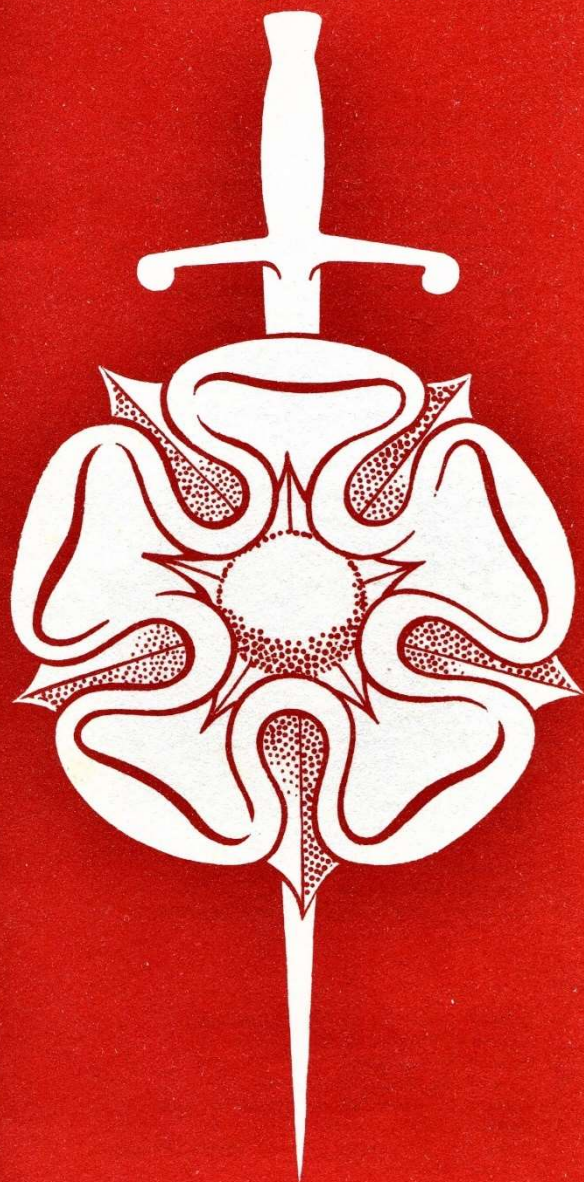


Tewkesbury 1971



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SON ET LUMIERE

Tewkesbury Festival

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

(For particulars of Lectures and Exhibitions, see later pages.)

May

- 2 B.B.C. "It's a Knock-out".
- 4 Requiem in the Abbey (500th Anniversary of the Battle of Tewkesbury).
- 4 Festival Dinner, at Gupshill Manor.
- 5 Cotswold Savoyards: "Pirates of Penzance".
- 6 Festival Fashion Show.
- 7 Festival Ball.
- 7 Medieval Banquets every Friday and Saturday at the Abbey Mill.
- 8 Pageant Procession and Fireworks Display.
- 8 Popular Festival Dance.
- 14 Floral Society Spring Show (to 16th).
- 15 Choral and Orchestral Concert with new work.
- 17 Harry Corbett in "The Sooty Birthday Show (to 22nd).
- 19 John Williams Guitar Recital.
- 22 Birmingham Diocesan Choral Festival.
- 23 Folk Concert (every Sunday)
- 26 English Consort of Viols.
- 27 Play: "Maria Marten" (to 29th).
- 29 Organ Recital by Flor Peeters.
- 29 Schools Athletics Meeting.
- 29 Round Table Riverboat Discotheque.
- 31 Tewkesbury Abbey Fete.

June

- 4 The Barrow Poets.
- 5 Ceremony: Freedom of the Borough to C. V. D. Ashchurch.
- 6 Soccer Six-a-side.
- 7 A Start of the Round-Britain Milk Race.
- 9 School Drama: Obey's "Noah" (to 11th).
- 10 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 12 Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra.
- 16 Early Music Consort.
- 17 "Revue '71" (to 19th).
- 18 Youth Jamboree (to 20th).
- 19 Musica Vera.
- 24 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 30 Choral Scholars of King's College, Cambridge.

July

- 1 SON ET LUMIERE (to 25th September).
- 2 Festival of Flowers (to 4th).
- 3 Modern Army Display.
- 3 County Folk Dance Festival.
- 4 Band of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars.
- 4 Canoeing on the Severn.
- 6 Bristol Old Vic Theatre School: "Love's Labour's Lost" (to 10th).
- 6 Waiters and Waitresses Race.
- 7 Play: "Women of Tewkesbury" (to 9th).
- 8 Swimming Gala.
- 8 Riverboat Discotheque.

