

Flore Arts Programme 2016

Throughout the year there are many events and activities that we enjoy and which form part of the village life - such as the spring and summer open garden and flower festival, Floreboards drama group productions, and Art Club shows, to name but a few.

We now have some exciting additions for your entertainment that form part of the first Flore Arts Programme where the aim is to provide a range of entertainment throughout the year and also to raise much needed funds for the repair and maintenance of the church fabric. With the recent lead theft the need to raise money is now of critical importance. Some events have already been arranged and tickets are available, whilst others are still being planned for later this year and for the early part of 2017.

To kick-start the programme we have three fantastic music events for the early part of the summer which will be thoroughly enjoyable, convivial occasions with all profits going directly to the Church Fabric fund. Your support ensures that we can raise as much money as possible. Some events have limited capacity so early booking is advisable to guarantee your place.

Saturday 7th May at 7.30pm – Fiori Musicali comes to All Saints' Church, Flore, for an evening of music based on the theme of 'The Enchanted Musical Garden'. The programme will comprise Vivaldi's Concerto in G Minor; Handel Arias from 'Giulio Cesare'; Telemann's Trio for recorder and violin and extracts from Handel's Water Music, with special appearance by the acclaimed Soprano Judit Felszeghy. Tickets £20.00 (with concessions for students, unemployed or blue badge holders) from Rosemary Read 01327 340438 or Sue Raven 01327 340183. Wine and soft drink available.

Sunday 26th June at 2.30pm – 'Jazz in the Garden' with the 'Jazz sans Frontiers' quartet at Rock Springs, Sutton Street, Flore. Bring a blanket to sit on, a folding chair or deckchair and relax to the sounds of traditional jazz. Bar, other light refreshments and ices will be available. Tickets £10.00 from Rosemary Read 01327 340438. Should the weather be against us this event will move to All Saints' Church, which we have booked as a precaution!

Saturday 30th July at 7.30pm – 'Music for a Summer's Evening' with cello, piano and voice in the Drawing Room at Russell House, Spring Lane, Flore - a mixed repertoire perfect for a high summer's evening including a glass of Pimms in the gardens during the interval. Tickets £15.00 available from Rosemary Read 01327 340438.

Events in the pipeline

Other exciting events are also planned to raise money for the Church roof including a silent movie accompanied by piano or organ, harking back to the early days of the movies; an open poetry evening in the White Hart; and for 2017 the awesome sound of a 'Big Band', plus many more. Further details will be announced once these have been confirmed... watch this space!

Of course there are a lot of other long-standing and well established events that should also be in your diaries and which also raise monies for very good causes.

Wednesday 16th March until Saturday 19th March – Floreboards production of the hilarious comedy 'Midsummer Mink' with proceeds to local charities.

Sunday 10th April – Spring Gardens Open

Saturday 30th April to Monday 2nd May – Flore Arts Club

Exhibition at the Chapel Schoolroom. Open from 6-8pm Saturday (preview night) 10.30am-5.00pm Sunday and Monday.

Saturday 21st May – May Day Celebrations; 9.30-11.00 Village Walk with children singing and carrying the garland; 3.00pm outside the school with the crowning of the May King and Queen, traditional Maypole and Country dancing.

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June – Summer Gardens Open and Flower Festival.

Tuesday 5th July; 6-8pm – Flore Primary School Art Exhibition Preview Evening, School Hall.

If you have any ideas for suggestions for other activities, or wish to produce and contribute something yourself then please come and talk to us. The more the merrier. Please contact either Heather Anderson 01327 341377 or Tom Higginson 01327 349434.

Flore church dates back to the 13thC. It is a beautiful building and an important part of the history of the village. It is in need of significant repair, particularly now the lead has been stolen from the roof. Whether you regularly attend, go to the carol service or the flower festival or just enjoy viewing it from afar, we hope you agree that it would be sad to see it fall into disrepair. It is an asset for the whole community and your support for the events we have organised will help to raise funds towards it's repair.