

DEDDINGTON GOES TO TOWN—WITH A FESTIVAL

Market Day in Deddington, as such, faded in 1852 but on Saturday September 22 the Market Place will once again hum with activity — as the final day of Festival week.

There will be market stalls, steam engines, arts and crafts, Morris dancers, side shows, Deddington pudding pie, local produce, white elephant and fortune telling.

The evening will round off with a country and western dance and barbecue at the Windmill School.

The Festival begins on Sunday, September 16, in the fine 13th century church with a choral concert, historical exhibition, flowers and peal of the famous bells.

Visitors on Monday will have a rare opportunity of viewing North Oxfordshire from 100 ft when the Tower will be open to the public.

The historical exhibition continues all week and there will be many interesting examples from the past. A coin minted in Deddington in 1623 will be among the material shown.

ATTRACTIONS

On Tuesday Deddington challenges Hook Norton in a Brains Trust, when a film will also be shown. Maund's Farmhouse, one of the oldest buildings in New Street, has a veteran car display the same day.

Deddington Players present "Cat on the Fiddle" at the Windmill School on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and a garden party at the Holly Tree Club and bingo at the British Legion are other attractions on those days.

Friday sees the start of the arts and crafts exhibition at the Town Hall, all items of jewellery, painting, pottery, crochet and other handwork having been made locally.

Grand Finale on Saturday brings all sectors of Deddington into co-operation to make the town en fete with the Women's Institute organising produce stalls and the youth helping with the country and western in the evening.

Prime movers in the Deddington Festival, which includes Clifton and Hempton, are the Deddington Society, but it worked out as a community enterprise with everyone working together to make this festival a big success.



Deddington — venue for a week long festival.

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Festival fun

Organisers 'delighted' with Deddington event

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Goats, Morris dancers and steam engines mingled happily in the Market Place. In the Town Hall and Holly Tree Club, local artists displayed their talents in a large arts and crafts exhibition.

Saturday was the last day of the Deddington Festival, which ended with a country and western dance and barbecue in the Windmill School Hall.

"This is the hall which we hope to be using for village activities. Money raised from the festival will go towards improvements at the hall," said Mr Geoffrey Hindley, chairman of the Deddington Society, which organised the festival.

For the last year, the society has been negotiating with Oxfordshire Education Authority for the use of the hall at the old Windmill School.

"We wanted a village centre and we have reached an agreement in principle. So during the first year of the Deddington Society's existence, we have managed to arrange for the use of a village hall.

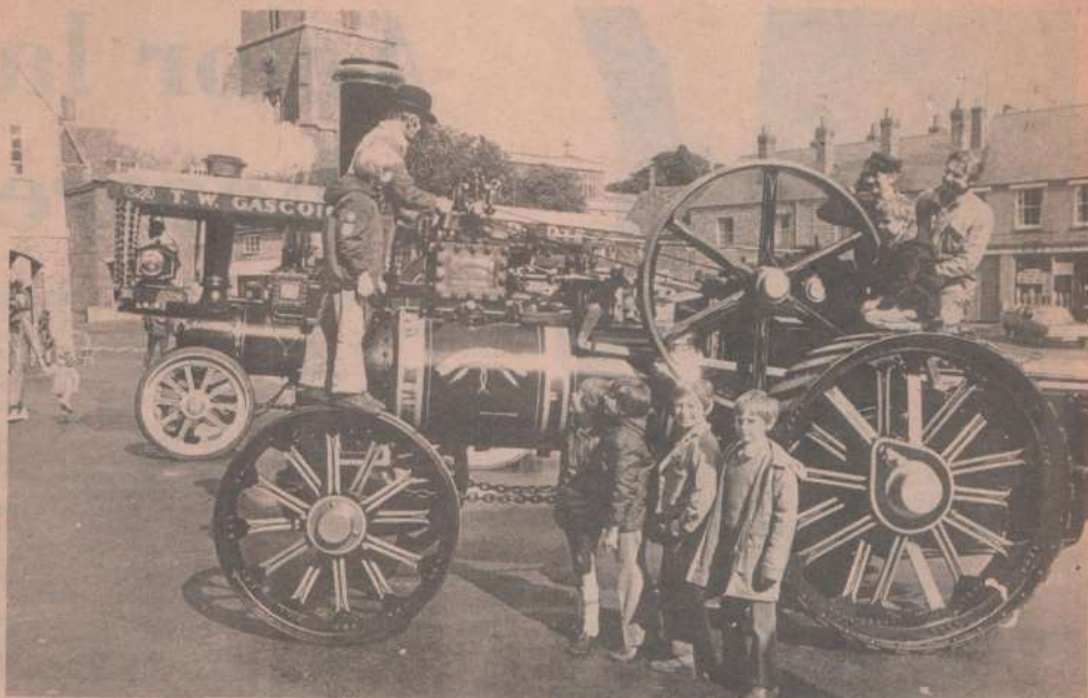
"The festival was organised by various groups of people and we are absolutely delighted with its success," added Mr Hindley.

BRIGHT SHOW

Jewellery on display in the arts and crafts exhibition was made by Mr Michael Ackland, who owns The Craft Shop at Deddington. Other jewellery was made by Duncan James of Brackley, and Eileen Gladstone of Woodstock.

Several local potters had work on display, including Jo Carson, of Deddington Pottery. Mrs Betty Francis of Chapel Square, Deddington, exhibited some beautifully made Aran shawls.

On Saturday, about 700 people visited the Market Place.



■The magic of steam - young villagers take a look at the steam engines on display in Market Place at the Deddington Festival last week.

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■Mr Michael Ackland (right) who exhibited some of his jewellery at the festival chats at the pottery stall with Anita Adams, who had a painting in the exhibition, and her brother Bill.

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■Christopher Redman (6) watches his balloon float away in the balloon race at the Deddington Festival.

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