July—continued

- 13 Play by Bristol University Drama Department (to 17th); provisional.
- 15 Steam Fair and Organ Festival (to 18th).
- 16 Caravan Club Rally (to 18th).
- 19 Welfare State Street Theatre (to 21st).
- 21 County Cricket Match: Yorkshire v. Lancashire.
- 21 Cotswold Savoyards: Gilbert and Sullivan.
- 22 Dr. Strangebrew's Summer Roadshow on Breakingstone Meadow.
- 22 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 23 British Intimate Opera Company.
- 25 Donkey Derby.
- 31 Church Crusade (to 22nd August).

August

- 2 SON ET LUMIERE continued (to 25th Sept.)
- 2 A Galaxy of Films (to 7th).
- 5 Musica Deo Sacra (to 11th).
- 11 Theatre Roundabout: "Vanity Fair".
- 12 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 14 Professional Wrestling Tournament.
- 15 Exhibition: "No Man is an Island" (to 2nd Sept.).
- 18 Recital: Evelyn Rothwell and Valda Aveling.
- 20 One-man Theatre: "The Pickwickians at Manor Farm".
- 20 Dance: Acker Bilk and his Jazzmen, at Ashchurch.
- 21 Round Table Riverboat Discotheque.
- 22 The Disaster Squad, on the Severn Ham.
- 22 Jalopy Club Races.
- 25 Three Choirs Festival Concert.
- 26 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 29 Open Angling Contest.

September

- 1 SON ET LUMIERE continued (to 25th).
- 4 Dowty Ashchurch Exhibition and Open Day.
- 7 New Play: "The Battle of Tewkesbury" (to 11th).
- 9 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 15 London Opera Players: "The Barber of Seville".
- 17 Chrysanthemum Society Show (and 18th).
- 18 Table Tennis Tournament.
- 19 Band of the Grenadier Guards.
- 22 B.B.C. Training Orchestra.
- 23 Champagne Fashion Show.
- 23 Riverboat Discotheque.
- 25 Glos Diocesan Choral Festival.
- 25 Tewkesbury Hospital Fete.
- 25 Final performance of Son et Lumiere.
- 26 Rugby Seven-a-side.
- 30 Play: "Semi-Detached" (to 2nd October).

October

- 2 Nonsuch Medieval Dancers in the Abbey.
- 6 A Dramatic Anthology, "The Elizabethans" (and 7th).
- 6 Rugby: Tewkesbury Invitation XV v. An Army XV.
- 8 Tewkesbury Mop Fair (and 9th).
- 12 Antony Hopkins' Opera (to 16th).
- 19 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.
- 19 A Musical: "And so to Bed" (to 23rd).
- 23 850th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey.

Son et Lumiere

Tewkesbury Abbey

1 July to 25 September 1971
Nightly, except Sundays.

Script by
Jack White

Narrator
John Neville

Music under the direction of
Michael Peterson

Production directed by
Christopher Ede

A spectacular evening's entertainment at the Tewkesbury Abbey, when the exciting history of the past 850 years is brought to life.

Sound and light — the literal translation does not convey the impact of this exciting form of entertainment, which has spread to many historic buildings throughout the country.

It is a Pageant without actors, for you only hear the voices re-enacting the scenes of the past while ever-changing light heightens the drama and reveals new facets of the buildings.

Narration, dialogue, music and sound effects are blended, so that scenes of gaiety, the whispers of intrigue, a cry of anger, steal on your senses.

For about an hour, the humdrum present will be forgotten under the spell of the past, as this dramatic entertainment offers you a new experience.

The script, written by Mr. Jack White, is based on the following synopsis:

The earliest days of the Abbey. FitzHamon and Abbot Gerald begin the building of the Norman Church. The Abbey consecrated in 1121. The Benedictine rule and the peril of fire. Relics and Pilgrims. Knights for a Crusade. Eleanor, widow of Hugh le Despenser and the Abbey glass. The addition of the ring of chapels. The Abbey at the peak of wealth and influence. The Abbey a sanctuary after the Battle of Tewkesbury. The Dissolution of the Monastery and the Abbey for sale. The Commonwealth leaves its mark on the Abbey. The Restoration and the "Milton" organ. A visit of George III and the comments of Miss Burney. A conflict of taste in the Nineteenth Century. The Abbey Today.

Son et Lumiere

Times of Performances:

Nightly at dusk	
1st to 31st July	10.00 p.m.
2nd to 28th August	9.30 p.m.
30th August to 25th September	9.00 p.m.

Prices of Admission:

Bookable in advance.

