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MORE than 100 years of history came to a glittering climax as the Dinton Bonfire Boys lit their final fuses on Saturday.

The event, held at Philipps House, was attended by more than 2,500 people, many of whom had been coming to the annual fundraising fireworks display for decades.

The display was raising money for Help for Heroes and in tribute the charity's logo was emblazoned in fireworks across the sky.

There was also a flying witch, a tank battle and a number of static displays in addition to the traditional bangers and rockets that lit up the park.

True to their name the Bonfire Boys built a huge inferno – not letting the fact that many of them are now in their 80s stand in their way.

But the tradition, which dates back to 1890 as a way of bringing the community together and to raise money for local charities, has now come to an end.

The hard work involved with putting on the show and the age of committee members has led them to decide to pack up their matches.

“This was a great way to go out – everything went smoothly,” said organiser Michael Glover.

“It is sad but it has been an awful lot of hard work.

“The weather was beautiful, the crowd was great and we were able to give people a fantastic show to remember us by.”

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