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KETTFES TEOLS

Kettering has so much going on but many of us don't know quite how much.

Through grievances and frustration on various Facebook sites a few Kettering local's have decided to do something about spotlighting and celebrating precious and often quiet businesses and individuals.

So, KETTFEST came about.

KettFest is an umbrella brand that would support, promote and help organise a weekend of amazing events, yearly, to celebrate Kettering's town and people and bring in much needed footfall. Here's just a few venues and companies lending their full support to KETTFEST2015:

Kettering Arts Centre, The Yards, Keystone, Kino Lounge, Wicksteed Park, Blitz Cafe, Library, Kafe Bloc, Wayferer's, Chopper, Cortado, Exhibit, C & D Cycles, Vintage Fleur, The Piper, Market Inn, Music Lounge, The Prince, Kettering Rugby Club and All Saint's Church, Kettering and District Photographic Society to Tresham College, CoolScoops, Waterstones, House of Ambience, Market Mews Cafe, Dolls House Shop, KCU, William Knibb Centre, Archery Club, Kettering Boxing Club, She Can Run running group, The Poppies cafe, Cafe Culture, Kettering Preservation Society, KTM Car Club, C&D Theatre Company, Big Bopper, to name but a few.

We are building on developing community links between unlikely candidates and encouraging everyone, not just businesses, to take ownership of their every day lives by throwing as much good as we can at this one weekend. This festival has already had a hugely positive impact and more folk now know of what is already here in Kettering, from arts to sports and more.

The first Kettering festival mustn't be too big. Rather, small enough to grow well and be executed beautifully.

Examples:

Freelance jewelry artist to embellish fabric in the shop window of "House of Ambience", interior design company. A performance art piece. Inside they will run a kid's drawing fabric competition. Kino Lounge is giving a room over for local theatre companies to perform in. We will possibly include a promenade performance installation in Kino itself.

A sculpture trail around Wicksteed Park with each Kettering school offering up one sculpture each ending at the artist's studios in the old Golf House. The old steam train will have a sound installation played out.

Would you or know anyone locally that might want to be a part of this festival? If so please get in contact with either Jo Selby-Green or Whacky of Kettering via our Facebook page.

From history to the future and all between, the good folk of Kettering welcome all to our home in the heart of the Rose of the Shires.

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