

## **The 1960 Hamptonians' Summer Fete From Warren Vokes (59-66)**

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Dear Bryan,

*What a surprise to see a photograph of the 1960 Hamptonians' Summer Fête programme in the OH Chronicle. I remember selling the programmes, with their tear-off lucky number for the prize draw, to family and neighbours. There was also a reward for the boy who sold the most!*

*Since retiring last year, a recent project of mine was to scan all my old photographs into my computer, to preserve them for my grandchildren, and I remembered seeing two taken at that Fête. I was one of the kings in the Living Chess game played on the field in 'A colourful contest between two Old Masters' (as the programme described it). My mother made the costume, the sceptre and the beard (although I have grown my own since 1967).*

*I'm afraid that I have no recollection of how 'the cast' of 32 were chosen, nor which two 'old masters' played the game. Neither do I remember the other members of royalty in the photograph - perhaps they will recognize themselves and let you know. The game was played by the two contestants on a conventional chessboard at a table, then the moves were called out to the 'living' pieces who replicated their moves on a huge chessboard, painted on the grass.*

*On a different subject: many thanks for listing in the Chronicle all 1,400 OH website members. I have made contact with some of my old school friends through the database. It is with great sadness that I never did meet up with Mike Butler before his death earlier this year.*

*I have many fond memories of our friendship, from playing guitar and singing together to our 'A' level Geography field study, when we spent two or three weeks under canvas in Cornwall, researching the village of St Mawgan-in-Pydar in 1965.*

Best wishes,

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(1959-1966)

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