

the fifth year the festival has taken place. For the first two years we held it in Nantwich and then at Catton Hall for the next two years. We decided to move the festival to Uttoxeter Racecourse because it is a great venue and easy to get to.”

Other music acts confirmed so far include Henry Priestman, Aziz, Three Daft Monkeys, Leatherat, The Hamsters, Ed Tudor Pole, Amy Wadge, The Coal Porters, Ezio, Patti Blinks and her boy, Little Johnny England, Papa George, The Outcast Band, Dirty Dylan, Dog Days of Summer, and Mike Dawes.

Mike, who has been in the music festival business for more than 20 years, said: “May Fest is not like Glastonbury. It’s an acoustic and unplugged festival aimed at the older audience and also families. “There will be lots for children to do from soccer training to all kinds of workshops.”

The event is expected to attract upto 4,000 visitors. A fringe festival will also take place in and around Uttoxeter town centre. Tickets for May Fest are on sale currently (until the end of the month) at a reduced price from £60 per adult. Children under ten are allowed in for free. For more information call 0333 9000919 or visit www.acousticfestival.co.uk



Concert to raise funds for church

A HAMPSHIRE-BASED orchestra will next week perform at a Leek church which is undergoing a major facelift. The Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia will be at Trinity Church on Thursday, February 18, at 12.45pm. The concert is being held to raise funds for the Derby Street venue’s renovation project Open To All. The Youth Concert Sinfonia, formed in 1988, tackles a wide repertoire including full orchestral works and symphonies, as well as film scores and show music. A spokesman for the Sinfonia said: “Under the musical directorship of

Martin Felton, the young musicians learn to play with sensitivity to ensemble balance, tuning and phrasing.” The concert will include 45 musicians aged 11 to 17. The programme is set to include a mixture of popular classics and music from film and theatre including Dvorak New World Symphony first movement, Jesus Christ Superstar and Pirates Of The Caribbean. Admission to the concert is free, but a collection will be held with donations going to help pay for work to the church.

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