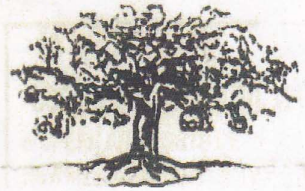


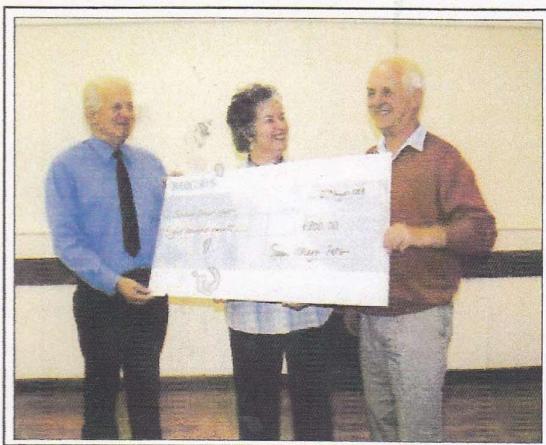
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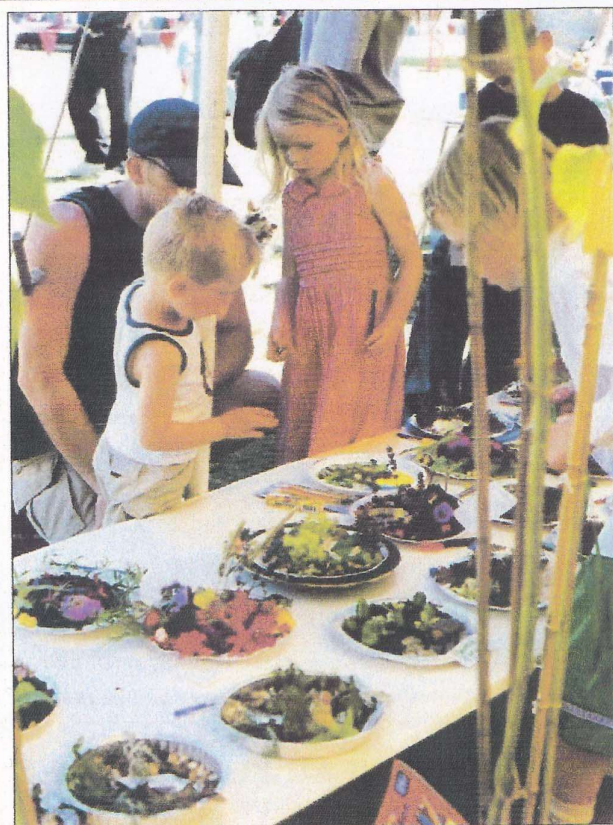
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Speen Fete



Above - the High Wycombe dog handling display



Left - Ingeborg and her brother admire the plate gardens

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Above - The Chinnor Silver Band.

Below - a Speen Vegetable Monster!



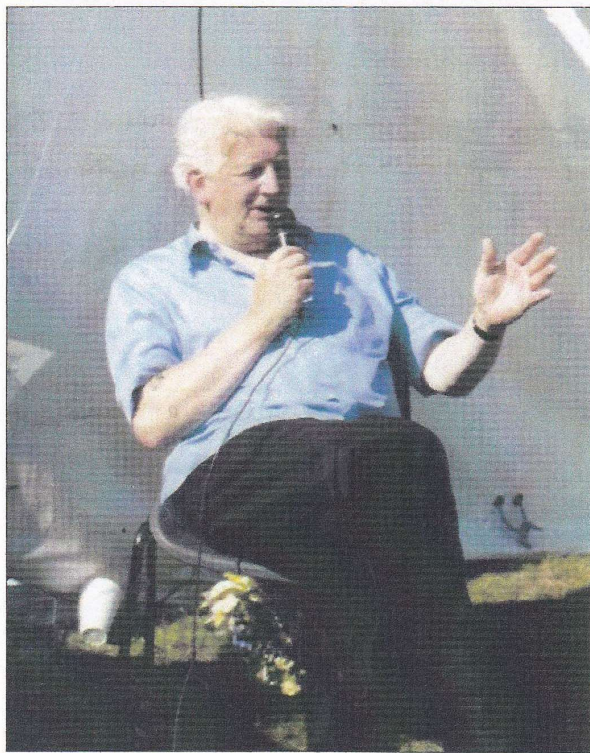


Left - Elizabeth Partridge and Jennifer Richards with the tallest Sunflowers

An evening of jazz organised by Glenn and Martin Hart after the Fete raised £600 for the Goodwill Schools project which establishes, equips and runs schools and homes for deprived children in the 3rd World. This residential school in India (below) is one such establishment that owes its existence to the charity.



