

Amphill Festival in association with **Times&Citizen** 3

Chairmans Report

Welcome to Amphill Festival 2008. As usual your committee of volunteers have been working hard organising numerous events, to not only entertain you, but to raise funds to put on the Festival Gala Day.



The Festival is entirely independent and the committee has to raise a considerable sum of money to stage the Gala Day, so please support the variety of fundraising events throughout the year. Some of these will have taken place by the time you read this, but there is still time to enter the Annual Boule Competition on the 3rd July at the Rugby Club and all future events will be advertised around the town.

This year's Gala Day will be on Sunday July 6th, and will commence with the walking parade, supported by Limelight Studios, leaving Station Road at 12.15pm and reaching Amphill Park at approx 1.00pm. With this years theme "Amphill at the Movies" there is plenty of scope for the hundreds of colourfully dressed walking participants from many local schools, clubs and organisations. Please come along to watch or why not join in? For further details please contact Sue Summerfield on 01525 753723.

Throughout the afternoon in the Park we have something for everyone to enjoy. In the Waitrose main Arena there will be continuous acts performing including the; "On the Edge" Stunt Show which is a live action stunt show, set on a location shoot made to look like a film set, Andy Greaves with Lewis, and also Katy Ketchup to entertain you, not to mention various music and dance performances from local organisations.

On the main music stage this year we have 5 local bands playing a mixture of music from Celtic Punk through to the headliners New Groove Formation, back by popular demand. This year there will also be an acoustic music stage.

Don't forget the fairground rides, plus around the arenas, many more rides, stalls and entertainment to enjoy.

As well as our own fundraising the Festival would not be possible without the generosity of our partners, who contribute towards the cost of staging the Gala Day. Many thanks to KJW Drylining, Country Properties, Lockheed Martin, Waitrose, Marshalls Landrover, Amphill Town Council, Beds County Council, D&G Short of Flitwick and The White Hart Hotel, Amphill.

Finally a huge thank you to the dedicated committee of volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to organise your Gala Day and a thank you to the countless volunteers who help out on the day. Why not come along to our AGM in September and see how you can be a part of Amphill Festival 2009.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Gala Day.

Chris Hayes

*Chairman
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