

WELCOME TO THE 19th

WANTAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL

There was a point in February when I thought the programme would be rather sparse. How wrong I was – there are more events than ever - 64 in total! The aim of the Festival is to raise the profile of the many diverse activities, organisations and volunteers which make up our vibrant community. Entertainment and leisure is often very expensive these days, but there's plenty of events at a very low cost and some are free! To mention a few: the Museum have arranged an excellent programme of talks based on an historical theme, especially WW1. The Wilts & Berks Canal Trust have gone into overdrive and arranged even more of their popular canal walks which give a fascinating insight into Wantage's history and heritage, and the huge amount of work undertaken in restoration projects. Dolphin Art have arranged five art demonstrations with local artists using various media, so pop in and be inspired! Umami Delicatessen are hosting two tutored Cheese & Wine evenings. Richmond Village at Letcombe Regis have devised an exciting weekend of entertainment. Our excellent Silver Band have a couple of concerts – one of which is a picnic concert at their Tugwell field premises and it's a free event. So get out your diaries/smart phones and book in some entertainment. Many thanks to the Wantage Town Council and Vale of White Horse District Council for their grants, to the Festival committee for their support, and to all the participants in this Festival. For any late changes to the programme after printing, please visit wantage.com

Julia Reynolds – Festival Chairman

Saturday 7th June, 11.00am

FESTIVAL OPENING

The official opening of the Wantage Summer Festival, with the Mayor of Wantage, Town Crier, Wantage Silver Band and the Icknield Way Morris Men. IN FRONT OF THE BEAR HOTEL, WANTAGE MARKET PLACE

SATURDAY 7th JUNE, 10.00am–12noon, and 1.00–3.00pm

DOLPHIN GALLERY - ART DEMONSTRATIONS

(every Saturday/different artists)

Jonathan Newey will be demonstrating some of our Derwent range, creating works of art using Inktense Pencils and Inktense Blocks, Coloursoft pencils, XL Graphite and XL Charcoal and related accessories. Pop into the Gallery to see the artist at work, and be inspired.

DOLPHIN ART GALLERY, 23-24 MARKET PLACE, WANTAGE Free event

SATURDAY 7th JUNE, 10.00am – 2.00pm (also on Sat 28th June)

WANTAGE LACEMAKERS AT THE MUSEUM

Lacemaking is still thriving – come along to the museum and see for yourself! Chat to the lace-makers and discover whether this could be a new hobby for you. Free event

SATURDAY 7th JUNE, 8.00pm–11.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

FOLK FOR M.S. – 25TH ANNUAL FOLK FOR M.S. CONCERT

This concert brings top quality, live folk music to the Old Mill Hall for the 25th time. All proceeds to Multiple Sclerosis charities. Visit FolkForMS.org for details of the artists performing and the charity. Licenced bar, raffle, hot & cold food available. Good music – good cause! Also on Fri 6th June (day before Festival opens), there is the White Horse FMS Ceilidh, same place, same time. Visit whitehorseceilidhs.org.uk for full details. OLD MILL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, GROVE £10.00 adult, £5.00 under 16

SUNDAY 8th JUNE, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

BETJEMAN MILLENIUM PARK TRUST - ART IN THE PARK

(sponsored by The Dolphin Gallery)

Popular local artist plus two acclaimed London artists will provide 'master classes'. Limited places available – 12 for sculpture, 28 for water colour, acrylics and/or drawing. Tickets available on a 'first come' basis from The Art Department, KA's Academy, Centre Site, Wantage. Wet weather facilities available at KA's Academy Art Department. (NB: TICKETS NOT AT MUSEUM) £5.00 (from Art Dept, KA's Centre Site)

SUNDAY 8th JUNE, 2.30pm

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST - GUIDED BOTANY WALK

A "there and back again" walk starting and ending at East Challow Village Hall Car Park following the canal through to Stockham and back, looking at the flora and possibly fauna. Distance is around 1½ miles in all. Suitable clothing/shoes/boots recommended. Children to be accompanied by parent/guardian. Further information can be obtained from Brian Stovold on 07946524928. Free, but a donation of £2.00/person for the Canal Trust gratefully accepted.

MONDAY 9th JUNE, 1.30pm–3.30pm (also on Mons 16th, 23rd, 30th)

MAKE LACE MONDAY AT THE MUSEUM

Have a go bobbin lacemaking at this craft-with-chat session run by Wantage Lacemakers in the museum cafe area. Try-out boards are available so there's no need to have your own equipment. Experienced lace-makers are also welcome – just turn up and bring your project with you. Free event

TUESDAY 10th JUNE, 2.00pm–3.00pm

THE CREATURES OF LETCOMBE BROOK - Workshop

Sally Wallington, Letcombe Brook Project Officer, will bring in living creatures from the brook and share some fascinating facts about them. Dress for mess to join in this free session, enabling you to learn more about Wantage's rare chalk stream. A family-friendly event. Advance booking essential. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM Free event

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE, 7.30pm (doors & coffee shop open at 7.00pm)

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM – MEN OF WANTAGE: 1914-1918

Local historian Trevor Hancock relates the stories of some of the Wantage and Charlton men who served the World War 1. Each person's journey was different and you will hear about their lives, successes and failures – not everyone returned. Advance booking recommended. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM £4.00

THURSDAY 12th JUNE, 10.30am–1.00pm

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM - ALL IN A DAY'S WORK!

