

## **UKRAINE FUNDRAISER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT PETERSFIELD FESTIVAL HALL.**

**Sat 6 – Sun 7 August 2022 at Petersfield Festival Hall. Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/thefestivalhall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thefestivalhall)**

When the Russian attack on Ukraine first broke out the people of Petersfield were fast to respond with their generous donations, so much so that within no time at all the vans carrying the supplies were fast filled to capacity.

Next came the offers of hosting Ukrainian refugee families in Petersfield and its surrounding villages. Steve Field, Coordinator of Agencies Working Together at Petersfield Town Council quickly established a network of official contacts so that we could be as prepared as possible in welcoming our Ukrainian guests.

Cllr Paul Milner passed a proposal to run a 3-seeds project whereby every participating school-child would be given 3 sunflower seeds to grow and sell with proceeds going to official government approved Ukraine appeal. <https://www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk/3-seeds/> We received a wonderful response from local schools and feedback was that the children loved being involved.

The war is ongoing, families are still facing separation or worse losing their loved ones and lives are still in constant danger. The impact of the tragedy in Ukraine will be felt for years to come as its people try and rebuild their lives.

Now Petersfield Town Council are pledging their support to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and its partner organisations in seeking to address the best ways we can help.

Petersfield Town Council Deputy Halls Manager Philip Swan is an experienced sound and lighting engineer with a passion for music and support good causes. During the covid lockdown Phil supported the NHS with his version of the classic 'Lean On Me' Voices From The NHS Frontline. Philip raised the idea of holding a fundraising music festival at the Festival Hall in Petersfield which was promptly approved by councillors.

Together with Events & Media Officer, Kathryn Ellis-Blandford – Philip set to work on appointing musicians with big hearts to come and play voluntarily, maximising funds going to the DEC.

“Showing our solidarity and support for Ukraine through the universal language of music.”

The Sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and so the 'Sunflower Festival' was borne.

The two-day weekend event will include a wide variety of music genres, appealing to all ages and tastes. On the Sunday, and in addition to more wonderful music – Petersfield Festival Hall hosts 'Mini-Ravers' – a first for the town, but something that has proved extremely popular elsewhere. We are reliably informed by the organisers that Mini-Ravers is not a children's party, but is a rave for mums and dads to which their toddlers and children can come along too! The Mini-Ravers have lots of fun and excitement in store for the families of Petersfield!

Over the course of the two-day festival there will be two stages, broadening the music genre available. The main stage will be crammed with amazing bands, tribute groups and original artists. Our Rose Room – where there will also be a bar – will host our 'Sing for Ukraine' acoustic stage. Food will also be available on site.

Tickets are available from ticket-source online or in person from the Festival/Town Hall. Saturday day ticket price £15. Sunday day ticket £10, under 18's £9. Mini-Ravers only ticket price £8, under 3's £3.

Join us at the Festival Hall for a packed weekend of entertainment and show your support!

More information including thanks to our sponsors can be found on the Petersfield Town Council website -

Event web-link; <https://www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk/sunflower-festival/>

Facebook event link; <https://fb.me/e/2qrgC7VbG>

Cllr Peter Clist, Petersfield Town Mayor welcomes Ukrainian Guests; <https://www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk/welcome-to-ukrainian-guests/>