



## FESTIVAL EVENTS JUNE 2019

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BBQ AT THE WHITE HART COMMUNITY PUB
- SUN 30TH** WOLVERCOTE OPEN BOATS DAY  
ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AT WYTHAM  
WITH EVENING DRINKS RECEPTION



**WOLVERCOTE**



**AND WYTHAM**

# MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL



## 2019 PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY 21ST - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE**

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



## COMMON GROUND

### WELCOME

Welcome to the 17th Wolvercote and Wytham Midsummer Festival celebrating life in our communities. Our theme this year is 'Common Ground'.

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.

*John Winterbottom, Festival Chair*

*Front cover embroidery of Wolvercote Common and Port Meadow reproduced with kind permission of Dr Alison McDonald*



*Layla Moran MP presents rosettes to the 2018 'Scruffs' Dog Show winners*

## THANK YOU

The Festival committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time, talent and expertise to the festival including:

All volunteers in the Wolvercote and Wytham community  
All Saints Church, Wytham  
Ann Spokes Symonds  
Lara Fairylove  
David Humphrey  
Dr Keith Kirby  
Local musicians, poets and choirs  
Monday Lunch Club  
Oxford University Archers  
Phil Dove  
Raffle Prize Sponsors (listed on the stall)  
Ran and Kelly Michaeli  
St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church Bell Ringers  
St Peter's Players  
The Baptist Church  
The Plough Inn  
The Post Box  
Dr Sarah Watkinson  
The White Hart, Wolvercote  
The White Hart, Wytham  
Wolvercote Village Hall  
Wolvercote and Wytham Artists and Craftspeople  
Wolvercote Canal Community  
Wolvercote Commoners Committee  
Wolvercote Horticultural Society  
Wolvercote Local History Society  
Wolvercote Morris  
Wolvercote Primary School  
Wolvercote Young People's Club  
Wytham Village Hall



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## SATURDAY 29TH JUNE - EVENING

### **FESTIVAL BBQ** *The White Hart Wolvercote from 6.00pm.*

Come and relax with the festival team and enjoy a reasonably priced BBQ at your local community pub.

## SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

### **WOLVERCOTE OPEN BOATS DAY** *Wolvercote Canal from 11.00am to 1.00pm.*

Ever wondered what it's like to live on a narrowboat? Come aboard and find out! The Wolvercote boaters are opening their doors - come and meet your neighbours and see inside their homes, Plus: Tea and cake, family activities, drawing and more. Access at Wolvercote lock (steps from Godstow Road Bridge) or level access via Joe White's Lane (next to Goose Green) .

### **ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION** *All Saints Church Wytham 12.00 -7.00pm.*

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 5.00 and 7.00pm with drinks, nibbles and live music for the end of the show. *Donations welcome.*

Bus available for the drinks reception (see page 6).



## **WOLVERCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 6TH JULY**

Come along to join in all the fun of the fair at sponsored by Chancellors at the school 11 - 3pm. There'll be delicious food, including Japanese delights from local business "I'm Japanese", refreshments, many games including old favourites such as splat the rat and performances from the Wolvercote Community Choir and School of Rock. There'll also be a brilliant book stall, toy stall and tombola. The PTA will also be running a silent auction and a fabulous raffle. All money raised will go to support the school fund key activities and resources.

This is the key fundraising event for Wolvercote Primary School and we welcome everyone from the local community.

## FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

**WHS TRIP TO COGGES FARM MUSEUM & RIVER TRIP** To celebrate the 2019 Festival theme of "Common Ground" WHS is doing a day trip firstly to Cogges Farm (Witney) and then by private boat down the Thames from Godstow to the centre of Oxford, taking in views of Port Meadow en route. There is a limit of 44 places for this trip. Non members welcome. *For more details see the WHS page on wolvercote.org or to book please ring Ann Munro on 01865 558090.*

