		51.85
Bank Deposit Interest		10.17
		<u>£1486.35</u>

EXPENDITURE

Entertainment on Green	70.00	
Insurance	24.75	
Road Signs	27.00	
Printing	98.59	
Postage and Telephone	13.19	
Sundry Expenses	37.40	
		270.93
Net Profit		<u>£1215.42</u>

DISTRIBUTED

Memorial Hall	200.00	
P.C.C. and Church Hall	200.00	
Scout Group	200.00	
Drama Group	100.00	
Methodist Church	100.00	
Football Club	50.00	
Salvation Army	15.00	
Youth Club	10.00	
Sundry	16.00	
		891.00
Bank Balances at 31st December 1975		<u>£ 324.42</u>

There were approximately 200 unsold books at 31/12/75

..... *T. Danaherty* Chairman
 President
 *T. Skelton* Treasurer

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure account with the books and vouchers and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

15th March 1976

J. P. Nash C.A.