

BRIDGHAM MILLENNIUM GROUP

1940s FUN DAY &

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Saturday 11 July - Hall & Mill Field

An afternoon of children's entertainment in combination with a reunion of the competitors in Bridgham's Fancy Dress Parade of July 1949!

(The Fancy Dress is open to children of Bridgham & Roudham along with the younger relatives of the original 1949ers)

- Prizes for boys and girls in three age categories: up to 7; 8-11; 12-16.
 - Throughout the afternoon there will be traditional games to play, a 1940s' housewife 'in role', 1940s items on display along with children's exhibits from the craft day (5 July) and music of the time. Specials:-
 - 2.00pm Magic Show
 - 3.00pm **FANCY DRESS PARADE & PRIZEGIVING**
 - 3.40pm Jitterbug Jive Dancing
 - 4.00pm More Magic & Balloon Modelling
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- 7.00pm Village Hog Roast, Jitterbug Jiving & other entertainments for all the family (at White Gate, 76 The Street)

The theme of the FANCY DRESS COMPETITION is the 1940s. This is not just restricted to World War II and post-war austerity. See below, for a list of possible ideas – and there are plenty more!

APPLICATION FORM BELOW

IDEAS FOR THE 1940S FANCY DRESS THEME

Appeared in the 1940s

Lego	Animal Farm & 1984	Atom Bomb
Cluedo (Miss Scarlett etc)	Austerity Olympics	Prince Charles (!)
Christian Dior designs	(London 1948)	Tupperware

Wartime

Evacuee	Armed Services	King George VI
ARP warden	Churchill	Princess Elizabeth in the
Land girl	Eisenhower	ATS
	(no Nazis, please!)	

Comic Books & Cartoon Films

Captain America	Cinderella	Tom and Jerry
Wonder Woman	Donald Duck	Pinocchio
Dumbo	Mickey Mouse	Fantasia
Bambi	Bugs Bunny	

(The Wizard of Oz & Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs came out in 1939, but were in British cinemas in the 1940s. Batman, also 1939, didn't reach the UK till then, either.)

Some of these 'stars' were around in the 1930s and continued beyond the 1940s, but they are certainly icons of this period:

Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers	Orson Welles (The Third Man)	Elizabeth Taylor John Wayne The Andrews Sisters
Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman (Casablanca)	James Cagney Abbott and Costello Clark Gable Judy Garland	Joe Louis Jesse Owens Marlene Dietrich Mae West
Laurence Olivier (Henry V)	Gene Kelly Vera Lynn Noel Coward	Max Miller Glenn Miller The Marx Brothers
Trevor Howard & Celia Johnson (Brief Encounter)	George Formby & Carmen Miranda Mickey Rooney James Stewart	Gandhi Albert Einstein

Also, back on 9th July 1949, one Bridgham boy dressed as tennis star, Gorgeous Gussie Moran – so cross-dressing is fine! Gussie caused a sensation at Wimbledon in 1949 by wearing a dress so short that it exposed her frilly knickers!

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3pm Saturday 11 July Entry Form

Names and ages of children:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Name of parent/carer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

All participants are likely to be photographed at the Fancy Dress (as they were in 1949)

Yes, I give my consent for photographic or film images to be taken of my child/children in the Fancy Dress Parade, which may be used in community heritage documents/DVD.

I do not give my consent for photographic or film images to be taken of my child/children at the Fancy Dress Parade.

Signature of parent/carer _____ Date _____

Please tick the appropriate box above and sign the form before returning it.

Please return completed form to
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