

Events Report

Round up 2024-25

Cinema

526 people attended 8 afternoon films over the past year. The programme continues to be a valuable addition to the Ware calendar; both from an entertainment point of view and for community cohesion.

Film Festival

411 guests attended 9 free films screened at various venues throughout the town in October. The introduction of a foreign language film as part of the programme was successful and will continue.

School holiday activities

Approximately 2900 children attended school holiday activities across the year. The activities included archery, multi spots, various craft classes, free films, bungee trampolines, lego workshops, silent disco, planting sessions, climbing wall, water wars and mini golf.

Wellbeing

For the period May 24-April 25 over 400 members of the community attended wellbeing events such as breathwork, midnight swim, laughing yoga, zentangle, sound journey, kickboxing, youth fitness programme and men's retreat.

Summer Concerts

The programme of free summer concerts were well attended throughout the summer.

Ware Festival 2024

Despite dreadful weather on Carnival Day the parade went ahead and the town fair was reasonably well attended. Carnival Day provides local groups and charities with the opportunity to raise funds and raise their profile within the town. The other Ware festival events throughout July, such as the Real Ale Festival, various competitions, etc, were well attended.

D-Day 2024

This commemorative event was well attended and appreciated by the community.

Food Festival 2024

This has become a well established part of the Ware calendar and is well supported by both traders and the public.

Programme of events for 2025-26

Cinema

The programme is ongoing with the final film in the current season in May and will restart in September.

VE Day – 8th May, 6pm-9.30pm

This free, commemorative event will begin with a flag ceremony in the Priory grounds. There will be live music with the Miss Alex Jazz Band and interactive dance with Swing Dance UK. The evening will finish with the lighting of the beacon.

Summer Concerts

The following concerts will take place in the Priory grounds and will be free to attend:

Band	Date	Concert timing
Steve Young	01/06/2025	3pm-5pm
Old Time Sailors	14/06/2025	Noon-2pm
Lulu & the Hullabalooos	22/06/2025	3-5pm
Ware Brass	06/07/2025	3-5pm
A Twist of Rock Rock Legends Show	13/07/2025	5.30pm-7pm 5pm-6pm 1 st set 6.30-7.30pm 2 nd set
Barry Sapsford's Swing Orchestra	03/08/2025	3pm -5pm
Steel Pan in Motion	10/08/2025	3pm-5pm
Lip Service Brass Band To be confirmed	17/08/2025	3pm-5pm
Ware Brass	07/09/2025	3pm-5pm
Ware Brass	21/12/2025	??

Wellbeing

The wellbeing programme for 2025-26 is taking shape and will include the most popular activities from 2024-25 such as Zendoodle, Breathwork, a movement class, summer solstice swim, men's retreat, and youth fitness programme/s. New for 2025-26 will be some Eat Well classes, Mighty Mind resilience classes and sleep reset classes. Confirmed to date are:

Date/Time	Venue	Event type
APRIL		
Friday 11 th 7-8pm	Fletcher's Lea	Sound Journey
Wednesday 30 th 7-8:30pm		Eat Well
MAY		

Friday 9 th 6:30-7:30pm		Breathwork
Wednesday 21 st		Movement
JUNE		
Friday 13 th 7-8pm		Sound Journey
Saturday 21 st	Lido	Ecstatic Dance & Swim – 2 sessions 6pm-10pm
Wednesday 25 th 7-8:30pm		Eat Well
JULY		
Wednesday 2 nd 7-8pm		Movement
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 12 th		Breathwork
Wednesday 24 th		Eat Well
OCTOBER		
Friday 10 th		Sound Journey
Wednesday 15 th		Movement
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 12 th		Mighty Mind
Friday 21 st		Breathwork

School holiday activities

The following school holiday activities are confirmed:

Date	Concept	Provider
Thursday 10 th April 12-4pm	Silent Disco	Silent Disco Company
Tuesday 15 th April 2pm-4pm	Children's Film Paddington in Peru	WTC
Saturday 19 th April 1.30pm-3.15pm for judging	Easter Activities	WTC

Date	Concept	Provider
29 th of May	Pop-up tennis, badminton, dodgeball, basketball, crazy catch, ages 6 – 12	Sporting Inspirations
27 th May	Planting session	Ware in Bloom

Date	Concept	Provider
Tuesday 28 th July 12-4pm	Archery	5th Ware
Thursday 31 st July 12-4pm	Climbing Frame	Xtreme Vortex
Monday 25 th August 2024 12-4pm	Water wars	Tolmers Activity Centre
Thursday 7 th August 2024 12-4pm	Doodle Jam	Fool's Paradise
Tuesday 12 th August 11-5pm	Junk Percussion	Primary Workshops
Thursday 14 th August	Ventura Classic Animal Adventure	Ventura
Tuesday 26 th August 10:30- 12:30 and 14:00- 16:00 25 kids per session 5-11 age group	Bush craft	Bush Craft
Thursday 28 th August	Multisport	Horizon

Ware Festival

Carnival Day, the Town Fair, Riverside Real Ale Festival and all the other associated Ware Festival events are well underway. Carnival Day is Saturday, July 5th and theme is 'Colour Rush'.