

WALLSEND FESTIVAL



North Tyneside Council

2009

www.wallsendfestival.org.uk



Welcome to the Wallsend Festival!

On behalf of the Wallsend Festival Committee, I'm delighted to welcome you to this, the ninth annual Wallsend Festival.

Once again the Festival Association has worked throughout the year to put together a fantastic programme of events, culminating in Festival Saturday on July 4th, when the town centre will host a wide range of attractions for all the family.

My thanks to all those in the Festival Association who've given up their time to make the Festival possible, not forgetting our financial supporters who are credited elsewhere and whose generosity makes paying the bills feasible!

Highlights this year include a new production from the Cloud Nine theatre company – 'Bingo' – catch it at the Library; many more displays on High Street East including a Climbing Wall and new to the Festival - the North East Club for Pre-War Austins, who will be staging a display at the Alexandra Street car park.

We hope that you'll enjoy the Festival and if you'd like to get involved in helping to plan or taking part in future festivals we'd love to hear from you; you can contact us via our website; www.wallsendfestival.org.uk or call me on 0191 643 6419, to find out more.

John Fleet
Chair, Wallsend Festival Association

Wed 1st July 7pm

Choral Society Concert

'Voices Together is a concert to be held at Burnside Business and Enterprise College on Wednesday July 1st, which celebrates the growing partnership between choirs from Burnside Business and Enterprise College and the Wallsend Choral Society.

This concert of vocal music will feature both the student and staff choir from Burnside, together with some soloists, and the Wallsend Choral Society in a showcase of vocal music in a variety of different styles.

The concert starts at 7 p.m., and should last around 1¼ hours. Burnside Choirs are under the leadership of Selwyn Thompson and Joanne Quinan, and the Wallsend Choral Society is directed by David Morley.

Tickets are priced at £4 and are available from Burnside College reception and from members of the Wallsend Choral Society.'

Fri 3 July 10am-3pm

N Tyneside Festival of Steelbands Wallsend Memorial Hall

Your chance to catch the best of school steel bands from North Tyneside and the surrounding areas. As part of the Festival the bands join to form the largest steelband in the north east; all players have been practicing the same tune, and we are aiming to play it together on the day, breaking the record of 81 players. The tune has been arranged and taught by teenage tutors from Steelbands North.

Free tickets are available to the public from dave@steelbandsnorth.org.uk.



'Festival Saturday - July 4th'

What's happening

The Festival takes place throughout the town centre so you'll need to look out for things happening all over the place! – key locations are:



Forum Shopping Centre

One of the highlights of Festival Saturday is of course, the live music on our specially created stage outside the main entrance to the Forum Shopping Centre.

Once again local lad Steve Walls returns to comper the stage and introduce an eclectic mix of local talent to entertain you throughout the day. The lineup will be as follows:

- 11:00 Wallsend Churches – hymns and inspirational songs
- 12:00 The West Jesmond Rhythm Kings – trad jazz as you like it
- 13:00 The Mojitos – local rock band playing a range of (mostly) covers
- 14:00 Tyneside Ladies Barbership Harmony Chorus – the name says it all!
- 15:00 The Groovediggers – returning to the Festival – jazz based but with a twist
- 16:00 Absolute Symmetry – up and coming Alternative Rock group

There'll also be a wide range of stalls both inside and outside the Forum throughout the day including the very popular Wallsend Local History Society as well as performances of dance and martial arts at the atrium area inside the Shopping Centre.

Look out for street entertainment and more surprises too, both here and throughout the town centre.

Alexandra Street Car Park

New for 2009! – we're delighted to welcome the Pre-War Austin owners club who will be showing a selection of cars inviting you to take a trip down memory lane!



High Street East

Look out for lots happening on High Street East this year. The road between Station Road and Park Road will be closed for the day to feature a host of attractions. As well as the usual fairground rides we've displays and attractions with a strong emphasis on the emergency services and the army. We're very excited that the army will be bringing a climbing wall to the High Street as well as other bits of kit that are sure to appeal to youngsters.

We've also created a performance area which will feature street theatre and other entertainment. Details of performers were still being finalised as we went to press but look out for the return of the Chinese Lion Dance and the ever popular Wallsend Wanderers amongst other attractions.

For the first time we'll also have some stalls and workshops on the High Street, so there should be something for all the family.

Free walk led by Wallsend Local History Society, meeting outside the Anson Pub at 12.00 on Saturday 4th July

Sensory Spaces Project

This year, for the first time ever, we'll be welcoming 'Jamboree' and their Sensory Space, bringing the wonders of the coast to disabled children and their families - complete with sand, water and mythical creatures! Come and listen to the sea or hear a song about you, feel pebbles and shells and the sea-spray on your skin. Watch as stories unfold and discover hidden treasure.

You'll find us in the Forum (High Street entrance) in the old Sports Direct shop. For further information please see www.freewebs.com/jamboreeproject or email jamboreeproject@yahoo.co.uk

Coronation Street Car Park

Once again we look forward to Wallsend's answer to the Hoppings – without the mud and this year – we hope – without the rain!



Wallsend Library

Meet the Library and Customer Services staff at our stall outside the Forum. Explore the new Children's Bus. *Do you know your Crime Authors, Characters, Crime Series and True Crime?* Then come and take part in our Crime Quiz on Thursday 2nd July, starting at 7pm in the library with a free glass of wine, or juice, maximum team size is 4, with prizes.

Overweight? Under Weight? then let Churchill Community College 6th Form tell you by taking the 60 second BMI test in the Library foyer on Festival Saturday

Segedunum Roman Fort, Bath House and Museum

Why not take advantage of the Festival's special 'pop in for £' offer and visit Segedunum Roman Fort and see the two fascinating new exhibitions: Names Set in Stone, the builders of Hadrian's Wall and opening on the 4th July, An Archaeology of "Race": Exploring the North East in Roman Britain! Vouchers can be collected from the Segedunum stall at the Forum.



And just a reminder that Segedunum has special events and exhibitions on throughout the year and admission is now FREE to young people 16 and under.'

Photo courtesy of Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums

Wallsend Floral Art Group

On Thursday 25th June Wallsend Floral Art Group are holding a special open evening from 7.00.p.m- 9.00.p.m as part of the Wallsend Festival. The evening will include a demonstration based on the theme of 'Celebrations'. Refreshments will be served on the Burnside Gallery from 6.30.p.m. Wallsend Floral Art Group meet on the last Thursday of every month and are always happy to welcome new members to the group. They have been based at Burnside since September 2008 and have worked on a number of joint projects with the College. If you require further information contact Burnside Business and Enterprise College (Tel: 259 8500).

Cloud Nine Sixties Group

presents BINGO!
by Kitty Fitzgerald,
directed by Anne Orwin.
Returning by popular demand, this 30 minute comedy set in the concert room of a working men's club is a slice of real

North-East life. The drag artist is not popular with the traditional committee, the two computer daters are nervously awaiting their meeting, while the compere who's been playing away is about to get his come-uppance. Eyes down for humour, music, bingo and line dancing in a play that drew capacity audiences when premiered last year. Performances Wallsend Library Tues - Sat at 12.30 pm each day.



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Thanks!

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The Arts Council England, the Sir James Knott Trust, the R W Mann Trust, the Forum Shopping Centre, the Grassroots Fund, the Mayor's Fund and of course North Tyneside Council who provided much more than simply money to help ensure that the event is a safe and happy one for our many visitors.