Visit the museum foyer and examine some Victorian and Edwardian work-related objects and textiles from the museum's handling collection; chat about them with Carolyn, one of our curatorial volunteers. A free drop-in event.

THURSDAY 12th JUNE, 7.00pm

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST - CIRCULAR GUIDED WALK

A circular walk starting and ending at The Sack House, Wantage Wharf, Mill Street (map ref 396881). This walk takes in the route of the Wantage branch of the canal and the main line of the canal between Grove and East Challow, and returns via Naldertown and Betjeman Park. Distance is around 3 miles – allow 2 hours for your guide to wax lyrical! Suitable clothing/shoes/boots recommended. There may be stiles & roads en-route. Further information can be obtained from Brian Stovold on 07946524928. Free, but a donation of £2.00/person for the Canal Trust gratefully accepted.

FRIDAY 13th JUNE, 6.30pm (please note early start time)

WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND 'BLUE TONES' BLUE TONES & FOUR PART

Join us for an entertaining concert featuring the combined talents of two well-known local choirs, with voices which span the generations. MILLBROOK SCHOOL, GROVE £4.00 (£3.00 senior citizens & students) Under 12s free

FRIDAY 13th JUNE, 7.30pm

PANDEMONIUM - 'FOUR QUARTERS'

Local folk band, 'Pandemonium', invite you to an evening to celebrate the music of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. In support of local charity 'OPEN ACCESS'. ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH, CHARLTON ROAD, WANTAGE £6.00, no concessions

SATURDAY 14th JUNE, 10.00am–12noon, and 1.00–3.00pm

DOLPHIN GALLERY - ART DEMONSTRATIONS

(every Saturday/different artists)

A chance to work alongside local professional artist, Stuart Roper, who will be demonstrating his skills in acrylics. He will be happy to answer questions, talk about techniques and materials and even help you to have a go. Pop into the Gallery to see the artist at work and be inspired. DOLPHIN ART GALLERY, 23-24 MARKET PLACE Free event

SATURDAY 14th JUNE, 11.00am–1.00pm

FLOWER OF THE QUERN – MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM

Join us in the museum café for informal, instrumental, international (mainly) folk music, played on a range of acoustic instruments in a variety of styles. Free event

SATURDAY 14th JUNE, 7.30pm

THE CROWN SINGERS – 'SINGERS and SAXES'

An evening of music for everyone. The renowned local choir 'The Crown Singers' (conductor: Paul Burke), present an a-capella programme of madrigals, sacred music and part-songs, while the saxophonists of the popular 'Saxonian Quartet' perform an enjoyable range of jazz and light music. GROVE PARISH CHURCH £8.00 (no concessions)

SATURDAY 14th JUNE, 7.30pm

JAMES MITCHELL AND FRIENDS – 'A TRIBUTE TO GERALD FINZI – COMPOSER'

This concert features the Clarinet Bagatelles with Raymond Brien (clarinet) and Graham Blyth (piano), and the Song Cycles 'Let Us Garlands Bring', and 'Earth and Air and Rain' with James Mitchell (baritone) and Grahame O'Connor (piano).CHALLOW PARK RECITAL HALL, (opp KA's West), WANTAGE £8.50 (no concessions)

MONDAY 16th JUNE, 7.30pm (doors & coffee shop open at 7.00pm)

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM - KATHERINE PARR: THE QUEEN THAT LIVED - HISTORICAL TALK

Nikky Arding, historical interpreter and actress, recreates the life and times of Katherine Parr. The last of Henry VIII's wives and the only one to escape with her marriage intact, Katherine's extraordinary tale features country life, royal wrangling and raises questions about the terrifying Tudor dynasty. Advance Booking recommended. £4.00

TUESDAY 17th JUNE, 2.15pm

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM FALKLANDS WILDLIFE – THE MOVIES – illustrated talk

Having seen and heard 'Foray to the Falklands', some people wanted more. So this talk was created, which incorporates lots of Tony Hadland's video footage of Falklands' wildlife, including elephant seals and many types of birds. Presented by Tony and Rosemary Hadland. Advance booking essential. Free event

TUESDAY 17th JUNE 7.00pm

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST – CIRCULAR GUIDED WALK

This walk starts and ends at Childrey Village Hall (map ref 362875). Distance is about 3.5 miles Allow two hours as your guide is likely to ramble on about the canal history and restoration progress! Suitable clothing/shoes/ boots recommended. There may be stiles and roads en-route. Further information can be obtained from Brian Stovold on 07946524928. Free, but a donation of £2.00/person for The Canal Trust gratefully accepted.

