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## Festival cash will help fund vital restoration

WORK on restoration of Mentmore's parish church has now started, and cash raised at the Mentmore Arts Festival later this month will further boost funds.

The festival over the Whitsun bank holiday weekend will see more than 30 local artists displaying their talents in the 14th century St Mary's and the village hall.

For children there will be an art corner where they can explore a range of mediums – paint, crayon and charcoal – and enter the children's art competition.

Refreshments ranging from homemade cakes and sandwiches to drinks will be available in the village hall, encouraging families to make a day of it.

Last year's festival raised more

than £4,500 for local charities, contributing £2,500 to the £50,000 already raised to help pay for urgent restoration work at the church

The organisers would like to thank their sponsors and advertisers for their support in particular for a grant from the Buckinghamshire Community Foundation.

Admission is £2 per adult (to include catalogue) with children free of charge

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> Pictured are members of the organising committee – from left to right, Rosie Knight, Mike Armson, Diane Halfpenny, Jean Howell, Deborah Hall, Andy Wilkins and Sue Scott

mercial concerns like Healthcare Connections since the swine flu pandemic reached 'phase 5' status.

Governments across the globe are now looking to Roche to provide the drug.

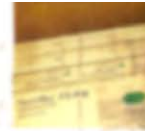
Mrs Hiney said it is impossible to tell how quickly they will sell out of Tamiflu, but it is likely it will be by the end of the year.

That's when the second wave of the flu is likely to hit, just as the winter season approaches and the virus is able to spread quickly.

She warned: "This flu won't just affect the elderly and the infirm, it is affecting fit and young people as well."

"This is why so many companies and corporations across the country are looking to us to provide the anti-viral drug, so that should an outbreak take hold, staff will at least be able to work."

Healthcare Connection's



biggest client is HSBC, which has scheme since 2001. The big names in the sector are also in the scheme.

She said: "We are national of businesses, in to finance and fit they are national

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## Charity stalwart

TWO members of the Aylesbury branch of the Royal Society For the Protection of Birds have received special awards for their long service to the organisation.

Jill Carey and Eve Catlett received commemorative badges, marking 15 years and five years of service respectively, from the charity's membership development officer David Butlin.

During her time with the RSPB, Jill has been involved in giving talks to other community groups about bird conservation and has raised substantial funds. Over the last year alone she has raised more than £1000.

Jill's fund raising all goes towards the conservation work at the Otmoor RSPB Reserve, one of the country's most important wetland habitats.

Eve has served on the group's committee since she joined five years ago and is involved with organising publicity.

Local group leader Lesley Davies said: "It's tremendous to see the commitment of our volunteers in helping save our birds, so many of which are in decline."

"Familiar birds like the great tit and blue tit suffered last year and their numbers went down. The volunteers are making a real difference."

To find out more about the local group visit [www.rspb.org.uk/aysbury](http://www.rspb.org.uk/aysbury)



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## Organ donation

PEOPLE living at The Chestnuts care home in Stoke Mandeville will get some musical entertainment after the daughter of one of the residents won a competition on the Classic FM radio station for a Clavinova digital piano.

A total of 25 Clavinovas were awarded by makers Yamaha to deserving charitable and community groups nationwide,

her prize by David the Yamaha Home. A delighted Gill, this wonderful Cla a huge difference t Chestnuts.

"The home's ve sadly seen better d drawn complaints musicians, singers regularly visit to at