

St. Mary's Church Fete ~ 10am-12.30pm

3rd Ware Scout Group - enjoy lovely refreshments with 3rd Ware who are raising funds for their twin group in the Gambia. From 10.30am at Sacred Heart School—access via the towpath.

Raft Race ~ come & watch the teams build their Rafts in the Library Car Park from Noon & then battle for one of the two trophies up for grabs ~ on the water at 12.30pm

Putting Competition ~ 1.30pm-3.30pm hosted by our beautiful Bowls Club ~ teams of 3, £2 adults, £1 under 16s. All proceeds to the Festival charities

Abbey Gateway Orchestra & East Herts Church Choirs Assoc present Guilman's 1st Organ Symphony & full programme, 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church. For full details & ticket info visit www.abbeygateway.org

Farewell Weekend Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd July

LodgeFest ~ Saturday 22nd July, 3pm-10pm at Ware Priory. Full details <https://www.facebook.com/events/189923971524255/>

Rock in the Priory ~ Sunday 23rd July. Needs no further introduction! For full details visit www.rockinthepriory.co.uk

Monday 24th July: Trefoil Guild Open Evening, 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church Hall ~ women who have been in the Girl Guide movement as a Brownie, Guide, Ranger etc and all others will be very welcome. For further information contact Alex Chapman on 01920 465726

www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk

www.rockinthepriory.co.uk

and on [http://www.facebook.com/Ware-Festival-](http://www.facebook.com/Ware-Festival-419315774838377)

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Welcome to Ware Festival 2017 ~ a celebration of 'Flower Power'

July 1st heralds the start of Ware Festival 2017 and kicks off with the superb Boat Festival courtesy of our friends from the Lea & Stort IWA. This will be swiftly followed by the Town Fair in the Priory where all your favourite stalls will be, along with some great Arena entertainment. Mannings Fair will open Noon-7pm for one day only. We have lots of other great events lined up throughout the month - Please see inside this booklet for details.

Every year, as a Committee, we nominate a local group or charity to benefit from funds raised during Ware Festival. I am pleased to tell you that this year we have nominated CHIPS which stands for Children's Integrated Playschemes. CHIPS offer play and social opportunities for children with additional needs aged 3 to 19 living in Eastern Herts. Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to join as CHIPS believe that all children should play together regardless of their needs. CHIPS also has a teens group, several clubs and a parent support group. Also benefiting will be Ware in Bloom, who celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year and, it has just been announced, received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

A handy flyer, which lists all the Festival events, is available from Ware Priory, the Library, Museum and many shops throughout the town. Ware Festival is brought to you by a hardworking team of volunteers, many of whom belong to one or more of our many local organisations. These volunteers are supported by a team of councillors. If you are a member of a local group and would like your group represented on the Ware Festival Committee please contact the Town Council on 01920 460316.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our Festival Events.

Cllr Phyllis Ballam
Chairman, Ware Festival

Carnival Weekend ~ our theme for 2017 is 'Flower Power'

Saturday 1st July

Mannings Fair ~ one day only! opens in the Bury Field Noon-7pm

Monday Art Club Annual Exhibition ~ Riverside Hall, Priory Street, 10am-4.30pm entry free, refreshments available

Ware Bowls Club Open Afternoon from 1.30pm ~ everyone welcome to come & have a go! **New bowlers wanted!**

River Parade ~ watch the fantastic Flower Power themed Boat Parade from 12.45pm ~ many other Riverside activities throughout the afternoon including a Boat Handling Competition

Carnival Parade ~ Flower Power themed Parade begins at 13.20pm from Broadmeads, through Amwell End, High Street, Baldock Street, Park Road. Collection during the Parade for the Ware Festival Charities 'CHIPS' Integrated Playschemes & Ware In Bloom—please give generously!

Town Fair ~ Ware's Town Fair is held in the Priory Grounds. Official opening 2pm, early entry from Noon. Lots of stalls, arena entertainment, lovely food, bars open. Presented by Herts County Sound. Entry to the Priory £1, under 12s go free

Sunday 2nd July

Ware Brass on the Priory Island 3pm-5pm. Free

Wednesday 5th July

Millbrook Women's Club invite you to a Charity Cream Tea followed by a flower arranging demonstration. 5th July 2pm in Riverside Hall. Tickets £8 from Air Ambulance Charity Shop, High Street Ware 01920 464361

Chadwell After Eights invite you to 'FLOWER POWER'; An evening of floral demonstrations. Wodson Park, 7.45pm. Tickets £5 from 01920 467194. All proceeds to local charities.

Performance Weekend ~ Fri 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th July

Ware Operatic Summer Concert, Fri 7th & Sat 8th July, Drill Hall, 7.30pm. Featuring a selection of West End Musicals past & present. For ticket details visit www.wareoperatic.org.uk

Saturday 8th July

Riverside Real Ale Festival Noon-11pm, Fletcher's Lea. Tickets £2 from Ware Priory & the Brewery Tap; valid all day. Families welcome before 6pm; Circus Skills workshop for the kids with Alight Fingers Circus Skills 2pm-4pm. Adults only in the evening; Live music from 'The Doctors'.

Sunday 9th July

Ware Festival of Running, the Ware 10 mile, 10K & free children's races. Celebrating 30 years of Ware Joggers, The Ware Festival of Running start at 10am at GSK Cricket Ground, Park Road, Ware, SG12 0DP. 10m, 10K & free children's races. In aid of Teens Unite & Herts Air Ambulance. Full details here: <http://www.ware10s.co.uk/information.html>

Hertford & Ware Music Centre Summer Musical

Celebration at Ware Priory 2pm-5pm Come & enjoy some outstanding talent at Ware Priory ~ featuring the East Herts Concert Band, East Herts Youth Orchestra and string ensembles. **Free.** **Leaside Church** will be serving their traditional **Ware Festival Strawberry Tea**

Ware (& What) is Place House? ~ Come & find out 11am-4.30pm; talks, music, activities for young people, displays & cream teas. Free entry.

Guided Tour of Ware: Enjoy a guided tour of historic Ware with one of our experienced guides. Meet 2.30pm outside Ware Library. Donation of £3 appreciated

Thursday, 13th July

Ware Festival's 'Bus Pass' Party, 7pm in Fletcher's Lea at Ware Priory. Refreshments, bingo & music courtesy of Ware Brass. Tickets £1 from Ware Priory.

Action Weekend, Saturday 15th July

Pavement Artists Competition ~ 10am in St. Mary's Churchyard ~ prizes for different age groups, adult entries welcome. Bring your own chalk.