North Dean Fete



North Dean also basked in warm sunshine and the annual Fete proved a great success. About £1,200 was raised towards Village Hall refurbishment. Music was provided by the summer carpers from Piggotts

Left - David King doing his usual accomplished job on the PA system

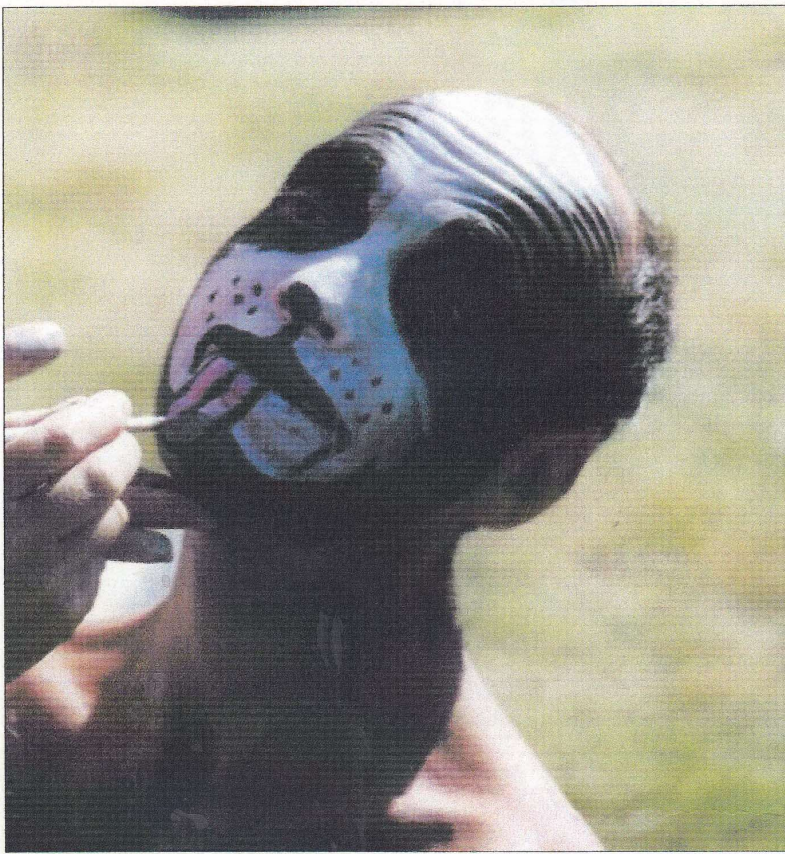
Below - the Fancy Dress competition



Right - Rosemary Petty and Megan Chinn displaying their trophies for success in the Fete competitions in flowers (Rosemary, left), Farmhouse Cake and Jam (Megan, right)

