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# Wolvercote and Wytham Midsummer Festival 2014



## Programme

Friday 20th - Sunday 29th June

[www.wolvercote.org](http://www.wolvercote.org)

## Our 12th Festival 'Food and Farming'

### Welcome

Welcome once again to the Wolvercote and Wytham Midsummer Festival celebrating life in our communities. This is our 12th year and our chosen theme is 'Food and Farming'.

The festival provides a wide range of events so we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy. Most events are free but once our costs are covered, any surplus funds from tickets and donation boxes will go back to local groups who need our support. If you have enjoyed one of the free events, please give what you can and we will make sure it goes to one or more of our local good causes.

The festival could not exist without a huge number of dedicated volunteers and I would like to thank them all for the great work they do to bring the festival together for the communities of Wolvercote and Wytham to enjoy.

Full details are also on our website [www.wolvercote.org](http://www.wolvercote.org) with links to entry forms as well as any last minute changes to the programme.

Nick Malden, Festival Chair

## Community Bus

The community bus will be available free of charge for events where indicated in the programme. Pick up points start at Five Mile Drive, (3/4 hour before the event) then Kendall Crescent, Squitchey Lane, Mere Road, Wolvercote Village Hall and the Chip Shop, Godstow Road. Pick up points in Wytham are from the event back to Wolvercote. *Booking essential.*

For the WHS visit to FAI on Friday 20th June, please call Bill Clarke on 510109. For all other trips, please call Christopher Gowers on 512047 or email [cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk)

*Donations welcome.*

## Fun and Games

**Fun On The Green** *Saturday 21st June on Goose Green from 1-5.00pm*

Lots of fun including Archery, Skittles, Face Painting, Maypole Dancing, Fire Eating, Dog Agility demonstration, Dog Show, Tug of War and more stalls than ever. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall all afternoon.

*See page 8 for a full timetable.*

**Festival Quiz Night** *Sunday 22nd June in the Plough Inn at 7.30pm*

A great evening of hilarity so if you would like to enter a team please contact John Winterbottom on 556120 or just come along on the night.

*Donations welcome.*

**The Ashes Cricket Match** *Wednesday 25th June from 6.00pm at Wytham*

*Village cricket pitch (next to the village hall).* Wolvercote and Wytham go bat to bat in this eagerly contested match. This year the trophy has been proudly displayed in the Post Box. Wytham want it back! Bring a picnic and support your team. Community bus is available – please contact Christopher Gowers on 01865 512047 or email [cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.

## St Peter's Church

**Festival Service** *Sunday 22nd June at 10.00am.* The annual festival service led by Rev Mark Butchers around the festival theme of Food and Farming in our communities.

**Family Concert** *Sunday 22nd June in St Peter's Church at 2.15pm* A variety of music for all the family followed by teas at the Village Hall as part of the WHS summer show.

**St Peter's Patronal Fête** *Saturday 28th June from 2.00pm in the Vicarage gardens.* Music, stalls and lots of fun including the Great Vicarage Bake, Teddy Bears zip wire drop from the tower (so bring your teddy – no bigger than 30cm in size please), and Photography exhibition. Sumptuous "Great Vicarage Bake" teas available in the Church Rooms. See [www.wolvercote.org](http://www.wolvercote.org) for the Vicarage Bake entry form and Photography Exhibition entry details.

## Walks and Talks

**WHS Visit to FAI Farm** *Friday 20th June. Meet at farm 1.30pm.* Afternoon trip to the farm including a walking tour to the Farmability garden and a trailer tour down to Somerfield Mead where Dr Alison McDonald will talk about her 20 year grazing experiment. Community bus available. Places are limited so to book a place on the tour and on the community bus please contact Bill Clarke on 510109.

*Donations welcome for the Farm Inspiration Trust*

**Guided Walk on Foraging in Wytham Woods** *Monday 23rd June at 5.00pm.* Manse Ahmad of Wilderness Pioneers will be leading a 2-2 ½ hour walk around the woods looking at plants that can be gathered for food in the woods and hedgerows around us. Please note that these woods are used for research so only Manse has permission to pick any plants. Please bring a bottle of water and wear appropriate clothes and stout shoes or boots for this walk. Age 10+. *Places are limited so booking is essential.* For a place please contact Jo Malden on 556422 and let her know if you require a place on the community bus. *Donations towards All Saints Church roof fund welcome.*

**History Talk** *Monday 23rd June at 7.30pm in St Peter's Old School Room.* Ann Spokes Symonds of the Wolvercote Local History Society will be looking at the history of Food and Farming in Wolvercote and Wytham with a photographic display. Bring your memories. *Refreshments. Donations welcome.*

