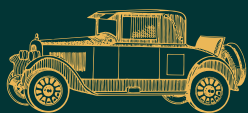


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Welcome to the 2023 Midsummer Festival

Welcome to the 2023 Midsummer Festival and let us take you back in time to The Roaring 20's

The theme for this year's Festival is inspired by the Museum project Chatteris 20's which is focusing on researching and recreating aspects of life in Chatteris 100 years ago. The project has received lottery funding and you will see exhibitions and activities inspired by the project at the Festival.

Groups taking part in the Festival parade will be depicting films, television series, books and even plays from the 1920s and a jazz band will be among the musical contributors evoking that era.

The walking parade will help to launch the Festival and will be followed by acts in the arena, including performances from Gorilla Circus, who usually perform in Regents Park in London, and JDK Fitness, who will be inviting you to use their mini trampolines to bounce along to the music.

A full day's entertainment is guaranteed and will then be followed by an evening of music at the Party in the Park featuring Scooted and Booted and DJ Laura Dennis, who are back by popular demand.

Don't forget the fun does not end on the Saturday; on the Sunday we have the popular fun dog show, music from Upwood Ukuleles, the colour fun run (with special Coronation medals) and to bring everything to a close the tug of war competitions.

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Every song is played with high energy, getting people dancing from the beginning of the first set, lead by the charismatic front man Alan.

Each band member is encouraged to bring their own style to the band, whilst remaining true to the Ska genre. This makes for interesting solo's that can be pumped out by any of the band members.



The band have been gigging very regularly on the pub and club circuit ever since it was formed. Having headlined at Cambridge's Strawberry Fair, as well as many other local festivals.

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The Festival Parade

The theme for this year's Festival parade is The Roaring 20s.

Many schools, clubs and organisations have already registered to join the walking parade but there is still time to join in the fun if you email chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com or ring 01354 695166 to register.

Musical entertainment in the parade will include the Cambridge Jazz Co., samba band Arco Iris and David "Sir Reggae" Freestone.

The parade will assemble at 10.30am in Church Lane (outside the Council Chambers) ready to leave at 11am on Saturday 24th June. The Town Crier will once again herald the parade's arrival.

If you are not taking part in the parade please line the parade route to cheer on those taking part as they make their way from Church Lane to Furrowfields via Market Hill and the High Street. Those streets will be closed to traffic for the duration of the parade.

There will be prizes for the best dressed groups and individuals and the presentation of trophies will take place in the main arena when the parade has arrived at Furrowfields Recreation Ground.

Please note there is free entry to the festival for all those taking part in the parade but any parents or helpers accompanying the parade, who are not in costume, will be required to pay the £2 entry fee before the parade leaves or they will be directed to the queuing lanes as they arrive at Furrowfields Recreation Ground.





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Family Fun

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Inflatables Zone

John and his team will be creating an exhilarating inflatable zone. Clamber aboard the 10-meter Pirate Ship and the 8-meter-high Wave Slide! There will even be a life size Hot Wheels Lorry obstacle course and crocodile slide included in your wrist band price of £7.50 (Family ticket for 3 children £21) for unlimited access between 10am and 5pm. Children must be supervised by parents or guardians at all times. If you're strapped for time individual inflatables can be accessed at a cost of £3 for 10 minutes.



Archery

Calling all sharp shooters! Try your hand at archery for £1 on Saturday. Parkfield Archers will be on hand throughout the day running 'have a go archery', so whether you are a complete novice or you are looking to hone your technique be sure to pay them a visit.



Miniature Golf

We welcome Glo Golf to the festival, who will be offering fun for all the family with their miniature golf course. Why not compete against the kids and try and hit a hole in one! Priced at £3.

Amusements

Roll up, roll up and try your hand at hoopla or why not venture into a land zorb. Not only do we have the old favourites, including the tea cups and water rollers, but visitors can also enjoy more novel 'pay as you go' attractions too, including giant bungees, a mobile play centre and inflatable bumper cars.



