THRAPSTON ARTS FESTIVAL
A CELEBRATION
1-8 JUNE 2019

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL
Thrapston Arts Festival 1\textsuperscript{st} - 8\textsuperscript{th} June
‘A Celebration’

The theme of our Festival is ‘A Celebration’, an opportunity to come together in so many wonderful ways, to share our passions with our community. We must all be continually encouraged to weave our own thread into the tapestry, the tapestry that creates a vibrant, inclusive and loving community.

It gives us all great pleasure and delight in delivering a full programme of events during Festival week. We have tried to deliver events that are for all ages and abilities. This has taken 2 years of meetings with key groups and individuals to establish whether there is a need / enthusiasm for an Arts Festival. It was very pleasing to report back to Full Council during the Autumn of 2017 that our community of performing, creative arts groups and individuals were keen to participate. Throughout this period there has been many meetings to share ideas, discuss the format, nature and genre of events.

Thrapston Town Council wishes to thank everyone who has contributed with their suggestions and ideas about the Festival and its events. Included in the Arts Festival programme is a timeline of events, places and spaces where they will be located. There is also a brief description from the groups about their event.

We have three main categories:
- All Day Exhibitions and Displays
- Workshops
- Performances

The Festival will open with an event at the Plaza on Saturday 1\textsuperscript{st} June, a song and dance event, mostly performed by children and young people. This is the only priced ticket event: £5 for adults, children have free entry. Tickets will be available at Thrapston Town Council Office.

The closing event will be on Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} June in the Peace Park. This will consist of a variety of bands and choirs, with the closing performance being a ‘Celebratory’ orchestral ‘Proms in the Park’. We look forward to seeing you during Festival Week.

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THRAPSTON ARTS FESTIVAL PRESENTS

Variety performance

FEATURING:
DREAMERS
DYNAMIX
POETRY

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM 13TH MAY 2019
THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL
77 HIGH STREET
THRAPSTON NN14 4JJ
£5 ADULT - CHILDREN FREE
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
CASH BAR

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2019 | 7:00PM
THRAPSTON PLAZA
NN14 4PS
Dreamers

As one of the town’s busiest groups for children and young people, Thrapston Dreamers is proud to be playing their part in the inaugural Thrapston Arts Festival. Almost 40 Dreamers will take to the stage to sing and dance during the opening Variety Performance of the festival at the Plaza on Saturday 1st June.

Thrapston Dreamers, which is also currently rehearsing for its eighth production, is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to provide performing and backstage opportunities for children and young adults, while nurturing talent and the love of performing within our local community. The group aims to put on two shows each year where the majority of the cast is made up by local children – be it onstage, backstage or front of house. In addition, the Dreamers are proud to play their part in town events, performing regularly for example at Charter Fair and Christmas Lights Festival events.

Children from 5 years upwards can join the group, which provides weekly sessions and rehearsals FREE OF CHARGE – ensuring that children from all backgrounds have the opportunity to fulfil dreams of performing and working backstage. Dreamers provides a much-needed creative outlet for both children and young adults, allowing them to build on their talents, find their talent, or most importantly just allowing their confidence to grow.

The Dreamers' arts festival performance will come just weeks before the group's next production - "Time Traveller", which will be performed on Friday 19th July and Saturday 20th July.

For more information about Dreamers, visit their website at http://www.thrapstondreamers.com or take a look at their Facebook page.
Dynamix Dance Company

Dynamix Dance Company is a dance school run in Islip & Wellingborough. We train in the styles of: jazz, lyrical jazz, commercial, street and Acro dance.

Amy trained in a professional dance school in Cambridge where she was awarded a scholarship upon auditioning there. Last year we performed at Wembley Stadium and in 2020 we will be performing at Disneyland Paris.

Amy aims for there to be as many amazing performance opportunities as possible. Dynamix is all about encouraging confidence, dance technique and passion!

Dynamix is performing as part of the opening Variety Performance on Saturday 1st June at the Plaza.
Creating Fictional Characters

Workshop: Creating Fictional Characters at the library Friday 7th June 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Every good story needs a cast of strong, engaging characters, but how do you create them? This workshop is for anyone who’s ever fancied having a go at creating a character for a novel or short story or just for fun. No experience necessary, just an open mind and a willingness to have a go.

