

One Day in May

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For Douglas Macmillan from Faye Johnson

Musician, Chuck Micallef, is organising a community music festival, which is donating its proceeds to the Douglas Macmillan Hospice and the Staffordshire Oncology Centre.

The festival is being held in honour of Chuck's late wife, Janet, who died in 2008, less than 7 months after being diagnosed with lung cancer. During the battle with her illness, she took part in pioneering lung cancer treatment trials, with the hope that she would be able to not only beat the cancer, but also help others suffering in the same way.

The couple had originally planned to organise a free event of this kind in order to showcase the talents of local musicians. In an interview with The Sentinel earlier this year, Chuck said:

“She and I used to go to a lot of gigs together and we both felt that there was such a huge pool of talent that wasn't being recognised.”

However, after Janet's diagnosis it was decided that an entry fee should be charged and donated to worthy causes.

The festival is taking place on the 9th May at Trentham Gardens and includes a variety of activities for all the family. These will begin at 10am and will consist of face painting

and storytelling by Alan and Lyn Barrett. There will also be live performances by Chuck and his band, other acts on the bill include: The Barflys, Elvis Fontenot and the Sugar Bees, Bearfoot and House On Fire.

Tickets for the festival will be available on the day from Trentham Gardens. These will cost £10 for an adult, £9 for an OAP or student, £7.50 for a child (children under 3 years go free), or £30 for a family ticket.

As well as donating the proceeds from the festival to the above causes, Chuck also plans to donate the profits from the completion of the book started by Janet, which is based on diaries that she wrote during her fight against lung cancer.

For more information about this or other events raising money for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice, visit their website at: www.dmhospice.org.uk or call the Fundraising Team on: 01782 344304.

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