



Festivals on the Common

Transcription of excerpt from interviews with Stuart Davis
about music festivals on Link Common, Malvern

Stuart: I got involved in that through the theatre. There's a guy called, a friend of mine, called Richard Evans, lives in Colwall. He worked in the theatre for quite a long--, I mean he still does work now. And him and another guy, a couple of guys, they decided to put on this concert on the common. And they had a mutual friend who ran a building company in Great Malvern, who provided the stage and the scaffolding. The sound system came from Richard and various other people, and the lights came from the theatre. And they managed to get an old tractor to use as a generator to provide the power.

It was on the Link Common, but it was at the Graham Road end. You know it's like in a hollow down there? There was a lower level and there was a bank on that side, and they'd set the stage there. And of course it was ideal 'cause you could sit on this bank, listening to the bands play, and it was, you know, the sound was going away from the housing and everything. So it was an interesting time, it was great fun.

They were mainly local bands. I mean I think the Pewke Band played. A lot of the ones that were actually being used as support bands at the Winter Gardens as well.

I mean people came from all round, and probably farther, you know. And you know, on a summer's day it was lovely, you know.

*A transcript of the full interview with Stuart Davis is available from
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