**Wytham History Walk** *Wednesday 25th June. Meet in the White Hart, Wytham car park at 10.00am.* Tony Probitts will lead a tour looking at the history of farming in Wytham, including an exhibition of past farming methods in Home Farm. Complimentary coffee afterwards in the White Hart. Community bus available, please contact Christopher Gowers on 01865 512047 or email [cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk) to book. *Donations towards All Saints church roof fund welcome.*

**A Literary Feast** *Thursday 26th June in Wolvercote Primary School Hall at 7.30pm.* Colin Tudge, author of many books including *Feeding People is Easy* considers food and farming, past present and future, illustrating his talk with literary readings through the ages. *Refreshments.*

## Food and Drink

**Festival Lunch** *Monday 23rd June at 12.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall £3.50.* The Monday Lunch Club invites you to a Festival Buffet Lunch. Transport will be provided if required. Booking essential, no later than Thursday 19th June please. Contact Lorna Logan on 556486 – please let her know if you need transport.

**Cookery Workshop** *Tuesday 24th June in the White Hart Community Pub with Sophie Grigson's Cookery School.* There will be two sessions: Children's session (6-12yrs - must be accompanied by an adult) from 4-5.00pm and a teenager and adult session from 6-8.00pm.

Arm yourself with an apron and get down and dusty with this pasta making session, hopefully incorporating some locally grown produce and foraged leaves from Monday's Forage walk! Places limited so booking essential – contact Sue Allen on 552829

**Sausage Sizzler Supper** *Thursday 26th June at the Young Peoples' Club at 6.00pm.* Come and meet the members and see what is going on at your local youth club or drop in for a bite and a chat on your way to the literary event at the school.

**Festival BBQ** *Saturday 28th June at the White Hart Community Pub from 6.00pm.* Come and relax with the festival team in our new community pub and enjoy a BBQ at a reasonable price using local produce. It would be helpful to know numbers so please contact the pub on 511978 if you are coming.

**Festival Farmers' Market** *Sunday 29th June from 10.00am at Wolvercote Primary School.* A special Farmers Market celebrating all the best of local food with the Secret Pizza Society and live music from local musicians.





## Children's Activities

**Fun on the FAI Farm for children.** *Saturday 21st June from 10am-12 noon.* Trailer tour of the farm to visit the sheep and cattle in the fields and walking tour of the pigs and the chickens. Return walk including a look at wildlife and hedgerows with Tony Probitts. Refreshments provided, but if weather is hot, sunscreen, sunhats and a bottle of water is recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book a place please contact Jo Malden 556422. Community bus available please let Jo know if you need a place.

**Fun on the Green** *Saturday 21st June on Goose Green from 1.00pm* Lots of fun for children including Archery, Skittles, Face Painting, Maypole Dancing, Dog Show, Tug of War and stalls. See page 8 for full details.

**Cookery Workshop** *Tuesday 24th June at the White Hart Community Pub from 4-5.00pm.* A fun pasta making session with Sophie Grigson's Cookery School. Children (6-12 yrs.) must be accompanied by an adult. Places limited so booking essential – contact Sue Allen 552829.

**Children's Parade Workshop** *Saturday 28th June from 10am to 12 noon in the Baptist Church and Hall.* Frenetic fun preparing for the parade. Refreshments. Donations welcome.

**The Festival Parade** *Saturday 28th June starting from Lower Wolvercote Green around 1.15pm.* After the Morris dancing the children's parade will be led by the Morris Sides up the Godstow Road, through Wolvercote Green field to make a wish in the haystack and then on to the Vicarage garden with a final parade and Morris dance to open St Peter's Church Fête.

**St Peter's Patronal Fête** *Saturday 28th June from 2-4.00pm* in the Vicarage gardens. Music, stalls and lots of fun including the Great Vicarage Bake, Teddy Bears zip wire drop from the tower (so bring your teddy – no bigger than 30cm in size), and Photography exhibition. Sumptuous "Bake-off" teas available in the Church Rooms.

See [www.wolvercote.org](http://www.wolvercote.org) for the Vicarage Bake entry form and Photography Exhibition entry details.

## Exhibitions and Shows

**WHS Summer Rose and Sweet Pea Show** *Sunday 22nd June from 2-4.00pm in the Wolvercote Village Hall.* Please bring entries to the hall between 9 and 10am. Open from 2pm with trophy presentations from 3.30pm.

The Wolvercote Horticultural Society invites entries from members, non members and children. For further details and application forms visit the website [www.wolvercote.org](http://www.wolvercote.org) or contact Bill Clarke on 510109.

