

Chesterton Festival Committee

Report on 2016 Event

June 17th-June 26th 2016



Main Events

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June

St Andrew's Church:

Flower Festival display on theme of Creation

Speaks – the natural world in the Bible. The displays opened after free Friday **lunchtime concert**. The Orlando singers gave a **concert** at 12 noon on Saturday.

Church Tours led by Rev Nick Moir, vicar of St Andrew's Chesterton at 2.30 pm each day. **Puppet show** Saturday at 3.30 pm and on Sunday a **Pet Service** at 10 am and **Songs of Praise** at 4 pm.

Saturday 18th June

Community Fun Day on Pye's Recreation Ground (1-5pm) Church Street, Chesterton: stalls, children's Fun Zone, entertainments arena and refreshments.

St Andrew's Hall: **Vintage Tea Room** by food4food: cream teas, refreshments, cakes.

A Wild Wander an exploration of the neighbourhood with members of Cambridge Natural History Society.

Sunday 19th June

Open Garden at Mariner's Way with cream teas, plants for sale in aid of Cambridge CRUSE, the charity for the recently bereaved.

Friday 24th June

Live Music and Picnic Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre. (6-9pm). BBQ food on sale. **Cambridge Folk Club** upstairs at the Golden Hind at 8 pm.

Saturday 25th June

Community Action Day 9.30 am – 2.00 pm at Chesterton Methodist Church organised by the City Council, Hundred Houses Society and the church, with rubbish & recycling skips, advice & signposting and refreshments.

A Festival Singaround hosted by Jim Schwabe upstairs at the Golden Hind from 2-4.

Festival Fun Day PA provided by LJ's 4 entertainment Contact details: Ljs4entertainment@mail.com
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Thanks are due to the following Cambridge City Council's North Area Committee for grant aid.

Hundred Houses Society for sponsorship
Brown's Field Youth & Community Centre, St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton Methodist Church and **St. George's Church Hall** for hosting Festival Committee Meetings and the launch event
City Council Rangers for help and support in making the Festival days run smoothly and the many **Volunteers** who backed up the Committee.

Membership of Festival Committee

Jan Mentha (Chair) local resident
Susan Richards (Secretary), local resident
Michael Bond (Treasurer), Chesterton Community Association
Valerie Cutting, Hundred Houses Tenants Association
Joe Ajayi-Obi, City Ranger
Andrea Butler, City Council
Maggie Tate, St. Andrew's Church
David Stubbings, local resident
Nick Moir, St Andrew's Church
Margaret Nimmo-Smith, Open Gardens organiser
Ruth Adams, St George's Church
Rosemary Tice, Chesterton Methodist Church
Ian Murray, Chesterton Methodist Church
Rachel Clarke, St Andrew's Hall

For further information:

Festival webpage www.chestertonfestival.com
St Andrew's Hall Tel 01223 306150
Brown's Field YCC Tel 01223 420309

Planning the Festival

Festival planning begins as soon as the previous one ends with a review of what we've done, what went well, what we can improve and what people have said to us about the event. It is an event that people are confident they can attend with all the family and new people are discovering us each year.

The Festival Committee met monthly to review and chase progress as necessary. Cambridge City Council's North Area Committee's grant budget was over-subscribed so we got less money than we had bid for. The result was that instead of breaking even we made a significant loss that was met by local fund-raising activities post-festival and local donations.

Friday 17th June

The lunchtime concert by **Helen Orr** (soloist) at 12.30 at St Andrew's Church launched the festival and opened the flower festival on the theme *Creation speaks – the natural world in the Bible*.

Saturday 18th June

The **Orlando Singers** gave a lunchtime concert at 12 noon to launch the day's festivities.

The **Community Fun Day** on Pye's Recreation Ground in Church Street was well supported with around 3,000 people passing through.

The **arena acts** were again expertly compered by LJ of LJ's4entertainment.

The **Fun Zone** was run by Ruth Adams, Maggie Tate, Andrea Butler and Ian Murray, with safe but challenging activities for children of all ages, was occupied throughout the afternoon by very happy children. The Gladiator Joust proved popular with an older group, funded by a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner's fund.

Mr Marvel entertained young and old with Punch & Judy and a little magic.

Cambridge Community Circus performed spectacular routines.

At **St Andrew's Church**, the vicar once more led tours of the church and churchyard on a birds and animals theme that complemented the flower festival display in the church.



Arena Performers 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ladybirds Jazz Band provided the musical intermissions between the following local acts;
Wiwat! Cambridge Polish Song and Dance Group

Jazzercise with Jen

Zumba with Kelly Scholefield

Presentations by the Mayor of the Lil Speed Award and Photographic Competition prizes

Cambridge Community Circus

Prize giving

His Worship the Mayor of Cambridge Cllr Jeremy Benstead presented the following awards

Lil Speed Award

Sue Hinson was presented with the Lil Speed Award for 2016 for her voluntary service to the people of Chesterton and in particular for her work with young people in several groups at Brown's field Youth and Community Centre.

Photography Competition

Organised and run by 100 Houses Tenants' Association in the run-up to the Festival and sponsored by Hundred Houses Society the competition theme was buildings.

First Prize Winner: Anthony Everett

Second and **Third Prizes** went to Elizabeth Middleton

Other Saturday Events

Vintage Tea Room

In St Andrew's Hall, the food4food café run by Wintercomfort kept stall-holders and shoppers satisfied with cream teas, and coffees.