### **FAMILY FILM NIGHT** *Wolvercote Village Hall 6.30-8.00pm.*

Wolvercote Film Club's Ran Michaeli presents the hilarious Laurel & Hardy: A Chump at Oxford. Please bring a cushion or blankets to sit on. *Refreshments available. Donations welcome.*

## SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

### **FUN ON THE GREEN** *Wolvercote Village Hall and Goose Green from 12.30pm.*

As well as a showcase for all the local groups and societies we have lots of activities and entertainment for families including archery, bouncy castle, hot food, pony rides, music stage, circus skills, tombola, face painting, ice creams, fire display and tug of war. Not forgetting the famous 'Scruffs' Dog Show and plenty of stalls to browse. New this year we have Hiddn Kitchn providing some delicious foodie treats.

Wytham Woods writer in residence **Sarah Watkinson** will officially open the show at 2.00pm

*See over the page for the full timetable.*



*The boys finally win the 2018 Tug o' War after three years of girls' victories*



## FUN ON THE GREEN TIMETABLE

Timed Events, otherwise the activities are on all afternoon

Time	Village Hall	Showground	Show Ring	Music Stage
12.30	Teas and Snacks	Stalls open		Ben Avison
13.00		Bell ringers		
13.20	Reading tent	Face Painting		Mad Marston Hares
13.40		Pony Rides	St Peter's Players	
14.00		Beer Tent		Taiko Drumming
14.20		Official	Opening	
14.30		Hiddn Kitchn	Dog Show	
15.00	The Players' Singalong	Archery		Beware this Boy (after dog show)
16.00		Bouncy Castle	Lara's Fire Display	
16.30	Raffle Announced	Children's races		
17.00		Tug o' War		

Teas and snacks will be served in the Village Hall from 11.00am to 4.30pm.

### 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. Ticket selling for the raffle will close at 4.00pm. and winners will be drawn outside the Village Hall at around 4.30pm.

## SATURDAY 22ND JUNE - EVENING

### MUSIC NIGHT Wolvercote Village Hall at 7.30 for 8.00pm.

Another rich and varied evening featuring Senegalese master musician and singer, Jali Fily Cissokho with Ran and Kelly, Jake H-J and the talented singer songwriter George St Clair and friends. Always popular so book early. Licensed bar. Tickets £10/£8 (concessions) from The Post Box.

## FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

### POETRY EVENING Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm

Local poets and musicians provide an entertaining insight into the festival theme with original works, including poems read by published and well known poets. More details can be found on the website.

*Refreshments available. Donations welcome.*

## SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

### CHILDREN'S PARADE WORKSHOP Baptist Church Hall. 10.00 to 12.00 noon.

Bring your children along for some frenetic fun preparing for the parade, creating banners, headgear and other fun things to wear or carry in the parade *Refreshments. Donations welcome.*

### MORRIS DANCING Lower Wolvercote Green from 12.30pm.

Wolvercote Morris dance before the sides lead the Children's Parade from around 1.30pm up to St Peter's Fête.

### THE FESTIVAL PARADE Starts from Lower Wolvercote Green around 1.30pm.

The children's parade will be led by the Morris Side up the Godstow Road, through Wolvercote Green and then on to St Peter's Church with a final parade and Morris dance at the Church Fête.

### ST PETER'S CHURCH FÊTE Vicarage Garden (if fine) and Church 2 - 4.00pm.

Lots of Stalls (Plants, Home Produce, Toys, Books, Vintage Decorative items). Zip-wire from the Church Tower for brave Cuddly Toys (with prizes for best dressed flying toy), Bouncy Castle, Story Tent, Children's Games, Tombola, Raffle with great line-up of Prizes, Tea and Cakes, Live Music, and more! Fun for Everyone -- Don't miss it, and bring all your friends! All proceeds to Helen and Douglas House and Christian Aid.

### ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION All Saints Church Wytham 12.00-6.00pm.

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.

## MONDAY 24TH JUNE

**FESTIVAL LUNCH** *Baptist Church Hall at 12.30pm.* The Monday lunch club will hold their usual festival buffet, primarily for members. £3.50. **Booking essential.** Please contact Lorna Logan on 556486.