*Teas/light snacks and refreshments from 2.00pm*

**Art And Craft Exhibition** *Saturday 28th June, 12-5.00pm and Sunday 29th June 12-7.00pm in All Saint's Church Wytham.* Come and visit a combined exhibition of work by local artists and crafts people.

There will be a special reception on Sunday between 5 and 7pm with drinks, nibbles and live music for the end of the show. Donations towards the church roof fund welcome. Community bus available for this event. Contact Christopher Gowers on 01865 512047 or email [cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk) to book.

**Photography Exhibition** *Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June from 2-4.00pm in St Peter's Church.* A display of past and present photographs around the themes of Food and Farming as well as Wolvercote and Open categories. To contribute a photograph you can download an entry form from the website or contact Mark Pyper on 07748 988622.

## Performance

**Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream** *performed by Wolvercote Primary School Wednesday 25th June at 6.30pm in Wytham Wood.* Refreshments from 5.30pm at the Sawmill. Please bring a rug or cushion to sit on. In the event of heavy rain the performance will be postponed by one week. Tickets £3 available from The Post Box, First Turn Stores and the school. Follow on [twitter@WolvercoteYear6](https://twitter.com/WolvercoteYear6).

**Theatre Night** *Friday 27th June at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Wolvercote Village Hall.* St Peter's Players present an intriguing one-act drama set in a Parisian wine bar. *The Interview* by Octave Mirbeau is nearly 100 years old, but its depiction of the tricks and dodges of the press is very much of our times. Refreshments available. Donations welcome.

## Fun on the Green

### Saturday 21st June on Goose Green 1 - 5.00pm

It all started here at the millennium picnic and has expanded into an afternoon of fun and games and much more. As well as a showcase for all the local groups and societies we have lots of activities and entertainment for children and families including Face Painting, Archery, Skittles, Maypole Dancing, Fire Eating and the Tug of War. Not forgetting the now famous 'Scruffs' Dog Show and a new dog agility demonstration giving our furry friends a chance to show off as well. Horns of Plenty will be starting off the afternoon with their brassy tunes so come and join the fun! Teas and snacks will be served in the Village Hall from 1pm to 4.30pm.

#### On The Green

|      | SHOW RING                 | ON THE GREEN     | ALL AFTERNOON         |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.15 | Horns of Plenty           |                  | Face Painting         |
| 1.45 | Dog Agility Demonstration |                  | Stalls                |
| 2.15 | Maypole Dancing           | Children's Races | Archery               |
| 2.45 | 'Scruff's' Dog Show       |                  | Skittles              |
| 3.45 | Lara the Fire Eater       |                  | Local Groups          |
| 4.15 |                           | Tug of War       | Children's Activities |

#### At The Village Hall

- 1.00 Refreshments
- 2.00 Bell Ringers
- 3.00 Sing Along with St Peter's Players
- 4.15 Raffles winners displayed
- 4.30 Storytelling in the Octagonal gazebo

#### Raffle

We have some generous prizes donated by local pubs, restaurants and businesses so make sure you get your tickets – available on the day from outside the Village Hall and on Fun on the Green. Winners will be displayed at the raffle stall outside the Village Hall at 4.15pm

## Music and Dance

**Barn Dance** Friday 20th June in Wolvercote Village Hall at 7.30pm  
Fetch out your dungarees and straw hat and fancy foot it till you drop! Licensed bar. Tickets £6/£4 (concessions) from The Post Box or call Robin on 552811

**Music Night** Saturday 21st June in Wolvercote Village Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm.  
A rich and varied evening of local talent – always popular so book early  
Licensed bar.  
Tickets £8/£6 (concessions) from The Post Box or call Robin on 552811

**Classical Concert** Sunday 22nd June in the Baptist Church at 12 noon.  
A relaxing hour of classical music played by local musicians and friends.  
Donations welcome.

**Family Concert** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in St Peter's Church at 2.15pm  
A variety of music for all the family followed by teas at the Village Hall as part of the WHS summer show.

**Wytham Church Concert** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in All Saints Church.  
The Wolvercote Strollers and Far From Home provide songs for a summer's evening. Drinks and nibbles from 7pm until the music begins, and during the break. Donations welcome for the church roof fund.  
Community bus available. Please contact Christopher Gowers on 01865 512047 or email [cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.

**Morris Dancing** Saturday 28th June at 12.30pm on Lower Wolvercote Green.  
Wolvercote and Charlbury Morris dance before the sides lead the Children's Parade (1.15pm) up to the St Peter's Fête via Wolvercote Green finishing with a dance in the Vicarage gardens to start the Fête.



