



GREAT FUN AHEAD AT THE BRIDGNORTH CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

This Sunday see the culmination of a great deal of hard work as the **Bridgnorth Children's Festival** makes a welcome return. Having had a year off to evaluate the way the Festival operates, the event will now take place on **Sunday 28th August** (August Bank Holiday Sunday) in various locations around the High Street, linking in with the Bridgnorth Music & Arts Festival and the Food Fair.



There will be 5 main **Activity Zones** hosting the amazing variety of family-based entertainment and fun events.

Mark Gibbons, Festival Activities Director, explains:

"This year we have a superb line-up with performers we've used before together with some new acts and activities which we know will be great fun for everyone."

*In the High Street and at St. Leonard's Close we'll have our **Fun & Entertainment Zone** with storytellers, magicians, Punch & Judy shows, circus skills and other street entertainment. We'll have a range of bouncy castles and other inflatables, a climbing wall and our keynote attraction this year – water zorbing which has never been seen in Bridgnorth before.*

*At the **Sports Zone** in the Leisure Centre there will be funs swimming sessions plus coaching in football,*

martial arts demonstrations and taster sessions hosted by Excalibur and Bridgnorth Table Tennis Club are offering coaching sessions.

*At the Castle Hall we'll have our **Arts Zone** with a host of arts and crafts for all ages. This includes pottery; Vincent Van Gogh painting and sketching sessions; junk music workshops; Animals in Hands where you can get to hold exotic mammals and reptiles as well as the ever popular facepainting and airbrush tattoos.*

For the younger family members,



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Bridgnorth Baptist Church will be hosting the Under 5's Zone offering soft play fun; storytelling; Pyjama Drama activities and Pigg's Play Barn from Apley Farm Shop who have helped sponsor this Zone will be involved too.

And finally we have 3 other special attractions:

- **The Bridge Bar in Whitburn Street will be hosting X-box gaming from 1pm onwards**
- **The Majestic Cinema in Whitburn will be offering a family film where adults who have attended the Festival can get in at children's prices**
- **An end of Festival Disco hosted by Bridgnorth's very own Disco Daddy will be held at the Castle Hall from 5pm**

And in addition you'll be able to see Bart Simpson free of charge at various time throughout the day – an ideal photo opportunity.

Refreshment Zones will be available at both St. Leonard's Church and Bridgnorth Baptist Church and both locations will offer hot drinks and a selection of cakes at very reasonable charges."



The Children's Festival was started in 2006 and was originally held at Oldbury Wells School. This year though the move to the town centre means the event now has to charge for entry – however costs have been kept to a minimum.

Stephen Derges, Festival Chairman explains,

"We recognise that in the currently economic climate that family budgets are stretched and we've always aimed to keep costs as low as possible. With less local authority funding available this year, in order to make the Festival as attractive as possible, we've introduced a [wristband entry scheme](#).

The various Activity Zones around the town will be linked by an Activities Trail and families will be able to purchase wrist bands to gain entry to Zones. The full [Festival Wrist Band](#) will cost **£5 for the first child in a family and **£3** for subsequent children and allows access to all the Zones. Alternatively entry to a [single Zone](#) costs just **£2** per child. The wristbands will be available at our High Street marquee on the day and at each of the Activity Zones. Adults accompanying a child can go free but need to be wearing a wristband for security purposes.**

We do have to make some additional charges for the major attractions such as the Water Zorbing (£2) and the Climbing Wall (£1)

We're also indebted to our sponsors and partners as without their help the Festival would not be possible.

Shropshire Council and Bridgnorth Town Council have given us grants and our major partners this have been:

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- **David Dexter Motor Repairs of Bridgnorth**
- **Pigg's Barn at Apley Farm Shop, Norton**
- **Ault Insurance Brokers, West Bromwich**
- **Bridgnorth Baptist Church**

Obviously we're hoping for good weather which will make the Festival even more enjoyable but activities will still go ahead in the various venues whatever happens.

We hope as many families will come along and enjoy the range of activities we have available."

More details about other activities are on the Children's Festival website - www.childrens-festival.co.uk.

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Notes

The Children's Festival will take place on **Sunday 28th August 2011** (the Bank Holiday Sunday) in the Bridgnorth High Street and surrounding areas.

The Festival is a non-profit making charitable company.

The Festival website is www.childrens-festival.co.uk. Photos from the website may be used by the media on condition that they accompany Festival reports.

Individuals working directly with young people will comply with CRB checking processes.

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