

# Chesterton Festival Committee

Report on 2017 Event

June 16-June 24 2017



## Main Events

### Friday 16 June

The lunchtime concert by **students of Ute Lepetit-Clare** at 12.30 at St Andrew's Church launched the festival and opened the imaginative flower festival on the theme of **Jonah**



**Whose bones?** At 2.30 pm Nick Moir led a tour of memorials in St Andrew's church and churchyard.

A sunset screening of **Meet Me in St Louis** at St George's Church at 9pm attracted a small but appreciative audience, and built on a developing relationship with Cambridge Film Trust.

### Saturday 17 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.



### Stall holders included:

1st Chesterton Girls Brigade  
4th Cambridge Rainbows  
Anchor Retirement Housing  
Cambridge City Council  
- Active Lifestyles Team  
- Independent Living Service  
- Recycling Champions  
- Streets and Open Spaces  
Cambridge Carbon Footprint  
Cambridge Quakers  
Cambridge Science Centre  
Cambridge Sustainable Food  
Cam Sight  
Cantab Catering  
Carlos' Ices  
Chesterton Eagles - Beat the Goalie  
Chesterton Local History Group  
Double Stitch  
East Chesterton Women's Institute  
Flavours of Ceylon  
Games Galore  
Georgia Curry (Fingertips)  
Gill Whelpton  
Healthwatch Cambs. & Peterborough  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf people  
Hundred Houses – Residents' Assoc.  
Hundred Houses Society  
Inner Space  
John Lant and Partners  
Kettle's Yard  
La Dante Italian Cultural Centre  
Make Do and Mend  
Milton Road Residents Association  
Playlanders Playgroup  
Rosie In Stitches  
Soggy Bottom Bike Covers  
Supporters of Chesterton Primary School  
The Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust  
Sylvia Crosby  
William Oakman and the  
12th Cambridge Scouts  
Wood Green The Animals Charity  
XueCam Coffee

The arena acts from 1 to 5pm were magnificently compered by Jezo of Jezo's Events. The **Ladybirds Jazz Band** provided the musical intermissions between the following local acts:

**Chesterton Community College** Ceilidh Band conducted by Penny Veryard, and the Samba Band conducted by Helen Briggs



**Wiwat!** Cambridge Polish Song and Dance Group

**Jazzercise** with Cheryl

**Zumba** with Kelly Scholefield

**Family Yoga** and **Mindfulness** with Jo

Cambridge Community Circus

Presentations by the Mayor

## Prize giving

His Worship the Mayor of Cambridge Cllr George Pippas presented the following awards

### Lil Speed Award

**Eunice Chiavetta** was presented with the Lil Speed Award for 2017 for her voluntary service to the people of Chesterton and in particular for her work with Milton Road Primary school where she has volunteered for over 15 years. During this time Eunice dedicated her time to many educational activities including, listening to children read, showing them to sew, teaching them to learn Italian and running cooking groups.

### 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:** Richard Cutting

**Second Prize:** Charlotte Moore

**Third Prize:** Stewart Abrey

**Highly commended:** Anthony Everett



The **Fun Zone**, run by Andrea Butler, Maggie Tate and Ruth Adams, with safe but challenging activities for children of all ages, was very popular. The City Council Active Lifestyle team ran a variety of activities including outdoor fitness, street games, tennis and table tennis. Chesterton Eagles ran Beat the Goalie, and Laser tag proved popular with the older age group.

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

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### Vintage Tea Room

In St Andrew's Hall, the food4food café run by **Wintercomfort** provided cream teas and other refreshments.

### Sunday 18 June

**Whose bones?** At 2.30 pm Nick Moir led a tour of memorials in St Andrew's church and churchyard.

**United Songs of Praise** 4pm at St. Andrew's Church

Youth Night (for ages 11-18) 5.30-7.30 pm at St. Andrew's Hall. An opportunity to join in with games, crafts, music, or just chill with friends. Refreshments provided.

### Monday 19- Thursday 22 June

T S Eliot's The Four Quartets was read by Pauline Davison, Keith Brown, Susan and Peter Hilken at 4pm in St Andrew's Church.

## Wednesday 21 June

**Nature in our Neighbourhood.** On midsummer day, one of the hottest days in June – a group of Cambridge Natural History Society members and local people led by Monica Frisch wandered around the churchyard of St Andrews, Chesterton, enjoying and learning about the wild flowers.. The churchyard is a City Wildlife Site and very nearly 300 species of wild flowers, including grasses and trees have been identified there. Participants learnt that to manage the churchyard for the benefit of wildlife it was preferably not to cut the grass too often, that it was important to rake off the cut grass, and that some areas should be left uncut each time (mosaic cutting) to provide refuges for wildlife.