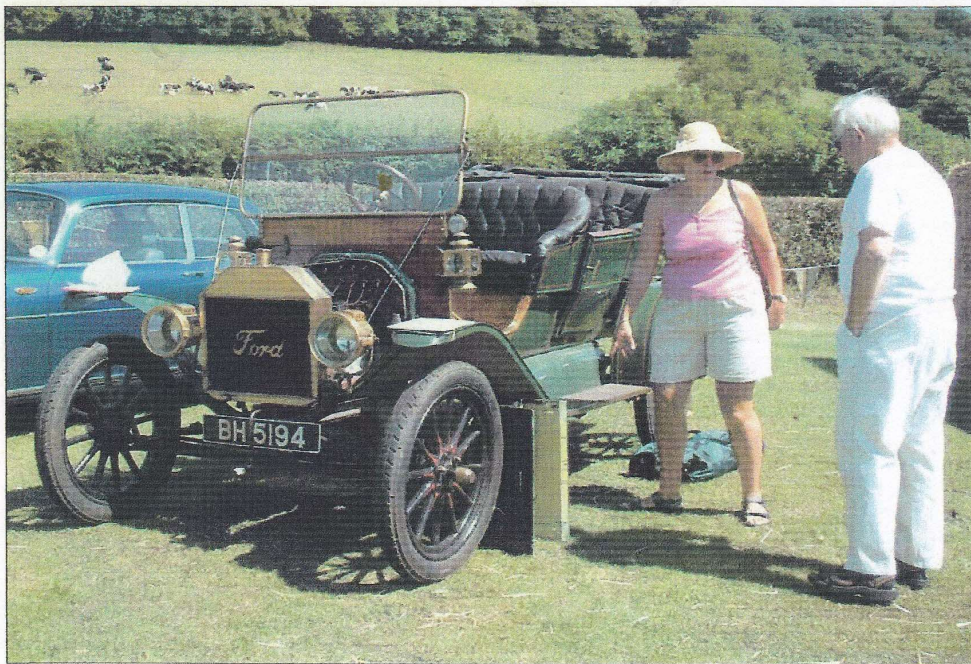


Left - a young bandsman keeping his talent under his hat



Left - the Face Painting produced some pretty striking characters

Below - Diane and Nick Cliffe with their vintage car, one of those on display at the Fete

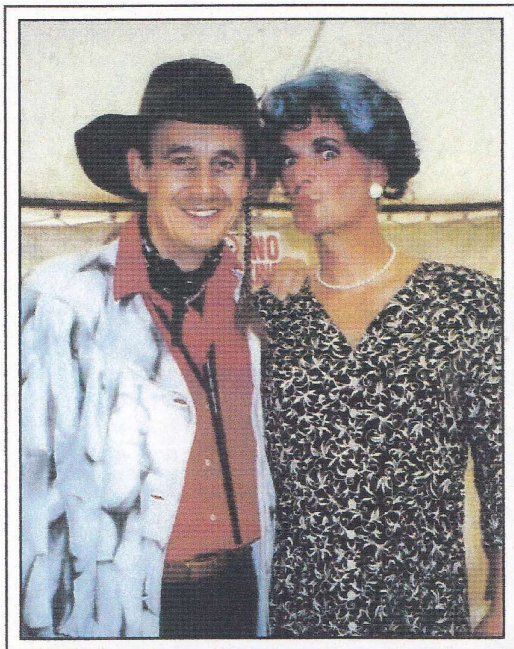


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The Pied Piper of Speen

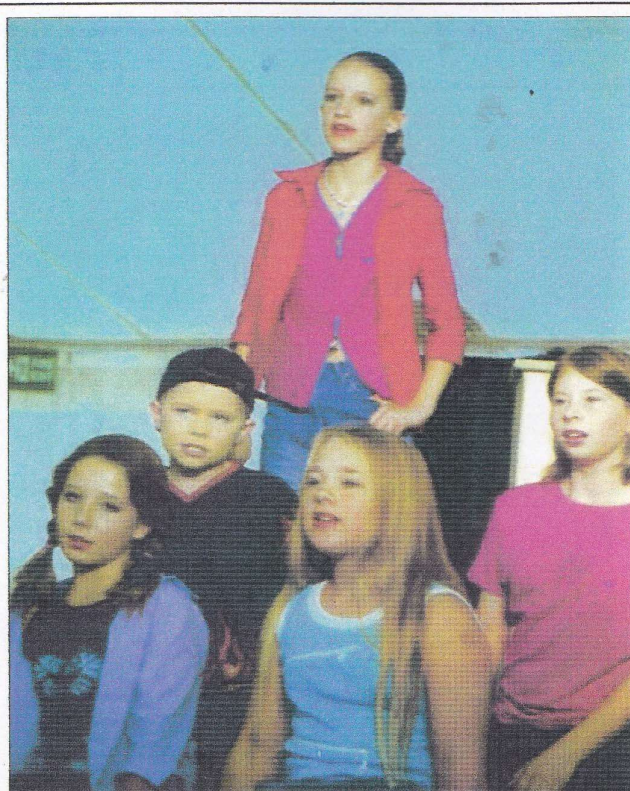


Above - Rob Lenko in the title role, with Jeremy Symondson as the schoolmistress, Miss Sourpuss.

