

Whittlesey Festival 2023

Sunday 10th September 2023



Free Programme



WELCOME TO WHITTLESEY



IT'S BACK.... After a three-year break due to COVID we welcome you all back to the much-missed Whittlesey Festival for the 13th time.

Without the commitment to the local community that is demonstrated by the Festival Committee in their hard work and dedication we would not be able to celebrate the Whittlesey community spirit with such a festival.

I would like to thank the Festival Committee for the planning and coordination and pulling it all back together after the three-year break.

The community has really supported this event which makes me very proud. I really appreciate the fundraising that has taken place to help subsidise the rides and attractions to enable the day to be fun filled for all without some of the financial worry in these difficult times. That is only part of the story though, the sponsors and local businesses have also supported this event with time, money and ideas. A real community effort.

I know the Committee are looking forward to welcoming some new acts/performers and are particularly looking forward to welcoming back the Romford Drum and Trumpet Corps and the Peterborough Highland Pipe Band along with other past performers. The day is going to be fantastic.

Of course, the main requirement is good weather, so fingers crossed everyone.

Have a good time and enjoy the Festival and see you next year!

Councillor Mrs Kay Mayor

Mayor of Whittlesey

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's been three years since the last Festival, due to Covid, so the Festival Committee have been working hard to bring the event back bigger and better than before.

Marija Lysak has coordinated a tremendous line-up of international and local performers on the Market Square and the Schools Art Exhibition in the Whittlesey Library. David Bailey has brought together an amazing programme of music and entertainment in St Mary's Church and the church yard green.

Thanks go to Averil Cosstick and Jenny Parker for organising the Fund-Raising Coffee Morning and the Nova ladies for their wonderful cakes. This event combined with an Easter-Egg Hunt earlier this year raised over £800 towards the Festival.

Having served on this committee for many years I'm always grateful for the hard work of all our volunteers which makes me honoured to serve as chairman.

Thank you to our sponsors and advertisers whose support helps to make the Festival possible.

Hope you enjoy the Festival.

Brian Smithyman

The Whittlesey Festival Committee



MARKET SQUARE RUNNING ORDER 2023

Time	Item/Performer
9.30 am	Parade Assembles, Broad Street (Whittlesey Christian Church)
10.00 am	Parade Departs – Arrive Market Square approx. 10.10 am
10.15 am	Official opening by Mayor of Whittlesey - Cllr. Kay Mayor
10.25 am	Peterborough Highland Pipe Band
10.45 am	Romford Drum and Trumpet Corp Marching Band
11.05 am	'Black Eagles' – Tanzanian Acrobatic and Dance Group
11.30 am	Puppet Show – The Eddie the Donkey Show – part 1
11.45 am	'Starlight Twirlettes' – Majorette Troupe
12.00 pm	Lindy Hop Dancers - Rug- Cutters
12.15 pm	Solas School of Irish Dance
12.25 pm	Indian Contemporary Dance Group - 'Ritu Ranga'
12.40 pm	Romford Drum and Trumpet Corp Marching Band
13.00 pm	Lithuanian Dance Group - 'Raskila'
13.15 pm	'Black Eagles' – Tanzanian Acrobatic and Dance Group
13.40 pm	Solas School of Irish Dance
13.50 pm	Peterborough Highland Pipe Band
14.10 pm	Puppet Show – The Eddie the Donkey Show – part 2
14.25 pm	Folk Dance group - 'Sutton Mask'
14.40 pm	Young Technicians – Musical Theatre group
15.00 pm	Lindy Hop Dancers - Rug-Cutters
15.15 pm	Reserved for Flypast of Spitfire/BBMF
15 30 pm	Festival Finale (Combined Bands) P. Highland Pipe/Romford D&T
16.00 pm	Close Festival -Mayor of Whittlesey -Cllr. Kay Mayor

While every effort is made to keep to the timings things don't always run as smoothly as planned. Weather and technical problems can delay things. Please bear with us if we don't hit the timing above on the day. The Flypast is also subject to change. (We get notified on the day of the timings)

Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival

January 12, 13 & 14

2024




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