

Heacham Holiday Week

Rain! Rain! and more rain! This factor spoilt many of the outdoor events of the first Heacham Holiday Week from 3rd August to 11th August, 1963. This was a week of entertainment with the intention of raising funds for various charitable organisations. This aim was hardly accomplished because of the severe weather. Despite this, many members of the school and village must be extolled for their efforts. These efforts made it a very successful week as far as enjoyment goes and established Heacham with a good name.

All forms of music were heard during the week from the band of Christ's Hospital to Terry Lightfoot and his Jazzmen. The band from Christ's Hospital School were invited to stay in the various boarding houses. It was an all-boy effort from pupils of that school. They had a large range of instruments, from woodwind to brass with the usual percussion. They and the band of the Norwich Sea Cadets attracted a large following wherever they went. An eye-catching highlight was the Dagenham Girl Pipers, who for Sassenachs gave a very good display of Highland dancing and a mastery of the bagpipes.

During one of the afternoons there was a Steam Rally, nowadays a popular event. It was quite a spectacle to see these antiquities puffing and grinding their way through the village. Some of the traction engines had fairground organs coupled to them, the latter are becoming increasingly rare.

Sporting events were well represented despite the weather. There was a six-a-side football match at the public recreation ground between nearby King's Lynn and Second Division Norwich City. Several of their senior side were playing, including Puntton and Bryceland. The "Canaries" had a comfortable 5-1 win. There were many sports in which the visitors could participate themselves, such as: bowls, tennis, angling and a host of others.

Perhaps the most popular events were those in the evening. There were dances every night except, of course, on Sunday, the music being provided by several well-known groups, including, on the Saturday night, Terry Lightfoot and his Jazzmen. The best patronised event of the week was probably the Professional Wrestling presented by television-renowned Dale Martin Promotions. There were several bouts between quite famous wrestlers, Spencer Churchill, no relation of Sir Winston, was perhaps the audience's biggest favourite. The most fervent supporters were the women, who seemed to enjoy watching pain being administered far more than the men, and showed their feelings vocally throughout the evening.

The weather did not spoil all the enjoyment of the week, and the boarders who came for it did not feel it was a week wasted. They will probably return in larger numbers this year, as should the visitors. Let us hope that Mother Nature treats us better and the Week will be a larger financial success. Perhaps if some Liverpoolian representatives could be persuaded to pay us a visit the weather would be of little consequence to success.

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A Very Fine Response

Last year we appealed for used postage stamps in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The response has been extremely good, 37,000 stamps being collected, sorted and sent on.

In March, the Reverend Richard Smart, Area Secretary for the Society, came and thanked us for our efforts. He also asked us to convey his thanks to all the parents who so notably responded to last year's appeal. He also told us that the Society had made over £2,000 through collecting stamps for the year.

We still ask you to save any used stamps and to send them to us for sorting. My colleague, Simon Hyde, and I, who were responsible for the sorting throughout the last year, are both leaving this term, so would you now send them, please, to D. M. T. Jakobsson, who is continuing the work.

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