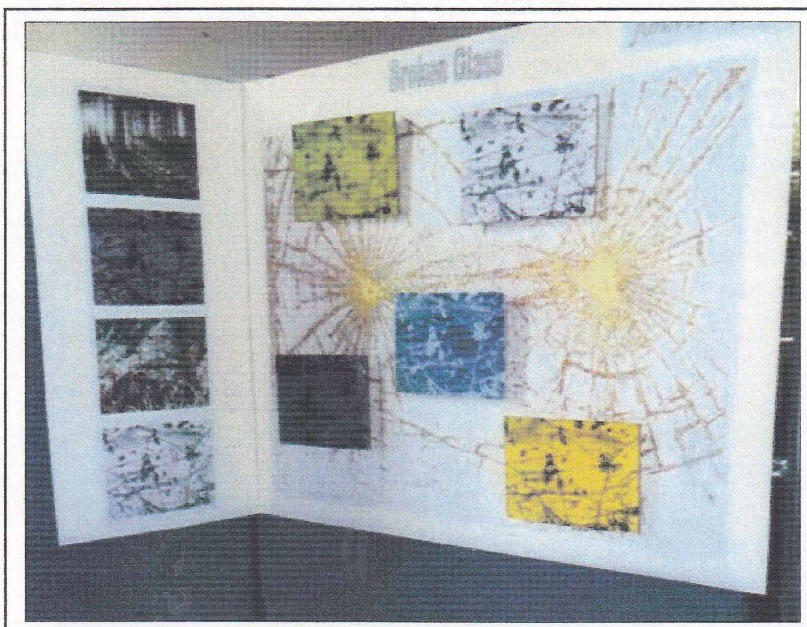
Right - the schoolchildren. From left, Sam Waterman, Elliot Wengler, Ella Tipping (at back), Becky Andrews and Liz White.

On the front cover, Rob Lenko as the Pied Piper being a little more friendly with the Rats than he was in the show!

The generations came together to present this hilarious up to date revamp of the well-known story, set in Speen. Audiences filled the marquee for 3 performances, plus an extra night for local people with special needs. Directed by Marjorie Stockley, script by Rob Lenko, songs written by Martin Stockley.