The session will be run by local author Julia Thorley. Julia is an experienced writer and editor. Her stories have been published in the UK and overseas, and she has won several prizes, including the H E Bates Short Story Competition. She is also a competition judge. Her most recent fiction collection is *Nine Lives: Monologues and first-person stories for reading aloud*. She is also a yoga teacher and her book *Stripped-back Yoga* is a collection of observations on the amusing and thought-provoking things she has seen in this role. www.juliathorley.com
Lacemakers

We are a small group who meet at Thrapston Primary School on the 4th Tuesday of each month to learn the techniques of lacemaking.

We have also been involved in demonstrating and enabling members of the public to have a hands on experience of making lace using bobbins and a lace pillow at Stanwick Lakes, Wellingborough Museum and Thrapston Heritage days. We also take part in Lace days and visit Lace and Craft fairs in the region.

As a U3A group we welcome anyone to join us as an improver or beginner lacemaker, contact Mrs Margaret Bland. We have recently been working on a group project to provide a display of flowers made using lacemaking techniques. This will be on display in the Baptist Church venue. We are also providing a hands on demonstration at the same venue during the Arts Festival week on Tuesday 4th 2pm to 4pm.
Photographic Group

The photo group has twelve members, all of whom share a keen interest in and enjoyment of photography. We are a "mixed" group, both in terms of knowledge/experience and equipment owned. We enjoy taking and sharing pictures.

We set ourselves "challenges" and go on photo shoots in the different seasons of the year.

We hope you enjoy our work, a pot pourri of pictures that each member likes, rather than a specific theme. Our display will be at Bennetts during the week of the Arts Festival.

If you would like more information please see the U3A website.
Creative Mojo

Arts and craft display at the library during the Arts Festival week.

Bringing art to the elderly, those living with dementia and adults with learning disabilities. Suitable for residential homes, community groups and private bookings.

For more information or to book a class, please call Susan on 07982 657934 or email susan@creativemojo.co.uk.
Stitchers Group

U3A Stitchers is a group of people who meet twice a month at the Town Council offices to share their enjoyment of stitching - whether that involves embroidery, blockwork, cross stitch, quilting, knitting, crochet or beading.

We share our expertise and learn new techniques from each other.

We are currently working on a joint project to produce a banner depicting the forty or so interest / activity groups that make up Thrapston & District U3A. The items in the banner demonstrate the different techniques we enjoy working with. As well as the banner, our display also illustrates some of the individual projects we have been working on recently.

The display will be at the Baptist Church for the week of the Arts Festival.
The Flower Bunch

We are a flower arranging group formed from Thraston and District U3A members.

We meet monthly and enjoy producing a display of flowers and/or foliage to a theme.

We will be providing a display in the Baptist Church during the Arts Festival week.
The Creative Writing Group

Creative Writing Display: at the library during the week.

The Creative Writing Group of the Thrapston & District U3A will have a display of some of its writings at Thrapston Library during that venue's opening times during the week of the Arts Festival.

The same group is getting together with the U3A's Play Reading Group and the U3A's Ukulele and Making Music Group for two evenings of 'Music and Comedy' at the Baptist Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th June. It is proposed the venue will be arranged as an informal cafe; tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Admission will be free but donations will be solicited. Refreshments may be charged for. These evening do's will probably last for 2 - 2.5 hrs.

The Creative Writing Group meets locally on the second Wednesday morning of each month. At present it is fully subscribed.

The Play Reading Group meets on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month at a member’s house in Wigsthorpe and has places available for new members.

Further details can be obtained from the U3A's website.
Yarn Bombers

Needles flying with speed, seven ladies sit
Creating, designing, we crochet and knit
This year for the Festival challenge we rise
Our efforts this time may be a surprise
Normally decorating a town area and bollards too
For a change we present a different view.

Please visit St James Church between 10am - 4pm to see!

Thrapston and Islip Art Group

Thrapston and Islip Art Group consists of friends who meet at Islip Village Hall in the Autumn and Winter months on Mondays under the supervision of Daphne Windsor.

