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Changing lives of children and young people, through music and the arts

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Towcester's 23rd Midsummer Music Festival, which is presented by the Rotary Club of Towcester, Towcester Town Council and supported by Towcester Mill Brewery, 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 local charities. Whilst not officially part of the festival, over the years, town centre pubs have joined in the atmosphere by putting on their own free entertainment.

Tickets on sale 1st June 2025

Our website will be regularly updated with all the latest information and the full community programme.

Tickets, starting from £2 per person, are on sale via the festival website and in person at Towcester Museum, for performances at Towcester Town Hall and St Lawrence Church and direct links to other performances at Towcester Mill Brewery and for the SNYE Silent Disco at the Community Centre.

Tickets may be sold on the door, subject to availability. Other venues and workshops are free of charge, or may charge a small charitable door entry fee. All venues welcome additional donations to the music festival's charity, Towcester NMPAT.

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

There will be an on-site bar in the Town Hall for evening performances with drinks provided by Towcester Mill Brewery and served by Rotarians. The Mill has booked its popular food trailers for its customers throughout the weekend. Other establishments are available!

Parking

Free parking is available in Richmond Road, Waitrose, Sponne Arcade, and car parking sites along Northampton Road.

Get Involved!

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

www.towcestermidsummermusic.co.uk



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FRIDAY 20



St Lawrence Church

1 - 3pm

SPONNE MUSICIANS

From 1pm: A selection of varied musical performances from Sponne School students.

BROOK HOUSE CHOIR

Following Sponne's musicians, residents and staff from Brook House Care Home will sing their favourite songs.

Tickets £2 per person

7 - 8:30pm

ANTONY WOLFSON

Antony Wolfson performs the music of Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond and others in his own style.

KATRINA & HARRY

Katrina and Harry are a soulful jazz and blues duo delivering intimate, magnetic performances

Tickets £5 per person



The Geoffrey Iley Stage @ Towcester Town Hall



5 - 7pm

YOUNG MUSICIANS

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

Tickets £2 per person

7:30 - 10:30pm

FRIDAY HEADLINER STUDIO STOMPERS!

We are thrilled to welcome this offshoot from Towcester Studio Band. These merry musicians from Studio Stompers will get you on your feet with music with a 'Bierkeller' vibe like you've never heard before!

On-site bar. Don't miss it!

Tickets £8 per person





6 - 11pm

CRAIG LIVE

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

DOWN SOUTH

Strut your stuff from 8:30pm with this five-piece rock and classic pop band playing music from the 80s to 2020s

Tickets £5 per person

Available direct from the Mill website www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk





SATURDAY 21



Vicarage Garden & St Lawrence Church

10am - 12 noon

HAVE A GO: HAND BELLS

Join the St Lawrence Bellringers in St Lawrence Church to try handbells and learn about bellringing.



Free

10 - 11:30am

HAVE A GO: AFRICAN DRUMMING

Get your heart and drums pounding with local music teacher, Lucie, in the Vicarage garden.

3 x 30 minutes sessions.

Free

The Geoffrey Iley Stage
@ Towcester Town Hall



10 - 11am

HAVE A GO: BRASS BAND

Towcester Studio Band invite kids to have a go at blowing their own trumpet!





2:30 - 3:00pm

HAVE A GO: MUSICAL THEATRE

Stagecoach Performing Arts will run a taster session for children aged 4-18 years. (Venue TBC)



Free

Children under 13 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Towcester Youth & Community Centre Islington Road



2-3pm & 3:30-4:30pm

FAMILY SILENT DISCO

Get down and boogie with The Silent Disco Project CIC and the team from Towcester Youth Club. Dance to the beat of your own choice of music. We hope Tony's ice cream van will also be on site (tbc).

Tickets £tbc per person
- all proceeds to SNYE





The Sawpits Centre off Richmond Road



9:30am - 12 noon

HAVE A GO: TOWCESTER MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS (NMPAT)

Open the door to NMPAT and find connection, creativity and opportunity. Join the Centre Head, Rob Fleming, and team to try a range of musical activities. Learn more about this fabulous music school right in the heart of Towcester.

Free



WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 21



St Lawrence Church

3 - 5pm

HEART & MUSIC

A wide and eclectic range of vocal music from musical theatre classics to traditional songs, folk to pop, choral to original, and unusual pieces too that will make you smile!

Tickets £5 per person

7:30 - 9pm

ENZO VOCAL GUITARIST

A talented musician performing a rich blend of genres that'll have something for everyone.

Tickets £5 per person





1 - 6pm

NHPS YEAR 6

Listen to the musical stars of the future,

COMMUNITY CHOIRS

Sing along with **NN12 Choir** (1:45pm), **Rock Choir** (2:30pm) and **Songbirds** (3:15pm).

TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND

March along to our much-loved brass band.

Afternoon tickets £3 per person available from www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk

7 - 11pm

COOL JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Enjoy songs from the Great American Songbook by this fabulous local jazz quartet.

THE DILEMMA

From 9pm. this lively four-piece band who apply their unique style to a range of well-known tracks.

