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MEMORIES: Dorothy Wright with the dress in which she got married 62 years ago 0206-160-5

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Wedding memories add to village's festival spirit

CROWDS flocked to the Hawstead wedding dress and floral exhibition over the weekend. More than 25 dresses, owned by past and present residents of the village, were displayed at All Saints' Church from last Friday to Sunday. Among those on display was a 62-year-old dress belonging to Dorothy Wright, while another feature in the exhibition was a veil owned by Mrs Andrews, which has been worn by three generations of her family. Community council chairman Christine Gossett said: "It was excellent. It really seemed to capture the imagination and a lot of people came to the exhibition." The exhibition ran alongside a flower festival in the church and they both formed part of a village festival. Events so far have included a mini-beer festival and Golden Jubilee street party. Proceeds will be split between the village's All Saints' Church and the community council.

Hawstead's festival will culminate this weekend with Morris dancing today at the Metcalfe Arms, in Lawshall Road, while the Gentlemen of St John's College, Cambridge, will be at the church at 7.30pm tomorrow. Tickets from the church concert cost £10 and are available from Balaam's Music, in Risbygate Street, Bury, from the box office at Pye House, Lawshall Road, Woolpit, or by ringing Christine Gossett on 01284 386764.



LOOKING BACK: Dorothy Chaplin looks at one of the dresses on display in All Saints' Church, Hawstead 0206-160-31