

The Festival

The organising committee has arranged a varied programme of events, to cater for all age-groups and tastes, around the long-standing village events of the Pram Race and United Reformed Church fete. Unless otherwise stated events are free: where charges are made they are to cover the expenses of societies and the Festival committee, except that money collected during the Pram Race will go to the Ritchie Russell House charity for the handicapped and the profits from the fete go to the Church.

Friday, 25th May

Ken Russell's 'TOMMY' - 6.00 & 9.00 p.m. at the Youth Centre

'He will tear your soul apart.' There's also the added bonus of a short version of 'Star Wars,' featuring the incomparable C3PC) and R2D2.

Entrance: 50p.

Youth Centre Committee

Saturday, 26th May

Don't do too much on Saturday - remember it's a long weekend'. Drop the children off at the White Hart clubroom or send them to the Merry Bells car park while you make a gentle tour of the Societies' Fair. Then tire the teenagers out at It's a K.O. so that you can enjoy an evening of serious drinking, with cultural overtones.

Societies' Fair - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Merry Bells

An opportunity to see the work and activities of village clubs and societies including:- the Mother and Toddler group, the Workers' Educational Association, the Tennis Club, the Wheatley Society, the Society's Local History Group, the Cubs/Scouts, the Brownies/ Guides, the Village Produce Association, and the Windmill Restoration Society.

Paint-In - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the White Hart clubroom

Artistic activities for the under eights.

Entrance: 15p. (including refreshment)

The Playgroup

Treasure Hunt - 11.00 a.m., meeting in Merry Bells car park

For eight to fifteen year olds, who think they know their way around Wheatley - and can follow the clues.

Entrance: 10p.

Wheatley Society Environmental Group

It's a Knock Out - 2.30 p.m. at the Lower School

More ingenious games and lots of youthful endeavour.

Refreshments by the Women's Institute

Harry Johnson

Poems & Pints - 8.30 to 11.30 p.m. at the White Hart clubroom

By popular request, a repeat of last year's format - same pints but different poems.

The theme is Love.

Entrance 40p.

Wheatley Society

Sunday, 27th May

Sunday is a day for walking round the village, whether you choose to visit some of the many open gardens, or the windmill, follow a nature trail, or just watch some of the sports competitions taking place. Finish up with a seat in the Old Burial Ground for the ecumenical service and band concert.

Gardens Open

We are extremely grateful to the following residents who have kindly agreed to open their gardens to the public. Those marked * are open from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 to 4.00 p.m., those marked + from 2.00 to 7.00 p.m., and the others from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

*Dr. Street	The Old Parsonage, High Street
*Mr. Minty	The Old House, Kiln Lane
*Miss Naish	35 Church Road
*Dr. May	The Crest, High Street
*Mr. Prest	The Walled Cottage, Church Road
*Mrs. Morgan	The Chestnuts, 3 Park Hill
*Mrs. Harris	Rock House, Kiln Lane
Mr. Lewis	The Gables, Park Hill
Mr. Northcote	5 Anson Close
Mrs. Haig-	6 Anson Close
Mr. Anson	7 Anson Close
Mr. White	118 Church Road

Nature Trails

Trails start from the Windmill from which a sheet of directions may be obtained during the times noted below. There will be a choice of long and short routes.

Willie Clements

Windmill Open Day - 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

A chance to view progress on its restoration, and to buy postcards, souvenirs, etc.

Entrance: Adults 10p., Children 5p. (if accompanied: free)

Windmill Restoration Society

Aunt Sally - 12 noon in the White Hart yard

Aunt Sally is a traditional pub sport played only in these parts. The semi-finals and finals will be played in the yard, so bring along all the family to watch.

George Moss

Table Tennis Finals - 2.00 p.m. at the Merry Bells

The recently formed club has proved very popular, and will be staging the finals of its six-tournament competition.

Table Tennis Club

Tennis Tournament - 2.00 p.m., assembling at the Sports field pavilion

Mixed doubles open to all, with several short matches guaranteed to all entrants. To ensure a place send your applications and fees (£1 per pair, 50p. for under-18s in full-time education) to Duncan Macleod, 17 Littleworth Road, by 20th May.