Tuck in...

We welcome an excellent selection of cuisines to the festival



this year including Collette's Crepes, Chloe's Hog Roast and traditional burgers, HITWrap Hong Kong healthy street food, Silverside Grill Greek Gyros and Pingles Woodfired Pizza to name a few! There will also be a well-stocked bar adjacent to the main marquee courtesy of Lydia Payne. Visitors are politely reminded that no alcohol or glass will be permitted onto the field and that a 'check 25 policy' and random bag searching will be in place.



Chatteris Midsummer Festival Fun Run

Sunday 25th June
Starts 2.00pm

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Dog Show

Last year's dog show was a great success and organiser and judge Yvonne Suswain-Lee, of Tip Top Pet Sitting & Dog Walking Service, will be back to run this year's fun event on Sunday 25th June.

Yvonne will be ably assisted by Ally Gretton of Ally's K9 Walking Services and is hoping for a good turnout of lovable pooches. This is not a serious competition the aim is to have fun while showing what your canine friend can do. Registration will be from 10am and the show will begin at 10.30am. The entry fee is just £1 per dog and you can enter as many categories as you like.



The categories this year are as follows:

- 1 Best Trick
- 2 Best Biscuit Catcher
- 3 Biggest Smile
- 4 Most Loopy Dog
- 5 Waggiest Tail
- 6 Best Fancy Dress
(theme *The Roaring 20s*)
- 7 Musical Sit
- 8 Agility Course
(beginners)
- 9 Agility Course
(advanced)
- 10 Best In Show



PROGRAMME: 24th - 25th

Saturday 24th June

10.00am	Festival Opens to the Public
10.30am	Parade Assembles at Church Lane car park
11.00am	Parade departs from Church Lane
11.30/45am	Parade Arrives at Furrowfields Recreation Ground Followed by Fancy Dress Competition Judging
12 noon	Chatteris20s Massed Charleston
12.15pm	20Twenty Theatre Group perform songs from Annie
12.35pm	Cambridge Jazz Company
1.15pm	Arco Iris
2.00pm	Gorilla Circus
2.30pm	JDK Fitness Mini Trampolines
3.00pm	Chatteris Community Choir
3.30pm	Gorilla Circus
4.00pm	JDK Fitness Mini Trampolines
4.30pm	David 'Sir Reggae' Freestone
5.00pm	Abi & Aaron Perform
6.00pm	Robbie Williams Tribute Act
7.30pm	Scooted & Booted
9.30pm	DJ set with Laura Dennis
10.30pm	Event Closes

Also:

12 – 4.00pm	Snap, Knit, Flap and Chat with MarketPlace CPP
12 – 4.00pm	STEM Science Workshops

During the day browse amongst the stalls, enjoy the refreshments and let the youngsters join in the inflatables fun and enjoy the fairground rides.

Programme may be subject to change.

Watch Out for the flypasts by the wonderful, historic Spitfire on both Saturday and Sunday. Times to be confirmed.

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Sunday 25th June

10.00am	Festival Opens to the Public
10.00am	Registration for Dog Show
10 – 3.00pm	Snap, Knit, Flap and Chat with MarketPlace CPP
10.00am-4.00pm	Animal Experience Tent
10.30am	Dog Show
12 noon	Music from Upwood Ukueles
1.00pm	JDK Fitness Mini Trampolines
1.00pm-4.00pm	Strawberry Cream Teas in the Marquee
1.45pm	Registration for Colour Fun Run
2.00pm	Warm Up for Colour Fun Run
2.15pm	Colour Fun Run for Toddlers/Family
2.30pm	Colour Fun Run for 4-10 year olds
2.45pm	Colour Fun Run for Everyone aged 11 years and over
3.15pm	Tug of War Competition
4.00pm	Event Closes

During the day browse amongst the stalls, enjoy the refreshments and let the youngsters join in the inflatables fun and enjoy the fairground rides. Programme may be subject to change.

