

TOWCESTER & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB, ROTARY CLUB OF TOWCESTER  
& TOWCESTER TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Towcester Midsummer Music Festival

21-23 JUNE 2024



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## **Towcester's 22nd Midsummer Music Festival, presented by the Rotary Club of Towcester, Towcester & District Lions Club and Towcester Town Council is hosted by the Mayor of Towcester and brings live music of all varieties to the heart of the town.**

The festival is a community event, providing a platform for the musical talents of local primary and secondary schools, performing arts school, community choirs and orchestras, music students, brass bands, local artistes and more, including our regular headline act, the Lincoln Noel Jazz Trio.

The main event is organised by volunteers from the community and supports the Town Mayor's charities. Over the years, town centre pubs have joined in the festival atmosphere by putting on their own entertainment.

## **Tickets**

**Our website will be regularly updated with all the latest information and the full community programme as well as pub acts.**

Tickets, starting from £2 per person, are on sale via the website, for all the community acts. Tickets may be sold on the door, subject to availability. Pub venues are free of charge or may charge a small charitable door entry fee. All venues welcome additional donations to the Town Mayor's charities.

## **Meeting Point**

If you have lost children, friends or relatives, or require first aid, please visit The Chantry House which will be staffed throughout the evening performances and will act as a meeting point and Help and Information Centre.

## **Food & Drinks**

Many of the pub venues will be serving food and drinks. Non-alcoholic mocktails and milkshakes will be available at the Renew café on Saturday late afternoon to early evening.

## **Parking**

There is free parking in:  
Richmond Road, Waitrose, Sponne Arcade,  
and Northampton Road.

## **Get Involved!**

Volunteers are needed to help with organisation and stewarding. Get in touch via the website for further information.

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# COMMUNITY ACTS

## St Lawrence Church

1-2:30pm

### SPONNE MUSICIANS

Students will perform a selection of music from solo performers and the junior orchestra.

**Tickets £2 per person**

## The Geoffrey Iley Stage @ Towcester Town Hall

5-7pm

### YOUNG MUSICIANS

Performances from under 12s students from Nicholas Hawksmoor and Towcester CE Primary schools, Aspire Arts Academy and Towcester NMPAT.

**Tickets £2 per person**

7:30-10:30pm

### COMMUNITY CHOIRS CONCERT

Featuring The Songbirds all-ladies singing group, Heart & Music Community Choir and our local Rock Choir. An evening of uplifting and joyful songs from across the decades.

**Tickets £7 per person**

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## Towcester Mill

6-9pm

### Craig Live

Craig will be singing and playing guitar to hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s.

9-11pm

### Jojo and the Mojos

Four-piece high energy rock covers guaranteed to get you dancing.

**Ticketed events - for details see**  
[www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk](http://www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk)

## The Plough

6-8pm

### Dan Smith

Local Guitarist, Dan, has received rave reviews for his performances playing pop & rock classics.

**Free**

8-10pm

### Idle Palms

A dynamic & energetic four-piece rock band.

**Free**

10pm-midnight

### DJ Steve

A return of Steve's epic rock DJ set

**Free**

## Wharf Distillery

Pop up restaurant with live acoustic music from Anton White.

[www.wharfdistillery.co.uk](http://www.wharfdistillery.co.uk) for tickets

## The Brave Old Oak

9:15-11:30pm

### The Band 'Isabelle'

Regulars at the Oak, this edgy rock/pop band will be performing your favourite tunes with a twist of funk & soul.

**Free**

## Clarke & Dean

6-9pm

### Antony Wolfson

His own interpretation of the music of Elvis Presley and others.

**Free**

## Monk & Tipster

7-10pm

### Karaoke Night

Challenge your mates to a sing-off!

**Free**

## Saracens Head

From 8pm

### Donna Keen's Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Donna will be singing hits from Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac.

