


WOLVERCOTE & WYTHAM MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL 2024

Our Festival is a local event that celebrates life in our community. We present a diverse programme for all ages to enjoy whilst keeping most events free to attend. The festival is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations to cover costs. Any surplus is distributed back to local groups.

Here is the programme for this year's Festival—the theme is 'Now and Then'.

More information and any updates can be found at wolvercote.org/festival.

ALL WEEK

Treasure Hunt Identify picture clues and questions 'Now and Then'. Available on wolvercote.org/festival.

Raffle Amazing Prizes from local businesses. Tickets are on sale at the White Hart and weekend events. The raffle will be drawn at the Music Night interval on Friday 28th June.

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

5 pm Walk with Jane Dickinson Oxfordshire Green Badge Guide will take us to Godstow Nunnery and back to Baptist Church Hall ending at 6.30 pm. Find out what you did not know of familiar landmarks. Booking essential with Charlotte Fenton E: fenchar@gmail.com M: 07779 649455

7.30 pm Talk by Jane Dickinson – Baptist Church Hall 'Fair Rosamund - Myth and Reality'. *Refreshments* in the Baptist Church Hall from 6.30 pm. "Fair Rosamund" cocktail will be available. Donations welcome.

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

12-5 pm Fun Fest -Wolvercote Village Hall and Goose Green Family fun with Maypole dancing, children's games and races, "Scruffs" dog show (2 pm, register from 1 pm) and free pop-up photo studio with Paul Bullivant. The Village Hall has teas, cakes, stalls and many children's activities, including a traditional Punch and Judy Show and puppet making. Official opening at 1.15 pm with some of Wolvercote and Wytham's longest residents John Beale, Mary Beckett and Ann Dawson ('Snowy').

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

10 am Festival Service – St Peter's Church Led by Rev. Kate Tuckett with the Community pop-up choir and Wolvercote Primary School choir (tbc)

12.15 pm Summer Serenade – Baptist Church Relax to some wonderful classical music featuring wind, keyboard and voices. Donations welcome. *Refreshments*.

2-4.30 pm WHS Summer Show – Village Hall A colourful display of summer flowers, fruit and much more. See wolvercote.org/whs for an entry form, classes, and entry rules. *Refreshments*.

7.30 pm Quiz Night at the Plough Festival themed rounds devised by Tim Caitlin. Book teams with John on 01865-556120. £2 entry pp. Cash prizes.

MONDAY 24TH JUNE

12.15 pm Monday Lunch Club – Special Festival lunch (members only)

7.30 pm Poetry and Music Evening – St Peter's Parish Rooms – Poems from local poets with musical interludes, all on the 'Now and Then' theme. Donations welcome. *Refreshments*.

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE

7.30 pm All Saints Summer Concert, Wytham – Music for the summer with Man Choir, Meadowsuite and Mandolirium. Interval and drinks in ffennell garden (behind the church). Donations welcome. *Refreshments*.

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

2 pm History Society visit to Worcester College. The college archive will be open to show material relevant to Wolvercote and Linkside and to Paul Gourd's recent talk. Followed by a walk around Worcester College Gardens. Booking essential with Charlotte Fenton E: fenchar@gmail.com M: [fenchar07779 649455](tel:07779649455)

6.30 pm Festival Cricket Match – Wytham Village Hall – Support your team in the Wytham v Wolvercote annual T20 cricket match. *Refreshments in the Village Hall*.



Please note that a responsible adult must accompany children to all events.

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE

10 am Port Meadow Archaeology Walk with Julie Hamilton. A walk encompassing prehistory, history, Bronze Age, Iron Age, 18th, 19th centuries. Wear sensible shoes. It ends at the Community Café at noon. Booking essential with Charlotte Fenton E: fenchar@gmail.com M :07779 649455

5-7 pm Time Machine - Wolvercote Young Peoples Club An immersive journey through Club activities over the decades. From 6 pm live, sharing memories with former Club members. *Refreshments.*

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

7.30 pm Music Night - Wolvercote Village Hall. A great variety of music from The Wailing Wolves, Bethany Lynn, The Wolvercote Strollers and The Ponderosa. Tickets are £10 from 01865 556120 and at the Community Market. The Festival raffle will be drawn in the interval. *Licensed Bar*

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

10-12 pm Children's Parade Workshop - Baptist Church Children make themed decorations for the parade. *Refreshments.* Lunches will be available at the Mill café after the workshop.

12.30 pm Morris Dancing - Lower Green - Wolvercote and Summertown sides warm-up for the parade.

1.30 pm Children's Parade - Lower Green to St Peter's Church - The Morris sides lead the children's parade from the Lower Green to St Peter's Fete via Upper Green to place haysling wishes in the festival haystack or scarecrow.

1-3 pm St Peter's Church Street Food - Delights from abroad! (TBC)

2-4 pm St Peter's Church Fete - Church and grounds (See below)

8 pm Bob Cutting Big Band - White Hart See Oxford's longest established Big Band and get in the mood for some 40's swing! Donations welcome.

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

2-4 pm Open Boats Wander down the canal and visit the open boats to experience a watery way of life from Dukes Cut to the Plough. Includes an art market, canal history, tai chi and traditional boater dress.

From 5 pm Festival Finale and BBQ at The White Hart Family fun with the end-of-festival BBQ (vegetarian options) and traditional pub games for young and old. Followed by:

7.00 pm Pop-up Choir Sing their eclectic mix of songs, old and new.

8 pm Sea Shanties and Aunt Sally Wolvercote v Wytham Aunt Sally match plus singalong Sea Shanties.



ST PETER'S WOLVERCOTE

ANNUAL CHURCH FÊTE

SATURDAY 29th JUNE

1.00 - 3.00 pm Street Food - Delights from abroad! (TBC)

2.00 pm Opening of stalls and activities

Morris dancing ~ children's games ~ bouncy castle
music ~ free pop-up photo studio with Paul Bullivant
tombola ~ raffle ~ PIMMS & lemonade ~ afternoon teas
Photo exhibition 'How things have changed'

4.00 pm Stalls close - raffle draw in church

Entry £1 (cash or card)

Proceeds to Helen & Douglas House Hospice & St Peter's