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WELCOME

MAY 2022

Welcome to May's *Cheshire Living*. Hopefully you've had a good Easter break and are looking forward to the summer. For those looking to tie the knot, the stunning backdrop of a castle is difficult to beat.

Leasowe Castle on the Wirral Peninsula is steeped in history and offers first-class service for happy couples enjoying their big day. It is also a fantastic place to go to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other life occasions.

Award-winning interior designer Kerrie Griffin has been helping people create spectacular homes for two decades, with everything from furniture to lighting, accessories and art. A talented artist, Kerrie also finds antiques which she can up-cycle or re upholster to create unique pieces for your home.

Si Belle in Tarporley has been keeping Cheshire's ladies looking their best with a range of colourful clothes and accessories that stands the test of time. Sibel Rutherford and her team are experts at



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helping people choose the right garment or outfit to reflect their personality and create the image they desire.

After the success of last year's Tatton Park Pop-up Festival, this year's event returns to the stunning setting and promises to be bigger and better. There are big names appearing throughout the festival and lots of trips down Memory Lane for fantastic music offerings.

Another festival returning after a successful launch is Wilmslow Music Festival, with its focus on community.

As we continue our quest to look our best after the pandemic, the Boutique Clinic in Alderley Edge is delivering a range of non-invasive cutting-edge treatments to tackle the signs of ageing. The friendly atmosphere created by friends and owners Jenny Bloor and Jenny Lennard helps clients relax so that they not only look great, but feel amazing.

We hope you find plenty to inspire you for a great summer.

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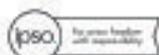


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FESTIVAL OF FUN

The magic of Tatton Park Pop Up Festival returns this summer – and it promises to be bigger and better, as the founder tells **Mike Crutchley**

All the stops will be pulled out to ensure VIP treatment as the sounds of the yesteryear echo around Tatton Park this summer. The hugely popular pop-up-festival will return to its stunning lakeside setting in Knutsford from June 24 to August 7 and promises something for the whole family. Headliners include Martin Kemp & Craig Charles. Among the other entertainment expected to draw huge crowds will be actor and former Spandau Ballet singer Martin Kemp's Ultimate back to the 80s DJ set and Mania – the Abba Tribute. Fans of the sounds of the '90s will be entertained by the likes of N Trance Live, Phats and Small, Livin' Joy and Sonique.

Guests will also be treated to Symphonic Ibiza, the Craig Charles Funk and Soul Show, Elton John tribute Rocket Man, Jurassic Earth and The Greatest Circus Show, as well as a trip down '70s Memory Lane with Lost in

Music. Younger guests and families haven't been forgotten either, with Kidchella – a kids festival with music and fun by Little Mix, Ariana and Taylor Swift tributes, face painting, glitter bars, children's workshops and roaming entertainers.

Rebecca said: "Last year was wonderful. We created a festival that offered people fun, excitement and the ability to let go and enjoy themselves with friends and family. There were so many restrictions in place, but we managed to deliver a safe series of shows that brought happiness back to many. There's nothing better than dancing and singing in the sunshine to your favourite music.

"Last year was magical because after lockdowns and restrictions, it was the first chance people had to get together socially. Even if there were more restrictions, we knew it could go ahead because it was outdoors.

"But I never anticipated how much people had missed being with other people in a social setting, being able to relax and enjoy

themselves again. This year will be bigger and better, and again inspired by the stunning setting by the lake. We have tried to bring back some of the favourites from last year but are also looking forward to putting on something new.

"I'm really looking forward to the disco classical night – I was born in the 1970s and that's right up my street." The success of





last year's launch festival has led to Rebecca increasing the VIP offering, including an exclusive lounge, so people can really enjoy the hospitality and the fantastic lake setting.

She said: "Last year we didn't know who would come, but this time we know what's popular with guests and are trying to cater for different interests, such as the West End tributes, as well as party nights on Saturdays for the younger generation. Last year we had socially-distanced squares with table service. We wanted to improve the quality of what is on offer and have more staff looking after guests in the squares, especially in the VIP areas with gorgeous drinks, like Moët & Chandon champagne. But we've gone even bigger with amazing gastro food.

"Whatever act people are coming to see, it's about providing a fantastic overall experience." As well as helping people come together for a successful festival, the event raises awareness for a cause close to the organiser's heart. Rebecca underwent a double mastectomy after developing breast



cancer seven years ago at just 37-years-old. She said: "Since I recovered from that operation, I do not want to forget about what had happened and wanted to raise awareness so that something good could come from it.

"There will be fundraising throughout the festival to raise much-needed money for this amazing Manchester-based charity. I am now an ambassador for Prevent Breast Cancer and am doing a 10k as well as other events this year." Last year's event attracted 20,000 visitors while Rebecca and the team are gearing up for 28,000 this year. She said: "With the thousands of people we are expecting, it makes sense to get the message across, not just to the women there, but so that everyone will be more aware and it can make a difference to people's lives."

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