

TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

COMMITTEE REPORT

Objectives

The objectives of the Towcester Midsummer Music Festival are

1. The advancement of the arts for public benefit, in participation through the organization and delivery of an annual music festival in the town.
2. To further such exclusively charitable purposes for the public benefit, by appointing the trustees absolute discretion, as they shall think fit from time to time, in particular through the making of grants and donations.

Preparation

For the 2023 Festival, it was agreed by the committee that we should only use the Town Hall for the Friday evening events, and invite students from both Primary Schools to perform from 5pm until 7pm, followed by an Evening Coral Concert. In addition, four local Town Centre public houses arranged a variety of musical acts

For the Saturday evening, the Town Hall was again used as the main focus for the Festival, starting at 6.45pm with a performance by the group Young Musicians prior to the official opening by the Town Mayor.

Programme

Friday, 16th June

Artistes

Town Hall

Young Musicians
The Songbirds
Ukrainian Performers
Greens Norton Community Choir
Towcester Rock School

Towcester Mill

Craig
The Dilemma

Saracens Head Hotel

Identity Crisis

The Plough

Dan Smith

Brave Old Oak

MLC3 The Band
Crimson Monkeys

Saturday, 17th June

Town Hall

Young Musicians
Towcester Studio Band
Rock School
Lincoln Noel Trio

Towcester Mill

NN12 Community Choir
Torus
Nickolas Hawksmoor Primary School Choir
Towcester Studio Band
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The Band Isabelle

Brave Old Oak

Watling Street Village
The Plough

Saracens Head Hotel

Fascination
Needles in the Hay
Sgt Fury
ABBA Stars Live

Sunday, 18th June

Towcester Mill

Jenkinson's Folly
Spodne School Musicians
Cadillac

Saracens Head Hotel
Watling Street Village
St Lawrence Church

Anthony Wolfson
The Roberts Family Band
Songs of Praise

Prior to the date of the Festival, arrangements were made for stewarding and formal applications made to the police, fire and District Council. The services of the St John Ambulance Service were procured, and confirmation made that the Festival was adequately insured.

Conclusion

It was agreed that attendance at the 2023 Festival had been a record, which might have been due to the increased publicity, the hot weather or an increase in the Town's population. There was also agreement that the Festival had been a success musically, and in "Bringing the Town together". The Saturday evening events ended with a grand fireworks display from the nearby Watermeadows.

Financial Report

Financially, the 2023 Festival had been disappointing. Although ticket sales and sponsorship were roughly on target, the anticipated contribution from the public houses had been negligible. Consideration will be given for future years to the introduction of QR codes being made available at every venue. Also, the arranged pub bucket collections by members of the Mayor's benefiting charities did not take place.

Charitable Donations

The trustees agreed that the sum of £2000 be donated to the Town Mayor's Charity Fund from the proceeds of the 2023 Festival. At the October meeting of the Town Council, cheques were presented to representatives of Renew 169 Wellbeing Café, Towcester Foodbank and The Lighthouse Centre.

David Reed – Chairman
James Lynch – Secretary
Peter Stratton - Treasurer

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	£
B/fwd	2723.37
Sponsors	3325.00
Ticket Sales	1926.85
Donation	20.00
Float	350.00
Bar takings	887.52
Sundries	18.41
	£9251.15

EXPENDITURE

Venue Hire	100.00
Artistes	1400.00
Fireworks	1134.00
Web Site	1087.98
Float	350.00
Mill Brewery	450.60
St John	126.72
TENS	42.00
Printing	159.60
	£4850.90
Less Donation	2000.00
Cash in Bank	£2400.25
TOTAL	£9251.15

Peter Stratton ACIB
Treasurer