

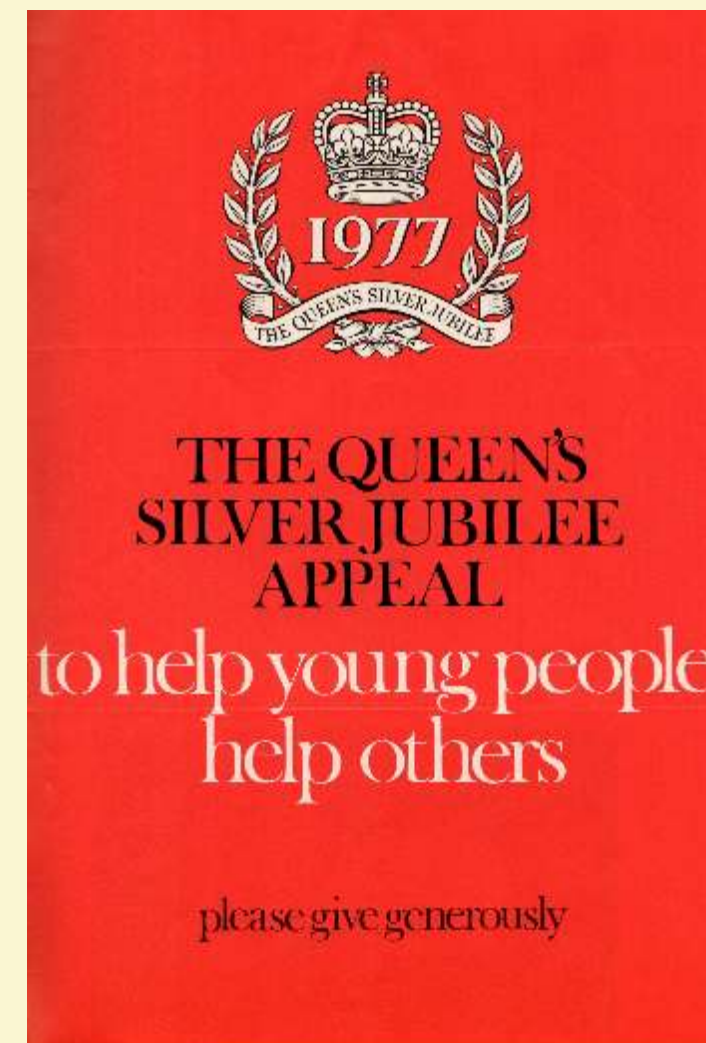
THE SILVER JUBILEE: THE PREPARATIONS



First prize for the best decorated house was awarded to the Bedding family, Jubilee Close.



Joyce proudly shows off her trophy.