Covered Stand:

Numbered and reserved	£1
Reserved but unnumbered	75p and 50p

Uncovered seats:

Reserved but unnumbered	30p
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Party Bookings

Parties of 20 or more are booked at the reduced rates of 90p, 65p and 40p, for covered stand, and at 25p for uncovered seats.

All party bookings must be made in advance.

Booking

Ticket reservations for Son et Lumiere and for any of the attractions mentioned in this brochure can be made at the Festival Office, Tewkesbury, Glos. Telephone: Tewkesbury 2706.

Reservations for Son et Lumiere can also be made at Advance Box Office Ltd., 90 New Bond Street, London, W.1, and the Keith Prowse group of companies and usual agents.

Information Centres

Information can be obtained from:

Festival Office, Tewkesbury, Glos., Tel. 2706;

Advance Box Office Ltd., 90 New Bond Street, London, W.1, and at Keith Prowse and agents;

British Tourist Authority Information Centre at 64-65 St. James's Street, London, S.W.1, and at any of their overseas offices.

Friends of the Festival. Anyone donating 50p or more to the Festival funds will receive a small badge acknowledging their support of the Festival.

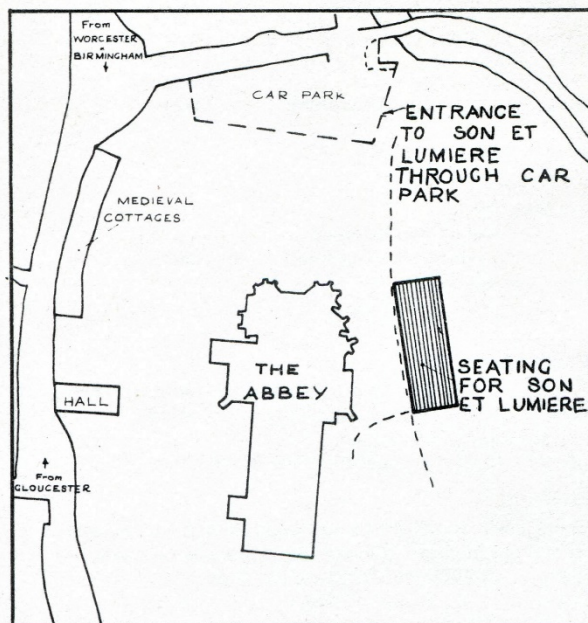
For a contribution of £5 Friends of the Festival will receive the badge and also a ticket for

- (1) Reception and Pre-View of the Festival of Flowers on Thursday evening, 1st July.
- (2) Opening Performance of Son et Lumiere on the same evening (or for one other performance).
- (3) Antony Hopkins' Opera in the Abbey 12/15th October.
- (4) B.B.C. Invitation Concert with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, 19th October.

The names of all those supporting the Festival will be included in a Souvenir Booklet to be issued at the conclusion of the Festival.

To be a Friend, please send donation to the Festival Director, Municipal Offices, Tewkesbury.

Son et Lumiere



Information about **Accommodation** and **Car Parks** is given at the end of this brochure.

Ticket Order Form for Son et Lumiere

(Please use block letters)

Detach and send with remittance to:

Festival Office, Tewkesbury, Glos.

Please send me the following:

Number of tickets required

Date

Alternative date

Price

I enclose cheque/postal order for £
and stamped addressed envelope for reply

Cheques should be made payable to
Tewkesbury Festival

Name

Address

Signature

Music

Cotswold Savoyards present a concert performance, with orchestra, of "The Pirates of Penzance", on Wednesday, 5th May, at 7.45 p.m. in the Watson Hall. The Savoyards present a further concert of selections from the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas Wednesday, 21st July. Tickets: 30p and 20p.

Choral Concert. On Saturday, 15th May, at 7.45 p.m. in the Abbey, the Tewkesbury Choral Society, with the Choristers of Tewkesbury Abbey, Neil Jenkins (tenor), the Leslie Burgess Brass Consort, Percussion and Organs, give the first performance of "The Battle of Tewkesbury", a new cantata commissioned from Tony Hewitt-Jones; also works for tenor soloist, brass, organ and voices. Tickets: 80p, 60p and 40p.

Guitar Recital by John Williams in the Abbey at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th May. Tickets: 75p, 60p, 45p and 30p.

Folk Concerts with Martin Carthy, Shirley Collins, The Yetties, The Druids, Tim Hart, Maddy Price, Dave and Toni Arthur, The Songwainers and other artists every Sunday night at 8 p.m. in the Watson Hall, commencing Sunday, 23rd May. Admission 25p.

The English Consort of Viols in a programme of 16th and 17th century music by a Quintet of Viols and Vocalist; in the Abbey at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th May. Tickets: 40p, 30p, 20p.