Evening tickets £5 per person available from www.towcestermillbrewery.co.uk

The Geoffrey Iley Stage @ Towcester Town Hall



6 - 6:15pm

TOWN MAYOR & TSB

Towcester Studio Band will give a short performance in the Market Square before the official address by the new Towcester Town Mayor for 2025-26, Cllr Rachel Dando L'Olive

Free

6:30 - 8pm

YOUNG MUSICIANS ROCK!

Hear great music from Towcester's home-grown young talent from Towcester Rock School.

Tickets £2 per person

8:30 - 10:30pm

SATURDAY HEADLINER LINCOLN NOEL JAZZ TRIO

Get down and boogie with the ever popular Lincoln Noel and his band. Requests taken! On-site bar for ticket holders.

Tickets £8 per person

10:30 - 11pm

GRAND FIREWORK FINALE

The 2025 Midsummer Music Festival climaxes with a firework spectacular on The Watermeadows. Best viewed from the







OTHER TOWN CENTRE EVENTS



Various establishments around the Town Centre are also joining in the musical atmosphere by putting on their own free entertainment over the same weekend as the official Towcester Midsummer Music Festival.

Many of the musicians performing started their musical journey with the support of organisations like Towcester NMPAT. Look out for Festival Volunteers who will be visiting these venues and show your appreciation by donating a pound or two to the official Festival charity: Towcester NMPAT.

Towcester Farmers' Market - 9am to 1:30pm Friday 13th June A select group from **Towcester Studio Band** will perform during the morning to entertain customers and to promote the Music Festival alongside the Rotary Club of Towcester.

The Saracens Head

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

7:30-10pm **Identity Crisis SATURDAY 21 JUNE**

2-3:30pm The All Fab Beatle

4:30-6:30pm **Donna Keen** *Stevie Nicks*

& Fleetwood Mac tribute act

7:30-10pm **Stomping Crew SUNDAY 22 JUNE**

Sun 3pm **Listen to Francis** (Alex)

The Watling Street Village FRIDAY 20 JUNE

8:30pm Music from the '00s DJ Set SATURDAY 21 JUNE

12-:30pm **Diverse Sounds DJ Set**

1:30-4pm Scallywags Trio

4-6pm **DJ Lee Romang** Club Classic

6-8pm **Hi Jinx** Soul, Funk & Disco

8pm to close **Diverse Sounds DJ Set**

The Plough

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

6-8pm **Joe Cullen** *Acoustic Set* 8-10pm **Sgt Fury** *Classic Rock* 10pm-midnight **DJ Steve SATURDAY** 21 JUNE

6-8pm **Kyle Boswell** *Acoustic Set* 8-10pm **The MLC3** *Classic Rock*

10pm-midnight **DJ Sammy**

The Brave Old Oak

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

8:30-11pm The Band 'Isabelle' SATURDAY 21 JUNE

9-11pm That's What She Said

Also in town:

Look out for street musicians in the lead up to the Festival and visit the Town Centre retailers giving their shop windows a musical theme.

Please note: Events and activities published are subject to change and were correct at the time of going to print. Please visit the festival and venue websites and social media pages for the latest updates and for further information.



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Supporting young people into music

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust was established as an Independent Charitable Company in 2012, after 40 years trading as the former Local Authority Music Service. Its core values are to 'inspire, nurture and excel' through providing young people with musical and artistic opportunities.

Towcester NMPAT is one of 11 Saturday Music and Performing Arts Centres in the county. The centres are open to everyone to provide an educational and fun environment for any young person interested in the Arts.

A highly talented team of teachers provide teaching on musical instruments and offer a full range of instruments and musical styles in 'First Access' – whole class instrumental lessons or small groups. There is also an extensive programme of concerts and events throughout the year.

Northamptonshire, and in particular, Towcester, is renowned for the high standard of its ensembles, with over 1,000 young musicians involved in award-winning County Music and Drama Groups.

Making a donation will enable Towcester NMPAT to continue providing music and performing arts opportunities for children and young people, many of whom go on to further their music education and musical careers. Many of our favourite local bands started out at NMPAT.

Please show your support by donating to this fabulous organisation.







Thank you to our 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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Sponne School Brook House Care Home Towcester CE Primary School Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary School Towcester NMPAT Aspire Performing Arts Towcester Rock School Towcester Studio Band Studio Stompers! Stagecoach Performing Arts Heart & Music Community Choir Enzo Entertainer St Lawrence Church Bellringers South Northants Youth Engagement The Silent Disco Project CIC **Lincoln Noel Jazz Trio** Lucie Wickham Music **Towcester Museum Tove Benefice** South Northants Volunteer Bureau St Iohns Ambulance First Aiders **Towcester Farmers Market** Town Centre Pubs & Retailers

Tell us what you think!

Your feedback is really important to us and helps us with future community grant funding applications to keep the festival going to support young people into music. Please do tell us what you enjoyed about the music festival and how we could improve it in the future. Scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire or send us a message via the website. If you take photos during the weekend, remember to tag us on social media using **#towcestermidsummermusic**



... and YOU!