## Friday 23 June

**Friday Night @ Brown's Field** 6-10 pm  
400 people enjoyed live music including a set from local children from Shirley school and Autumn Wings. Children's activities included face painting, Henna tattooing, a "wipe- out" attraction and crafts from Kettles Yard Open House team. A variety of foods was offered stalls including wood-fired pizza, curry, and a tuck shop.

## Saturday 24 June

**Hundred Houses Activities**, including camera club, craft club, knitting, crochet and art from 11am–3 pm at Hundred Houses Offices. Various groups demonstrated their activities, such as water colour painting, stencilling and machining, and encouraged new members to join the various clubs.

The Festival Event at **Milton Road Library** from 2.30 – 6pm celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its opening with story-telling and other activities for children and stalls for everyone.

## 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. 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 regularly to plan the week's activities. We received the same grant from Cambridge City Council's North Area Committee's as last year, but only broke even because of a small carry forward from last year.

## Thanks are due to the following:

**Cambridge City Council's North Area Committee** for grant aid.

**Hundred Houses Society** for sponsorship.

**John Lant Osteopaths** for sponsorship.

**CATS** for sponsorship of Flower Display

**Brown's Field Youth & Community Centre,**

**St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton Methodist**

**Church and St. George's Church Hall** for hosting Festival Committee Meetings.

**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

**Ruth Adams**, St George's Church

**Joe Ajayi-Obi**, City Ranger

**Michael Bond** (Treasurer), Chesterton Community Association

**Andrea Butler**, City Council

**Rachel Clarke**, St Andrew's Hall

**Valerie Cutting**, Hundred Houses Tenants Association

**Jan Mentha** (Chair) local resident

**Nick Moir**, St Andrew's Church

**Ian Murray**, Chesterton Methodist Church

**Susan Richards** (Secretary), local resident

**Margaret Nimmo-Smith**, Arena organiser

**David Stubbings**, local resident

**Maggie Tate**, St. Andrew's Church

**Rosemary Tice**, Chesterton Methodist Church

For further information:

## Festival webpage

[www.chestertonfestival.com](http://www.chestertonfestival.com)

**St Andrew's Hall** Tel 01223 306150

**Brown's Field YCC** Tel 01223 420309

## Financial Report

The Festival grant was maintained this year, but our carry forward has reduced, and the Festival Committee is taking steps to reduce the cost of some elements as well as raising funds. For example a Garden Party in Mariner's Way in August raised £270 towards next year's Festival, and the proceeds from St Andrew's Fair went towards the Festival. The lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Methodist Church will be another fund raiser for the Festival. 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 John Lant Osteopaths. Festival participants raised £660 with 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.

<b>Chesterton Festival Financial Report 2017</b>	
<b>Cash Resources</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Brought forward</i>	656
<i>Grants</i>	2500
<i>Donations</i>	524
<i>Sponsorship</i>	962
<i>Festival Income</i>	660
<i>Advertisements</i>	
<i>Fundraising Events</i>	520
<b>Total Cash Resources</b>	<b>5822</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<i>Insurance</i>	282
<i>Publicity costs</i>	
<i>Banners</i>	180
<i>Festival Programme</i>	362
<i>Posters</i>	82
<i>Fun Day 17th June</i>	
<i>Licences: Hire of Recreation Ground</i>	126
<i>Fun Zone: Bouncy Castle, Dino Slide, Gladiator Joust, Laser Tag</i>	2080
<i>Hire of Equipment</i>	
<i>Marquees</i>	475
<i>Tables, chairs umbrellas</i>	434
<i>Sound Stage for Arena</i>	600
<i>Mr Marvell</i>	200
<i>Band</i>	100
<i>Other costs</i>	
<i>Floral Displays in St Andrew's Church</i>	500
<b>Total Cash Expenses</b>	<b>5421</b>
<i>Carried Forward</i>	401
<b>Non-Cash Resources</b>	<b>Est. Value</b>
<b>Premises and staff input from</b>	
Cambridge City Council	900
Chesterton Methodist Church	150
St. Andrew's Hall	655
St George's Church	325
St Andrew's Church	500
<b>Non-costed inputs</b>	
Volunteers at events	
Support from City Rangers	
Financial management	