Organ Recital by Flor Peeters; the well-known Belgian organist gives a recital in the Abbey at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 29th May. Tickets: 30p.

Youth Orchestra. A concert by the Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra in the Abbey at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 12th June. Conductor: Tony Hewitt-Jones. Tickets: 30p, students 15p.

Early Music Consort in a programme of Popular Music of Five Centuries, on Wednesday, 16th June, at 7.45 p.m. in the Abbey. Tickets: 60p, 45p, 30p and 20p.

Musica Vera in a programme including the Nelson Mass (Haydn) at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 19th June, in the Abbey. Tickets: 50p and 30p.

Choral Scholars of King's College Cambridge; a recital at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th June, in the Abbey. Tickets: 40p and 30p.

Military and Brass Bands. Concerts in the Abbey Grounds every Sunday at 3 p.m. in July, August and September, including the Band of the Gloucestershire Hussars on Sunday, 4th July, and the Band of the Grenadier Guards on Sunday, 19th September.

Intimate Opera. The British Intimate Opera Company present three entertaining operas: "Thomas and Sally" by Arne; "Music Master" by Pergolesi; "The Telephone" by Menotti — at the Watson Hall on Friday, 23rd July, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets: 50p, 35p, 20p.

Musica Deo Sacra, Director: Brian Coleman. In the Abbey from Thursday, 5th to Wednesday, 11th August. Liturgical Music from 16th to 20th centuries. Sung Eucharist daily at 11 a.m., and Choral Evensong on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Oboe and Piano Recital by Evelyn Rothwell and Valda Aveling, in the Abbey at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th August. Tickets: 60p, 40p, 20p.

Music of the Two Elizabeths. The Purcell Consort of Voices and the London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble give a concert in the Abbey Grounds at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th August (in association with the Three Choirs Festival). Tickets: £1, 75p and 50p.

London Opera Players present "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini, in the Watson Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th September. Tickets: 60p, 45p, 30p, 20p.

B.B.C. Training Orchestra in the Abbey at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd September. Conductor: Meredith Davies. The programme will include: Le Tombeau de Couperin, Ravel; Flos campi suite for viola, chorus and orchestra, Vaughan Williams; Symphony No. 6 in D. Dvorak. Tickets: £1-50, £1, 75p, 50p and 30p.

Antony Hopkins' Opera, "Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Saint", in the Abbey from Tuesday to Saturday, 12th to 16th October, conducted by the Composer. The Opera was commissioned by the Stroud Festival. It portrays the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis will be supported by a cast of about 130 leading local singers and children from the schools of Tewkesbury. Tuesday to Friday at 7.30 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. Tickets: £1-50, £1, 75p and 50p.

B.B.C. Invitation Concert. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in the Abbey on Tuesday, 19th October, at 7.45 p.m. Conductor: Louis Frémaux. Soloist: Raymond Cohen. Programme: Prelude Lohengrin, Wagner; Violin Concerto, Beethoven; Symphony Mathis der Maler, Hindemith.

Drama

Tewkesbury A.D.S. present "Maria Marten" in the Watson Hall, from Thursday to Saturday, 27th to 29th May.

The Barrow Poets. An evening of Bard Noises—poetry and music—in the Watson Hall, at 7.45 p.m. on Friday, 4th June. Tickets: 50p, 40p, 30p.

School Drama. Elmbury School and the Tewkesbury Grammar School present "Noah" by André Obey, in the Abbey, from Wednesday to Friday, 9th to 11th June, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets: 25p.

The Manor Players "Revue 71" — music, comedy and drama — in the Watson Hall from Thursday to Saturday, 17th to 19th June, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets: 30p.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School present Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost" in the Watson Hall, Tuesday to Saturday, 6th to 10th July at 7.45 p.m. Tickets: 50p, 40p, 30p.

Tewkesbury High School. A play with music "Women of Tewkesbury" in the Abbey, Wednesday to Friday, 7th to 9th July, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets: 25p.

Bristol University Drama Department hope to present their Summer School production in the Watson Hall, Tuesday to Saturday, 13th to 17th July.

Welfare State Street Theatre. Three performances daily in various parts of the town, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th to 21st July.

Theatre Roundabout. Sylvia Read and William Fry in a stimulating and imaginative production of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair", at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday 11th August in the Watson Hall. Tickets: 40p, 30p, 20p.

Brian Barnes One Man Theatre, "The Pickwickians at Manor Farm", at 7.45 p.m. on Friday, 20th August in the Watson Hall. Tickets: 40p, 30p, 20p.

