

## Events Report

### Cinema

Afternoon Cinema continues to be well attended. There is one film left in this series. There will be no programme for January/February as Fletcher's Lea will not be available. Films will resume March-May.

### Wellbeing Programme

Since the last report a range of activities have taken place including Laughing Yoga, breathwork, sound journey, and kickboxing. These have been by and large well attended and well received. In the New Year there will be zentangle, more breathwork classes, a drugs/alcohol awareness talk for young people and their parents; 2 day- long men's retreats and a six-week programme of boxercise and weightfit for young people 14-18. Total spend to date £7530.00.

Work on the 2025-26 programme will begin shortly.

### October half term activities

During the October half term approximately 450 children attended a 'turn up' lego session and gaming session. These sessions came at a cost of £1275.00

### Film Festival 2024

This took place during the October half term week. A wash up meeting has yet to take place but broadly, 9 films took place across 6 venues in the town, including a new venue, Saracen's Head who are happy to be involved again next year. The films included a children's film and, for the first time, a foreign language film which was particularly well received.

### Forthcoming events

Christmas Sing-along with Ware Brass

This will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. A decision on timings and whether this takes place inside or outside will be made nearer the time, weather dependent.

### Events 2025-26

#### February half term activity

As Fletcher's Lea will not be available at this time, two drawing masterclass sessions aimed at two age groups have been book for the half term.

### Summer Concerts

Work is ongoing on the programme of concerts. The following dates have been confirmed:

01.06.25	Steve Young Acoustic
14.06.25	Old Time Sailors
06.07.25	Ware Brass
13.07.25	A Twist of Rock – Rock Legends Show

08.09.25 Ware Brass  
21.12.25 Ware Brass

### **Ware Festival 2025**

The first meeting of the Ware Festival Committee 2025 took place recently. The theme for 2025 will be 'Colour Rush' and the benefiting groups will be Isabel Hospice and Southern Maltings. It was also agreed to bring the annual Food Festival under the umbrella of Ware Festival. The following dates are confirmed:

WF/Rotary Afternoon Tea	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July
Carnival Day	Saturday July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Ware Festival of Running	Sunday July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Riverside Real Ale Festival, Putting & Pavement Artists Competitions	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Annual Food Festival	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Bus Pass Party	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

### **Mayoral Events**

#### **Autumn Celebration**

A secular service followed by afternoon tea took place at the Priory in October. This was attended by visiting Mayors/Chairs and members of the local community.

#### **Mayor's Reception for volunteers**

This will take place in Fletcher's Lea on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Confirmed attendance is currently at 60 over a broad range of representatives from local volunteer groups.

#### **Murder Mystery Dinner**

This will take place at the Priory on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Details to follow.