Entry is **£2** per adult on the Saturday, accompanied children **£1** and **£1** for all on the Sunday, re-entry permitted if hand stamped.

Access to the site is via Furrowfields (the St Stephen's Drive gate will not be open to the public). Parking is available at Furrowfields car park.

No alcohol should be brought on the Festival site. Bag searches will be carried out and any alcohol discovered will be confiscated and returned to its owners when they leave the site. Drug taking and dealing will not be tolerated and the police will be called.

With the exception of entry to the Festival, please note Furrowfields Recreation Ground will be closed to the public from Friday 23rd June – Monday 26th June inclusive to enable the safe set up and taking down of equipment. Alternative recreation facilities are listed at: www.fenland.gov.uk/openspaces.



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The Entertainers

Gorilla Circus

A performance by Gorilla Circus is a real coup for the Festival as this is the first time the renowned Circus troupe will be performing in the Fens.

Gorilla Circus is an independent, Fenland-based circus production company delivering interactive indoor and outdoor contemporary shows for all ages. Their variety of shows have comprised ground-level performances and aerial spectaculars set on eye catching custom structures with unique industrial props, often telling stories of global challenges.



From Gorilla Circus you can expect enchanting performances featuring superb acrobatics and a playful sense of humour!

Gorilla Circus usually perform in Regents Park in London so this is a unique opportunity to see a first class circus act without having to leave Chatteris.

JDK Fitness

Get ready to take a leap and come and bounce along with Jess from JDK Fitness who will be setting up mini trampolines so everyone can take part in a Rebound Fit routine. Jess and her trampolines will be at the Festival on both the Saturday and Sunday and will also be organising the warm up for the colour fun run.

Those taking part will get an amazing workout by just standing still on the rebounder but the fun comes when you move along to top tunes and choreographed routines.



Rebounding isn't like typical trampolining, which is a high impact sport. Participants stay close to the mat of the mini trampoline and instead of jumping up in the air, they use the resistance to push down so it's low impact exercise. The less movement in the top half, the better the workout!

Nothing is very complicated on the rebounder, it's more about having fun with a full body workout. So get ready to smile lots.

Chatteris Museum & Chatteris 20s

The museum has commissioned Take The Lead Dance School to teach a Charleston routine in schools and at a tea dance. Dance workshop participants will lead a display of this routine on the festival field on the Saturday so come and watch or join in with the fun.



20Twenty Youth Theatre

20Twenty Youth Theatre, who are based in March, have been putting on shows for the last 12 years. This year their junior group are performing the musical *Annie*, which is set in the 1920s, and they have kindly agreed to join the Chatteris Midsummer Festival line up to share songs from the well-known musical.

If you would like to know more about 20Twenty Youth Theatre please visit their website www.20twentyproductions.co.uk

The Cambridge Jazz Co.

The Cambridge Jazz Co. was founded by the late trumpeter Dave Barrett who had an international reputation. The company has supplied top quality jazz to many companies including: *Mercedes, Pimms, Perrier, Southern Comfort, Honda, Tesco and Marks & Spencer.*

They were the band chosen to appear on an episode of BBC TV's *EastEnders*, playing in Albert Square for Sharon's street party and they also performed on Channel 4's TV Show *The Big Breakfast*.

They have played at functions held at: *Claridges, The Science Museum, The Natural History Museum, The Savoy Hotel, The London Hilton Hotel, The Waldorf Hotel, etc.*

The Cambridge Jazz Co. can supply the bands ranging from a duo to an eight piece band and will be providing four musicians for the Midsummer Festival, who will lead the parade playing music evocative of the 1920's. The quartet will then perform in the arena.

Arco Iris

Arco Iris will be returning to play at this year's Midsummer Festival after their upbeat and lively performance last year.

Arco Iris means rainbow in Portuguese and Spanish. They are a community samba band based in Cambridge and have been playing Brazilian and Cuban rhythms for almost 30 years. As a community band they welcome anyone, regardless of musical ability or experience. The emphasis is on joining in, having fun and learning to play rhythms along with a friendly group of players. You can choose what kind of drum you want to play, from a small, hand-held tam to one of the big drums which are known as surdos.

