

WALLSEND FESTIVAL

Festival
Saturday 2nd
July 2011



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Wallsend is gearing up for the return of the popular Wallsend Festival at the beginning of July. Held every year since 2001, the Festival is billed as a celebration of 'all that's good in Wallsend, Past, Present and Future.'

This year Festival Saturday is July 2nd. Once again visitors can look forward to a whole range of attractions with something for all the family.



The **Bandstand** outside the Forum Shopping Centre will host a line up of live music compered by local singer and comedian Paul Phillips. Topping the bill this year are The Caffreys – who need no introduction and are returning to their home town to play the Festival. Popular rhythm and blues band the Groovediggers will be another big draw and making his debut at the Festival is Tom Mitchell, son of Lindisfarne legend Bill Mitchell. Look forward to Tom introducing some songs from his newly released debut album 'Paper thin walls.'

As well as the live music line up there'll be a range of **craft stalls** lined up outside Forum Shopping Centre and more

live entertainment within the centre including displays by local dance groups, and also the ever popular **Local History Society** stall for those of a nostalgic bent.

There'll be loads happening for the kids; this year North East based artist Elizabeth Kane will be working with children and young people at the festival to complete a series of **mixed media collages** based on iconic images of Wallsend. All participants should be accompanied by their parents or guardians. It is hoped that the finished artworks will be displayed in an exhibition in The Forum and online for everyone to enjoy. The 'Baltic Crew' will also be bringing their own brand of creative fun workshops for children so look out for them.

The Festival wouldn't be complete without the **fairground** – Wallsend's answer to the Hoppings which will once again be at the Coronation Club car park site.

Once again High Street East will be closed to traffic between Station Road and Park Road to host more entertainment including dance displays and performance from local first schools, whilst the Alexandra Street car park will play host to vintage and hot rods cars from both sides of the pond.



Moving out of the Town Centre, you can go wild for free in **Wallsend Parks!** There will be a Birds of Prey display, a climbing wall, skate ramp, tennis coaching, orienteering and outdoor skills with Tyne-mouth District Scouts. Wallsend Parks is currently being restored as part of a Lottery Funded 'Parks for People' project.

As a special one off for the Festival this year, North Tyneside's Young Mayor will be hosting a **music event for young people** at the town's Segedunum Roman fort and museum.

Exclusively for 11–19 year olds, and billed as 'The Event @ Segedunum' it will feature a line-up of local young bands and artists.

Admission is by pre-purchased wrist band only. For more information, visit www.northtyneside.gov.uk/youngmayor

There'll be special events happening at the **Wallsend Library** and the **People's Centre** and Friday will feature the annual Steel Band Festival at the **Memorial Hall**. Just before that on Wednesday evening the Wallsend and District Choral Society will present their annual concert in the **Trinity Methodist Hall** – call 07784 727 778 for more information and tickets.

Programme

Bandstand

- 10.15 Backworth Colliery Band
- 11.00 Wallsend Churches
- 12.00 Key Enterprises
- 13.00 Tony Corcoran
Irish Fiddle Band
- 13.45 Caffreys
- 14.45 Tom Mitchell
- 15.45 Groovediggers

High Street East

- 10.30 Amanda Nichole Dance
- 11.15 Burnside Samba
- 12.00 Healy O'Donnell Dance
- 13.00 TyneBridge Morris
- 13.45 YMCA – Zumba
- 14.15 Steel Band
- 15.00 Dancercise



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