

VALLEY GARDENS 1940S DAY

Wartime spirit revived as 20,000 people flock to Valley Gardens

1940s nostalgia captures public's imagination in annual event organised by Friends of the Valley Gardens

Feature

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The third annual 1940s Open Day, staged by the Friends of Valley Gardens in Harrogate, attracted more than 20,000 visitors on Sunday and raised a healthy sum for the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room.

Fancy dress, Dad's Army lookalikes, war-time jeeps and the spirit of The Blitz were the order of the day last Sunday.

According to official Harrogate Borough Council figures 20,844 people entered Valley Gardens, most of whom attended the event.

They came in all costumes and all parts of the region to enjoy the full programme of live music performances from the bandstand, the various attractions round the gardens and more than two dozen stalls situated in the Sun Pavilion and down the

Colonnade.

The sunny day event also raised more than £5,000 towards the next phase of the restoration of the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room.

Hot food and drinks were available from a NAAFI style tent and Daleside ale from the Hales Bar under canvas.

Among the music acts were Cadenza, the Royal British Legion Corps of Drums, Skipton Branch, Echo 42 Big Band, Maria Manchester and Major Swing and Kitty.

There were also performances by the Molly Dancers in front of the Magnesia Cafe.

Among the sponsors were Farrah's Harrogate Toffee, Water Brands (Harrogate Spring Water) and Newnham Street Garage.

Chairman of Friends of Valley Gardens, Jane Blayney said: "I wish to thank the Harrogate Borough Council support officers and our stalwart volunteers, including Yorkshire Building Society and pa Town Roller girls".



Robert (Dodgey Bob) Traynor, Christine Hadfield, Adrian Stead, Helen (Kitty) Handley and Tim (Major Swing) Handley. (1306161AM8)

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The Duxburys; Aliastair, Judith, Mollie and Sam. (1306161AM11)



A young flute player sits this one out. (1306161AM10)



Vicechair of The Friends of the Valley Gardens Neil Hughes with his team on the refreshments stand. (1306161AM18)

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Sheila Blakeley, Malcolm Blakeley, Maureen Collins and Arthur Collins. (1306161AM5)



Paul and Beverley Boocock with their 1938 Plymouth Coupe. (1306161AM1)



Chairman of The Friends of the Valley Gardens Janr Blayney with Paul Mayo, Max Woodhead, John Lofthouse and Chris Williamson of The Echo 42 Big Band. (1306161AM9)



Amanda Jane and her team from Hales Bar. (1306161AM7)



Elle Coles (16), Andrew Coles, William Taylor(10) and his twin brother Matthew get some home guard training from Darden Coulthard. (1306161AM20)



Friend's of the Valley Gardens 40's day. (1306161AM22)



Friends of the Valley Gardens 40's day. (1306161AM26)



Friends of the Valley Gardens 40's day. (1306161AM23)



President of The Friends of the Valley Gardens Martin Fish and The Mayor of Harrogate Michael Newby with Jane Blayney (chairman of the Friends of Valley Gardens), the Mayor of Harrogate's consort Clive Kirkham, Anne Grange (Miss Outhwaite), Robert Grange (Mr. Wilfred) and Christine Stewart outside the Magnesia Well pump room that will benefit from money raised from the 1940's Day. (1306161AM2)

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The Mayor of Harrogate Michael Newby and his consort Clive Kirkham try out Simon Robert's Willis Jeep for size. (1306161AM15)



The Andersons. (1306161AM14)



Youngster get the chance to try some drumming courtesy of Tom Roberts and members of The Royal British Legion (Skipton branch) Corp. of Drums. 1306161AM16)



Singer Shirley Lewis with The Echo 42 Big Band. (1306161AM17)



James Cartwright and Arthur Cartwright-Smith(9). (1306161AM3)