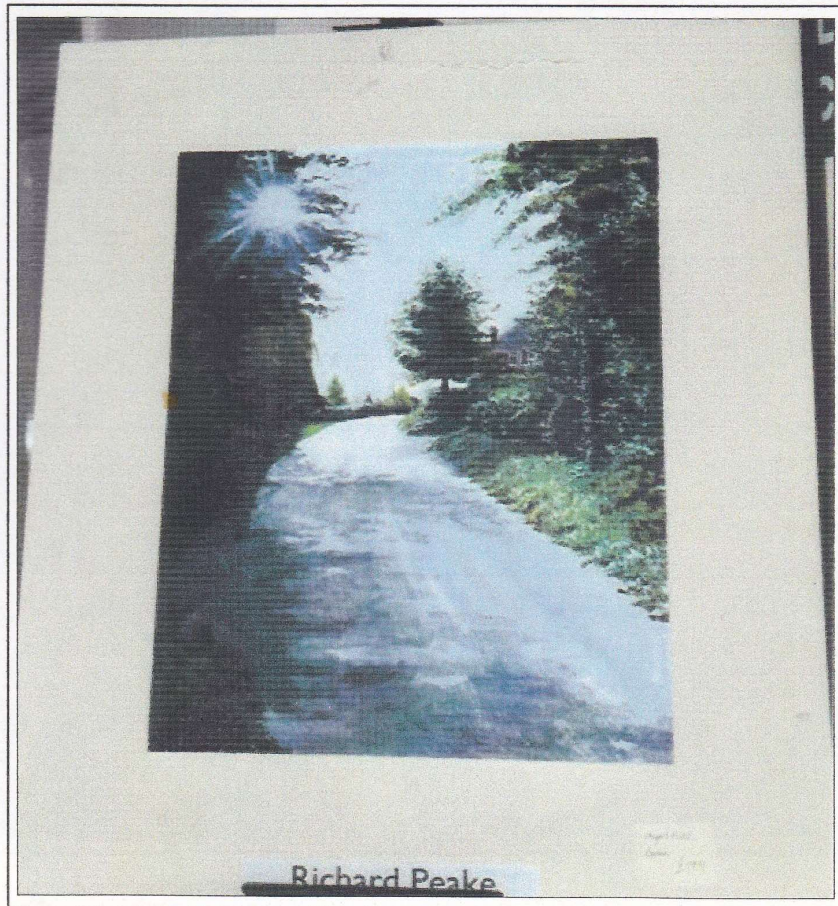
Art, photography & craft exhibition



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Glenn Hart organised an impressive display of paintings, photography and craftwork - all by local artists - in the Village Hall

Above - John Radford's colourful and intriguing effects obtained from broken glass



Right - Richard Peake's watercolour of Chapel Hill

Speen Antiques Day

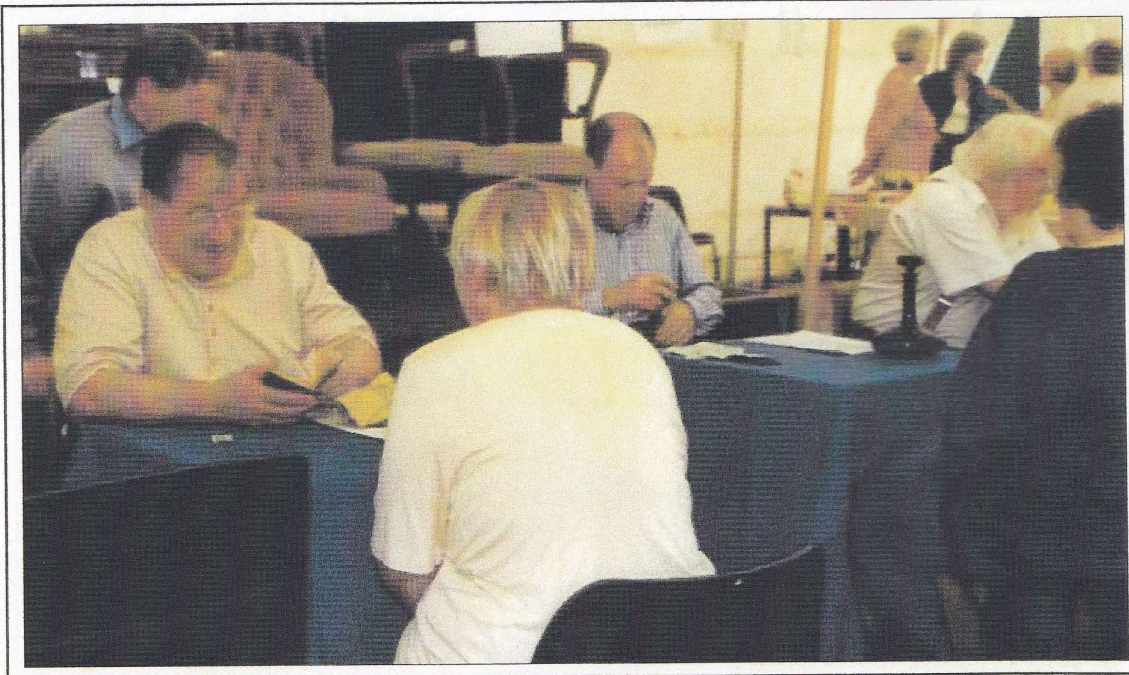
Speen Antiques Day, organised by David & Pauline Flynn, proved an attraction for many.

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Above - Dave Evans was an experienced and highly entertaining auctioneer

Below - the expert valuations were a popular feature



Wildlife Watch



Peter Symonds gave an absorbing and entertaining slide presentation of the wildlife in and around Speen. The Village Hall was packed for this event, which also included a display of some of the animals that might be seen locally.

Below - just 2 of the many examples of Peter's beautiful photography. Left, Nuthatch; right, Fieldfare.



Below - display, including, amazingly, a Polecat discovered nearby



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"The Cole Porter Story"



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Cole Porter was Martin Hart's chosen subject for an evening of Jazz in the Marquee, and a packed house was given a tremendous night's entertainment by Martin and his quintet, plus singer Elizabeth May.

