

WALLSEND



2005

FESTIVAL

Celebrating all that's good in Wallsend Past, Present and Future

Welcome to the Wallsend Festival

ON BEHALF of the Wallsend Festival Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to what is now our fifth annual Wallsend Festival. The Festival and the Association aim to celebrate all that's good in Wallsend, past, present and future.



We hope that this year's Festival will be the biggest and best to date, and as you'll see from the programme we've tried to provide something for everyone to enjoy.

Festival Saturday this year will be July 2nd and is the highlight of the Festival. We're sticking to the tried and tested formula established over the past few years, so you'll be able to enjoy live music at the bandstand and craft stalls and demonstrations both inside and outside the Forum Shopping Centre. There'll also be dance and other displays as well as a quilting and tapestry workshop within the shopping centre. We'll again be closing High Street East between Station Road and Park Road for more displays and attractions including the Play Bus kindly provided by Sure Start Wallsend. Look out for lots happening in the Memorial Hall during the day and our very special Geordie evening concert at the Mem on Saturday evening.

This year's Parade promises to be the best ever and thanks to a grant from the Community Chest we're looking forward to lots of school children displaying costumes and displays with a nautical theme, reflecting the fact that 2005 sees the return of the Tall Ships to the Tyne later in the month as well as being the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

At the time of going to press in late May, many plans are still being finalised so do make sure that you check out our website at www.wallsendfestival.org for all the latest news.

Finally, I'd like once again, to record my thanks to all those, especially committee members, who've given up their time and worked so hard to ensure that the Festival happens. Thanks are also due to the Community Foundation for their financial support and similarly to DTZ, operators of the Forum Shopping Centre. Much of the practical work on the day is undertaken by North Tyneside Council's Events Unit and we are grateful to them for their willing help and support.

JOHN FLEET

Chair, Wallsend Festival Association

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Wednesday 29th June

WALLSEND & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY
 present
A Folk Night
 Guest Soloist: Alison Bates
 at Trinity Methodist Church Hall
 Station Road, Wallsend
 on **Wednesday 29th June 2005** at 7.15pm
 Conductor: Flora Wilson B.A., L.R.A.M.
 Accompanist: David Morley, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.M.
 Tickets £3; Friends of the Society £2.50
 Includes refreshments.

Saturday 2nd July FESTIVAL DAY

Bandstand

Perhaps for the last time prior to redevelopment of the area, we are able to host a full day of live music on our specially constructed Bandstand at the Forum Shopping Centre. Once again Wallsend's own Steve Walls will be our compere and no doubt he'll take the opportunity to slip in a few songs of his own in between acts.



The line up for the day is as follows:

- 10.00 **Chester's Gumbo Marching Band**
– make a welcome return and look out for them in the Parade later in the day
- 11.00 **Wallsend Churches Singing Together** – join in with familiar gospel songs presented by our local churches
- 12.00 **The Groovediggers** – lunchtime Jazz to groove to.
- 13.00 **The Happy Cats** – fronted by ex Lindisfarne star Marty Craggs – rock with a Geordie theme
- 14.00 **Dunston Silver Band**
- 15.00 **Heaton Voices** – ladies choir
- 16.00 **Two Become One** – popular club act with familiar covers

Craft Market

Once again we'll have stalls both inside and outside the shopping centre. There's bound to be something of interest so take the time to have a good browse.



Children's Fairground

Our ever-popular children's fairground returns once again to the Coronation Club car park site. Bouncy castles and all the usual rides will be on offer for the younger Festival goers.

Street Entertainment

Following their tremendous reception at last year's North Shields Victorian Christmas Market, we've booked Bill Brookman and his team. Look out for juggling, fire eating and one or two surprises from them throughout the town centre.

Display Area

High Street East will be closed between Station Road and Park Road to accommodate all kinds of displays, including fairground organs, vintage vehicles and a Play Bus. Don't miss!