## Summary of events

Events in **bold** should be booked in advance to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available from the Post Box, Lower Wolvercote.

| Date          | Time          | Venue | Event  | Page |
|---------------|---------------|-------|--|------|
| <b>Fri 20</b> | 1.30-5pm      | FAI   | <b>WHS visit to FAI Farm</b>                                   | 10   |
|               | 7.30pm        | WoVH  | <b>Barn Dance</b> Tickets £6/£4                                | 5    |
| <b>Sat 21</b> | 10-12.00pm    | FAI   | <b>Children's visit to FIA farm</b>                            | 4    |
|               | 1 - 4.30pm    | WoVH  | Teas and Snacks on sale  | 8    |
|               | 1 - 5.00pm    | GG    | Fun on the green   | 8    |
|               | 4.15pm        | WoVH  | Raffle Winners Displayed                                       | 8    |
|               | 7.30pm        | WoVH  | <b>Music Night</b> Tickets £8/£6                               | 5    |
| <b>Sun 22</b> | 9 - 10.00am   | WoVH  | Submit exhibits for the WHS Show                               | 9    |
|               | 10.00am       | SPCh  | Festival Service   | 11   |
|               | 12 - 1.00pm   | BC    | Classical Concert  | 5    |
|               | 2 - 4.00pm    | WoVH  | Horticultural Show / Teas                                      | 9    |
|               | 2.15 - 3.00pm | SPCh  | Family Concert   | 5    |
|               | 7.30pm        | PL    | Festival Quiz  | 11   |
| <b>Mon 23</b> | 12.30pm       | BCH   | <b>Festival Monday Lunch Club</b> £3.50                        | 3    |
|               | 5.00pm        | WW    | <b>Foraging in Wytham Woods</b>                                | 10   |
|               | 7.30pm        | SPR   | Historical Talk on local Food and Farming                      | 5    |
| <b>Tue 24</b> | 4-5.00pm      | WHWo  | <b>Children's Cookery with Sophie Grigson's Cookery School</b> | 3    |
|               | 6-8.00pm      | WhWo  | <b>Cookery workshop with Sophie Grigson's Cookery School</b>   | 3    |
|               | 7.30pm        | ASCh  | Wytham Church Concert  | 5    |
| <b>Wed 25</b> | 10.00am       | WHWy  | Historical walk - Wytham Farming                               | 10   |
|               | 5.30pm        | WW    | <b>Midsummer Nights Dream</b> £3.00                            | 9    |
|               | 6.00pm        | WyVH  | Cricket Match – 'The Ashes'                                    | 11   |

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| <b>Thu 26</b> | 6.00pm          | WYPC  | Sausage Sizzler Supper                                     | 3    |
|               | 7.30pm          | WPS   | Colin Tudge 'A Literary Feast'                             | 10   |
| <b>Fri 27</b> | 7.30 for 8.00pm | WoVH  | St Peter's Players present a one act drama "The Interview" | 9    |
| <b>Sat 28</b> | 10-12.00pm      | BCH   | Children's Parade Workshop                                 | 4    |
|               | 12-5.00pm       | ASCh  | Art and Craft Exhibition                                   | 9    |
|               | 12.15pm         | LWG   | Morris Dancing   | 5    |
|               | 1.00pm          | LWG   | Gather for the parade                                      | 4    |
|               | 1.15pm          | LWG   | Parade from the Lower Wolvercote Green                     | 4    |
|               | 2 - 4.00pm      | SPV   | St Peter's Patronal Fête                                   | 11   |
|               | 2 - 4.00pm      | SPCh  | Photography Exhibition                                     | 9    |
|               | 6.00pm          | WHWo  | End of Festival BBQ  | 3    |
| <b>Sun 29</b> | 10.00am         | WPS   | Festival Farmers Market                                    | 4    |
|               | 12-5.00pm       | ASCh  | Art and Craft Exhibition                                   | 9    |
|               | 2-4.00pm        | SPCh  | Photography Exhibition                                     | 9    |
|               | 5-7.00pm        | AsCh  | End of Art & Craft Exhibition drinks, nibbles and music    | 11   |

### Key to Venues

ASCh - All Saints Church, Wytham  
 BCH - Baptist Church Hall  
 BC - Baptist Church  
 GG - Goose Green  
 LWG - Lower Wolvercote Green  
 PL - Plough Inn  
 RL - Red Lion  
 SPCh - St Peter's Church  
 SPR - St Peter's Rooms

SPV - St Peter's Vicarage (Gardens)  
 WHWo - White Hart, Wolvercote  
 WHWy - White Hart, Wytham  
 WCO - Wolvercote Community Orchard  
 WoVH - Wolvercote Village Hall  
 WPS - Wolvercote Primary School  
 WW - Wytham Woods Car Park  
 WyVH - Wytham Village Hall  
 WYPC - Wolvercote Young People's Club

