

Traditional MILTON KEYNES

Looking ahead...

Deanshanger Feast

Saturday 9th October 2010



Drum Workshop, 2009

'A rather boisterous affair...!'

Deanshanger's traditional village celebration marking the end of the agricultural year was held for many hundreds of years until the 1920s. Held annually on the nearest Sunday to October 11th, it became a rare holiday for E&H Roberts Iron Foundry workers, as the foundry operated 7 days a week. Infamous for being a rather 'boisterous' (i.e. drunken) affair towards its end, it ceased during the Great Depression when the Foundry closed.

Deanshanger Village Heritage Society resurrected The Feast in 2000 as a main event in the Village calendar – uniting the community and raising money for local charities.

(See www.mkheritage.co.uk/dvhs)



Old Mother Redcap dancers, 2009

Photos courtesy of Deanshanger Village Heritage Society