

EXTRACT FROM THE BROUGHTON MAGAZINE DATED JUNE 1871

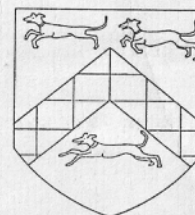
VILLAGE FESTIVITIES

"Oh, England! 'Merry England' styled of yore,
Where is thy mirth? Thy jocund laughter where?"

IT is very easy to ask the question, but to give an answer is quite a different thing. For our part we fancy that an Englishman is as little merry as a man can be. He is maudlin, even when he is drunk. The old seasons of holiday-making have died out, and spring, summer, autumn, and winter are on a dead level. All through the year mankind is struggling to get rich or to live, without snatching a few precious moments for downright enjoyment. Not but that now and then a man tries to be jolly, but then if he is of the labouring class it is heavy odds that he drops into the public-house and soaks. This may be pleasure but it is not festivity. Years back our villagers would meet round the May-pole, or at the harvest-home, or at the fair; and men, wives and children had a rare time of it. What have we come to now! May-day brings us a herd of children, clamouring at our doors for half-pence, with a bunch or two of flowers stuck on a stick,—but where is the May-Queen? The custom is dead. Take the fair again. It is a nasty mixture of beer and ginger-bread, a bare pretence for a public nuisance, a wild beast show, where, unfortunately, there are no cages for the animals—nearer than Romsey."

COMMENT

Broughton General Fund hopes everyone will enjoy themselves, keep the peace, and save P.C. Pearl any aggravation!
F.W.



BROUGHTON FAIR

to be held at

THE SPORTS FIELD—MONDAY 26 MAY 1986

Admission by Programme only: Children Free

In or about the year 1247, John Maunsel, the Lord of Broughton Manor was granted by Henry III a Charter to hold an Annual Fair in the village of Broughton. Six hundred years later the reputation of the Fair had sunk to "a nasty mixture of beer and ginger bread". A Vestry meeting was convened in July 1871 to consider the question of the Fair. The minutes record the following:—

"It was moved by Dr. Fox and seconded by Mr Edwards, "that Thomas Baring, Esq., MP, be prayed by this vestry to surrender and give up the grant made to his predecessors in or about the year 1247, of the right of holding a fair in the village of Broughton with the sole object of suppressing wholly the holding of a fair in the said village. The landlord of the Greyhound Inn protested, and with this exception the prayer was agreed to".

Broughton General Fund, a consortium of village organisations, welcomes Villagers and Visitors to the reconstitution of the Fair when the procession from the Village Hall will stop at St. Mary's Church to obtain dispensation and renewal of the Charter to hold a Fair.

PROGRAMMES 50p OR MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE REDUCED PRICE OF
35p PRIOR TO 24TH MAY

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1.30 VILLAGE HALL

FANCY OR HISTORIC DRESS COMPETITION

Categories	1. Under 5	4. Pairs
	2. 5 — 8	5. Groups
	3. 9 +	

(There will be an additional prize for Historic or Period Costume winners)

2.00 PROCESSION Leaves hall to stop outside the Church of St. Mary to renew the right to hold the Fair

2.20 CROWNING OF THE VILLAGE QUEEN at the Sports Field

2.30 QUEEN OPENS THE FAIR

(Note: Stalls selling goods will not be open prior to 2.30 pm)

2.40 HISTORICAL PAGEANT by the Local History Group

3.00 MAYPOLE performed by Broughton School and Broughton Maypole Dance Team
Music by Wessex Fayre

3.45 PRESENTATION OF GINGERBREAD & ALE PRIZES

4.00 PUNCH & JUDY

4.15 SPORTS followed by AWARD OF SPORTS PRIZES

5.00 BROUGHTON MILE: Open & Villagers Cups

5.15 GRAND DRAW

OTHER ACTIVITIES

TEST VALLEY SILVER BAND	STALLS
WIN A CAR COMPETITION	HISTORIC FARMYARD
PONY RIDES	MINIATURE STEAM RAILWAY
SPIT ROAST LAMB	

COMPETITIONS

GINGERBREAD COOK

Prize for the best 6 slices of gingerbread

GINGERBREAD MAN

Children's prize for the best Gingerbread Man

MASTER BREWER

Prize for the best Home Brew — entries must be a minimum of 1 pint in a plain sealed bottle

SPORTS

	Slow Bicycle Race (under 15's)	
	Under 5's	30 metre dash
	Girls 5-7 years	50 metre dash
	Boys 5-7 years	50 metre dash
	Girls 8-10 years	50 metre dash
	Boys 8-10 years	50 metre dash
	Girls 11-13 years	70 metre dash
	Boys 11-13 years	70 metre dash
Prizes	Girls 14-16 years	100 metre dash
1st 50p	Boys 14-16 years	100 metre dash
2nd 30p	Girls & Boys 5-7 Three-legged	50 metres
3rd 20p	Girls & Boys 8-10 Three-legged	50 metres
	Girls & Boys 11-13 Three-legged	70 metres
	Girls & Boys 14-16 Three-legged	100 metres
	Girls & Boys under-8 Sack Race	30 metres
	Girls & Boys 8-10 Sack Race	30 metres
	Girls & Boys 11-13 Sack Race	50 metres
	Girls & Boys 14-16 Sack Race	70 metres
10p entry	Mums & Dads Three-legged Race	70 metres
Winner	Mums Dash	100 metres
takes All	Dads Dash	100 metres