Islip and Thrapston Art Group’s work will be displayed within the Thrapston Town Council office during normal opening hours for the week of the Arts Festival. Many of the pieces are for sale.
Muppet Fingers
(Busking)

Despite numerous pleas to the contrary, the Muppet Fingers will be playing for the unsuspecting public on Saturday 1st June from 10am in the High Street Farmers' Market.

We look forward to the day when Karen Draycott, Catherine Pain and friend learn how to play their instruments. You have been warned.

PS Ear defenders will be provided!
Pulling Strings

Rod has been playing guitar as long as he can remember and singing a bit longer than that. In this Arts Festival he will also be rocking with 32/20 on Monday evening. For the Pulling Strings gigs he'll bring his blues riffs and his harmonica skills, probably with some fancy bottleneck work as well. But alongside numbers by the great bluesmen of the past and the recent present, this small band will feature some of Rod's own more mellow compositions.

Pulling Strings will be in the High Street on Saturday 1st June from 10am to noon and in Bennetts on Thursday 6th June from 3pm.

Rod and Mike played together first in a local covers band called Chris Knight and the Daze and toured in France with a different version of the same line-up. Mike plays electric bass and sometimes the shakey-egg.

Rod Brattel & Mike Jakeways
Thrapston Amateur Dramatic Society

If you have ever been to a TADS production, you may have wondered what goes into creating it. It’s more than you may think! From choosing and reading a play right through to designing a set and producing costumes.

We haven’t yet started planning our Autumn play, so if you fancy being in on the start of the creative process, come along to the Plaza on Sunday 2nd June between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

You can join in or just sit, watch and listen – whatever you would like to do. Entrance is free and there will be tea/coffee and nibbles available.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sketchathon

Come and join Diana Charles and Catherine Pain and friends for a sketching afternoon in the Peace Park on Sunday 2nd June at 2pm.

All abilities and all ages welcome. Please bring your art materials (we will have some in case you forget your own). Come and enjoy drawing the natural world in the company of art enthusiasts!
Splitting Hares

Jo Zakis (tenor sax, clarinet, barn dance caller) and Janis Zakis (accordion, barn dance caller) are Splitting Hares.

Zakis is a Latvian surname that means ‘hare’ as in mad March hare(!) hence the name Splitting Hares.

Already well known for playing with legendary Northants folk group Ock ‘n’ Dough, Jo and Janis are both experienced barn dance callers and will provide a lively evening of barn dancing at Thrapston Festival’s first family barn dance at Thrapston Sports and Social Club Tuesday 4th June 6:30pm.
# Thrapston Arts Festival

**1st - 8th June 2019**

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School of Philosophy

The ‘School of Philosophy, Cambridge’ is a branch of a long-established educational charity whose aim is to promote human well-being through the study and practice of philosophy and associated subjects.

We hold introductory philosophy groups in Cambridge and Peterborough that meet once a week over three terms. We also hold talks and other events in both these locations.

During the Thrapston Festival we have been allocated an hour on the afternoon of June 3rd at 2.00pm in the Library. We will be giving a presentation ‘Why Philosophy?’: philosophy is not a purely academic subject, its study and practice can be of great value in our daily lives, particularly in our relations with other people. The talk will expand upon this theme.

We shall be publicising the event on our website www.cbphilosophy.org
ReStrung

ReStrung is a Thrapston based acoustic band comprising four guys, each with a different musical heritage, who have returned to playing because they enjoy it and are “having the fun all over again”. Formed in 2016, they’ve played at the Oundle Fringe, the Islip Rose and Crown Charity Music Festival, the Thrapston Annual Town Meeting, the Thrapston Farmer’s Market, and various local pubs, weddings and parties.

Playing an acoustic mix of classic and contemporary pop, folk, blues and jazz, they have a particular love for those golden oldies the 'baby boomers' will remember from first time around but their music is for anyone and everyone.

Vocalist Frank, who also plays guitar and ukulele, comments: “Our flexible approach means we can play pretty much anywhere; designated event venues, marquees, restaurants, conservatories and even back gardens! We pride ourselves too that we can provide the music volume that suits the occasion – softer for chatting, or louder for dancing.”