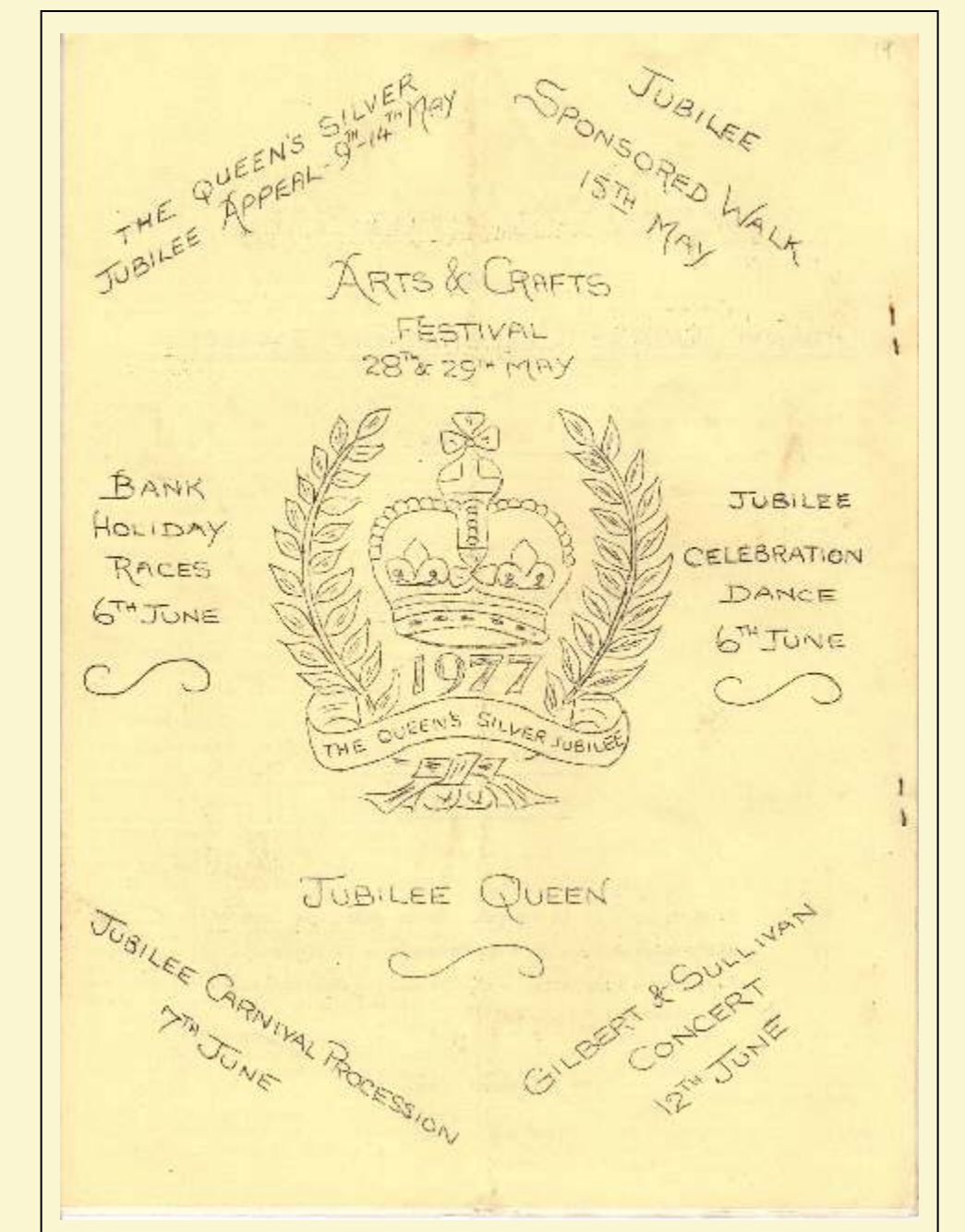
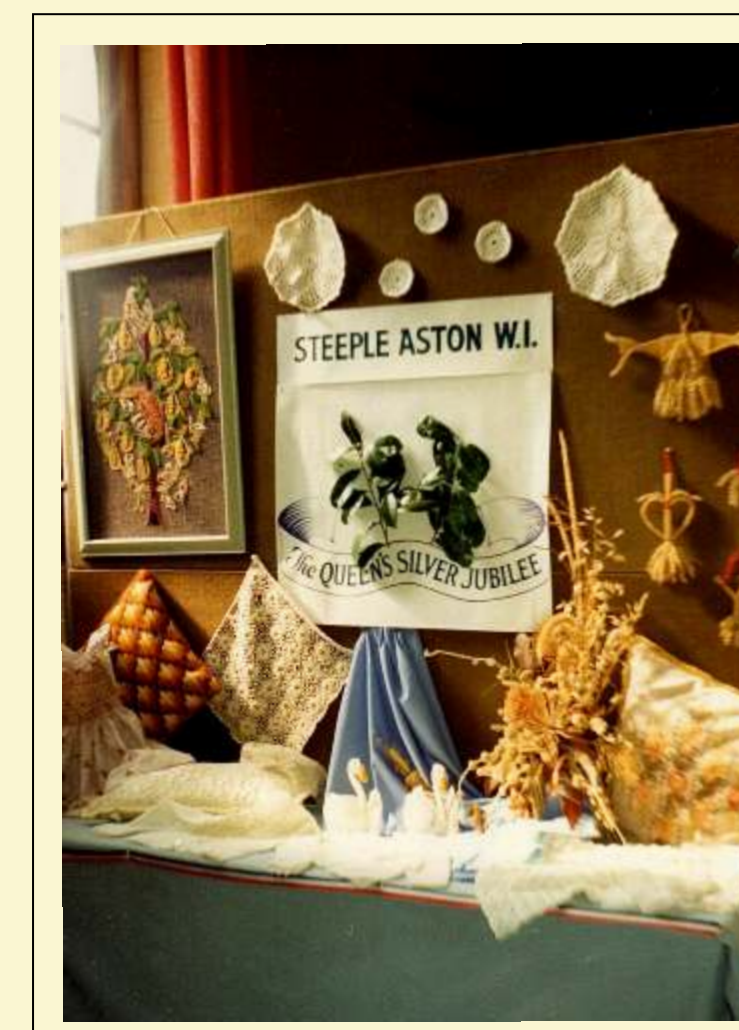


The Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's reign, 1977.

The Queen requested that in celebration of her 25 years on the throne money should be raised for the benefit of young people. Steeple Aston folk were up to the challenge and a committee was set up and plans made. The celebrations were to last from Easter, being 10th April, through to July. The fund was opened with the proceeds from It's a Knockout. There followed a Dance, a Young Entertainers evening, a Wine and Cheese evening, a sponsored walk, a sponsored slim, a house to house collection and the ceremony to select the Silver Jubilee Queen. Patsy Gilroy was elected from 8 entrants; the judging panel included Keith Salmon from Radio Oxford. The flower festival in the church over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July was one of 1,200 displays by societies all over the country.

Sheila Wood, the treasurer of the Jubilee fund, handed over a cheque for £387.26 which was the remaining amount after all the celebrations had been funded. After a donation to the tree planting committee the remainder was set aside for the scheme to provide a playground on Robinson's Close.

The WI had an art and crafts stall. Here they are selling quilts and corn dollies made by members.



(Right): SAL's back page - May 1977



The runner up - the Peckham's home in Nizewell Head.

Jubilee competition
The competition for the best-decorated house and surrounds in Steeple Aston was won by Mrs Joyce Bedding of Jubilee Close. The runner-up was Mrs Peckham of Nizewell Head. A special mention was made for Mr John Ray of Brasenose Farm, on the patriotic painting of his windmill. In the judging of the floats and fancy dress the winners were: first W.I. float (the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh); and runner-up — Youth Club float (the hospital).

John Ray, Brasenose Farm, was praised for his courage in painting his windpump sails in red, white and blue.

Joyce Bedding made a doll and a cake to raffle (right).



All set for a grand tea party!

Middle Aston organised their own festivities. There was a tea party for the children and an evening at Middle Aston House for the adults. In the photo (below left) the villagers have gathered for a group photo, and on the right for the unveiling of their village notice board.

