

Great Linford Waterside Festival

Memories and photographs from the festival



"We used to have Friday nights on the back garden which was the only time the public were allowed on the back lawns of the Manor so that was a great opportunity for the village to get together. I think the first year there was a couple of hundred people."

Pete Winkleman – Benefactor

"We used to have opera, that was really good, the opera in the back garden of the Manor. We used to have some opera company come and sing and do a performance."

Sally Jessop – Former Organiser

"In terms of the rain the year before last and we had blizzards as well, real wind, we lost about seven gazebos overnight on the Saturday that we had to try and repair really quickly."

David Lovesy – Site Manager

"It had a village fete feel but it always felt a little bit different. It certainly brought the community together. I didn't know things like this happened in Milton Keynes. I always had this assumption from what we saw on the television and whatever that Milton Keynes was just a concrete jungle and there wasn't a sense of community. But certainly here it felt like something different and then it started to grow."

Judi Vipers – Former Committee member

"When it moved to the manor, it went on all day into the evening, and there was a barn dance at the end of it. It became quite big with lots of craft stalls in the marquees that we had, and there were jugglers and entertainers outside."

Lynn Passmore – Former Committee Member