Meet the band:

**Instruments:** guitar, ukulele, kazoo, cajon, vocals.
**Artistes and influencers include:** Donovan, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Prog. Rock

**Instruments:** guitar, jug, cajon, kazoo, bongos, vocals.
**Artistes and influencers include:** Ralph McTell, Jim Kweskin Jug Band, Lovin’ Spoonful, Eagles, Paul Simon, Beatles, James Taylor, Cat Stephens, Gordon Giltrap, Clapton.

**Instruments:** harmonica, keyboard, occasional trombone, occasional vocals.
**Artistes and influencers include:** Chris Barber, Lonnie Donegan, Alex Welsh, Ken Colyer, Acker Bilk, Kenny Ball, and good old Humphrey Littleton.

**Instruments:** guitar, bass, mandolin, ukulele, foot tambourine, vocals.
**Artistes and influencers include:** The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, Rolling Stones.

More details are on their website ReStrung.co.uk, where you can see the band’s videos and check out their SoundCloud songs.

ReStrung will be playing in the Thrapston Plaza on Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June from 7:30pm
Thrapston Heritage

Guided History Walk
Tuesday 4th June 7pm – 8.30pm
Thrapston: High Street and Bridge Street - 300 years of History

Both the High Street and Bridge Street in Thrapston have changed in character over the past 300 years.

During the walk, we shall be looking at how current buildings were used in the past and how some of the businesses that have long gone have left a legacy for the future.

The guided walk will start from outside St James Church Hall. The walk will be around 90 minutes long and will be on pavements. The walk will be led by Neil Busby, Thrapston Heritage.

The event is free, but booking is essential. To book a place on the walk, go to our web-link www.thrapstonweb.co.uk

If you don’t have access to a computer, the Town Council will book a place for you and print your ticket.

Please remember to bring it with you for the walk.
32/20 Band

32/20 was formed by a group of free thinking musicians with a love of Chuck Berry and traditional blues artists. Over the years they have played at countless venues including most of the premier London clubs like The Marquee, Mean Fiddler, Tunnel Club, The Half Moon, The George Robey, Dingwall’s, 100 Club and many others. University gigs were also a regular occurrence in their diary.

In 1987 they performed twice on the TV show ‘City Sounds’ hosted by David ‘Kid’ Jensen who was suitably impressed by their musicianship to call his friend Mike Vernon, Mike famed for his record producing skills with such names as John Mayall’s Bluesbreakers, Fleetwood Mac, Level 42, Dr Feelgood the list is almost endless, a ‘who’s who?’ in rock ‘n’ roll! He travelled to one of their gigs and liked their approach to this old form of music and contracted them to record an album resulting in the ‘Guitar Guitar’ album. During this period 32/20 were also engaged as backing band to Louisiana blues veteran ‘Lazy Lester’ one time harmonica player for ‘Lightnin’ Slim.

32/20 continued playing gigs nationwide with different line ups for over a decade before dissolving into different bands. It was an invitation to reform (with their original line up) for just one night at a close friend’s birthday bash which resulted in them discussing reforming for a few gigs. This reformation is now in its first decade and shows no sign of abating. The only changes to the band has been the addition of superb keyboard player Greg Bull and (when available) the great talents and expertise of ‘The Smart Arse Brass’ section.

32/20 Band are performing at the Plaza on Monday 3rd June at 8pm.

The original line up of 32/20 are:

Robin Chambers Guitar/vocals
Rod Brattel Slide guitar/harmonica/vocals
Kenny Stevens Percussion
Eddie Giacobbe Bass
Mick Austin Drums
Greg Bull Keyboards
Anne Gatward-Syme

Workshop—Drawing Portraits Friday 7th June from 5pm to 7pm in the boardroom at the Plaza.

Anne retired approximately 5 years ago having spent over 40 years teaching Art & Design to students of various ages.

This class is an introduction to portraiture drawing, focussing on the basic structure and proportion of the human face. The class is suitable for all participants with a recommended minimum age of 12 and no maximum age!

Pencil (or other drawing media) paper (minimum A4) and drawing boards of some sort are needed for the workshop. Some supplies may be available upon request.