The band incorporates players of all ages from 18 to 80 (or over!) and although they are based in Cambridge, members come from all over the world. They play regularly in Cambridge at the Mill Road Winter Fair and the Strawberry Fair, but do gigs throughout the year, and even travel to Germany to play at the Bremen Carnival.

They hope you will enjoy listening to and moving to the beat!



The Entertainers

David “Sir Reggae” Freestone

David's love for Jamaican music began in the mid-sixties hearing Millie's 'My Boy Lollipop'. In 1973 David set up a sound system which developed a significant following amongst Reggae and Funk lovers in and around Cambridge.

David still provides DJ sets and has presented the Reggae Time Show on Harbour Radio since 2017. He has built up a strong reputation around the world as a leading Reggae DJ and expert on Ska, Rocksteady and Reggae. He has interviewed many of the world's leading Reggae artistes. David also provides DJ sets at music events and regularly attends seminars relating to the support of the artistes, musicians and music industry. David has played his part in keeping Reggae Music alive for over 50 years.



David was a big hit at the Festival last year and has kindly agreed to return this year and entertain again in the parade and on the stage.

Laura Dennis

Laura is a firm favourite at the Festival and with over 16 years experience in the entertainment industry she will ensure that the Party in the Park will be a memorable occasion.

Singer/songwriter and entertainer Laura will bring the Party in the Park to a close with a DJ set guaranteed to get everybody up dancing and singing along.



Abi and Aaron

Local musicians Abi and Aaron have played at the festival previously, both on their own and as a duo. Playing a huge range of songs from different genres, this talented duo comprises the lovely Abi's beautiful vocals and Aaron's talented guitar playing and backing vocals.

Both Abi and Aaron have played at many local festivals and events, weddings and charity gigs.



Upwood Ukeleles

Formed in February 2014 with the accent on having fun and making music together, Upwood Ukeleles (who will be performing on the Sunday) have gone from strength to strength, playing at an ever increasing variety of events ranging from WIs and Day Centres to private parties, social evenings and outdoor festivals.



The band have appeared several times on Radio Cambridgeshire and have even performed in a fundraising concert on the main stage at the famous Stables, Milton Keynes. Upwood Ukeleles include a wide assortment of musical styles and instruments in their shows. As well as the whole range of ukuleles from soprano to bass, don't be surprised to hear kazoos, harmonicas, recorders and various percussion instruments as well as the unique brass trombolele.

Audience participation is encouraged so warm up your vocal chords ready to join in with songs ranging from George Formby classics, through 1960s novelty numbers, to current chart hits. The UpU's (as they are known for short) have also produced 2 CDs of their music with all proceeds going to their designated charity, Magpas Air Ambulance. Since starting performing in 2014 they have raised nearly £60,000 for the charity.

Chatteris Community Choir

Chatteris Community Choir is a Community Choir based in Chatteris in Cambridgeshire. It began in January 2022 as a new venture to provide an opportunity for choral singing to the residents of Chatteris and the surrounding villages.

The choir meets on a Wednesday evening during term time from 7pm to 8.30pm in Bricstan Hall, next to Chatteris Parish Church.



In its first year, the choir performed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting, the Queen's Jubilee Civic Service and Chatteris Midsummer Festival.

Robbie Williams

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Chatteris Museum & Chatteris20s

Chatteris Museum is moving to its new building at the top of Park Street (in the former Barclays Bank building) during the coming months. The museum has obtained funding from the National Lottery Heritage fund for its Chatteris20s project, which aims to look at life in Chatteris during the 1920s. We have already been working on a range of creative activities prior to the move. The F-Stop Camera Club have been recreating archive museum photos in the present day to form a *Then And Now Exhibition* and we have been working with local artist, Marian Savill, to deliver workshops in schools and the community to create art-deco style tiles and vases from recycled materials.

