

### Summer Concerts

The programme of summer concerts ended on 10<sup>th</sup> September with a concert by Ware Brass. The concerts have once again been very popular and well attended.

### School holiday activities

An extended programme of free summer holiday activities took place over the 6 week school holidays. These activities included craft, water wars, zorb football, dodgeball, beat the goalie, art, climbing wall, giant hungry hippos, archery and pedal cars. The activities were across the age range, up to 17 years. The scheme was really well received by the local community, not just by those who have directly benefited but with favourable comments from other members of the community. An evaluation is currently taking place. Work will begin on the Summer 2024 programme in November.

### October half term 2023

23/10/23	Halloween crafting – open to all ages
25/10/23	Lego workshop – younger children
26/10/23	Gaming – older children

### February half term

We are planning to host films for younger and older children during the February half term.

### Ware Festival

Ware Festival 2024 was successful and much appreciated by the local community. The AGM takes place at The Priory on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm. The AGM is followed by an Open Meeting to discuss Ware Festival 2024. Everyone is welcome.

### Cinema

Our afternoon cinema programme resumed on 6<sup>th</sup> September with a sold out performance of 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris'. The remaining films in the current programme are:

03/10/23	I Wanna Dance With Somebody
02/11/23	Oppenheimer
12/12/23	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

### Carol Concert

The Annual Carol Concert will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, timings to be agreed. Ware Brass will play. The Concert will take place outside if the weather allows, otherwise in Fletcher's Lea.

### 2024 Events

#### Cinema – January to May

The January-May programme will be available towards the end of the year.

#### Easter Funday

The Easter activities will take place at the Priory on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## **Food Festival 2024**

The date proposed is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Summer Concerts**

A programme of summer entertainment May-September will be put together during autumn/winter 2023

## **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

To discuss if Ware Town Council would like to mark the day.

## **Ware Festival 2024**

Ware Festival will begin with Carnival Day on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Planning will commence in November 2023.

## **School Holiday activities**

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## **Mayoral Events**

**Humanist Service: 8th October**, 3.30pm service in Fletcher's Lea – Reception Conservatory from 4.30pm

**Mayor's Reception for volunteers:** 7th December, Fletcher's Lea – 7pm-8.30pm

**Quiz Night:** 10th November, Fletcher's Lea

**Mayor's Gala:** 23rd March 2024, Fletcher's Lea