

AN EXPLOSION OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT, MARKET, DANCE AND MUSIC IS FILLING ST JAMES SQUARE AND ST JAMES CHURCH ON 24TH OF JUNE 1PM-6PM. YES, IT'S MIDSUMMER MUSWELL!

A brass band march accompanied by a procession of five **Local Gems** led by our **MP Catherine West** and an actor **Nitrin Ganatra** will kick off this year's summer celebration of all things Muswell. The full programme can be found on <https://muswelllife.com/>.

Among the market stalls will be **Alexandra WI's** home made produce, **Charitable Organisation Wave** activities including weaving, drawing, pompom making and card making, while charity **LCCP** will be selling mocktails. **Muswell Hillbilly Brewers** will cater for those in need of something stronger: their brews are grown, brewed and drunk in Muswell Hill! **Tootomoo** will feed hungry crew, accompanied by **Just Baked** by Jo and Nata Cake.

On the outdoor stage, prepare to be astonished by belly dancers **Charmageddon**, followed by **Archie Beach**, **New Law** and **Swan Kings**. Also **Play From Progress**, who are working with children in need living as asylum seekers across the UK, come to Muswell Hill fresh from Croydon; and there is of course promising local talent too: **Backdrop**, **The Blunt Man**, **The Muzztones**, **Kristian Demetriou**, **Darcey**, **Long String Hawkers**, **Sound of the Suburb**, and **The Vendettas**, tap dancers from **NLPAC** and super stars in the making from **Muswell Hill School of Performing Arts** and **LAGAD**. Opera singer **Marisa Di Muro** is back by popular demand.

Meanwhile, across the road in St James Church there is mosaic making and other activities for young people and a full bill of staged entertainment including the world premiere of the award-winning Mandarin Musical **JUDGE BAO**, written and performed (in Chinese!) by pupils of Fortismere school, also angelic ballerinas from Little London Ballet.

Deanna Bogdanovic said: *"The friends of St James Square are very excited to deliver another Midsummer Muswell for everyone to enjoy. We want people from across the Borough to come and join us as we showcase our rich and diverse Muswell Hill culture, show off our abundance of local talent and introduce you to excellent artists doing wonderful things."*

Peter Thompson said: *"This is our third Midsummer Muswell and every year we improve on the one before. It is a community event, funded by local traders and well wishers. This year promises to be very good: do join us."*

For further information contact Deanna, one of the directors of Friends of St James Square Limited: email: info@bonafidestudio.co.uk

MidSummer Muswell is organized by Friends of St James's Square is open to anyone who lives in the area and accepts their aims and priorities. Membership for a calendar year is only £25. Email Peter Thompson the secretary: pt.anythinglegal@gmail.com