As usual, Martin (left) added even greater interest to the evening with details of Porter's life and work. Other-members of the band in action, below.



BBC Radio 4 Any Questions



The BBC came to Speen a part of the Festival when Marjorie Stockley arranged for Radio 4's Any Questions to come here and broadcast live from the Marquee.

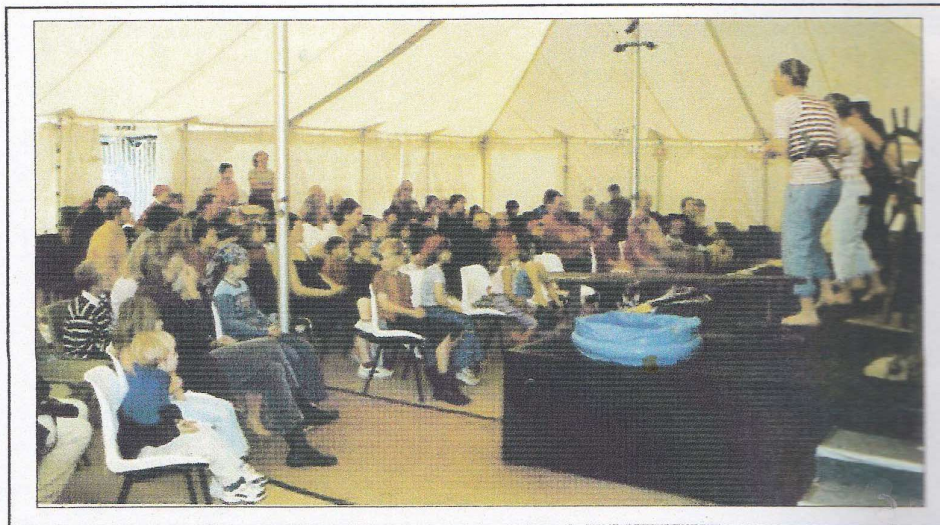
Above, the panel. From left, Patrick Mercer MP, Melanie Phillips, Nick Clarke (presenter), Peter Griffiths (producer), Mark Oaten MP, Ziauddin Sardar, Michael Cashman MEP



Left - an audience of around 200 people crowded into the marquee to enjoy the programme

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"Pirates" - Teatro Unfortunato



About 100 children and their parents and grandparents enjoyed an uproarious tale of buried treasure and not very competent pirates from this local theatre group

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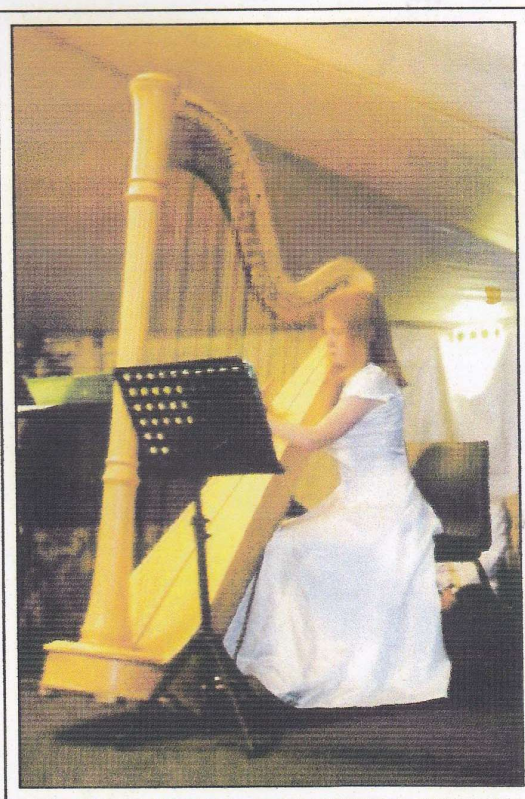
Finale Concert & Supper



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Speen Choir's repertoire ranged from "Georgia on my mind" to Mendelssohn

The Festival ended with another full house for the concert and 3 course supper when a great variety of local musical talent took the stage in the intervals between courses.



Left - Katie McClaughry from North Dean won much applause for her performance on the harp

Below - there was even a barbershop quartet



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