Tennis Club

Darts Finals - 3.00 p.m. at the New Club

The prize presentation is at 9.30 p.m., during an evening including entertainment and a bar extension until 11.30

Ian Wonnacott

Ecumenical Service - 3.00 p.m. in the Old Burial Ground

A service sheet will be provided. Musical accompaniment by the Wheatley & District Music Society.

Wheatley Ecumenical Group

Band Concert - 3.30 p.m. in the Old Burial Ground

This year's concert will feature the following pieces: Walton's Crown Imperial, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance, Holst's First Military Band Suite, the R.A.F. March Past, Colonel Bogey, Poet and Peasant, Die Fledermaus, and U.S. Patrol.

Wheatley & District Music Society

Monday, 28th May

Get up to the Sports field by 10.00 a.m. for the needle soccer match between Wheatley and Littleworth, down to the village centre by noon for the Pram Race, up to Park Hill for the fete, and down to the Church Road rec. for traditional games, Tug o' War, etc. Then rest awhile to build up your strength for dancing in the High Street, where you can even snatch a bite to eat. Don't end up in the lock-up, unless you just visit it!

Festival Cup Soccer : Wheatley vs. Littleworth - 10.00 a.m. on the Upper School Field
Stand well back and enjoy a familiar game distinctively practised by the local experts.

Ted Molloy

The Pram Race - 12 noon, starting from Crown Square

Despite appearances they really enjoy it - and raise lots of money for charity. Wheatley Morris Men provide a sober curtain-raiser (?) in Crown Square from 11.40 a.m.

Conservative Association

Lock-Up Open (?) - all day

Ron Robinson

Fete - 2.00 p.m. at 1 Park Hill

The annual event takes place this year in its usual setting by kind permission of Mr. D. John.

United Reformed Church

Traditional Games - 3.30 p.m. at Church Road Rec.

These you come to try, not watch - test your skill at Tossing the Bale, Blat the Rat, Knurr and Spell ... and allied activities.

Refreshments by the Brownies/Guides

Wheatley Society

The Marathon Donkey - 3.30 p.m. at Church Road Rec.

The Rec. will be honoured by the presence of 'Poppit' and her pony friend who in June set out on a walk from John o' Groats to Land's End. We also hope to arrange other four-legged beasts, with less strenuous forthcoming commitments, on whom the children may ride.

Punch & Judy - 4.00 p.m. at Church Road Rec. Traditional entertainment, for younger parishioners.

Tug o' War - 4.30 p.m. at Church Road Rec.

The Fox at Thame won it in 1977, Wheatley Rugby Club in 1978 - who will it be this year ...? Referee: Alan Davis, ex Dorton Dons.

Wheatley Society

Children's Cartoon Show – 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. at the Merry Bells

Merry Bells Management Committee

The Street Ceilidh - 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. in the High Street (or Merry Bells if wet)

Music by: Jack's Maggot and friends

Dancing by: Wheatley Morris Men and their guests:

Abingdon Morris Men

Wheatley Cloggies

Wheatley Junior Morris Men and by everyone who turns up!

Refreshments by: Wheatley Scouts in the White Hart yard and

Senior Citizens Coffee Club in the Merry Bells

If you came last year, we're sure you'll want to come again - if you didn't, come and see what you missed. The event has been marked by the appearance of well-known traditional Morris sides - following Headington Quarry Men in 1977, and Adderbury Morris Men in 1978, we are delighted to welcome Abingdon Morris Men who are one of only two sides in the country claiming to dance an unbroken tradition.

Wheatley Morris Men

We hope that everyone enjoys the Festival and feels that it is a worthwhile village event. The Committee incurs necessary expenses, particularly on publicity, insurance, and on financing the street ceilidh. You can help to defray costs by contributions beforehand at the Post Office, Bank, or Wheatley Estate Agents, or, during the Festival, by placing a donation in the buckets carried by Festival stewards. Any profits will be ploughed back into next year's Festival.

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