Register your interest in the workshop at Thrapston Town Council office. Limited spaces available.

Please note: this will be held upstairs in the Plaza - with no lift available.

Sue Bentley Author’s Talk

Sue Bentley is a worldwide bestselling author of 80 books for children, young adults and adults. Her books have been translated into over 30 languages.

She is best known for her Magic Kitten series for Penguin Random House. Her new novel entitled Second Skin will be published July 2019. Sue’s talk will be in the library on Tuesday 4th at 5pm.
Allegra Singers

Allegra Singers are an award winning choir - Thrapston's Community Ladies Choir. They have been running for nearly 6 years and meet every week at Islip Sports Pavilion on Wednesdays from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. The cost is £3 a week. They are available for bookings for parties, functions, weddings, funerals and after dinner entertainments etc. They love performing and would welcome more opportunities for doing so.

They love to sing modern popular songs and some older songs from 60s, 70s and 80s as well as some show songs. They sing in 3 and 4 part harmony to backing tracks which give them a very pleasing sound.

They welcome new members at any time and no audition is necessary to belong. Their main aim is to enjoy singing and have fun!

In the Arts Festival week they are holding a singing workshop on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Plaza, followed by a short performance of their favourite songs from 8.00pm.

Anyone is welcome to join in the workshop and/or come to the performance.

www.allegrasingers.co.uk
Makin’ Music

One of the 40+ Thrapston U3A groups, Makin’ Music is a group of U3A members who enjoy getting together to just “make music”.

The aim of the group is for everyone to have fun playing together, and to provide the opportunity to challenge each other to do more than is possible just playing on your own, in a non-threatening environment.

With a mix of instruments including both electric and acoustic guitars, bass guitar, ukuleles, keyboard, violin, harmonica and tin whistles, plus vocals and kazoo, much of the music they play is classic pop, rock and folk covers from the sixties, seventies and eighties including songs by John Denver, Bee Gees, Dion, Van Morrison, Carpenters, Roger Miller, Bonzo Dog Band and others.

They meet on the first and third Wednesday mornings at 10.00am in Thrapston Baptist Church.

Makin’ Music will be appearing in a mixed programme sharing the bill with the U3A Ukulele, Creative Writing and Play Reading Groups at Thrapston Baptist Church on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th June at 7.30pm.

For more information on U3A or Makin’ Music contact Neil on 07977 413 424.
Ukulele Group

The Ukulele group is one of the many and varied interest groups within Thrapston & District U3A. The basic aim of the Ukulele group follows the ethos of the U3A – “Live, Laugh and Learn”, with the emphasis on “Laugh”.

You do not have to be able to read music to play this happy, inexpensive little instrument and you can be playing simple tunes in a matter of hours. We encourage people of any ability level to join our group, from absolute beginners to very experienced players. We teach, encourage and share skills to enable all members to take part in playing and singing along with a huge variety of music - traditional, old time, folk, country, rock ‘n’ roll and more modern “pop”.

We meet every Tuesday morning from 10am to noon, currently in a member’s home and have lots of fun!

You can see the Ukulele group in action as part of the Thrapston Arts Festival 2019 at The Baptist Church where they will be taking part in an “Evening of Music and Comedy” together with other U3A Groups, Makin’ Music, Creative Writing and Play Reading.

The performances are on Wednesday 5th June and Friday 7th June – starting at 7.30pm both evenings. Free admission. Refreshments available.

For more information contact: Ukulele Group - Marion 07989 985722 or via the website: www.thrapstonu3a.co.uk
Thrapston WI

As part of Thrapston Arts Festival, Thrapston WI bring to you a talk and demonstration of bead making. **Thursday June 6th at 7.30pm Thrapston Baptist Church, St Pauls Gardens.**

Part of the evening will include a workshop for the members of the Thrapston Group. There will be refreshments and items for sale for everyone at the end of the evening and as this is part of the Festival, entrance will be free to visitors on this occasion - please register your interest at: Thrapstonwi.contactus@gmail.com
Bell Ringing at St. James’ Church

Church Bell Ringing is a thoroughly enjoyable and very traditional activity. Our lovely bells at St. James’ Church have rung out across the town for over a hundred years. St. James’ Church has a very lively band of ringers from learners to the very experienced and we meet regularly on a Friday evening at 7.30pm.