Bredon's Norton Drama Group in a new play "The Battle of Tewkesbury", and "Town Crier", a musical mime, in the Watson Hall, Tuesday to Saturday, 7th to 11th September at 7.45 p.m. Tickets: 30p, 20p.

Tewkesbury A.D.S. present "Semi-Detached", in the Watson Hall, Thursday to Saturday, 30th September to 2nd October.

The Elizabethans, a dramatic anthology in the form of a living scrap-book of Elizabethan poetry and prose, letters, documents, music and songs, by John Moore; in the Watson Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th October at 7.45 p.m. Tickets: 50p, 40p, 30p.

Bredon Hill Players in a Musical based on Samuel Pepys' Diary, "And so to Bed"; Tuesday to Saturday, 19th to 23rd October in the Watson Hall at 7.45 p.m. Tickets: 50p, 40p, 30p.

Exhibitions

Tewkesbury and Gloucestershire History in Records: an exhibition of original documents, maps and prints from the earliest times to the present day, including the fine Ghent manuscript depicting the Battle of Tewkesbury. Arranged by the County Records Office. 1st to 15th May.

The Great War. An exhibition of water-colours arranged by the Tewkesbury branch of the British Legion. 26th April to 22nd May.

Exhibition of Paintings by Members of the Tewkesbury Society of Arts. 20th May to 5th June.

Photo 71. An exhibition of prints, organised by Tewkesbury Camera Club, in the Town Hall. 22nd May to 5th June.

Military History of the Borough, by the Tewkesbury Branch of the British Legion. 10th to 26th June. Admission 5p.

No Man is an Island. An exhibition in the Tewkesbury Abbey, 15th August to 2nd September. The exhibition is in three parts: (1) Modern Life and the Monk, (2) The Growth of an Idea, (3) The Living Community.

Paintings by John McLellan, 2nd to 15th August.

Flower Paintings, 20th August to 4th September. An Open Exhibition of Flower Paintings arranged by the Tewkesbury Society of Arts.

Tewkesbury: Pictures and Portraits, arranged by the Tewkesbury Civic Society, 11th to 25th September. Admission 5p.

Stamps of the World. The Tewkesbury Philatelic Society Exhibition in the Town Hall. 4th to 11th September.

Home Arts and Crafts, in the Congregational Hall, 11th to 16th October, organised by the Tewkesbury (Evening) Townswomen's Guild. Admission 5p.

Schools Art Exhibition in the Town Hall, 15th to 23rd October.

Battle of Tewkesbury Model in the Museum, from 4th May to 23rd October.

(The exhibitions are held in the FitzHamon Art Centre unless otherwise stated.)

Lectures

In the Abbey House on Thursday evenings at 7.45 p.m. Tickets 25p or £2 for the series.

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| April 29th | "Abbot Gerald, the first Abbot of Tewkesbury". Mr. Christopher Hohler, M.A., F.S.A., University Reader in Art, Courtauld Institute. |
| May 20th | "Norman Architecture at Tewkesbury Abbey". Dr. Peter Kidson, Ph.D., F.S.A., Courtauld Institute. |
| June 3rd | "Tewkesbury Abbey, the Mausoleum of the Despencers". Mr. Richard K. Morris, M.A., Lecturer in Art, University of Victoria, British Columbia. |
| June 24th | "The Roof Bosses of Tewkesbury Abbey". Dr. Michael Q. Smith, M.A., Ph.D., Lecturer in Art, Bristol University. |
| July 15th | "Was Tewkesbury Abbey Frescoed? Some 12th Century parallels". Dr. David Talbot Rice, D.Litt., Professor of History of Art, Edinburgh University. |
| Aug. 5th | "Henry of Blois, Bishop of Winchester—a 12th century patron" (d. 5th Aug. 1171). Mr. John Beckwith, M.A., F.S.A., Victoria and Albert Museum. |
| Aug. 19th | "The Medieval Monastic Life at Tewkesbury". The Rev. Professor M. D. Knowles, D.Litt., F.B.A., formerly Regius Professor of Modern History, Cambridge University. |
| Sept. 9th | "The Gage Gates and 18th Century Ironwork". Mr. A. V. Knight. |

- Sept. 23rd "Tewkesbury Abbey in the 18th and 19th Centuries". The Rev. Basil F. L. Clarke, M.A., Vicar of Knowl Hill, Reading.
- Oct. 7th "The Tewkesbury Abbey Organs in the context of British Historic Organs". Mr. Cecil Clutton, C.B.E., F.S.A.

In the Watson Hall, in connection with the visit on Saturday, 8th May, of The Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, an open lecture at 12 noon by Professor Butler on "John Langstrother, Prior of England, who was beheaded after the Battle of Tewkesbury". No tickets required.

