

NETHER LANE, NUTLEY JUVENILE BONFIRE CARNIVAL QUEENS AND ATTENDANTS

1957

IT is not very often that the role of a carnival queen is undertaken by a schoolgirl, but the honour came the way of 12-year-old Theresa Harding, of Nutley, on Friday. She lives in Nether-lane and was chosen by Nether-lane Juveniles to reign over their bonfire carnival.

Theresa was thrilled and her friends, attending the Uckfield County Secondary School, were as pleased as punch. For the occasion Theresa wore a lovely white dress (made by Mrs. Packham) and gold braided shoes. Round her shoulders was draped a red cloak.

Her fair hair was as neat and spruce as any film star's. It looked as if she had missed her tea to put in some extra work with the brush and comb. Her bouquet of chrysanthemums was a gift from Mrs. Tester.

Only thing Theresa was not too pleased about was the weather. She was really thankful for the

cloak, for it helped to keep out the cold.

Theresa rode in a two-wheeled "carriage" drawn by Mr. F. W. Tyler. Twelve-year-old Pearl Wickham was the page.

Before a big crowd of children and grown-ups at Tyler's Yard, Theresa was crowned Queen by Mrs. E. K. Hole, wife of Dr. E. K. Hole.

The torchlight procession was something that Theresa will always remember. Between 200 and 300 torches were used on the route to the bonfire. Just to see that the children did not get tangled up with any traffic Police Sergeant Fred Balcombe strode in front to give any directions that were necessary.

Quite a number of children taking part wore fancy dress. Field for the bonfire was loaned by Mr. W. Gillham, a resident of Nether-lane.

The main event was the firework display which Theresa thoroughly enjoyed as well as the music played by Fairwarp Silver Band who gave their services free.

The fireworks were bought with money the children had raised themselves through a recent jumble sale which, by the way, also benefited the Sunshine Home for Blind Babies to the extent of £8 10s.



Theresa is crowned Queen by Mrs. Hole.

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CROWNED BY
MRS. D.W. GAIL



SHIRLEY HOOD PEARL WICKHAM VIVIEN SAYERS

NETHER LANE HELD THEIR OWN SHOW

NUTLEY children's own bonfire society, the "Nether Lane Juveniles," celebrated Bonfire Night on Friday with a miniature carnival featuring a queen, a torchlight procession, fancy dresses, and a bonfire and firework display.

The carnival queen was 12-year-old Pearl Wickham. Attended by nine-year-old Vivien Sayers and Shirley Hood, she was crowned by Mrs. D. W. Gall at Tyler's Yard before the procession set off along Nether Lane.

Mrs. Gall presented Pearl with a £1 Premium Savings Bond. Vivien and Shirley received gifts of 10s. each, and Mrs. Gall was presented with a bouquet and a box of chocolates by Richard Wells.

When the procession, which was headed by Fairwarp Silver Band, reached the bonfire field—lent by Mr. W. Gillham—torchbearers lit the bonfire by throwing their torches into it. A guy was made by Peter Tester.

The children bought fireworks for the display out of part of the proceeds of a jumble sale which they held recently. They also gave a £10 donation to the Sunshine Home for Blind Babies at East Grinstead.



QUEEN CAROL HARDING 1961



TRUDY ALLAN CAROL HARDING RACHAEL DAVIES

THE TOY CARS WERE GIVEN TO THE MATRON OF THE HOME FOR BLIND BABIES IN EAST GRINSTEAD, 1965.



PETER TESTER

Bonfire fun to pay for tropical fish

A cheque for £20 was handed to Sir Albert Day (chairman of South Eastern Hospitals administration) by teenager Simon Brown, a member of the Nether-lane Juveniles Bonfire Society, Nutley, on Saturday, during their sixth annual bonfire celebrations.

Sir Albert expressed his warm thanks for the cheque, saying that last year the money had gone towards buying a telephone trolley for patients in Cuckfield Hospital.

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This year, he said, the money would go towards a tank with tropical fish. It had been found that the movement of fish had a soothing effect on bed patients.

Sir Albert crowned 16-year-old Jacqueline Standeven carnival queen with a crown made by Mrs. R. Packham.

'It's the first time I have crowned a queen and I could not wish to crown a nicer one,' he commented.

Lady Day was presented with a bouquet by Richard Hammond.

Many children were wearing fancy dresses, judged by Sir Albert and Lady Day.

With the Carnival Queen, attended by Pauline Constable and Julie Tester, both nine-year-olds, riding on a gaily decorated lorry, the torchlight procession left Tylers Yard to parade in Nether-lane, to the music of Fairwarp Silver Band. About 500 torches illuminated the procession.

The evening ended with a fire-work display in a field lent by Mr. Gore, organised by R. Wells, P. Tester, C. Wickham, R. Hammond and S. Brown.

Fancy dress prizewinners. Boys. Under seven: 1. Nigel Pipe; 2.



PAULINE CONSTABLE JACQUELINE STANDEVEN JULIE TESTER



Television star Campbell Singer crowns the Carnival Queen. [L.5607/3]

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