



Event	CredFest 2017 Launch
Date and Time	15th September 2016, 7-8pm
Location	The Council Chamber, The Town Council, The Square, Crediton
Present	<p>Rachel Vowles, Credfest, Mike Summerton, Town Team Rod Brookes, Town Team Rosemary Stephenson, Town Team/Arts Centre Jo Ward, CODs/Tech crew Eric Parkes and Norma Kingdom - Lions Club, Town Band Jenny Pitts and Clive Rowlands - Twinning Soc Philip Robinson - Musician Judy Tucker - Boniface Link Tracey Norman and Sam Burms - Circle of Spears Theatre Josh Sanders - Performer Margaret Conkey, Get Changed Theatre Tina Guthrie - Festival Chorus Keith Mortimer - History Society Sue Way - Moose Hall/Dance community Beatrice Coveney - Crediton Library Ben Goddard - Exeter Phoenix FOH/Performer Sarah Preece - Crediton Churches/Badminton Lucy Welsman - QE Music/Musician Tim Matthews - Music Teacher/Crediton Concert Singers Mia Dendy and Leigh Pooley, Crediton Youth Collective Paul Evans - Rotary John Craythorne - Glorious Chorus Jack Robson – Arts Centre, Busk It/Tech Crew Sam Walker - Samantics Peter Hamilton - Arts Centre Stu Wright and Julian Wild - Comedy Suits Tim Harris - Food Festival Jez Taylor - Crediton Youth Theatre Paul Walker - CODS Alison Golby - Elastic Band/Cred Youth Orchestra Cath Kelly - Dressmaker Sarah Coomer - Visual Arts Lewis Cobb - Musician</p>

Apologies	Andrew Vaccari - Moon Jazz Club Geoff Sparling and Susan Meldon - Bellringing Mick Richards - Heart of Devon Festival Lucy Betts - East Town Cafe John Nash, Cathie Poole, Carrie Dyer - Performers Alison Whittall - Crediton Sings Bindy Saywood - Visual Arts Sarah Green - Sustainable Crediton Kate Lock - Town Team Isolde Summers - Boniface Concert Society Peter Cooper - Foolscap Productions Paul Tucker - MDDC Natalie - Zumba Paul Cartwright - Visual Arts/Arts Centre Anne Jackson - Textile Artist Alison Shakspeare - Short story competition/CredFest website
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<p>Brief Notes</p>	<p>Rosemary Stephenson (RS) introduced Rachel Vowles (RV) and gave a brief overview of CredFest 2015 and the reasons for bringing in a new director.</p> <p>Dates of the Festival: 4th - 24th June 2016. A festival opening event is on the cards for 4th June to coincide with installing the flags on the High Street and Boniface Family Day. Parade/music etc.</p> <p>RV gave an overview of how the festival may look different for 2017 including the change to The Square (no fixed structure of stage/auditorium), inclusion of Town Team promoted events including open air cinema in Newcombes, Silent Disco in The Square and possibly a 'named' band all to happen alongside the wealth of community and professional events as in previous years.</p> <p>Jo Ward asked if we could have a list of possible venues and their tech capabilities. RV to chase this up. The hard work and commitment of the technical support team was recognised and the aim is to make sure that their workload is as seamless as possible via good advance planning from all events.</p> <p>Tim Harris spoke about the Food Festival (17/18 June) and the availability of the marquee for evening entertainment. The Food Festival would be pleased to welcome performers throughout the two days.</p> <p>RS introduced the Festival Brochure and spoke of the need to raise funds to support the festival and explained that fees are necessary but that no one would be excluded from taking part because of lack of funds.</p> <p>There was a discussion around 'free' events - Sue Way pointed out that there was a balance to be struck and that artists deserve to be paid for their skill and expertise. Cath Kelly said that considering the cost of attending cinema in Exeter, a small fee to attend open air in Crediton would not be unreasonable.</p> <p>Paul Evans of Twinning Association mentioned the possibility of a visit of an orchestra from Avranches, Crediton's twin town - we hope this will be possible.</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Event Ideas Forum An open meeting to share ideas and discuss events other than those planned by The Town Team.</p> <p>Thursday 6th October 7pm - The Council Chamber - Town Council, The Square</p>