

Jazz at the Castle 2019

Age UK Oxfordshire and Action for Carers Oxfordshire will be hosting 'Jazz at the Castle' on Friday 14th June 2019. The event will take place at the beautiful setting of Broughton Castle gardens near Banbury, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele.

Performing live is renowned quintet Thixtrophy featuring the warm and soulful vocals of Steph Pirrie. The band will bring to Broughton Castle some of the famous jazz classics which made Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald famous. Other all-time hits will include songs by George Benson, Dave Brubeck and Carlos Jobim. Members of Thixtrophy include Ottone Caretta (saxophone), Lloyd Payne (trumpet), Martin Pickett (piano), Al Perrie (bass) and Carl White (drums).

Steph Pirrie has performed as a vocalist with some of the UK's finest jazz musicians. She is currently studying jazz trumpet at the UK Jazz School working with top educators Nick Weldon, David Lewis and Steve Waterman among others. Steph is a choir conductor and accredited vocal coach specialising in jazz and contemporary music, and recently taught Robert Peston how to sing Bohemian Rhapsody for a performance on Radio 4. She runs regular workshops and masterclasses for singers from her studio in Oxford.

All funds raised from the event will be split between charities Age UK Oxfordshire and Action for Carers Oxfordshire. The event itself falls during the annual nationwide Carers Week (10th-16th June) – a campaign that highlights the challenges carers face and recognises the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. Within Oxfordshire itself, there are approximately 62,000 carers. Carers face new challenges every day; they cannot do this alone. Action for Carers Oxfordshire helps these people in our society to feel less lonely and more able to cope by providing specialist support.

Kay Francis, Head of Action of Carers Oxfordshire, added "Caring is such an important part of life, no matter what race, religion or society we are a part of, caring is fundamental to being human. Carers are the glue that keeps families together, whether they are caring for a disabled child, partner, mum and dad or even a friend, the way they dedicate themselves unselfishly to enable loved ones to get the most out of life is truly inspiring".

Please bring a picnic, drinks, chairs and rugs. This is an outside event so please bring umbrellas in case of bad weather. During the evening, there will be a raffle, tombola and licensed bar available. Assistance dogs only please. Doors open at 6pm, with live jazz from 7pm. The event will finish at around 9.30pm. Whether you are a jazz lover or just a consumer of good music this is an evening not to be missed!

Following the success of previous years, this is a ticketed event. Tickets can be bought online via www.trybooking.co.uk/ISV or by telephoning **01235 520 463**. Food hampers are available to order in advance by contacting Banbury Catering & Events on **01295 713 888**.

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Notes to Editors

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About Age UK Oxfordshire

Age UK Oxfordshire is an independent local charity dedicated to giving older people in Oxfordshire comfort, support and opportunities and enabling them to love later life. We provide free local information, advice and support. We work with our national partner, Age UK, and our local Age UK partners in England. You can find further information on all our services and volunteering opportunities by telephoning 0345 450 1276 or by visiting our website: www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire. Age UK Oxfordshire is a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1091529 and company number 4328143).

About Action for Carers Oxfordshire

Action for Carers Oxfordshire is a charity which offers information, advice and support to someone aged 18 and over, who is looking after someone aged 18 and over, living in Oxfordshire. Alongside partners Rethink and Oxfordshire County Council, Action for Carers Oxfordshire has built a national reputation for reaching and supporting carers in innovative ways through the Carers Oxfordshire service. You can find further information by telephoning 0345 050 7666 or visiting our website www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk. Action for Carers Oxfordshire is a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1149577 and company number 08125002).