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A visit to Ipswich waterfront

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Ukraine Brunch

Spring in the Suffolk village of Coddendam seems far removed from the war headlines in Ukraine.

You can however join the Sunday Brunch on March 13, knowing the proceeds will be going to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

The Coddendam Centre Charitable Incorporated Organisation have decided to donate the day's profits to the appeal launched by the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Thirty pounds donated to the appeal could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month.

Fifty pounds could provide blankets for four families and £100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month.

The brunch will take place at the Coddendam Centre between 10am-1pm and include breakfast baps, Bucks Fizz, coffee, tea and pastries. Payment by card or cash.

Anyone that is unable to attend the brunch can make cash donations via the centre's entrance door collection box.

Free music festival

On Saturday, July 2, families in Ipswich will be able to enjoy a free music festival in Christchurch Park featuring blues, jazz, world and Caribbean music.

The festival will have five stages and the audience will be able to enjoy performances from BBC's Young Jazz Musician of the Year Xhosa Cole, Ma Bessie And Her Blues Troupe, blues harmonica maestro Paul Lamb, international soca singer DeeVine, Ipswich born RnB star Chantz Marie, multi-genre band Roots 8, the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and the Drywood Cajun Band.

Other local bands will also be performing at the festival, which has been put together by the Ipswich Jazz Festival and global Rhythm teams, after a successful bid for £42,250 funding by Arts Council England.

Ipswich Borough Council have also contributed £33,000 to the event.

The free music festival forms part of the Ipswich Music Weekend, which will include the ever-popular Ipswich Music Day the following day – Sunday, July 3.



A free music festival featuring blues, jazz, world and Caribbean music will be held in Christchurch Park this summer

Picture: IPSWICH JAZZ FESTIVAL AND GLOBAL RHYTHM

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