*Outside bar & BBQ subject to weather conditions.*

**Free**

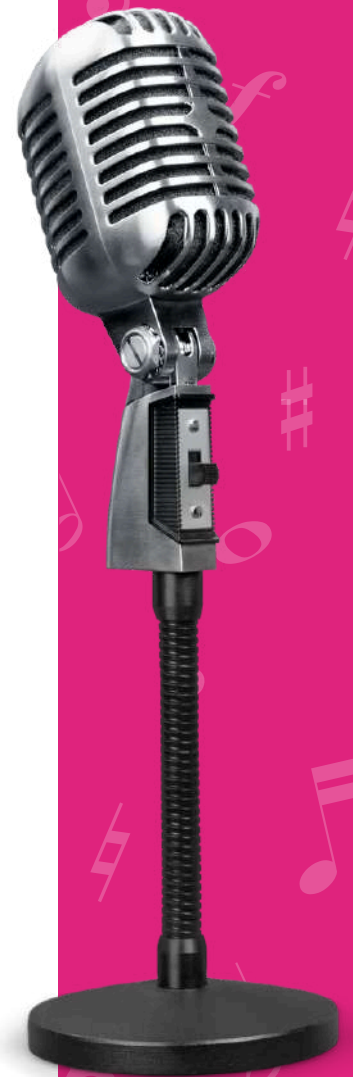
## The Bull

8-11pm

### Identity Crisis

Energetic live band covering music from the 60's to modern classics.

**Free**



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## Market Square Opening Ceremony

6-6:15pm

### TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND & TOWN MAYOR

Entertainment officially begins with a taster from the Towcester Studio Band. At 6:15pm the Mayor of Towcester will declare the festival officially open.

**Free**

## The Geoffrey Iley Stage @ Towcester Town Hall

6:15-8pm

### LET'S ROCK TOWCESTER!

Hear music from Stagecoach Performing Arts School and musicians from the local Ukrainian community, followed by great rock music from Towcester's home-grown young musical talent from Towcester Rock School.

**Tickets £2 per person**

8:30pm-Late

### HEADLINE ACT : LINCOLN NOEL JAZZ TRIO

Get down and boogie with Lincoln and the band. Requests taken!

**Tickets £7 per person**

## Bury Mount

10:30-11pm

### GRAND FIREWORK FINALE

The 2024 Midsummer Music Festival climaxes with a firework spectacular on The Watermeadows. Best viewed from the top of Bury Mount.

**Free**







## The Watling Street Village

1:30-3:30pm

### Fascination

Trio covers band with the very best classic hits from the 60's to present day.

3:30-5:30pm

### DJ Set

5:30-8pm

### Contraband

Four-piece band playing blues, pop, soft rock & country.

8:30-late

### DJ Set

**Free**

## Renew169 Wellbeing Café

4-5pm

### The Scarecrows

Folk Trio

5-6pm

### Brackley Music Club

A Capella chamber music

6:30-7:30pm

### The Songbook Singers

Ladies close harmony trio singing popular songs and wartime classics.

*Light refreshments, mocktails & milkshakes late afternoon and early evening.*

**Entry by charitable donation**

## Towcester Mill

2:30-3pm

### Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary

The musical stars of the future, Year 6 will perform their favourite tunes.

3-4pm

### NN12 Community Choir

Join in with uplifting, popular and inspirational songs from this relaxed 18+ choir.

4-6pm

### Towcester Studio Band

March along to the beat of our much-loved local brass band.

7-9pm

### Open Mic

Itching to showcase your own talent? Here's your chance to shine.

9-11pm

### The Dilemma

Lively four-piece band who apply their unique style to a range of well-known tracks.

**Ticketed events - for details see [www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk](http://www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk)**

## Saracens Head

4pm

### The All Fab Beatle

The ultimate solo Beatles experience takes you on a magical mystery tour through the 60's from the biggest band on the planet!

8pm

### ABBA Stars

One of the most captivating and authentic tributes to one of the greatest bands of all time, with a hint of humour, audience participation is expected!