In the Town Hall. A course of lectures on "Archaeology and Modern Land Development", arranged by the University of Bristol Department of Extra Mural Studies. On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m., for six weeks commencing 11th May.

Sport

B.B.C. "It's a Knock-out" on Sunday, 2nd May, at 5 p.m. on the Vineyards.

Schools Athletics Meeting on the Vineyards, starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 29th May.

Soccer Six-a-side on the Vineyards at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 6th June.

Canoeing. The Gloucester Club on Sunday, 4th July, present a Display of Canoeing on the River Severn, followed by a Long Distance Race.

Waiters and Waitresses Race on Tuesday, 6th July, at 4.30 p.m., starting from Tudor House Hotel.

Swimming. The new indoor Baths in Oldbury Road are open throughout the Season. A Festival Gala will be held on Thursday evening, 8th July.

County Cricket. Yorkshire v. Lancashire. A one-day Match kindly sponsored by the Dowty Group, between the two County Clubs, played on Gillette Cup rules, on Wednesday, 21st July, on the Tewkesbury Cricket Club Ground. 11 a.m. start. Admission 30p.

Wrestling Tournament. A professional tournament arranged with Dale Martin Promotions, including a Tag Match, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 14th August, on the Son et Lumiere site by the Abbey. Tickets: £1, 75p, 65p, 50p, 40p, 25p.

Jalopy Racing on Sunday, 22nd August, at Red House Farm, just off the A.38 between Coombe Hill and Tewkesbury; promoted by the Bredon Hill Jalopy Club.

Angling. The Tewkesbury Popular Angling Association hold an Open Angling Contest on the Severn Ham on Sunday, 29th August.

Rugby Seven-a-Side on Sunday, 26th September, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on the Vineyards.

Table Tennis Tournament with National and County players, arranged by the Cheltenham Table Tennis Club. An all-day event on Saturday, 18th September, at Ashchurch Camp.

Rugby Invitation Match. An Army XV v. a Tewkesbury Invitation XV, at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th October, on the Vineyards.

Other Attractions

Festival Dinner at Gupshill Manor, the site of the Battle of Tewkesbury, on Tuesday, 4th May, the 500th anniversary of the Battle. Tickets £3-50, including wine.

Fashion Shows. At the Watson Hall, a Festival Fashion Show on Thursday, 6th May, and a Champagne Fashion Show on Thursday, 23rd September.

Festival Ball on Friday, 7th May, in the Grand Marquee on the Abbey Lawn, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., with Acker Bilk and his Paramount Orchestra. Tickets: £2-50.

Medieval Banquets. Every Friday and Saturday throughout the Festival, at 7.30 p.m. in the famous old Abbey Mill. Tickets £2-60, including claret, mead or porter. Write or 'phone (2287) to Abbey Mill, Tewkesbury, for further details.

Pageant Procession. Saturday, 8th May, at 7.30 p.m. Parade through the town to the Abbey. Prizes for costume, with special prizes for medieval costume. The Parade is followed by a short entertainment in the Pageant Meadow and a Fireworks Display.

Popular Festival Dance, Saturday, 8th May, 8 to 11.50 p.m. in the Grand Marquee. Admission 40p.

Floral Displays by Members of the Tewkesbury Floral Society, at the Watson Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 14th to 16th May.

Harry Corbett with Sooty at the Watson Hall, for the week 17th to 22nd May. Harry Corbett in "The Sooty Birthday Show". Six performances at 5.30 p.m., Matinees on Thursday and Saturday at 2.30 p.m. Tickets: 25p.

Riverboat Discotheque aboard the "Severn Traveller". Every second and fourth Thursday in the months of June to September. River Steamer licensed to carry 250 passengers, departing from Avon Lock Quay at 8 p.m. for a 3½-hour trip on the Severn. Returning to Avon Lock at 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. to collect late arrivals. Continuous licensed Bar and Dancing. Single 50p. Double (lady and gentleman) 90p. (Additional Riverboat Discotheques arranged by Round Table on 29th May and 21st August.)

Milk Race. The world's toughest amateur Cycle Race. The Stage from Tewkesbury to Porthcawl starts from Oldbury Road at 11 a.m. on Monday, 7th June.

Youth Jamboree. Over 50 uniformed Youth organisations camp on the Severn Ham, from Friday to Sunday, 18th to 20th June, with a Parade to the Holy Trinity Parish Church on the Sunday morning.

Festival of Flowers in the Abbey on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th July, representing in flowers the two anniversaries, with a special tableau on the Consecration of the Abbey.

