

BRAMHAM CHURCH GARDEN FETE 1952

POLICE CHIEF ON PEOPLE WHO JUST DO NOT CARE

Unlike its predecessor of three years ago, a garden fete held in the grounds of Bowcliffe Hall, Bramham, on Saturday, in aid of the restoration funds of All Saints' Church, Bramham, was blessed with gracious weather, and with the attendance of a large number of visitors the stallholders were in most cases able to clear their wares much before the expected time. The net takings are expected to be between £190 and £200.

The fete was opened by Mr J. W. Barnett Chief Constable of Leeds, who, after a preliminary word to the children, addressed himself to the parents, and asked whether they had wondered why in 1952 the world was in such a shocking state, with every day news of war and crime. It meant, he thought, that so many people had a wrong sense of values. At the Quarter Sessions that week Judge Stewart had drawn attention to the large number of young people who were coming not only before juvenile courts but before Assizes and Quarter Sessions courts. A great many people had given thought to that question for a long time, and, said Mr Barnett, he thought it was true to say that, apart from the reasons of housing difficulties and the aftermath of war commonly put forward, it went down to the fundamental that people knew the difference between right and wrong but just did not care.

The sort of carelessness that was typified in a number of road accidents was really selfishness. What was the cure? There were agencies that put before people squarely what their duty was as citizens, and obviously chief among them was the Church. But it was not a one-man band, and must not be regarded as such. He sometimes thought it was a pity that the Church had to depend so much on garden fetes and such things for its income, but an event such as they were attending that afternoon did give an opportunity for voluntary service and communal effort, and in what was called the welfare State it would be a pity if there were no room for voluntary service.

Mr Barnett, who said they were fortunate in having such beautiful grounds placed at their disposal by Mr and Mrs Robert Blackburn, was presented with a bouquet by little Janet Barton. It was intended, it was stated, for Mrs Barnett, who, explained Mr Barnett, had been prevented from coming by an earlier engagement.

There was also a bouquet, presented by Mildred Scott, for Mrs Blackburn, who, said Mr Barnett, had been prevented from coming by an earlier engagement.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. R. Shepherd, had a word of thanks to those who were taking part and those who, individually and in working parties, had worked in preparation for the event.

With the opening ceremony completed the first item on the programme was the fancy dress parade, in which some thirty children took part and were judged by Miss Rippon, of Clifford County School. The prettiest costume presented perhaps the greatest difficulty in judging, and Miss Rippon divided the prize between two of the smallest competitors, Stephen Chamberlain, a model Rajah, and Ann Stevenson, a dainty Bo-Peep. Ann Pickard took the prize in the comic section as a clown, and first place in the most original section went to Brian Harrison, who as "Cinema Litter" pointed the moral with a revolting collection of orange peel, silver paper, ice-cream wrappers and cigarette cartons.

Then there was the baby show, judged by Nurse Taylor, Supervisor of Home Nurse-Midwives, assisted by Miss Walker, Superintendent Nursing Officer. The winners were: Up to six months: 1, Margaret Rutter; 2, Denise Hebron. 7 to 12 months: 1, Cynthia Gooch; 2, Lydia Bustard; 3, Paul Whittingham. 13 to 18 months: 1, Philip Banks (and special prize of a silver serviette ring); 2, Susanne Heather Cushin; 3, Colin Wright. A special prize was awarded to Andrew Stephen Peacock.

A popular competition provided a variety of prizes. Winners were: Week's free tour to Devon, Mr J. Jacques, Bank Street, Bramham; permanent wave, E. A. Barton, Bramham; sports coat, Mr Parnaby, Stutton; umbrella, T. Dowson, Bramham; theatre tickets, Mrs Wheeler, Clifford; kitchen utensils, Mr Spencer, Bramham; lady's skirt, P. Kitchen, Bowcliffe Hall; cinema tickets, Mrs Carr, Leeds; lady's dress, Miss Geddes, Leeds; fruit cake, A. Schofield, Burstall, Halifax; pyrex dishes, M. Maxwell, Leeds, and Mrs Cussons, Boston Spa; toilet soap, W. Lock, Bramham, C. Aldred, Towton, Mrs Kitson, York, and A. Richardson, Leeds; gin or sherry, Miss Brereton, Leeds; theatre tickets, Mrs Moore, Shepley; toilet soap, Mr Penty, Aberford; pyrex dish, Mrs Moore, Shepley; fruit bowl, Miss Dimbleby, Scarcroft; and teapot and jug, Mrs Greenlay, Bramham Park.

The men did not come forward for a knobbly knees contest, but an ankle competition was won by Mrs Gray, with Miss Oliver second. The treasure hunt was won by Mrs Farndale, Bramham, and Mr Kipling, gardener at Bowcliffe Hall, was the best shot of the day at the shooting range.

Pupils of the Martha Lofthouse School of Dance gave two dancing displays during the afternoon. The fanciful and colorful costumes were provided by Mrs Gray.