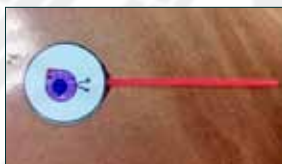
The *Then And Now Exhibition* and a selection of these Art Deco objects will be on display in the marquee over the festival weekend. Come and see Chatteris Museum volunteers in the marquee throughout the weekend to find out more about the museum move and the Chatteris20s project and how you can get involved. Look out for more free events and workshops over the coming months and find out *Who Lived In Your House?* in the 1920s.

STEM

Cambridge Science Centre will be launching its exciting STEM project at the Midsummer Festival and will run workshops to show visitors what they can expect from the pop-up science centre for families and schools which will be located at the North Cambs Training Centre in Chatteris until the middle of August.

STEM will be running the following free workshops at the Festival:

Picture Mixers: We consider how our eyes and brain work together in helping us to see, and highlight how sometimes our brain gets misled and can be tricked! Make an optical illusion picture mixer to take home.



Butterfly Feeders: Help out those summer butterflies with a homemade, recycled bottle top butterfly feeder.



Rainbow Bracelets: What colour is light? Find out about all the colours of the rainbow - and beyond! Make a bracelet using coloured beads and discover the colours beyond the visible spectrum.



MarketPlace

Snap, Knit, Flap and Chat with MarketPlace CPP at the Festival. MarketPlace Creative People and Places Project has responded to the Chatteris community and Chatteris Midsummer Festival to bring to you FREE art activities which will run during the two day Festival.

MarketPlace is about people creating and experiencing great art in Fenland and West Suffolk.

1920's Interactive Photography Booth – Sat 12-4pm, Sun 10-3pm - Local Chatteris group, F-Stop Photography have co-created with MarketPlace, an exciting photobooth where you can take selfies, dress up, have your photo taken professionally against the beautiful backdrop inspired by the 1920's. Come and have fun and capture some of the Flapper vibe.

Flapper Headband Making and Art Deco Suncatcher Workshop – Sat 12-4pm, Sun 10-3pm - MarketPlace has commissioned Artist Karin Forman to design the most enchanting drop-in workshop for all ages. Making Flapper Headbands, using found and bought materials and responding to community request, Art Deco Suncatchers. Come and have fun with some glitter, glue and sparkle at the MarketPlace Tent.

Knit and Knatter, crochet and quilting workshops – Sat 12-4pm, Sun 10-3pm - Local crafting groups and individuals have come together with MarketPlace to bring you their vast knowledge of knitting, crochet and quilting. Interact and learn how to knit, crochet or quilt. Come and relax and re-charge whilst creating, learning and forging friendships over an array of yarns and fabric.



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- Bartlett Business Park for sponsoring the musical entertainment
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- The Design Partnership for sponsoring the Colour Fun Run
- Nightlayer Leek Company Ltd for general sponsorship
- The North Cambs Training Centre for sponsoring the dog show.

Many, many thanks to the small band of volunteers who have spent all year planning and working to ensure this weekend is a success – Sharon Selman (Chairman), Sue Unwin, Lucy Melton, Fran Orridge and Linda Ashley.

Chatteris Midsummer Festival is funded by Chatteris Town Council and Fenland District Council and organised by Joanna Melton at CTC and Isabel Edgington at FDC.

Thanks to all those who will be helping and taking part over the weekend and those who have helped to decorate the town. Volunteer helpers are always needed and if you would like more information on how you can help to make the Festival a continued success please contact Joanna Melton at chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com

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Helen has taken the official photographs at all the festivals in recent years. You can see many of her great images in this programme.

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**Sunday 25th June 1pm to 4pm
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Menu

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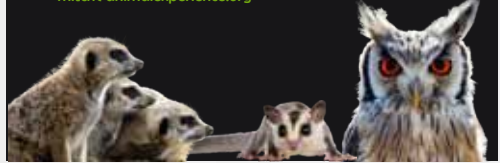
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