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Welcome from the Mayor of Chichester

I extend a warm welcome to you all to join us at the Chichester Gala on Saturday 29th June. The event has been organised by Chichester City Council. The Gala holds a special place in the hearts of many and this year, we aim to surpass the success of recent Galas with an even wider array of attractions and performances.

Traditionally held on the first weekend in July, this year's Gala comes a bit earlier due to a full diary of events during the summer in Chichester. This, I believe, showcases the vibrancy of entertainment in our city.

Coincidentally, this year's Gala falls on Armed Forces Day, which provides an opportunity to show support for our Armed Forces, including serving personnel, veterans, cadets, and their families. We will be honoured to have representatives from the armed services joining us on Gala Day.

We are often asked at our reception desk in our North Street offices about the number of councils which are based here in Chichester. Being the county town of West Sussex, Chichester has three councils based here: (i) Chichester City Council (CCC) which is in fact our parish council (ii) Chichester District Council (CDC) and (iii) West Sussex County Council (WSCC).

As the parish council, CCC is based in the 18th century Council House on North Street. Before 1974 and the reorganisation of local government in that year, CCC was responsible for many of the duties of the current CDC. Today, it is responsible for allotments, benches, bike racks, bus shelters and community awards. It is consulted by CDC on planning applications within the confines of the city boundary, deals with floral displays and planting, twinning and other ceremonial occasions including Remembrance Sunday.

CDC, established in 1974 and located at East Pallant House, serves as the planning authority for the Chichester District. It handles waste collection, parking management, public lavatories, event licensing, and housing matters although CDC transferred their housing stock to Hyde Housing some years ago. CDC also collects council tax on behalf of the parishes, the Police, the District Council and the County Council.

WSCC is the big one! It is based at the end of West Street and is responsible for roads and travel, schools and colleges, libraries and archives, and the whole issue of adult and childrens social care and health. However, rest assured that each council, between them, has a distinct role and serves the needs of our parish, district and county.

As Mayor of Chichester, I am based in the Council House and each year the Mayor identifies and raises money for a charity of their choice. It is my intention to raise money for the Chichester District Food Bank. Individuals with fund-raising buckets will be moving through the crowds on Saturday, 29 June 2024 in Priory Park. Do support the Food Bank and do support the Gala! There will be lots going on!

My fellow city councillors join me in wishing you ALL a splendid day out.

Cuckoo Trail, win a prize, to enter see centre pages

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Sarah Quail

A Perfect Day in Chichester

A picturesque and historic city with glorious green spaces and world class culture round every turn. Why not make the most of your day out and enjoy the wonderful collection of hidden gems Chichester has to offer...

Dining Delights

From delicious afternoon teas and light lunches to the very best coffee shops and more, there's something to tantalise every taste bud.

Take a Stroll

Boasting plenty of picturesque walks and green spaces, we recommend exploring the historic Roman walls or soaking up the beauty of Bishop's Palace Gardens.

Shopping Spots

The city has a wonderfully eclectic mix of high street shops and vibrant independents that will appeal to all tastes. Take some time exploring the city's side streets to discover shopping spots filled with pretty boutiques and independent stores.

Looking for a thoughtful gift?

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The fifth Duke of Richmond (1791-1860) bought the park at roughly this time and his descendant, the **seventh Duke of Richmond** (1845-1928) gave the park to the people of Chichester in 1918 as a perpetual war memorial. At the time he gifted **Priory Park** to the people of Chichester, he had lost his brother, Lord Bernard Gordon Lennox, in fighting near Ypres in early November 1914. At the end of the war, he lost his eldest grandson, Lord Settrington.

Charlie, as he was known, who had seen action and been wounded in France, was an Irish Guards Officer who had been seconded to do a wireless telegraphy course at the Army Signals School in early 1919. He volunteered now to serve as Brigade Signals Officer with the 45th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers on the Russian Front to

support the White Russians in their fight against the Bolsheviks. They were sent out to relieve the original 1918 expeditionary force. On the very day they arrived, 10 August 1919, Charlie sustained the injuries from which he subsequently died. He was twenty years old.



