

Action Weekend Saturday 16th July

Pavement Artists Competition 10am in St. Mary's Churchyard & St. Mary's Church Fete ~ prizes for different age groups, adult entries welcome. Bring your own chalk. Judging/prize giving at 11.15am. Pick up an application form from Ware Priory or Ware Library

3rd Ware Scout Group - enjoy lovely refreshments with 3rd Ware who are raising funds for their twin group in the Gambia. From 10.30am at Sacred Heart School—access via the towpath.

Raft Race ~ come & watch the teams build their Rafts in the Library Car Park from Noon & then battle for one of the two trophies up for grabs ~ on the water at 12.30pm

Putting Competition ~ 1.30pm-3.30pm hosted by our Bowls Club ~ teams of 3, £2 adults, £1 under 16s. All proceeds to the Festival charity

Sunday, July 17th ~ Town Tour join one of our experienced volunteer guides for a tour of historic Ware. Meet outside Ware Library, 2.30pm. Free, donations appreciated.

Farewell Weekend Sunday 24th July

33rd Annual Great Ware Duck Race presented by Great Amwell Rotary, 4pm at Ware Lock

Rock in the Priory ~ needs no further introduction! For full details visit www.rockinthepriory.co.uk

Sunday, 31st July ~ The Alex Hitchcock Trio, 3pm to 5pm at Ware Priory. Free.

For details visit:

www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk

www.rockinthepriory.co.uk

and on <http://www.facebook.com/Ware-Festival-419315774838377>



Welcome to Ware Festival 2016 ~ a celebration of 100 years of Roald Dahl!

This year we have agreed not to print our traditional brochure but to have this downloadable version and a printed flyer which is available throughout the town. Nothing else has changed, Carnival remains on July 2nd when we have our wonderful River Festival, with its superb parade followed by our street Parade and Town Fair. Ware Festival will continue with Performance Weekend, Action Weekend, finishing with Rock in the Priory. Please see inside this booklet for details.

Every year, as a Committee, we nominate a local group or charity to benefit from funds raised during Ware Festival and I am pleased to tell you that this year we have nominated the refurbishment fund for the work to Leaside Community Centre—an enormous project which will benefit everyone in the town. It will allow Leaside Kindergarten to have its own self contained secure space which will free up space for other groups. The hall is presently used during the week by a toddlers group, Zumba, pilates, dance & art classes, a bereavement group, the National Trust & U3A. Approximately 200 adults and 100 children attend activities at the Hall during the week. Our largest fundraiser for our charity is the collection during the Carnival Parade so please give generously!

Ware Festival is brought to you by a hardworking team of volunteers, many of whom belong to one or more of our many local organisations. These volunteers are supported by a team of councillors. If you are a member of a local group and would like your group represented on the Ware Festival Committee please contact the Town Council on 01920 460316.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our Festival Events.

Cllr Phyllis Ballam ~ Chairman, Ware Festival

Carnival Weekend ~ our theme for 2016 is 'Roald Dahl'

Friday 1st July

Mannings Fair opens in the Bury Field, 6pm. Reduced prices on Monday 4th July

Wareside Entertainers Present Marc Camoletti; adapted by Robin Hawdon. An amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd. Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd July, 8pm at Wareside Village Hall. Tickets £7.50/£6 concessions from 01920 467223

Saturday 2nd July

Monday Art Club Annual Exhibition ~ Riverside Hall, Priory Street, 10am-4.30pm entry free, refreshments available

River Parade ~ watch the fantastic Roald Dahl themed Boat Parade from 12.45pm ~ many other Riverside activities throughout the afternoon including a Boat Handling Competition

Carnival Parade ~ Roald Dahl themed Parade begins at 13.20pm from Broadmeads, through Amwell End, High Street, Baldock Street, Park Road. Collection during the Parade for the Ware Festival Charity, Leaside Church Community Centre refurbishment fund—please give generously!

Town Fair ~ Ware's Town Fair is held in the Priory Grounds. Official opening 2pm, early entry from Noon. Lots of stalls, arena entertainment from Une Femme Exposee, Garden City Samba, 936 Squadron Band & the English School of Falconry, lovely food, bars open. Hosted by Herts County Sound. Entry to the Priory £1, under 12s go free

Family Fun Day at the Rose & Crown, Watton Road, Noon-6pm in aid of Sands stillbirth & Neonatal charity. Tombola, bouncy castle, raffle, DJ & lots more.

Sunday 3rd July

Ware Brass on the Priory Island 3pm-5pm. Free

Performance Weekend ~ Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sun 10th July

Ware Operatic Summer Concert, Fri 8th & Sat 9th July, Drill Hall, 7.30pm. Featuring a selection of opera choruses & a selection of West End Musicals. For ticket details visit www.wareoperatic.org.uk or call the box office on 0772 483 9709

Saturday 9th July

3rd Riverside Real Ale Festival ~ Noon-11pm, Fletcher's Lea. Families welcome before 6pm. Over 20 real Ales & ciders (wine if you must!) Tickets £2 from Ware Priory, valid all day/evening. Live music in the evening from Test the Waters & Adam & Rick

Ventura Animal Adventure ~ at Ware Priory 2pm-4pm ~ come & meet the animals! Free!

Sunday 10th July

Ware Festival of Running, the Ware 10 mile, 10K & free children's races. The Ware Festival of Running (otherwise known as the Ware Tens) will take place on Sunday, July 10th, this year. The event is being organised by a special committee of Ware Joggers to raise funds for the Herts Air Ambulance. The festival, which is part of the Ware Festival, will feature at 10-mile event, a 10k and FREE children's races. The 10 mile and 10k events are both £10 to enter for affiliated members and £12 for unaffiliated. There is a technical t-shirt for all finishers of the adult races which start at 10am at GSK Cricket Ground, Park Road, Ware, SG12 0DP. Anyone wanting to enter can do so by visiting www.warejoggers.co.uk

Hertford & Ware Music Centre Summer Musical

Celebration at Ware Priory 2pm-5pm Come & enjoy some outstanding talent at Ware Priory ~ featuring the East Herts Concert Band, East Herts Youth Orchestra and string ensembles. **Free.** Leaside Church will be serving their traditional **Ware Festival Strawberry Tea**

The Accordare Quartet at Place House Hall, 6.30pm ~

Programme: Mozart quartet in D major K575, Beethoven quartet in D major Opus 18 No 3, Brahms quartet in A minor Opus 51, No 2. Tickets £10/£9 concessions from 01992 504331 or enquiries@placehousehall.org

Thursday, 14th July

Ware Festival's 'Bus Pass' Party, 7pm in Fletcher's Lea at Ware Priory. Refreshments, bingo & music courtesy of Ware Brass. Tickets £1 from Ware Priory.