*Outside bar & BBQ subject to weather conditions.*

**Free**



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# Festival Program

		1pm		2pm		3pm		4pm		5pm		6pm
FRIDAY 21st	St Lawrence Church	Sponne Musicians										
	Town Hall									Young Musicians		
	Towcester Mill											
	The Plough											
	Clarke & Dean											
	Saracens											
	Brave Old Oak											
	The Bull											
	Monk & Tipster											
	Wharf Distillery											Live acoustic music. See venue
SATURDAY 22nd	Market Square	6PM - OFFICIAL CEREMONY WITH TOWN MAYOR										
	Town Hall											
	Towcester Mill				NHPS	NN12 Choir	Towcester Studio Band					
	Watling St Village		Fascination			DJ						
	Saracen's Head						The All Fab Beatle Tribute					
	Renew169 Café						Scarecrows		BMC			
	The Plough											
	Tove Valley Centre											
	Clarke & Dean											
	The Bull											
	Monk & Tipster											
	Brave Old Oak											
	Bury Mount											
SUNDAY 23rd	The Bull		Duncan Craven Music									
	Watling St Village			Nightshift								
	Wharf Distillery	Sunday Sessions : Women in Music										
	Brave Old Oak		Kyle Boswell									
	Monk & Tipster						Sgt Fury					
	St Lawrence Church						Songs of Praise					
		1pm		2pm		3pm		4pm		5pm		6pm



# me At A Glance

	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	
						St Lawrence Church
icians		Community Choirs Concert				Town Hall
	Craig Live		JoJo & the Mojos			Towcester Mill
	Dan Smith	Idle Palms		DJ Steve		The Plough
	Antony Wolfson					Clarke & Dean
		Fleetwood Mac Tribute				Saracens
		The Band 'Isabelle'				Brave Old Oak
		Identity Crisis				The Bull
	Karaoke Night					Monk & Tipster
e venue website for details						Wharf Distillery
MAYOR AND TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND						Market Square
Let's Rock Towcester!			HEADLINE ACT : Lincoln Noel Jazz Trio			Town Hall
	Open Mic		The Dilemma			Towcester Mill
Contraband		DJ				Watling St Village
		ABBA Stars Tribute				Saracen's Head
	Songbook					Renew169 Café
Willy & The Sarge		MLC3		DJ Diet		The Plough
	Fawsley Singers & Opus4					Tove Valley Centre
	EJ Vocals					Clarke & Dean
	The Fabulous Miss Jones					The Bull
		Christie Drummer				Monk & Tipster
		That's What She Said				Brave Old Oak
					Fireworks	Bury Mount
						The Bull
						Watling St Village
						Wharf Distillery
						Brave Old Oak
						Monk & Tipster
						St Lawrence Church
	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	

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## The Plough

6-8pm

### Willy & The Sarge

Acoustic/Electric duo playing a mix of 60s & 70s classics & originals.

8-10pm

### MLC3

Maximum pub rock!

10pm-midnight

### DJ Diet!

Towcester's legendary dance floor filler

**Free**

## Tove Valley Centre

7-9pm

### The Fawsley Singers

A local chamber choir formed in a back garden during lockdown, performing unaccompanied choral music from 16th-20th century.

### Opus4 Cellists

Local cello quartet.

**Free**

## Clarke & Dean

7-8pm

### EJ Vocals

Emilia is a professional vocalist and events singer.

**Free**

## The Bull

7-10pm

### The Fabulous Miss Jones Trio

Performing all your jazzy favourites from The Great American songbook to Ella Fitzgerald and Amy Winehouse.

**Free**

## Monk & Tipster

8-10pm

### Christie Drummer

Playing rock classics on drums and vocals..

**Free**

## The Brave Old Oak

9-11pm

### That's What She Said

Regulars at the Oak, this edgy rock/pop band will be performing your favourite tunes with a twist of funk and soul.

**Free**

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## The Bull

2-4pm

**Duncan Craven Music**

A range of genres from across the decades.

**Free.**

## The Watling Street Village

2:30-4:30pm

**Nightshift**

Infectious five-piece band committed to creating a party atmosphere, delivering a dynamic and exhilarating repertoire that spans the decades.

**Free**

## Wharf Distillery

12noon-5pm

**Sunday Sessions : Women in Music**

Amii Dawes, Emily Faye & The Two.

**Free**

## The Brave Old Oak

Afternoon

**Kyle Boswell**

Towcester singer-songwriter, Kyle will be performing his original music.