A Modern Army Show on Saturday, 3rd July. Arena Events and Static Display, sponsored by Central Vehicle Depot, R.A.O.C., Ashchurch.

Folk Dance Festival. The English Folk Dance and Song Society present Folk Dancing Displays on the Abbey Lawn at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd July, with Jim Coleman and his Band. On the same evening they hold a Dance at the Swan Hotel, 7.45 p.m. to 10.45 p.m. Admission 20p.

Military and Brass Bands in the Abbey grounds at 3 p.m., every Sunday in July, August and September.

Steam Fair and Organ Festival on Breakingstone Meadow, Thursday to Sunday, 15th to 18th July, starting at 2 p.m. each day. A fine collection of fairground organs and showmen's engines, with numerous rides, stalls and side-shows. The steam rides include Steam Yachts, Gallopers, Pony Roundabout and Train Ride. 20p, children 10p.

Caravan Rally arranged by the Gloucester and Hereford Caravan Clubs, Friday to Sunday, 16th to 18th July, on King George V Playing Field and Pageant Meadow.

County Cricket. Wednesday, 21st July—see Sports Programme.

Dr. Strangeweb's Summer Roadshow on Breakingstone Meadow, 9 p.m. to Midnight, on Thursday, 22nd July, presented by The Welfare State. Music, theatre and the Ferment pop/jazz group, with Wizards of the North, jesters, ghosts and things that go bump in the night. Admission 25p.

Donkey Derby arranged by Ashchurch British Legion, on Sunday, 25th July, on Breakingstone Meadow. First Race 3 p.m. Admission by programme, 10p.

Church Crusade, 31st July to 22nd August. Festival 71 Crusade on Breakingstone Meadow, sponsored by the Evangelical Churches of Tewkesbury and District. Evangelist: The Rev. Dick Saunders.

A Galaxy of Films. A week of outstanding films, in the Watson Hall from Monday to Saturday, 2nd to 7th August. Children's films daily at 2.30 p.m., and major films at 7.30 p.m. Late night Matinee on the Friday at 10.30 p.m.

Wrestling Tournament, Saturday, 14th August — see Sports Programme.

Acker Bilk. A Dance in the Garrison Theatre, Ashchurch, on Friday, 20th August, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., with Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band and supporting group. Tickets 50p.

Disaster Squad. On Sunday, 22nd August, at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., John Dare Promotions present on the Severn Ham, the internationally famous car crash and stunt show, motor cycle stunts, the tunnel of fire and other spectacular entertainment. 25p, children 15p.

Dowty Open Day. Dowty Ashchurch Exhibition and Open Day; many attractions including Horticultural Show and Gymkhana, on Saturday, 4th September. (Dowty Railway Preservation Society Site open every Sunday.)

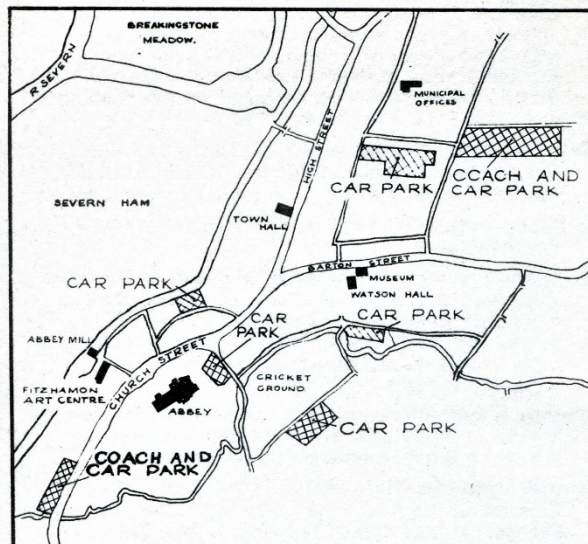
Chrysanthemum Show on Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th September, in the Abbey Hall, arranged by the Tewkesbury and District Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society.

Hospital Fete on Saturday, 25th September, on Tewkesbury Hospital Grounds.

Nonsuch presents a programme of Medieval and Renaissance Dances with contemporary comment in prose, verse and song; music by Ars Nova. Tewkesbury Abbey at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd October. Tickets: 75p, 60p, 45p, 30p.

Mop Fair. Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th October. The Tewkesbury Mop is one of the largest Fairs in the country, occupying the main streets in the town.

Accommodation etc.



Car Parks, as shown on the map above, for about 800 cars; coaches park in Gloucester Road Park, or Station Yard.

Accommodation. In addition to hotel accommodation there are many houses offering full board or bed and breakfast, and details of this accommodation, along with caravan sites, etc., are available on application to the Festival Office, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. The Office will be pleased to help if visitors send particulars of the type of accommodation required, length of stay, etc.

