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Wolvercote and Wytham Midsummer Festival 2015



Programme

Friday 19th - Sunday 28th June

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Our 13th Festival 'Transport and Travel'

Welcome

Welcome once again to the Wolvercote and Wytham Midsummer Festival celebrating life in our communities. This is our 13th year and our chosen theme is 'Transport and Travel'.

Wolvercote and Wytham have many transport links with the familiar road, rail and canals crossing our parish. The meadow has been used as an aerodrome and we see balloons and planes travelling above us in the skies. How many different modes of transport can you name? There are hundreds!

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 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 (donations welcome) for events where indicated in the programme. 🚌 Pick up points start at Five Mile Drive, then Kendall Crescent, Squitchey Lane, Mere Road, Wolvercote Village Hall, the Chip Shop, Godstow Road. Pick up points in Wytham are from the event back to Wolvercote. **Booking is essential.** For timings and to book a place please phone 07483 442487 or email cwwBookingAgent@yahoo.co.uk

If you need the bus at any other time during the festival please contact as above.

Fun and Games

Fun On The Green Saturday 20th June on Goose Green from 1-5.00pm

Start the event off by bringing a picnic to the green and listen to the Kennington (Oxford) Brass Band. Lots of fun for children including Archery, Skittles, Face Painting, Maypole Dancing, Dog Show, Races, Tug of War and stalls. See page 8 for full details.

Festival Quiz Night Sunday 21st 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.

St Peter's Church

Festival Service Sunday 21st June at 10.00am. The annual festival service is led by Revd. Viv Bridges with preacher Revd. Dr Richard Buxton, long term volunteer on the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways. No communion.

Family Concert Sunday 21st June in St Peter's Church at 2.15pm

A variety of music for all the family followed by teas at the Village Hall provided by the WHS summer show team.

St Peter's Patronal Fête Saturday 27th June from 2.00pm in the church.

After the children's parade arrives the fête is officially opened. Music, stalls and lots of fun including by popular demand the return of the Teddy Bears zip wire drop from the tower (so bring your teddy – no bigger than 30cm in size please), and Photography exhibition. Sumptuous teas available in the Church Rooms. See www.wolvercote.org for the Photography Exhibition entry details.



Walks and Talks

History and Heritage of Godstow Abbey (Nunnery) Thursday 18th June 7.15 for 7.30pm at Wolvercote Village Hall. A pre-festival talk and workshop discussing past and current research. Hosted by Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum it includes speakers from the School of Geography and the Environment at Oxford University and the Ashmolean Museum who have jointly won an award to better conserve Godstow Abbey for the community. *Refreshments.*

WHS Trip to Royal Savill Gardens Friday 19th June leaving at 9.30am. Horticultural Society Coach trip to the Royal Savill Gardens followed by a return river trip from Runnymede (800 year anniversary of the Magna Carta). £49.95 includes lunch and tea. *To book please ring Ann Munro on 558090*

Canal History Walk Saturday 20th June 12 noon meet at Wolvercote Village Hall. Join local historian and author Mark J. Davies, who composed the narrative for the Lottery-funded Oxford Canal Heritage Trail, on a one hour circular walk to the strategically and economically important junction with the Thames at Duke's Cut. Max. 20 people - call Jo Malden to book 556422. *Not recommended for under 14s. Refreshments are available afterwards at the Village Hall.*

Thames Circular Walk Wednesday 24th June 10.00am meet in the meadow car park. Join Bill Clarke who will provide interesting snippets of local history on travel between our villages, including the Godstow Nunnery, the Thames, and the WW1 airfield site. Bill will be joined by Alison MacDonald and Steve Goddard who will both bring some wildlife aspects to the walk.

History Talk Thursday 25th 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 Transport and Travel in Wolvercote and Wytham with a photographic display. Bring your memories. *Refreshments. Donations welcome.*



Food and Drink

Festival Buffet Lunch Monday 22nd June at 12.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall £3.50. The Monday Lunch club invites you to a Festival Summer Buffet Lunch in the smart and newly refurbished hall. Transport will be provided if required. Places limited so booking essential, no later than Thursday 18th June. To book: Contact Lorna Logan on 556486 - please let her know if you need transport. 🚐

Sausage Sizzler Supper Thursday 25th 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 History talk at St Peter's Church parish rooms starting at 7.30. Info: www.wolvercoteypc.org.uk

Festival BBQ Saturday 27th June at the White Hart Community Pub from 6.00pm. Come and relax with the festival team in our 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.

Performance

Poetry Evening Monday 22nd June 7.30pm in the Wolvercote School hall. Sit back with a glass of wine and enjoy original verse from our local poets on the festival theme along with musical interludes from local musicians. Send your poem(s) by 8th June to Ros Bleach: bleachfamily@hotmail.com. *Refreshments available. Donations welcome.*

Shakespeare's Macbeth performed by Wolvercote Primary School 🚐 Wednesday 24th 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. PG - Not suitable for very small children.

Film and Theatre Night Friday 26th June at 7.00pm and 8.00pm in Wolvercote Village Hall. Some fun short films followed by St Peter's Players who present 'The Crimson Cocoanut' by Ian Hay. The Crimson Cocoanut is an absurdity. In a "cocoa" nut shell, it centres on the thwarting of an anarchist plot in a Soho restaurant! *Refreshments available. Donations welcome.*

Children's Activities

Fun on the Green *Saturday 20th June on Goose Green from 1.00pm*

Start the event off by bringing a picnic to the green and listen to the Kennington (Oxford) Brass Band. Lots of fun for children including Archery, Skittles, Face Painting, Maypole Dancing, Dog Show, Races, Tug of War and stalls. *See page 8 for full details.*

Children's Parade Workshop *Saturday 27th June from 10am to 12 noon in the Baptist Church and Hall.* Frenetic fun preparing for the parade. Make costumes, banners and some travel machines!
Refreshments. Donations welcome.

