



Dancing in the street

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Delicious food at the New Year market

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Welcoming in the New Year – Chinese style!

Thousands turn out to join in traditional celebrations in Thatcham

THOUSANDS of people joined Thatcham's first Chinese New Year Market on Sunday, the town council has said.

Visitors to the Broadway were treated to an array of crafts and food stalls selling a mix of Chinese street food as well as Thai, Indonesian, Japanese and Taiwanese cuisine.

But the highlight of the event was undoubtedly the traditional lion dance, performed for good luck and to drive away evil spirits.

The market also showcased unique crafts, jewellery, handmade accessories and home and beauty products created by Asian traders.

And there was also face

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painting available for families with young children.

“[What a] great event for the town,” one visitor said.

“Even my five-year-old tried some octopus balls.”

“Fantastic event. Can we please get variety like this at other events?” added another.

“A council that truly values inclusion, equality and community spirit. Let's continue to stand in solidarity and support events that bring us all together,” said Community United, a not-for-profit which brought its own vibrant celebration of culture to the town last year.

Thatcham Town Council thanked all vendors, performers and visitors who made the celebration of culture, diversity and unity – and said the event will be returning “bigger and better” next year.



Welcome to the Chinese New Year!

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What's on

THURSDAY

RHYME Time for Toddlers, Wash Common Library, Glendale Avenue, 3pm, free. Come for songs, games and rhymes. Parents, carers and under 5s are welcome.

FRIDAY

PETER'S disco, Royal British Legion, Pelican Lane, 8.30pm to 11pm.

SATURDAY

BRADFIELD Valentine market, Bradfield Southend Village Hall, 10am to noon, free. Lots of stalls with snowdrops, local crafts as well as foodstuffs. Free entry and free parking. Refreshments also available.

FUNDRAISING dance-a-thon, East Garston Village Hall, 11am to 11pm, £5. Dance for as long (or little) as you like.

COLD Ash Brass concert, Thatcham Baptist Church, Wheelers Green Way, 7pm, adults £10 and children £5.50. *Night at the Musicals* will feature excerpts from musicals such as *Wicked*, *The Sound of Music* and *The Blues Brothers*. Light refreshments included.

SUNDAY

WEEKLY bingo night, Thatcham Rugby Club, 6.30pm. £12 book of 6 games, £1 big money flyer, £1 looney special and £1 raffle strip.



Cold Ash Brass are performing at Thatcham Baptist Church on Saturday

Bingo begins at 7.30pm. Also selling different meals and cakes each week for affordable prices, and clothes to raise funds support the rugby club in getting new equipment so they can continue to support the community for free with veterans coffee mornings, NHS diabetes clinics and more.

MONDAY

POETRY group, Wash Common Library, Glendale Avenue, 3pm, free. Poems will be shared on the uplifting theme of nature.

NEWBURY Association of the National Trust meeting, West Berks Bowls Club, Pyle Hill, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, £3. Talk by Marie Louise Kerr *Oxford Penicillin History*. A forgotten WW2 story of the development of penicillin by

scientists in Oxford, and the wartime struggles to make the life-saving antibiotic.

WEDNESDAY

STOCKCROSS & Surroundings History Association talk, Sutton Hall, Church Road, 2pm, £5, free to members. *Hungerford in the 50s and 60s*, a talk by Dr Hugh Pihlens. Admission includes refreshments.

■ If you are organising a charity or community event and would like to be included in these free listings, please email details – type of event, time, venue, date and contact – to report@newburynews.co.uk

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Chinese New Year celebrations

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A large crowd turned out for the celebrations

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A wide selection of Chinese food was on offer

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Welcoming in the Chinese New Year

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Fredric Sundin and Izabella enjoy the market

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Cooking up a treat

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Traditional music

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FILM AT THE CORN EXCHANGE

NEWBURY CINEMA

FRI 7 – TUE 25 FEB

TICKETS

Full price: £9.80 | Concession: £8.30

Parent & Babies / Dementia Friendly / Silver Screen / Relaxed: £6.30

Midweek matinée (Mon – Thu, before 16:00) Full price: £7.80 | Concession: £6.30

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) Full price: £32 | Midweek matinée: £24

Family Films / Tots Cinema £3.50

Live / Encore Screenings Full price: £17.75 | Concession: £15.75

Full film synopses, ticket information and booking information can be found at cornexchangenewbury.com/film

Fri 7 Feb

A Real Pain (15)

14:30, 17:15, 19:45

Sat 8 Feb

Family Film: Inside Out 2 (U)

10:30

A Real Pain (15)

14:30, 20:00

William Tell (15)

17:00

Sun 9 Feb

Macbeth: David Tennant & Cush Jumbo (12A)

13:00

A Real Pain (15)

18:30

Tue 11 Feb

A Real Pain (15)

11:00

Silver Screen: Macbeth: David Tennant & Cush Jumbo (12A)

14:30

Wed 12 Feb

Maria (2025) (12A)

11:00

A Real Pain (15)

14:30

William Tell (15)

17:00

Subtitled: A Real Pain (15)

20:00

Thu 13 Feb

CINEMA CLUB Subtitled: A Real Pain (15)

11:00

Parent & Babies: Maria (2025) (12A)

14:30

A Real Pain (15)

17:30

Maria (2025) (12A)

20:00

Fri 14 Feb

Subtitled: The Brutalist (18)

14:30

Conclave (12A)

19:45

Sat 15 Feb

Family Film: Wicked (PG)

10:30

Paddington in Peru (PG)

14:30

The Brutalist (18)

17:45

Sun 16 Feb

The Brutalist (18)

13:00

Tue 18 Feb

Silver Screen: The Brutalist (18)

12:00

Wed 19 Feb

Moana 2 (PG)

11:00, 16:10

Paddington in Peru (PG)

13:30

Subtitled: Conclave (12A)

20:00

Thu 20 Feb

Tots Cinema: The Smeds and the Smoos (U)

10:15

Paddington in Peru (PG)

11:45

Parent & Babies: Moana 2 (PG)

14:30

NT Live: The Importance of Being Earnest (PG)

19:00

Fri 21 Feb

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

14:00, 17:00, 20:00

Sat 22 Feb

Family Film: Paddington in Peru (PG)

10:30

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

14:00, 17:00, 20:00

Sun 23 Feb

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

12:30, 15:30

Tue 25 Feb

Subtitled: Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

11:00

Silver Screen: Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

14:00

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

17:00, 20:00

FILM CLUB

Calling all film fans! Join us for our Film Club for people aged 14 to 40+! Spend an evening enjoying the chosen film and join fellow film fans after the screening for an informal chat in our Balcony Bar.

OSCARS SEASON

It is officially Oscar season, so to ensure you film fans get a chance to see as many as possible before the awards are announced, we have programmed a variety of the Oscar nominated films this season. So, take your pick and sit back as you enjoy some fantastic cinema!

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