**Free**

## Monk & Tipster

4-6pm

**Sgt Fury**

Local three-piece rock band who play 60s & 70s classics.

**Free**

# COMMUNITY ACTS

## St Lawrence Church

4pm

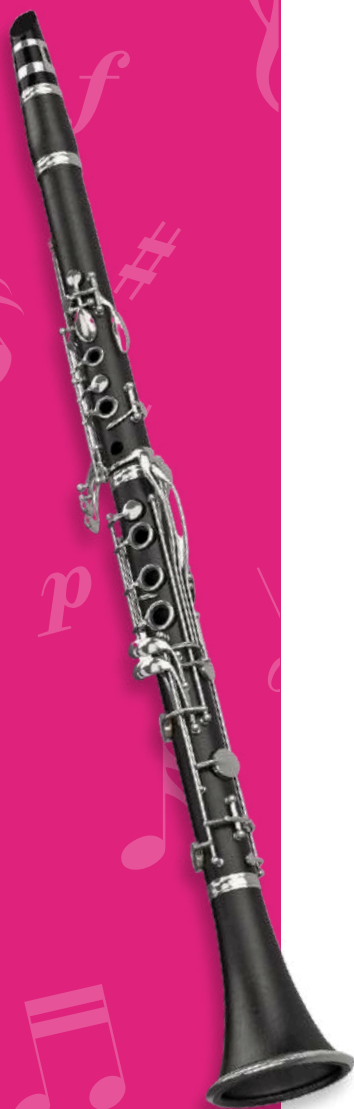
**SONGS OF PRAISE**

Tove Benefice will be bringing our weekend of musical celebration together by hosting a Songs of Praise service followed by refreshments.