- Sarah Quail



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Tranquil Park and Guildhall (Greyfriars Chancel)

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Drinks and BBQ, Bars, and



Classic Vehicles 4:30pm - Grand Raffle



^{PLUS} the Cuckoo Trail free entry prize draw

5:00pm - FREE evening concert, a packed bill of local & international talents



Sarah Collins & Friends is an upbeat singer/songwriter with catchy melodies and infectious hooks. Backed by her band, they are guaranteed to bring a little magic to every ive performance and get the evening show rolling.

The Bluetones Acoustic show is two members of Brit Pop legends The Bluetones for a special acoustic performance of the band's classics from their 6 Bluetones albums and 14 Top 40 singles.



Headlining - Sandi Thom the Scottish singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Banff. Sandi has continued to make albums that are eclectic, different and timeless. With over 50 million Spotify streams the Scottish singer's popularity continues to grow.











9:00pm Gala closes



Chichester is bursting with family friendly activities and six fun-filled places have pledged to make Chichester's exciting experiences easier to find and even more fantastic for families.



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Priory Park

Priory Park is a joy! It is a delightful open space used today by the people of Chichester for bowls, cricket and just sitting in the sun (when it is not raining). Surrounded by the city walls to the North and East, and Priory Road to the West and South, the site is probably the former outer bailey of **Chichester Castle**. The motte survives in the NE corner of the site and is an example



of a typical early medieval motte and bailey castle built over what was most likely a grid-pattern of former Roman streets.



Chichester Castle was probably the country.

There could not have been much insurrection locally however, as an order was given for the castle to be destroyed to its foundations in 1217, and the site was given in due course to the Franciscans, the grey friars, c. 1269.

Little survives today of the Greyfriars' accommodation. Much of it was destroyed in the late 18th century. However, the splendidly austere Guildhall survives, just inside the park entrance. The Guildhall is the chancel of the church which was built by the Franciscans shortly after they took over the site. After the dissolution of the monastic houses c. 1538, this building became the city's Guildhall. It was used for meetings of the City Council and also for Assize trials until the Council House was built in North Street in 1731.



Fun and games in Priory Park, Gala Day 2023

established not long after the Norman Conquest. Put bluntly, the castle-building programme of William the Conquerer or William I, as he is more usually known, was all about the Normans subjugating and intimidating the local population! A whole pattern of Norman castles, many of stone but often, as here in Chichester, of wood, was built across England as William I's troops successfully conquered

HM Queen Elizabeth II by the Guildhall 1956

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UK ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday 29th June 2024

What is it and why do we celebrate it?

Armed Forces Day is a day when the public come together in recognition and celebration with members of the UK military to thank them and those who have previously served their country.



Armed Forces Day was first celebrated in 2006 when it was called Veterans Day. In 2009 it was renamed Armed Forces Day. The last Saturday in June was chosen as it came the day after the anniversary of the first investiture of the Victoria Cross in Hyde Park London in 1857. [Auth: RN Reserve].



Chichester City Council is very pleased to welcome a contingent from 12th Regiment Royal Artillery. The 12th have been stationed on Thorney Island since 2008. The former RAF station, now called Baker Barracks became home to the Royal Artillery in 1984. Operational requirements and weather permitting they will have on display at the Gala a Stormer antiaircraft vehicle.

Showing support for the Armed Forces is morale boosting for the Armed Forces community, which includes:

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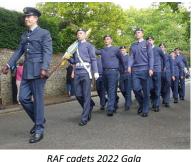
The Armed Forces - who defend the UK and its interests. Busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism.

Veterans - who have served in HM Armed Forces at any time (including National Servicemen, Regulars and Reserves).

Reservists - who give up their spare time to serve in the Reserve Forces, balancing their civilian life with a military career to ensure that should their country require them, they are ready to serve.

Cadets - including, Sea Cadets, Volunteer Cadet Corps, Army Cadets, Air Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force. They currently number over 135,000 with 25,000 adult volunteers in more than 3,000 locations across the UK. The Cadet Forces provide the opportunity for young people to develop key life and career-building skills, and gain valuable vocational qualifications.

Families - Our Armed Forces couldn't do their job without the incredible support of their family and friends.





