

# News Release



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## **Mole Valley's Arts Alive Festival 2009 Street Party on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** *Let the Celebrations Commence!*

Mole Valley's Arts Alive Festival 2009 officially opens on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** with street parties in Dorking and Leatherhead town centres. From **10.00am** until **4.00pm** both town centres will be filled with an air of excitement when musicians, artists, art groups, actors and festival goers join together to start the street party with a bang.

Throughout the day there will be performances by many local artists and art groups including **Bloco Do Sul**, **Dorking Academy of Performing Arts**, musicians from **Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra**, **Leatherhead Choral Society**, **The Milestone Big Band**, **Pandemonium**, **Mole Valley Silver Band**, the **Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers** and more!

If that isn't enough to make you feel artistically inspired, **Dorking Group of Artists** will be setting up their easels in the streets of Dorking and there will be stalls, face painting, street entertainers and give-aways. The day is guaranteed to leave you eagerly awaiting October's endless supply of over 100 dance, music, drama, arts and crafts events in Mole Valley.

Councillor David Sharland, Portfolio Holder for Health, Safety and Wellbeing, said "Mole Valley's Arts Alive festival provides an opportunity for local artists and arts group to shout about the good work they do in the community. The Arts Alive Street Party is a popular event and attracts visitors from far and wide to Leatherhead and Dorking."

The Arts Alive festival organisers are especially grateful to global engineering company **KBR**, who as one of the largest employers in Mole Valley has sponsored Arts Alive for twelve consecutive years and **Aerospace Logistics** who are continuing their support for a third year.

The Arts Alive festival is organised by Mole Valley District Council's Leisure Development Department. For full listings visit [www.arts-alive.co.uk](http://www.arts-alive.co.uk). Brochures will be available from mid August from local libraries, Leatherhead Help shop, Dorking Halls and the Leatherhead Theatre or by telephoning **01306 879188**.

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## Notes to Editors

For more information on Arts Alive or any of the events involved please contact Kath McCutcheon Arts Development Officer on 01306 879188

Mole Valley District Council is delighted to announce the return of the Arts Alive Festival for its thirteenth year. Arts Alive is an annual festival which showcases a wide variety of arts and community events throughout the month of October and this year the festival line up promises to be as eclectic and entertaining as ever. Packed with over one hundred art, craft and entertainment events there is something for the whole family to enjoy.

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