TUESDAY 17th JUNE, 7.30pm

WANTAGE CAMERA CLUB - AUDIO VISUAL SPECTACULAR

A firm favourite in the Festival calendar. The audio visual group of the Wantage Camera Club presents a highly entertaining programme of images to voice and music. The subject matter is often of local interest and some guest productions will be included. The Club has achieved international recognition in this medium and the programme will include some award-winning sequences. METHODIST CHURCH HALL, CHURCH STREET £3.00 (no concessions)

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE, 10.00am–12.00 noon

LETCOMBE BROOK PROJECT DISCOVER THE LETCOMBE BROOK IN WANTAGE (Grove on Thurs 26th June)

The Letcombe Brook is a chalk stream – a very rare habitat with a fascinating history. Enjoy a guided walk around the brook, discover Alfred's Well, hear about the alien invasion by signal crayfish and learn how the brook is being managed for flood prevention and wildlife. Distance is approximately 2 miles; please wear stout footwear. MEET OUTSIDE THE VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM Free event

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 7.00pm

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST - CIRCULAR GUIDED WALK

New walk - starting and finishing at The Sack House, Wantage Wharf, Mill Street (map ref 396881), exploring the route of the Wantage Tramway, Wilts & Berks Canal and Besselsleigh Turnpike (not all of it). Distance about 5 miles (no wonder they built the Tramway), allow all evening. Suitable clothing/shoes/boots recommended. There will be stiles and roads en-route. Further information can be obtained from Brian Stovold on 07946524928. Free, but a donation of £2.00/person for the Trust's costs gratefully accepted.

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE, 8.00pm–10.30pm

ZELDA'S JAZZ ROOM

The Jazz Club in Wantage (originally at Lains Barn) has been hosting traditional jazz bands from all over the country and abroad for 23 years on the third Wednesday each month. This month we present an all star band featuring Ben Cummings on the trumpet. THE COMRADES CLUB, NEWBURY STREET, WANTAGE £10.00 (tickets at the door)

THURSDAY 19th JUNE, 2.30pm

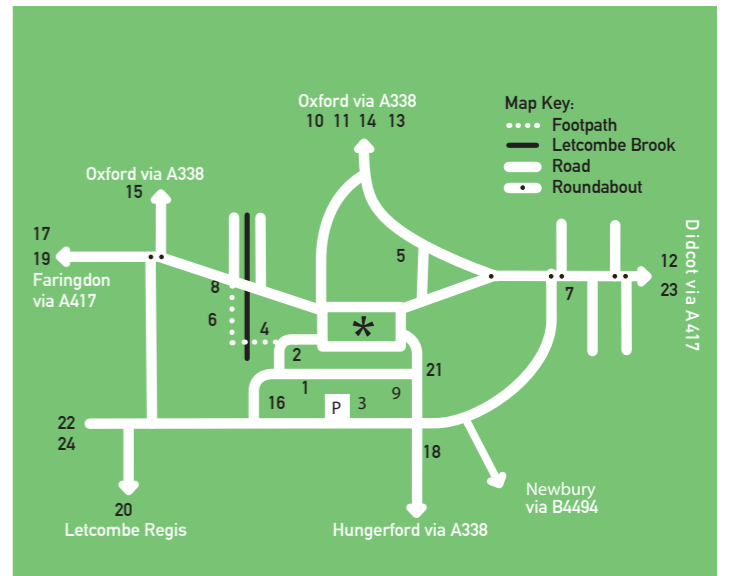
VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM – IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH! - Tour and Tea

Join Sheila Powell for a 40 minute tour around the galleries, focusing on objects that tell us how people kept healthy in the past and how they attempted to deal with sickness or injury. Round off the tour with a chat over tea/coffee and a cake in the café. Advance booking essential. £3.00 (inc. standard tea/coffee and a cake)

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WANTAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL



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- 5 Wantage Library
- 6 Betjeman Park
- 7 St John Vianney Church
- 8 The Lamb Inn
- 9 Methodist Church & Hall
- 10 Grove Library
- 11 Millbrook School Hall
- 12 Charlton Centre
- 13 Grove Parish Church
- 14 Old Mill Hall, Grove
- 15 Crown Car Park
- 16 King Alfred's Centre Site
- 17 Challow Park Recital Hall
- 18 Comrades Club
- 19 East Challow Village Hall
- 20 Richmond Letcombe Regis
- 21 Umami Delicatessen
- 22 Childrey Village Hall
- 23 Band Hall, Tugwell Field
- 24 Sparsholt

Ticket sales 01235 760176

Vale & Downland Museum

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm