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Chichester City Council

Chichester's European Links



There are many reasons to be proud of our city of Chichester - our Roman heritage, our city walls, our cathedral, and our historic city centre. What may be less well known is that Chichester may be unique in the country in being the only city twinned with three other European cities which are all twinned with each other. In addition to our city 'twins' we also have a Friendship link with the capital of Malta, Valletta.

Background

The concept of 'twinning' emerged after the Second World War with the aim of uniting towns and cities across Europe. In 1959 Chichester joined with the city of Chartres in France to form a partnership to work and co-operate together -2024 is the 65^{th} anniversary of that twinning. In 1996 Chichester twinned with Ravenna in Italy which provided for a three-way city twinning. In 2010 Chichester City Council signed a friendship link with Valletta the capital of Malta.

In 2023 Chichester signed a twinning agreement with the cathedral city of Speyer in Germany and with that a four-way city relationship was established between



The Town Clerk and Mayors of Chichester and Chartres signing the deed of twinning, 28th February 1959

Chichester – Chartres – Ravenna - Speyer. To celebrate that European linkage (including with Valletta) Chichester City Council has arranged for the various 'Friends' of European cities organisations to come together at the Chichester Gala and promote Chichester's proud European links.

The Friends

'Friends' organisations provide ample opportunities to explore not just the cities themselves but also the culture, languages and cuisine of each of our European partners. One of the deep historic links with Chichester and its 'twin' cities is the Roman heritage – briefly described as follows:

See the Academy Dancers at Gala 2024



Chichester Fringe, these rising stars are giving the old guard a run for their money.

And don't even get us started on the Festival of Chichester which offers a smorgasbord of cultural delights, with talks,

concerts, readings and more. It's the ultimate showcase of Chichester's creative flair. The art doesn't stop there.

The Ox Market Contemporary Art Gallery in Little London is a haven for experimental artists pushing the boundaries of their craft.

But it's not just about the big shots and the cutting edge, as Chichester is alive with the sound of community choirs, student theatre troupes, and impromptu concerts. It's a city where art isn't just appreciated but is celebrated.





See the Sarah Moore Dance at Gala 2024



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See the Arabesque School of Performing Arts at Gala 2024





Friends of Chartres

Celebrating our longest twinning this year Chichester has organised a visit to Chartres with our Mayor representing

Chichester City Council and as president of the Friends organisation. Numerous events are available including language and conversation groups.

Those wishing to learn more of Chartres are encouraged to visit <u>www.friendsofchartres.org.uk</u> which provides regular updates on future events.

Chartres was one of the principal towns in Gaul of the Carnutes, a Celtic tribe. In the Gallo-Roman

period, it was called *Autricum*, a name derived from the river Autura (Eure). Chartres got its modern name from the Roman town name (a *civitas*) of *Carnutum*.



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Chartres Cathedral utura (Eure). Chartres got its um.

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Friends of Ravenna

Ravenna is an inland city near the Adriatic coast, it is connected to the sea by the Candiano Canal. Ravenna has well-preserved late Roman and Byzantine architecture. Today Ravenna is the capital city

of the province of Emilia-Romagna.

The Friends of Ravenna organise many events throughout the year including monthly meetings on cultural themes such as history, music or lifestyle. There are biennial visits between the Friends of Ravenna and the 'Amici di Chichester'.

Activities include links between local clubs, societies and educational organisations. More information is available on <u>www.chi-ravenna.org.uk</u>



Ravenna



Friends of Speyer

The newest of Chichester's twinnings, and completing the four-way linkage between the British, French, Italian and now German cities.

Speyer is

located in the Rhineland and dates back to Roman times. In fact its first name was Noviomagus Nemetum and the Roman name for Chichester was Noviomagus Reginorum – Noviomagus generally refers to a 'New Market'.

Like the other twin cities Speyer has an imposing cathedral and beneath the high altar are the tombs of eight Holy Roman Emperors and German kings. Speyer is one of the ShUM cities forming a cultural centre of Jewish life during the Middle Ages and in 2021 the city was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The Friends of Speyer organisation is in the of forming and the website is under development but enquiries relating to forthcoming

events are available by emailing admin@friendsofspeyer.org

A visit to the Christmas Market is planned for November/December 2024.



Speyer on the Rhine process



Forget London's glitz and glamour — Chichester is where the real artistic magic happens, making waves across the country with its huge array of creative talent and cultural attractions.

From as far back as the Romantic poets to the trendsetting Meta modernists, Chichester has been the playground for artistic giants in every era. Whether you're into poetry, painting, or performance, the city has seen it all and then some.



With internationally renowned organisations like the Chichester Festival Theatre, New Park Cinema and Pallant House Gallery — you name it, we've got it. These worldclass institutions are putting Chichester on the map and winning plaudits worldwide.

But wait, there's more; behind the

scenes, a vibrant community of local artists is taking the arts scene by storm. From edgy performances at The Showroom to the wild lineup at the



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The Big Hoot art trail Chichester 2024

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER





The University of Chichester Conservatoire hosts a diverse array of concerts and events, including Musical Theatre productions, Jazz Nights, Cabaret evenings, Classical Music Concerts, Contemporary Dance Performances, and Live Stage Theatre. These events occur on-campus in Chichester and Bognor Regis, as well as regional venues. Students devote themselves to rehearsals, presenting acclaimed performances such as popular musicals and orchestral showcases. Notable groups include the Chamber and Baroque Orchestras, Brass Band, Concert Band, and the Swing Band, The Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra. The Dance department also presents contemporary choreography.

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Friends of Valletta

Although not twinned with Chichester a Friendship Link exists between the two cities. Valletta is the capital of Malta and is the southernmost capital of Europe as well as being the smallest. The city is noted for its fortifications and its beautiful Baroque palaces and gardens.

The Friends of Valetta was established in Chichester by the City Council in 2010. The Friends meet bi-monthly and organise various events covering a range of activities including Maltese history and culture, music, art and architecture. Details of the Friends of Valletta programme may be found on



www.friendsofvalletta.weebly.com

The City Council hopes you will greatly enjoy the 'European Corner' at the Gala this year and help celebrate the city's many links with partner cities in Europe.



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ACROSS

- 4 See these at the theatre or planetarium (5)
- 5 St Stone figure outside the holy place (7)
- 7 Old site now a free school (7)
- 9 Once a rickety ride to Selsey (4)
- 11 Named after compass points (5)
- 13 Bread always got a good pasting (7)
- 14 His statue can be seen at former RAF
- Westhampnett (5)
- 15 Iron age fort on top of St. Roche's hill (7)
- 16 Chichester has the only medieval cathedral spire in England visible from here? (3)

DOWN

- 2 Area of outstanding natural beauty (7) 3 A danger to bees (6)
- 4 Straight road to London (5,6)
- 6 Sussex dialect word for a stream (4)
- 8 Flying records set here (8)
- 9 So much choice to tickle all (5)
- 10 Depictions of noted historical figures (7)
- 12 A fair to celebrate the fruit of the blackthorn tree (4)
- 14 Expect to do this at Henry Adams (3)

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So, what is the Cuckoo Trail? And, what about the Cornflower?

In the 1960's, Chichester Gala was a very impressive event with entertainments over a whole week. Cornflowers supplied by a local garden nursery became the emblem of the Gala. On Gala Day there would be a

procession through the streets with a military band, Gala queen and entertainment. The day finished late in the evening with a torchlight procession and beating the retreat in the Park. A particular activity during Gala week was the SPOT THE CUCKOO competition. Participants were invited to find an object not normally in a shop window. For example, a spade in a baker's shop window. The prize was a £1 premium bond, worth about £20 in today's value. We hope you will enjoy the modern trail, with our new emblem Colin the Cuckoo. Good luck!

BRING YOUR COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO PRIORY PARK ON 29th JUNE—

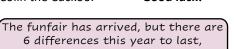
Prize winner announced at 4:30pm.

Can you find the 20 words associated with Chichester in the grid. Some are backwards or diagonal! MUIRATENALPGGBR ABNGZBYQBRAYOGV RGMINERVALRXOHX **КНХВV ТХКLGКGDDW** EJYGYEVEGVSUWOY TASHRPRTHSTIOOZ CLEJQIESSCPLOHR RUSKENRMIBSDDNE OSUSRLUTJTLHQAW SNOOHEYJAQYAKMO S I H P S W D P P A L L A N T K N S U A D L H K W D L J J L QEMLJEAHARBOURL V S A S P Z W G Q P Z R G Q B

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