The Festival Parade *Saturday 27th June starting from Lower Wolvercote Green around 1.30pm.* After the Morris dancing the children's parade will be led by the Morris Sides up the Godstow Road, through Wolvercote Green and then on to St Peter's Church with a final parade and Morris dance before the opening of the St Peter's Church Fête.

St Peter's Patronal Fête *Saturday 27th June from 2.00pm in the church.* After the children's parade arrives the fête is officially opened. Music, stalls and lots of fun including the Teddy Bears zip wire drop from the tower (so bring your teddy – no bigger than 30cm in size please), and Photography exhibition. Sumptuous teas available in the Church Rooms. *See www.wolvercote.org for the Photography Exhibition entry details.*



Exhibitions and Shows

WHS Summer Rose and Sweet Pea Show

Sunday 21st 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. Entry forms and fees must be submitted in advance and are available from www.wolvercote.org or contact Bill Clarke on 510109.
Teas/light snacks and refreshments from 2.00pm

Art And Craft Exhibition *Saturday 27th June, 12-5.00pm and Sunday 28th June 12-7.00pm in All Saint's Church Wytham.* Come and visit a combined exhibition of work by local artists and craftspeople. Find out about the Fred Pargeter award and add your vote, or simply enjoy the displays in this lovely old church.

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 (details on page 2). 🚌

Photography Exhibition *Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June from 2-4.00pm in St Peter's Church.* A display of past and present photographs around the themes of Transport and Travel as well as Dinky Toys and Open categories. To contribute a photograph you can download an entry form from the website or contact Mark Pyper on 07748 988622.



Fun on the Green

Saturday 20th June on Goose Green 1 - 5.00pm

Start the afternoon off by bringing a picnic to the green at 1pm and listen to the polished Kennington (Oxford) Brass band. *Picnic snacks also available from the Village Hall.* 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 more stalls to browse than ever before. 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
1.00	Kennington (Oxford) Band	Picnic	Face Painting
1.30		Bell Ringers	Stalls
1.45	Maypole Dancing	Children's Races	Archery
2.30	Lara the Fire Eater		Skittles
3.15	'Scruff's' Dog Show		Local Groups
4.15		Tug of War	Children's Activities

At The Village Hall

- 1.00 Refreshments and light snacks available all afternoon.
- 2.00 Kennington (Oxford) Brass Band
- 3.00 Sing Along with St Peter's Players
- 4.15 Raffles winners displayed (along with the names of the raffle donors)
- 4.30 Storytelling in the Octagonal gazebo

Stalls are also found in and around the Village Hall

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 around 4.15pm

Music and Dance

Barn Dance Friday 19th June in Wolvercote Village Hall at 7.30pm

Ceilidh Band Pandemonium invite you to fetch out your dungarees and straw hat and fancy foot it till you drop! Licensed bar. Tickets £8/£6 (concessions) from The Post Box or call Robin on 552811

Music Night Saturday 20th June in Wolvercote Village Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm.

A rich and varied evening including the Oxford Beatles, Traction and Balloon Ascent along with local favourites Moonrakers and The Strollers. Always popular so book early. Licensed bar.

Tickets £10/£8 (concessions) from The Post Box or call Robin on 552811

Classical Concert Sunday 21st 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 21st 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 Summer Concert Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm in All Saints Church.

St Peter's Pop-up Choir, a soprano duet from Shona Shaw and Joanna Campion Watt and Far From Home provide a rich mix of 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 (details on page 2). 

Morris Dancing Saturday 27th June at 12.30pm on Lower Wolvercote Green.


Wolvercote and Charlbury Morris dance before the sides lead the Children's Parade (1.30pm) up to the St Peter's Fête via Wolvercote Green finishing with a dance near the church 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
Thu 18	7.15 for 7.30pm	WoVH	History and Heritage of Godstow Abbey (Nunnery)	10
Fri 19	Leaving at 9.30am		WHS trip to Royal Savill Gardens and river trip £49.95	10
	7.30pm	WoVH	Barn Dance Tickets £8/£6	5
Sat 20	12-1.00pm	WoVH	Canal History Walk	10
	12.30 - 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	Music Night Tickets £10/£8	5
Sun 21	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 - 3.15pm	SPCh	Family Concert	11
	7.30pm	PL	Festival Quiz 	11
Mon 22	12.30pm	BCH	Festival Monday Lunch Club £3.50	3
	7.30pm	WPS	Poetry Evening 	3
Tue 23	7.30pm	ASCh	Wytham Church Concert 	5
Wed 24	10.00am	MCP	Walk to the Perch for coffee	10
	5.30pm	WW	Macbeth in Wytham Woods Tickets £3.00 (also available from First Turn Stores and in school) 	3

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Sat 27	10 - 12.00pm	BCH	Children's Parade Workshop	4
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	2 - 4.30pm	SPCh	St Peter's Patronal Fête	11
	2 - 4.30pm	SPCh	Photography Exhibition	9
	6.00pm	WHWo	End of Festival BBQ	3
Sun 28	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	9

Key to Venues

ASCh - All Saints Church, Wytham
 BCH - Baptist Church Hall
 BC - Baptist Church
 GG - Goose Green
 LWG - Lower Wolvercote Green
 MCP - Meadow Car Park
 PL - Plough Inn

SPCh - St Peter's Church
 SPPR - St Peter's Parish Room
 WHWo - White Hart, Wolvercote
 WoVH - Wolvercote Village Hall
 WPS - Wolvercote Primary School
 WW - Wytham Woods Car Park
 WYPC - Wolvercote Young People's Club