During the Arts Festival we will have an open day on Saturday 1st June so anyone can come and watch us ring. If you are interested in learning we may even be able to “give you a go.” This workshop will be repeated on Friday 7th June. On Saturday 8th we will do a Quarter peal (45 minutes of non stop ringing) to mark the end of the Festival.

Bell Ringing can give you a new and interesting hobby. It is also an opportunity to ‘play’ the loudest and biggest musical instruments ever! It is a very social activity as well as providing exercise for both body and mind.

Come and Ring the Changes with us.

If you are interested in finding out more about bell ringing then please contact Ray Banner [Tower Captain] on: 01832 730767
Thrapston Town Band

During Thrapston Arts Festival Thrapston Town Band will be having an **open rehearsal on Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} June at St, Johns Hall**. Members of the public are welcome to come along and listen or join us if you are a brass player. **We will also be playing at 5.45pm at the closing event in the Peace Park on Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} June.**

Thrapston Town Band is believed to be the oldest surviving brass band in Northamptonshire. Today, we continue to serve Thrapston and the surrounding area as a community based concert band with a heavy emphasis on teaching and developing players and bringing brass band music to everyone.

Band practices: Mondays 7.30pm - 9.30pm Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Learners / Junior Band: Thursdays 7.00pm – 7.30pm
*Band practices are open to all, people are welcome to come and listen.

The band currently has 31 members. We teach new players each year and we provide lessons to anyone from the age of 8 to 80+. Please contact us for more information on learning or playing with our band. We aim to be inclusive to all; the only cost associated with playing with us is an annual membership fee of £15 (OAPs & children £10, family membership £30). There is no charge or deposit for instruments or uniform and our lessons are free of charge.

We aim to bring brass band music to the whole community and we perform at many locations / venues throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining, learning with or booking the band please contact:
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Thrapston Primary School Choir

Thrapston Primary School loves singing and the School Choir is delighted to welcome you to the Peace Park during the afternoon finale at the first Thrapston Arts Festival on Saturday 8th June. The children are very excited to be opening the concert and hope you enjoy their performance.

The Choir has been in existence for many years and is open to all Key Stage 2 children (aged from 7 – 11) without audition. It has had several leaders over the years but currently rehearses in school on Tuesday lunchtimes with Mrs Sara Coaten, Mrs June Davy and Mrs Monique Kochuijt who share a love of singing with the children and aim to develop a varied repertoire with them.

The Choir likes getting out and about and thanks must go to the parents who generously transport and support the children as required. As well as singing at school events it has sung in Wembley Stadium with 5,000 other children – Voice in a Million, in Peterborough Cathedral – NeneScape with 300 other singers, Northamptonshire County Youth Orchestra, Brass Band and County Choir – a truly awe-inspiring occasion and won the Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition in Leicester. Children are always delighted to join the procession on Charter Fair day to herald the start of the fair as well as leading the carol singing with Thrapston Town Band during the Christmas Lights Switch On.

The Choir has sung in several local churches, with other schools in Waitrose at Rushden, entertained at Morrisons in Haldens Parkway, sung in the Cluster Music days, performed in concerts with Thrapston Town Band and Horns Aloud and been welcomed to Clanfield, Manor House and Castle Court for carol singing.

The choir children love singing and they never cease to amaze us with the way they rise to an occasion and their stamina when faced with several engagements in quick succession. We hope you enjoy their performance at the Arts Festival.

The Choir will also be performing at St James’ Church at 4pm on 6th June.
Ock ‘n’ Dough

Ock ‘n’ Dough have been firm favourites on the folk and roots music scene in the East Midlands and further afield for the last three decades. Comprising Bob Fisher (guitar, concertina), Dace Fisher (percussion), Robin Hillman (fiddle), Janis Zakis (accordion) and Jo Zakis (woodwind) the band have delighted audiences with their traditional songs as well as a catalogue of barn dance tunes, blues, zydeco and cajun music. Siblings Dace and Janis are of a Latvian cultural background so don’t be surprised if a few Latvian polkas aren’t thrown into the mix too.