Festival Parade

The Parade this year promised to be the best ever. Artist Anh Mao has been working with school students from local schools to produce costumes and displays reflecting the nautical theme that we've adopted as we look forward to the return of the Tall Ships to the Tyne.

At the time of going to press the Parade route is still to be finalised but look out for it beginning at 12 noon and travelling through the town centre. We'll also have a cavalcade of interesting and exotic vehicles which will travel through the town centre before finishing at the Display Area.



Memorial Hall

During the day there will be a range of attractions in the Memorial Hall. For the modelling enthusiasts we'll have a number of model railway displays, courtesy of the Blyth & District Model Railway Society in the Cafe Hall. There will also be model engineering to admire and Tynemouth Model Boat Club will be displaying models of craft built or used on the River Tyne.

At the time of going to press many exhibitors are still to be confirmed so check out our website www.wallsendfestival.org for the very latest news.

11.00 **Eric Hollerton** – local studies librarian, well known for his encyclopaedic knowledge of local history, will give an illustrated talk on the history of Wallsend and its surrounding areas. No booking necessary.

And we have a very special event in the evening –

Geordie Night

In what promises to be one of the highlights of the Festival, we're proud to present our very own Geordie Night. Featuring the **Border Directors band** (music, songs, ceilidh dancing with caller) together with the **Addison Rapper and Clog Dance Team** (both ladies' clog and men's rapper) and popular entertainer **Bob Bolam** holding it all together with a mix of stories, jokes and poetry. So get on your dancing shoes and get on down to the Mem!

Tickets priced at only £3 are available from the Buddle, Segedunum and the People's Centre in advance, or on the door on the night. The evening gets under way at 7.30pm.

And as an extra incentive we're hoping to run a free ticket draw; with first prize a mini cruise to Amsterdam courtesy of DFDS, so this has to be the best value evening's entertainment of the year!

Inside Forum Entertainment

- 12.00 - 12.30 **Taekwondo**
- 12.30 - 1.00 **Butokokan Judo Club**
- 1.00 - 1.30 **Wilkinson School of Dance**
- 1.30 - 2.00 **Abela Dance Studio**
- 2.00 - 2.30 **Wilkinson School of Dance**
- 2.30 - 3.00 **t.b.c.**
- 3.00 - 3.30 **Margaret Waite School of Dance**

Balloon Bazaar
 taking place during the day



Wallsend People's Centre TAROT CARD READING £3.00

- 11.00 - 12.30
- 1.00 - 2.30

DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

- 1.30 - 2.30

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

- 1.30 - 1.30

FACE PAINTING

- 11.30 - 12.30
- 1.30 - 2.30

CAFE OPEN

10.30 - 3.30 for hot lunches, snacks, tea, coffee and cold drinks



Treasure Island at the Buddle!

6pm **The Buddle Arts Centre** will be hosting a production of 'TREASURE ISLAND'. Performed by the Bruvvers, Treasure Island is one of the world's best-loved novels. A lost map and a search for buried treasure; an engaging hero in young Jim Hawkins and a cunning villain in Long John Silver; mutiny and murder on the high seas; and of course, a safe return to England and a happy ending! Tickets are £4 and £2.50, family ticket £10. For information call 0191 2007132.

Sunday 3rd July

Segedunum

1.00 - 4.00 **Meet the Romans**
 Segedunum's own re-enactment group displays weapons and equipment of Roman soldier's and civilians from Hadrian's Wall.

'THE FORMER RITZ CINEMA'

For those of us who remember the Golden Era of Cinema in Wallsend, this year the former 'Ritz Cinema' (now the Mecca Bingo Club) will open its doors on three mornings to anyone wishing to recall their picture-going days!

The club retains many features of the former cinema, and there will be a tour and a talk, tea and biscuits on the following mornings.

Thursday 30th – Saturday 2nd

10.30am (approx 30 minutes)

Mecca Bingo Club, High Street West

SOME SCENES FROM THE 2004 FESTIVAL