**HISTORY TALK** *St Peter's Old School Rooms at 7.30pm.*

Ann Spokes Symonds will give her talk entitled 'Wolvercote Common Ground'. There will be a display of photographs of the commons through the years. Refreshments. Donations Welcome.

## TUESDAY 25TH JUNE

**FESTIVAL WALK AND TALK** *Meet at Wytham Woods car park at 10.00am.*

Dr Keith Kirby will lead a walk looking at the common land within Wytham woods. Finishing with a complimentary coffee at the White Hart at 11.30  
*Bus available. (see page 6).*



**WYTHAM SUMMER CONCERT** *All Saints Church at 7.00 for 7.30pm.*

A summer evening of music in the enchanted setting of Wytham All Saints Church, featuring our own Pop Up Festival Choir; close harmony group The Frenchays and the Oxford Fiddle Group with a range of foot tapping songs and tunes. Drinks and nibbles from 7.00pm and during the break.

*Donations welcome. Bus available. (see page 6).*



## WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

**FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCH** *Wytham Village Hall Cricket Pitch from 6.00pm.*

Two sides from Wolvercote and Wytham compete for 'The Ashes'. Bring a picnic and cheer on your team.

## THURSDAY 27TH JUNE

**YOUNG PEOPLES CLUB 80TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN EVENING AND BBQ**

*The Young People's Club from 6.00pm.*

Come along to discover how important the WYPC is for the community and try out some delicious BBQ sizzler food. Musical entertainment from the School of Rock. Not to be missed!

## SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

**ST PETER'S ALL AGE FESTIVAL SERVICE** *St Peter's Church 10.00am.*

The Revd Charles Draper will lead a special festival service around the theme. All welcome. No Communion.

**CLASSICAL CONCERT** *Baptist Church at 12.00 noon.*

A relaxing hour or so of classical music including Tim Howes and Helen Rose, Wendlebury Winds, Fractofucus and James Foord. *Donations welcome.*

**FAMILY CONCERT** *St Peter's Church at 2.15pm*

Music for all the family including the Community Choir and school KS2 Choir as well as the popular community singing. Followed by teas at the Village Hall as part of the WHS summer show.

**WHS SUMMER ROSE SHOW** *Wolvercote Village Hall from 2.00-4.00pm .*

Please return completed entry forms **by Friday 22nd June** with the appropriate entry fee to 59, Rosamund Road, Wolvercote, OX2 8NX or send by email to the show secretary: [claremwinterbottom@googlemail.com](mailto:claremwinterbottom@googlemail.com). Entry fees can be paid on the day. Please bring your entries to the hall on the day between 9.00 and 10.00am. Open from 2.00pm with trophy presentations from 4.00pm. Classes include Roses, Flowers, Fruit, Herbs and Salad, Floral Art, Cookery, Preserves, Eggs, Handicrafts, Children's Art and Cookery and Photography. See the website for a full list. Entries are invited from members, non members and children. Entry forms are available from [www.wolvercote.org](http://www.wolvercote.org). *Teas/light snacks and refreshments from 2.00pm*