The band have performed the length and breadth of the UK but are delighted to make the very short journey to the Peace Park to take part in the first Thrapston Arts Festival during the finale on Saturday 8th June.
Corby Male Voice Choir

We, the Corby Male Voice Choir, are an enthusiastic organisation which was founded 43 years ago when Corby’s steel works was a hive of industry. Although a few singers live in Corby itself, our catchment area is quite extensive. Our current membership of just thirty-three singers ranges in age from twenty-three to eighty-seven. We rehearse and perform throughout the year and in recent times we have performed an average of twelve concerts per year.

Our current repertoire includes songs from West End shows, popular music, songs of the sea, sacred songs, and music from operas. Recently, we have added more contemporary music. As well as English, we sing German, French, Latin, Maori, Welsh and Zulu songs.

Though we are all committed to the music and the enjoyment of entertaining at the concerts we perform, those concerts help the local organisations who book us to sing, raise money for their charitable cause. At the end of 2018, we had taken part in over 570 concerts and in so doing we have helped to raise over £310,000 for various local good causes.

We are always ready to welcome new members so, if you would like to try us out, why not turn up at one of our rehearsal nights which are every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the hall of St Andrew’s Church of Scotland, Occupation Road, Corby, NN17 1EB. Alternatively, if you would prefer to have a chat first, please contact either our Secretary Steve Jackson on 01832 734259 or our Director of Music Mrs Jan Williams on 01476 552195.

You could also visit our website www.corbymalevoicechoir.co.uk and see us on Facebook.

Come and see us perform at the Arts Festival finale on Saturday 8th June in the Peace Park.
Step ‘n’ Grooves Dance School

Step ‘n’ Grooves Dance School runs weekly classes in Disco / Freestyle & Street Dance for children aged 2 years plus, in Thrapston, Oundle & Stanion, Northamptonshire.

Established in 2000 and a Fellowship member of the N.A.T.D we offer pupils the chance to take yearly examinations, participate in our many displays, workshops and fundraisers as well as perform in our theatre shows in July & December.

We are thrilled to be helping celebrate Thrapston Arts Festival with a showcase of our May exam routines, from some of our very talented Thrapston students at the finale on Saturday 8th June in the Peace Park.

You can find us on Facebook / Instagram - search Step N Grooves Dance School or for more information please visit our website www.step-n-grooves.co.uk.
Thrapston Plaza Opera

The Proms in the Park music for the Grand Finale of the Thrapston Arts Festival on Saturday 8th June is provided by members and friends of Thrapston Plaza Opera Chorus and Orchestra with conductor Vincent Davy TPO Music Director

Thrapston Plaza Opera was established in 2010 to present Opera in the Plaza Centre and is a friendly group with a strong nucleus of local singers.

Founded by Vincent Davy, Thrapston based musician and retired teacher, TPO aims to encourage members of the local community and beyond to experience the fun and thrill of performing popular opera with a live pit orchestra for audiences to enjoy in English at an accessible price! Singers are welcome to join TPO for the duration of just one opera and there is no audition for chorus members. Many singers, however, have been Company members since the very start! Recent major productions have included Puccini’s Madam Butterfly, Tchaikovsky’s Eugene Onégin and Verdi’s La Traviata.

In February 2020, marking TPO’s 10th annual production, Bizet’s ever popular Carmen will be staged. Auditions for principal roles take place on 9th June at 2pm in the Thrapston Plaza. All are welcome to come to the warm up singalong when some of the Carmen extracts to be heard in the Park will be sung.

For further details please email: thrapstonplazaopera@gmail.com and visit our website: thrapstonplazaopera.com
**Festival Finale Line-up**

**Saturday 8th June**

The Festival Finale is on Saturday 8th June in the Peace Park and will feature:

- Thrapston Primary School Choir 2pm
- U3A Music 3.10pm
- Step ‘n’ Grooves 3.45pm
- Ock ‘n’ Dough 4.30pm
- Thrapston Town Band 5.45pm
- Corby Male Voice Choir 7pm
- Proms in the Park—Thrapston Plaza Opera 8.20pm
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