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## 'AL FRESCO' ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoying music in the open air is another summer experience many of us look forward to, maybe an afternoon on the banks of the Dee in Chester listening to the band on the bandstand, a village carnival or a weekend event involving camping and mud! Others will have enjoyed a picnic al fresco with family and friends whilst enjoying outdoor theatre, maybe in National Trust gardens or at the Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre. Sadly, many of these highlights of the summer have had to be cancelled. Although the Government has just announced - along with outdoor swimming and recreational cricket - outdoor arts events can happen again, many won't be reinstated this year, due to the short time scale.

However, tickets are on sale for outdoor cinema experiences in Chester, and Storyhouse are offering Chester's first 'Drive-In Cinema' which opened on 8th July. 'Moonlight Drive' offers watching films in a socially distanced way from the comfort of your own car. Visit <https://www.moonlightflicks.co.uk/drive-in> for more information.

Some small local events are also being organised – last week, in Castle Park Frodsham, musicians who regularly offer concerts within the art gallery - played outdoors (pictured); so do look out on Facebook and local press for details.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST - A MUSICAL INTERLUDE...

- Circa 40,000 BC – The oldest known musical instruments are flutes made of bird bone and mammoth ivory.
- 10 Aug 1895 – First 'First Night of the Proms' at Queen's Hall, Langham Place.
- 16 Dec 1965 – 'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space when it was broadcast from NASA's Gemini 6A.
- 13 July 1985 – Live Aid Concert at Wembley in aid of Ethiopian famine relief.

## LET THE MUSIC PLAY ON...

OPAL Clubs have always enjoyed being entertained by music and singers and have been fortunate over the years to have enjoyed a wide repertoire of musical genres from choirs to golden oldie sing-a-longs, from bluegrass and jazz to ukulele bands. Here are some pictures of musical guests we have hosted at the clubs – do you recognise any of them? Or perhaps you have a musical background, or musical memories? If you do, please let your Organiser know...

'Sea Song' was launched via the internet recently and has volunteers from Ashton Sings and Kellsborrow Choir, plus locally Broughton and Caldby Valley choirs. The group features some of our own Volunteers (including our very own 'Blast from the Past' writer—Alan). See more at

<https://www.facebook.com/jonesandjonesmusicpublisher/videos/297910094670519> .



## Riddles & Teasers

1. Bare Act
2. Think Legion

## UNSCRAMBLE THE MUSICALS

3. Gladly Sounds
4. Agrees

## What's On?

'2020 BBC Proms' showing on BBC TV and Radio throughout July, August and September.



## Quizzical

### MUSIC MAESTRO....

1. Who wrote the music for 'The Messiah'?
2. Who played Maria in the film 'The Sound of Music'?
3. Which two instruments did Louis Armstrong play?
4. Who wrote the words for the hymn 'Holy Holy Holy'?



LASTWEEK'S ANSWERS : 1) JULY 2) VANILLA, STRAWBERRY, CHOCOLATE 3) VANILLA 4) 50 5) STOCK MARKET CRASH 1929

## In the spotlight....

### DENISE—VOLUNTEER TARPORLEY OPAL CLUB

#### **Where were you born?**

In Chester, a Victorian house in Cambrian Road overlooking the canal.

#### **What's your earliest memory?**

A classic dark maroon coloured pram. I recall being held in someone's arms while the base section was removed for something to be put in the bottom. Then I was replaced in the pram!

#### **Where is one of your favourite places to be?**

Naast, Wester Ross, Scotland—memories of knitted socks with patterned tops.

#### **Who makes you laugh?**

Eric Morecombe.

#### **Tell us something we may not already know about you.**

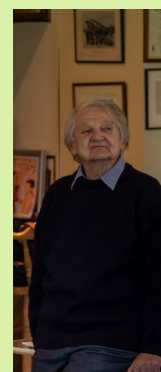
I qualified as a pharmacist at Liverpool/Edinburgh and then first post at Scarborough Hospital ending up as Area Pharmaceutical Officer for Cheshire. Then I moved up to Wester Ross in Scotland and finally back to Tarporley, Cheshire. When I retired I lived in Grey Friars, Chester from where I was involved with Chester Theatre Club and met Peter Hall, theatrical director. During lockdown I have been studying Welsh and the History of Hadrian's Wall with the Open University.

#### **Which OPAL services do you volunteer for and what do you like most about it?**

I volunteer at Tarporley OPAL Club. I enjoy talking to the members, hearing some of their memories and their problems and giving friendship. As one gets older friends and relatives tend to "drop off the twig" and one then depends on fewer people for friendship. That is why I think OPAL is doing a good job.

#### **Do you have a favourite quote or poem?**

'What is this life if full of care we have no time to stand and stare!' - (Leisure) by William Henry Davies



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**FARRALL'S GROUP**

**Think about me, not my age**

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