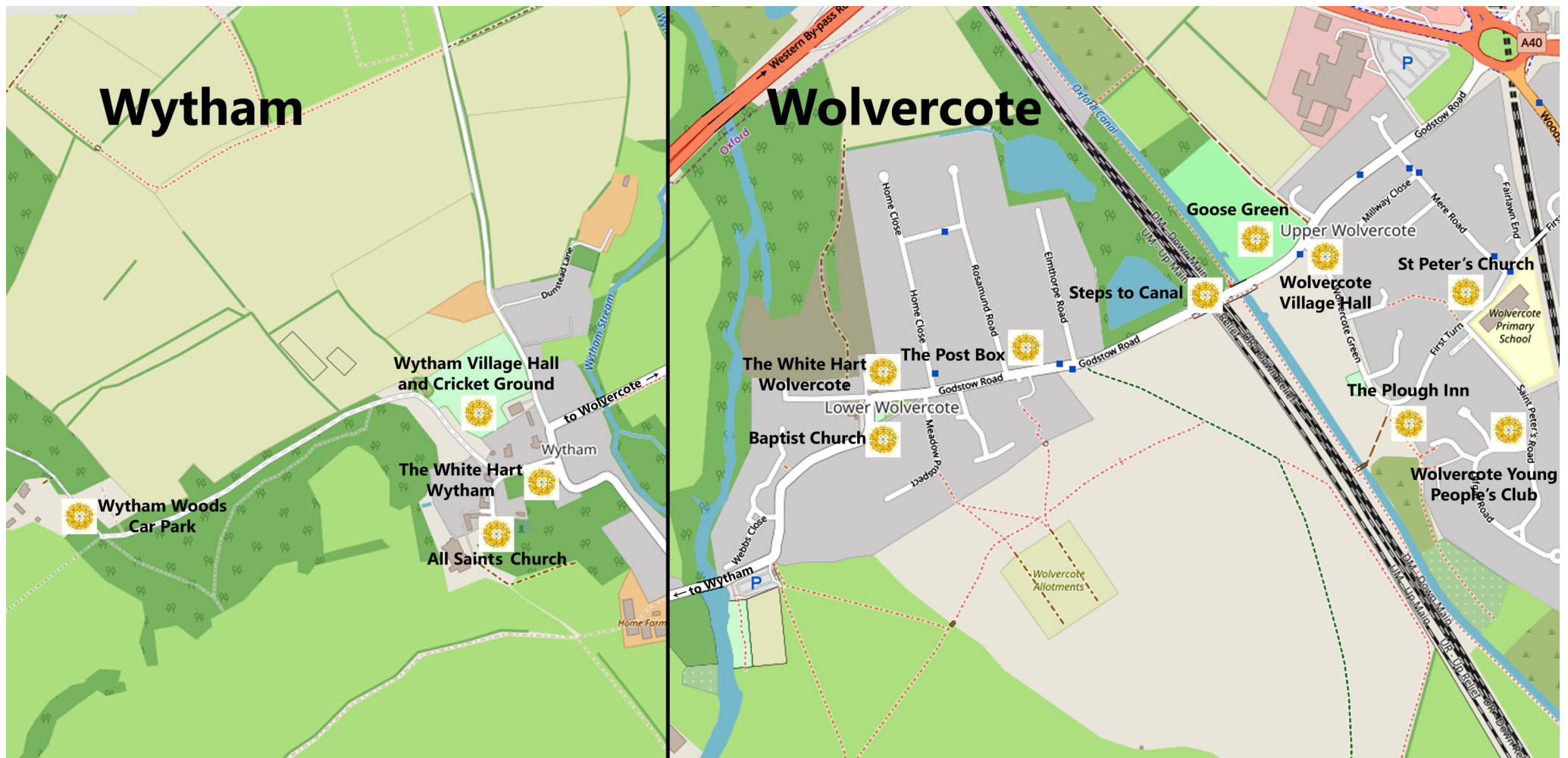


**FESTIVAL QUIZ NIGHT** *The Plough Inn, Upper Wolvercote at 7.30pm.*

A great evening of hilarity with an excellent themed quiz so if you would like to enter a team please contact John Winterbottom on 556120 or just come along on the night. *Donations welcome.*



## MAP OF THE EVENT VENUES



Transport between the villages is available for the Wytham Walk, and All Saints Concert (on Tuesday 25th), and the Art and Craft Exhibition drinks reception (on Sunday 30th). **Prior booking is essential.** Please call 07557 056179. Return fare £3. Sorry, no bus passes accepted. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's travel free.

If you have any ideas for next year's midsummer festival or would like to volunteer to help run the events, please email [events@wolvercote.org](mailto:events@wolvercote.org). The festival committee is always open to new ideas and welcomes feedback so please let us know your thoughts.