Stall holders included:

1st Chesterton Girls' Brigade; tombola, lucky dip
4th Cambridge Rainbows/Rangers
ADS Leisure
Battersea Dogs & Cats
BCN Wildlife Trust; promoting local nature reserves
Cambridge 4 too Young
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge Sustainable Food;
Cantab Catering
Caporaso
Carlo's Ices
Chesterton Local History Group; information about the group, postcards for sale
Chesterton Primary School;
Craft Creations
Denise Russell and Alana Hardiman; greeting cards, crafts
East Chesterton Labour Party; information and tombola
East Chesterton Open Studio Artists
East Chesterton WI; craft, cakes and preserves
Escape and Create;
ESOL Cafe
Friends of Milton Road Library;
Gill Whelpton; greeting cards, decoupage flower pots, jams and marmalade
Inner Space Meditation;
Jujube Glass
Kettles Yard
Kingsgate Church
Linda Marsh
Lost adventurers
Mel Furr
Milton Road Residents' Association
Playlanders
Princes Trust Team
Recycling Champions; recycling information and activities
RNLI; selling RNLI merchandise
Rosie in Stitches
Rowan Organisation; display of artwork, raffle and tombola
Soggy Bottom Bike
STEM After School
Tutor Doctor - Cambridge
Verrecchia Ices;
Warming your cockles coffee company; coffee, tea, cakes, snacks
Wood Green - The Animals Charity; Animal welfare & education activities
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Sunday 19th June

Pet Service 10am at St Andrew's Church
United Songs of Praise 4pm at St. Andrew's Church
Church Tour at 2.30pm
Yo! CFC (Youth Group for ages 11-18) 5.30-7.30 pm at St. Andrew's Hall

Open Garden Margaret Nimmo-Smith again welcomed visitors to her Mariners Way Open Garden event Sunday. Cream teas and plants on sale raised funds for CRUSE, the charity for the recently bereaved.

Friday 24th June

Friday Night @ Brown's Field 6-10 pm 300 people enjoyed live music provided by Deep City, EdwardAlice and the sensational Ellis Connelly Band despite the weather. Children's activities included face painting, gladiator joust, bucking bronco and crafts from Cambridge Community Scrapstore and Kettles Yard Open House team. and a variety of foods stalls including a traditional Argentine BBQ.
Cambridge Folk Club 8pm at *The Golden Hind* Milton Road with Tim Edey, an award winning multi-instrumentalist and composer with an engaging personality, supported by David Youngs, expert fingerstyle guitarist from Cambridge.

Saturday 25th June

Community Action Day at Chesterton Methodist Church from 9.30am-2pm organised as a collaboration between the church, Hundred Houses Society and various teams from the City Council. The day featured Skips for collecting waste for recycling and landfill and Collection of bulky waste from residents homes
Advice from City Rangers, other council staff and a Community Payback team
Hundred Houses Society information point
Opportunity to try out electric bicycles provided by Hundred Houses Society
Take it or Leave it exchange stall
Art activities run by Kettles Yard Open House project
Dog micro-chipping by the Dog Wardens
Free refreshments for all with donations to East Anglia Children's Hospice

This was the second such event but the first time it became part of Chesterton Festival

Cambridge Folk club 2-4 pm A Festival Singaround at The Golden Hind hosted by Jim Schaube. Guests could bring their own instruments, songs and voices to join in a shared session (guitarists were asked to bring capos). Some songs were sung in unison with the words projected onto a screen.

Sunday 26th June

Cambridge Community Circus performed with musical accompaniment at St George's Church raising funds for The Cogwheel Trust and East Anglia Children's Hospices.

Financial Report

The Festival grant was reduced this year and we were unable to make up the difference on the day so sustained a short term loss of £780 that was made good by donations and fundraising activities. The Festival Committee have recognised that it is likely that there could be even less grant money available in 2017 and are taking steps to reduce the cost of some elements as well as raising working funds for the event. The Festival has proved its value as a locally organised event that is safe for the whole family and we intend to continue it for the foreseeable future.

The main funding for the Festival came from the Cambridge City Council North Area Committee Grant and sponsorship from, EF International Language Schools, Peasgood & Skeates and Ambrook Associates. Festival participants raised over £3,000 for their activities.

The Festival would not happen without dedicated input from many volunteers who plan, organise and run the increasing number of events that go to make it an important part of the Chesterton calendar. It is not possible to put a monetary value on the hundreds of hours they give.

Chesterton Festival Financial Report 2016	
Cash Resources	£
<i>Brought forward</i>	329
<i>Grants</i>	2,885
<i>Donations</i>	750
<i>Sponsorship</i>	450
<i>Festival Income</i>	971
<i>Advertisements</i>	40
<i>Fundraising Events</i>	320
Total Cash Resources	5,745
Expense	
<i>Insurance</i>	281
<i>Publicity costs</i>	
<i>Banners</i>	251
<i>Festival Programme</i>	505
<i>Posters</i>	35
<i>Concert & Barbecue 25th June</i>	
<i>Band and Sound Stage</i>	500
<i>Fun Day 17th June</i>	
<i>Licenses</i>	21
<i>Hire of Recreation Ground</i>	103
<i>Adventure Zone</i>	
<i>Bouncy Castle & Dino Slide</i>	650
<i>Gladiator Joust</i>	425
<i>Hire of Equipment</i>	
<i>Marquees</i>	475
<i>Tables, chairs umbrellas</i>	440
<i>Sound Stage for Arena</i>	520
<i>Mr Marvell</i>	195
<i>Band</i>	100
<i>Other costs</i>	37
<i>Floral Displays in St Andrew's Church</i>	502
Total Cash Expenses	5,040
<i>Carried Forward</i>	705
Non-Cash Resources	Est. Value
Premises and staff input from	
Cambridge City Council	900
Chesterton Methodist Church	150
St. Andrew's Hall	655
St George's Church	325
St Andrew's Church	
Non-costed inputs	
Volunteers at events	
Support from City Rangers	
Financial management	