

'The best thing I have done in my career'

...Wayne Hemingway



CREATIVE MAN: Wayne Hemingway's Disco in the Spiegeltent, Miller Park. Below: Avenham Park's Guild Big Top

Designer is full of praise for the Preston Guild Vintage Weekend

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DESIGNER Wayne Hemingway has hailed the Preston Guild Vintage Weekend as a highlight of his career.

Wayne and wife Gerardine curated the hugely successful arts, music, food and fashion extravaganza, which saw around 75,000 people a day pack out Avenham and Miller Parks last weekend.

The annual event is usually held in the south-east but Morecambe-born Wayne said he had been thrilled to bring Vintage north for the Guild.

The Red or Dead creator said: "I've enjoyed it more. There have been moments in this that were the best things I have done in my career.

"I was nervous – there is more money in the south but I think this (weekend) had probably been more uplifting.

"As a northerner, I know we have got less inhibitions. We like a dance and like a good time. People just got straight up on the dancefloor. There have been no wallflowers. We had 800 people on the dancefloor at the ball doing the Lambeth Walk which was just phenomenal."

Wayne said the Spirit of '42 Ball, imagining what the Guild of 1942 may have been like if not cancelled by the war, had been a highlight, along with other musical events including the Northern Soul 1972 party. He also DJ-ed with son Jack at the Disco Guild '92 session.



FAMILY MAN: Wayne with his wife Gerardine and son Jack

Wayne praised everyone who had worked on it and hoped Prestonians would not have to wait for another Guild for more similar events.

He said: "It had something for everybody. People kept coming up to me and saying it was one of the most memorable weekends they have had. Young people will be inspired by this."



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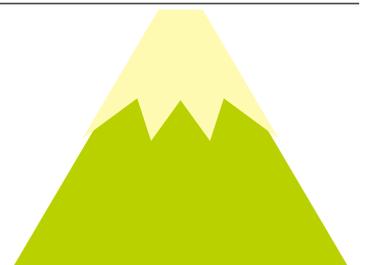
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DANCING: A couple get into the groove at the 1952 Rocking Guild in the Spiegel Tent

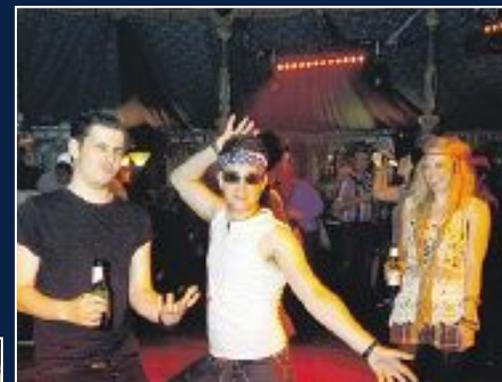


LET'S DANCE: Debbie Shannon and Grace Hurst



HAVING FUN: Dancing in the Spiegel Tent

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STYLISH: Above: People having fun at the disco



GROOVE ON: People enjoy the disco in the Spiegel Tent



GREAT TIME: Twins Stella Kyarsgaard from Utah and Marie Townsend from Penwortham



STYLISH: A couple have a laugh while dancing at the 1952 Rocking Guild event



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