



The good old days are acted out in style by Downs School pupils in their costume extravaganza.



One intrepid action man gets his money's worth of adventure at Downs School fete.

# Nostalgic theme to school fete

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VINTAGE aircraft, period costume and veteran cars all helped to bring an atmosphere of nostalgia to the Downs School fete on Saturday.

The fete, which was organised by the Parents' Association, proved a great success despite threatening summer rain. Stalls and sideshows were speedily transferred into the school buildings, and a selection of exhibitions and displays provided non-stop entertainment throughout the afternoon.

The fete raised as much money as last year's effort, despite fewer visitors. The aim was to provide something for all the family - an aim which was certainly fulfilled.

One of the most unusual features of the afternoon was a costume show, on the theme of the Forties. Elegant women and uniformed soldiers paraded in front of an enthralled audience in the

school hall - even going so far as to stage a traditional wedding.

The theme of nostalgia was carried on by a flying display by a wartime plane, an exhibition of mementoes from Victorian times, and a parade of vintage vehicles.

Visitors were also entertained by a display of gymnastics by school pupils.

The numerous stalls and raffles provided lots of interest for visitors, who had the chance to try their skill at hoopla and coconut shies, and the more unconventional game of welly throwing.

The fete was the twentieth organised by the school. Always a popular entertainment, the fete this year raised £700 despite the bad weather. The money will go towards purchasing a microprocessor for the new school block.

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