Guides. The Tewkesbury Civic Society will provide Guides to take visitors on escorted walks around the town, including the Abbey, during the period of the Festival. A charge of 5p includes a descriptive leaflet. Visitors requiring guides should contact the Civic Society at 36 St. Mary's Lane, Tewkesbury, Glos. Tel. 2674.

Events in the Area

At Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, "The Famous Replicas of the Crown Jewels", on view from 1st May until 1st August. Open daily, 1.30 to 5.30 p.m., except Mondays and Fridays.
Cheltenham Music Festival, 2nd–11th July.
Gloucester Carnival Fortnight, starting on 24th July.
The Three Choirs Festival in Gloucester, 22nd to 27th August.

First Day Covers will be issued on the dates of the two anniversaries—4th May for the Battle of Tewkesbury, and 23rd October for the Consecration of the Abbey. The covers sponsored and issued by the Festival Committee will be the official covers and hand-stamped. Price per cover 20p. Applications to be made to the Festival Office, Municipal Offices, Tewkesbury.

Souvenirs

The Tewkesbury Goblet designed and hand made by a Cotswold silversmith specially for the Festival, is 6½ inches high, and made in sterling silver, hallmarked in London and engraved with the Festival symbol. A limited issue of 850 is being made, and a certificate of authentication will be forwarded with the goblet showing the number of the goblet, the number also being engraved on the base of the goblet. Cost of the goblet, together with presentation case, is £35; sets of six in a specially made case, £200.

Spode Plate. The Spode Company are manufacturing a special plate to commemorate the Festival. The plate is approximately 10 inches in diameter and shows the Coats of Arms of the Borough of Tewkesbury, Lord FitzHamon, King Edward IV, Edward Prince of Wales, the See of Worcester and the See of Gloucester. Surrounding each Coat of Arms is the Lancastrian Red Rose and the Yorkist White Rose embodied in the bursting sun. Cost of the Spode Plate, inclusive of postage, etc., is £16, including presentation case and a certificate of authentication signed by His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O., High Steward of the Borough of Tewkesbury. A limited issue of 1,350 plates, each individually numbered.

Tewkesbury Town Sword, approximately 36 inches in length, the blade is etched with buildings of historic interest in Tewkesbury; the pommel is of 18 carat gold plate and has a rosewood handle. The shellguard carries the Coat of Arms of the Borough. The price of the Sword is £16.25, plus postage. The Sword mounted on a mahogany plaque ready for display is £20.50, plus postage in a non-purchase tax area, but is subject to purchase tax of 37½p in the United Kingdom if mounted on plaque.

Battle of Tewkesbury Sword, approximately 42 inches in length, with the pommel and crossguard 18 carat gold plated. The blade bears illustrations relating to historical figures in the War of the Roses. The sword is on a polished mahogany plaque bearing a description of the trophy. Together with the sword will be a numbered certificate/history sheet; edition limited to 250. The cost of the sword when shipped overseas to a non-tax area is £55, plus postage. Within the United Kingdom the price is £55.75 and £3.50 delivery charge.

Tewkesbury Town Poignard and Scabbard is 16 inches in overall length with pommel and crosspiece in 18 carat gold plate. The Coat of Arms of the Borough is on the front of the pommel. The grip is of simulated ivory. Etched upon the 11-inch blade is an illustration of a place of historic interest in Tewkesbury. The scabbard is hand-sewn leather with 18 carat gold mounts. The cost of poignard and scabbard is £16.50, plus postage; the cost of the poignard without the scabbard is £8.75, plus postage.

Applications for souvenirs to be sent to the Festival Director, Tewkesbury Festival 1971, Municipal Offices, Tewkesbury, Glos., GL20 5LP.

Tewkesbury Festival 1971

Patron

His Grace the Duke of Beaufort KG PC GCVO

4 May to 23 October 1971

In 1971 Tewkesbury commemorates two important events in the history of the town:

The 500th anniversary of

The Battle of Tewkesbury

4 May 1471

and the 850th anniversary of the

Consecration of the Abbey

23 October 1121

The Festival covers the period May to October 1971 with a programme of Music, Drama, Art, Sport and Son et Lumiere.

B.T.A. Award: Tewkesbury has been awarded a "Britain 70" Plaque by the British Tourist Authority for outstanding tourist enterprise; this is one of only three awards made by the B.T.A. in 1970.

Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, just off the M5 Motorway, is the ideal centre for seeing Medieval England and for touring Shakespeareland and the glorious Cotswold country. Stratford, Oxford, Bristol and Birmingham are all within a radius of 50 miles of Tewkesbury.

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