

Welcome to Knebworth Festival

From the Village Plan consultation many people in the village indicated a desire for some organised events to get a better sense of community spirit into the village.

A small group of local people have come together and in the time available have arranged a mini festival which we hope will appeal to everyone. We have put together a mix of events which include a midsummer fete, an illustrated talk on the history of our village, an evening of popular works from opera and shows, a quiz evening, and on Saturday an afternoon / evening of music to suit all tastes. Come and have a picnic or partake of the barbecue and enjoy the music. In the evening in the Village Hall you will be entertained by our two local Dramatic Groups, and on Sunday a walk around the village, watch the football or tennis or have a good sing in St Mary's Church before sampling the delights and secrets of Knebworth House Gardens – Quite a weekend!

Please take advantage of the wide variety of activities on offer and take the opportunity to meet other people in the village. If you support us, this could be the start of an annual event.

Pre-Festival

Saturday 24th June MIDSUMMER'S DAY MINI FETE

10am to 3pm in St Martin's Church Gardens and the Parish Centre. Stalls, Plants, Tombola, Cakes, Refreshments, Jazz, Handbell Ringers, Maypole Dancers, Exhibitions about local Organisations and much more...

The Box Office will be selling tickets for the Main Festival Events.

Thursday 29th June COME AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE

7.30pm in Trinity Church
The History of Knebworth: an illustrated Talk by the well-known local historian and author **Tony Rook**, followed by a drink and nibbles in the Church Hall, with **Piano entertainment by John Hunt**.

Sponsored and organised by Knebworth Twinning Association.
Tickets: £7, available from KTA, 12 Stonecroft, Knebworth, SG3 6BL
(Cheques to KTA please.)

Tickets

You can pop into the **Village News in Station Road** to purchase your tickets directly or write to "Knebworth Festival" 12 Stonecroft, Knebworth, SG3 6BL.

Please make out cheques to **Knebworth Festival**. Please give a **telephone contact number** and enclose a **stamped addressed envelope**. Thank you.

Festival Saver!

Save **£4** by purchasing our **Saver Ticket** which includes the three weekend evenings' tickets: **Friday's Opera Pops** (£9), **Saturday's Dramatic Events** (£10) and **Sunday's Knebworth House Reception, Walk and Barbecue** (£15) – in total, worth **£34**. – All for **£30!** But hurry, places are limited for some of the events!

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Opera Pops Concert

Friday 30th June

7.30pm in St Thomas More Church
Classic Opera: a group of professional singers will present popular works from opera and Shows: Carmen, The Pearl Fishers, La Traviata, Così fan tutte, Porgy and Bess, The Yeomen of the Guard, The Merry Widow, Carousel, Sound of Music, South Pacific, to name but a few...
Tickets £9 to include a glass of sparkling wine

Quiz Night

Friday 30th June

Dave and June welcome you to the **Station Pub** to pit your wits against local groups. Why not organise a team among your neighbours, your colleagues or from your local organisation?

Maximum team size: 6. Enjoy drinks from the bar and a free finger buffet whilst putting your brains to work. Phone Dave or June 01438 812224 to register your team.

Prize: a generous bar tab for the winning team.
Quiz questions start at 8pm

Jazz on the Green

Saturday 1st July

From 11.00am. Listen to the THOMCATS Jazz Band promenading through the Village and in St Martin's Gardens.

Picnic in the Park

Saturday 1st July

Watton Road Recreation Grounds Start 2pm until 8pm
An afternoon of music brought to you by local musicians, both very young and not so young. Starting with easy listening, the music crescendos during the late afternoon into lively indie/alternative rock. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music. Entertain yourselves at the side attractions or purchase your food for the barbecue organised by Teenage Link.

Dramatic Events

Saturday 1st July

7.30pm in Knebworth Village Hall
Two's company when Knebworth's two drama companies KATS and Knebworth Players join forces to produce something appealing, something for everyone. KATS will bring some tasty morsels from their 60 Dramatic Years: A Feast of Thespian Fare. Knebworth Players will try to convince us "It's a Dog's Life", a hilarious one act comedy by Pam Valentine.

Licensed Bar. Seating will be at tables of 8. You may wish to reserve a complete table for you and your friends.

Tickets £10, to include a ploughman's supper. Please state how many **Vegetarian** meals you require when ordering your tickets.
Deadline for ticket applications, June 24th, please, to help with catering arrangements.

Festival Walk

Sunday 2nd July

Meet at 11.30am on Old Knebworth Green opposite the Lytton Arms Public House. The walk will be approximately 4 miles, with a possible short cut after 2 miles.

Songs of Praise Hymns before Pimms

Sunday 2nd July

4pm in St Mary's Church, Knebworth Park. A service of hymns, readings and prayers selected by you, followed by tea or coffee. Let us know your favourite hymn or religious song on a plain sheet of paper with your name, address, telephone number and (optional) the reason for your choice. Place these details **before Sunday June 18th**, please, in the boxes provided at the back of St Martin's Church, Trinity Church and St Thomas More Church. Then come along and see if your selection is chosen.

Sports in the Park

Sunday 2nd July

in the Watton Road Recreation Ground.
Youth **Football** Competition with 30 teams.
The **Tennis** Club will be open for business from 2pm - all standards (adult & juniors) welcome to come along and find out more about the club and have a go against an automatic ball machine (racket provided) or just stop for tea and watch the club members playing.

Secrets of Knebworth House Gardens

Sunday 2nd July

A Pimms Reception on the Terrace, sponsored by Knebworth Barns, a String Quartet, a guided walk by the Head Gardener, David Roberts, and a two course barbecue in the Garden Terrace Rooms.

The first group of 36 tickets will be for a 6.00pm start, the second group arrives at 7.00pm. When ordering your tickets, please give your **preferred time** and say how many **Vegetarian** meals you require.

Deadline for ticket applications, June 24th, please, to help with catering arrangements.

Tickets £15