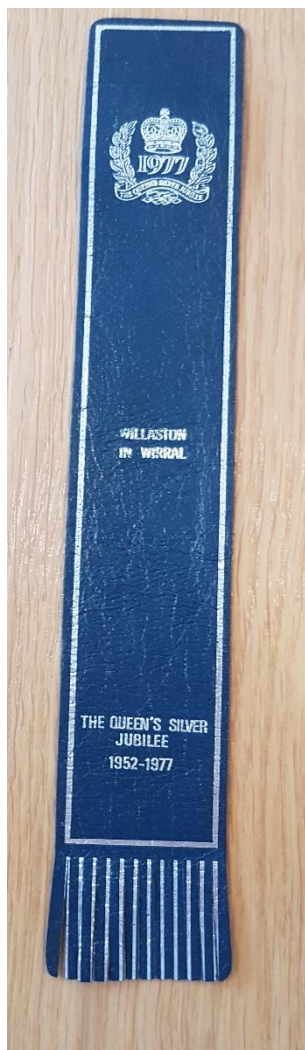


HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee 1977



Leather bookmarks were given to children in the village to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 by the Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society.

There were celebrations in the village for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 over the weekend of 4th – 7th June, organised by the Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society.

The programme was as follows:

4th June 1977

Carnival at 2.30pm. A procession left the Green for the Recreation Ground. There were competitions for the best decorated bike, pram and pony. Fancy dress for all ages. Cricket match. Tug of war. Sideshows etc.
7.30pm Barbecue

5th June 1977

10.30am Morning service of Thanksgiving for the Queen
3pm Open air service on the Green. Teas.
3.30pm – 6.30pm Open garden scheme.
Historical exhibition at the school

6th June 1977

Day for street parties or neighbourly tea parties.

7th June 1977 Jubilee Day

11am Launch of the publication of 'Willaston Village Walks' leaflet

Competition cross-country run.

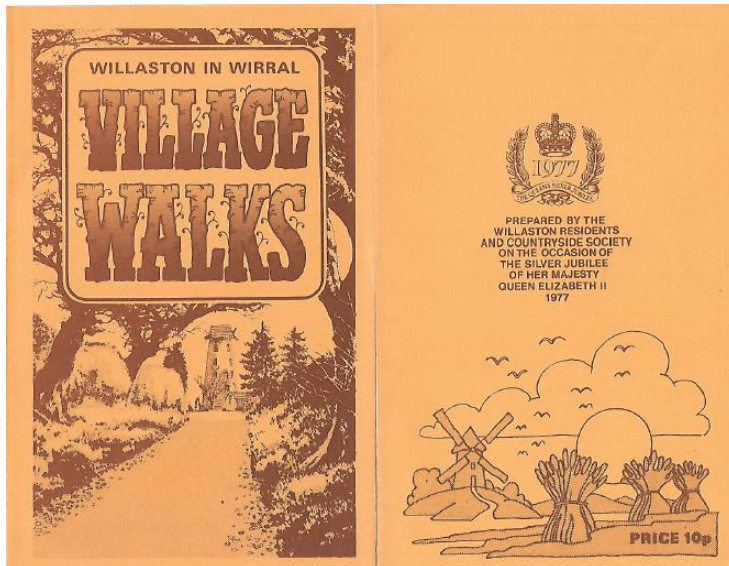
Tree to be planted on site for old people's flats by Lord Selwyn Lloyd

Judging for competition for best decorated business premises, house and road. Red, white and blue finale at 7pm on the Green.

Jubilee draw results

Grand singsong.

As part of the commemorations, the Residents' Society devised three Village Walks and a framed map was fixed to the wall of the Memorial Hall. The artwork was done by the County Parks Department and the frame was made by T. Brown, who also fixed it to the wall of the Memorial Hall. This was unveiled by Lord Selwyn Lloyd on Tuesday 7th June.



The picture shows Mary Daugherty who was Chairman of the Residents' Society and largely responsible for organising the festival with the map of the village walks.
(Source: Cheshire Life)



The Hadlow Green WI planted seven birch trees on the Wirral Way to celebrate the Jubilee. Sadly, these have now been cut down.



Anna Wells proudly wears her Jubilee T-shirt
(Photo: Chris Wells)

Katie and Jill Ingram celebrate
(Photo: Kate Colombo)





The prize for best decorated house went to Mrs Ethel Peers. Mr Alan Niblock, chairman of the Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society, made the presentation. Other prizes went for the best decorated street and best shop.

Street Party in Hadlow Lane



Graeme Sambrook remembers: *'My first memory of a street party is of the one in Hadlow Lane in 1977, as part of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, there were tables in the road under the canopy of the two horse chestnut trees and lime tree in the middle of the road. Everyone provided food and everybody shared.'*

Activities on the Recreation Ground (Photos: Tony Whitehead)



Football, including 'Dave's Dolly's' football team (The team coach was Dave Lloyd). Janet Dundas remembers that they made the men play with their hands tied behind their back. The women won 6-1!





Judo
(note the old football pavilion)

Jubilee Bunting on a house on Elm Green (Photo: Tony Whitehead)



This was before the flat roofs were replaced on the houses on the Elm Road estate.

Visit by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh

Eileen Macdonald remembers: *The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh came to visit the area. All the children were on holiday from school and we all made our way to Hooton Station, which was packed. We couldn't see our nine-year-old son and while making our way back to Hooton Road, past the chestnut trees, he climbed down from one of them. He said he couldn't see above the crowd to get himself a 'grandstand view'. I was surprised that he had not been seen by security.'*