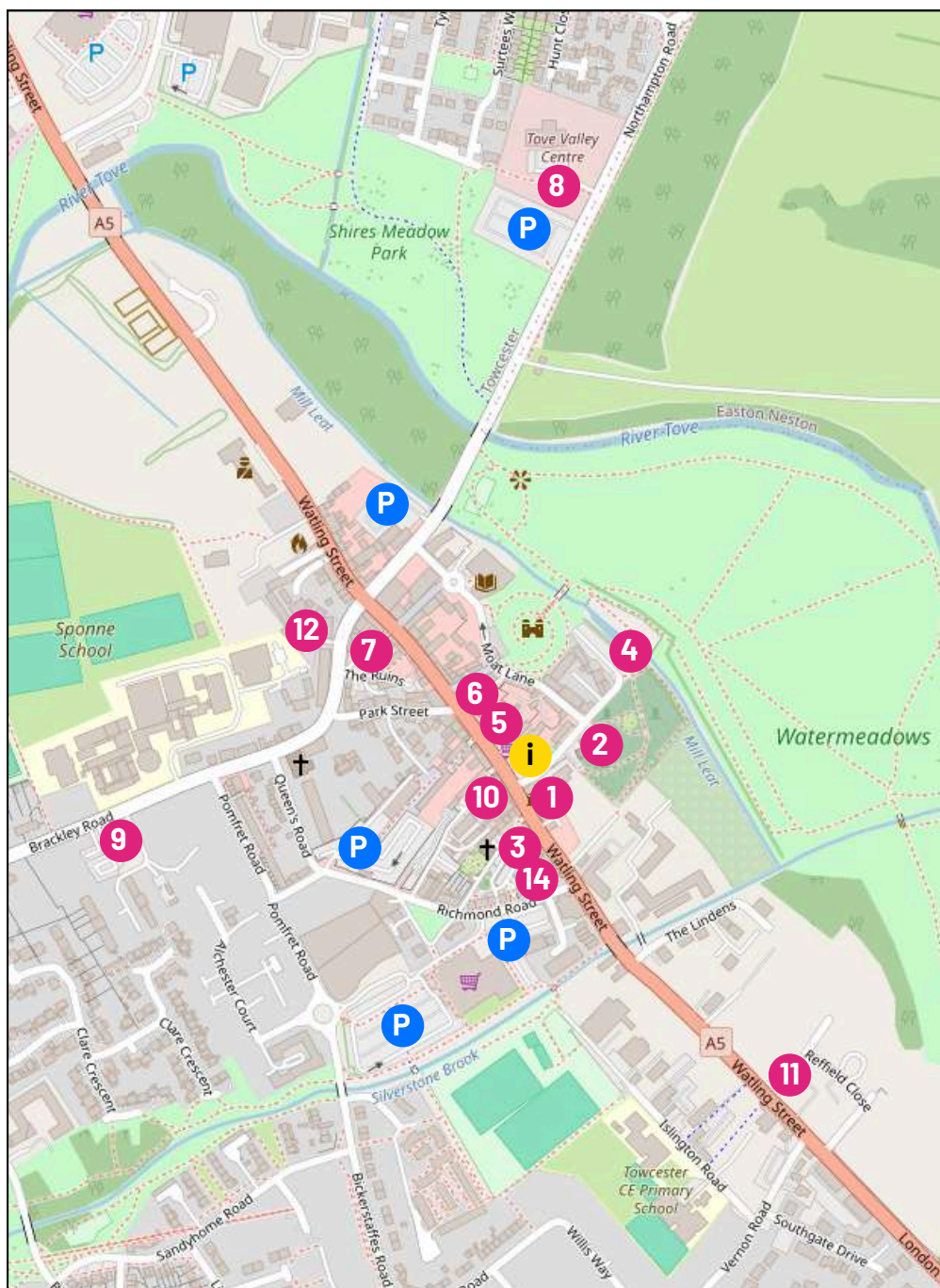
**Free**



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## VENUE MAP



- 1 **Geoffrey Iley Stage at the Town Hall**
  - 2 **St Lawrence Church**
  - 3 **Renew169 Wellbeing Café**
  - 4 **Towcester Mill Brewery**
  - 5 **The Plough**
  - 6 **The Brave Old Oak**
  - 7 **The Saracen's Head**
  - 8 **Tove Valley Centre**
  - 9 **The Bull**
  - 10 **The Watling Street Village**
  - 11 **Monk & Tipster**
  - 12 **Wharf Distillery**
  - 14 **Clarke & Dean**

**Chantry House**  
*Information, Meeting Point & Welfare*

**Free Parking**

  
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*In memory of*  
**Geoffrey Iley**  
*24 September 1928 - 17 March 2024*  
**Founder**  
**Towcester Midsummer Music Festival**

Geoffrey became Mayor of Towcester in 2003 and with his beloved wife Lois, devised many local events for charity. Inspired after visits to Figanières, a village in the south of France, that hosts a music festival, Geoffrey started Towcester Midsummer Music Festival. This has continued and is now an important part of our town's cultural life.

Geoffrey and Lois continued to attend, support and advocate for the Towcester Midsummer Music Festival throughout the years, and met many dear local friends there – in particular among the performers, jazz pianist and singer Lincoln Noel. Lincoln who was always kind enough to pay tribute to Geoffrey and his contributions to Towcester life whenever he performed at the event.

He leaves his wife Lois, daughters Paula and Frances, sons Adrian and John, and stepsons, Jeremy and Simon.



## Sponsors & Supporters

We believe in the power of community collaboration, and that's why we appreciate the incredible sponsors who make our event a reality. Our sponsors unwavering support has fuelled our vision and allowed us to showcase the musical talent we have among us.



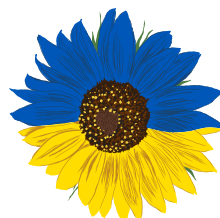
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We are looking for sponsors to help us continue to achieve our aims to create an unforgettable experience for everyone. Sponsorship covers the costs of artistes, insurance, licences, venue hire, fireworks, health & safety, programme and marketing. Without our generous sponsors, the festival could not go ahead.

Contact us via the website to find out more. [www.towcestermidsummermusic.co.uk](http://www.towcestermidsummermusic.co.uk)



## Feedback

Your feedback is really important to us and helps us with future community grant funding applications. Please do tell us what you enjoyed about the music festival and how we could improve it in the future. Drop your comments into the Town Hall or send us a message via the website. If you take photos during the weekend, remember to tag us on social media using **#towcestermidsummermusic**



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