



GET WET WET OR GET WET DRY AT BRIDGNORTH CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The Bridgnorth Children's Festival has announced two water based activities for the event to be held on **Sunday 28th August** (August Bank Holiday Sunday).

In addition to the various **Activity Zone** events in venues in and around Bridgnorth High Street and the surrounding area there are two special activities that have been arranged by the Festival organisers.

Mark Gibbons, Festival Activities Director, explains:

"We've always wanted to have swimming as part of the Children's Festival but were not able to offer this whilst we were based at Oldbury Wells School. Now in conjunction with the staff at Bridgnorth Leisure Centre we're providing 3 hours of inflatable swimming fun for children and young people.

You can access this on Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm by either buying a full Festival wristband (which allows you to use all the Festival activities) or you can just purchase a Sport Zone wristband which will also give access to the various sports coaching facilities at the Leisure Centre.

We know this will be a popular activity so there will be timed sessions during the 3 hours this is available. But come prepared to have a great time in the pool."

But if getting your hair wet isn't attractive, there is another way to some aquatic fun. For the first time in Bridgnorth you'll be able to play in the water but keep entirely dry.

Mark Gibbons continues,

"The Children Festival has always tried to provide unique attractions that aren't available elsewhere and this is an absolute first as far as we can tell in the town – we're going to be offering Water Zorbing as our key attraction this year.

For those who haven't heard of Water Zorbing basically you enter a large inflatable ball, made of a watertight material and a watertight zipper; keeping the air inside and the water out and you roll it around in a large inflatable pool. It's the nearest you're going to get to walking on water!

We're aiming to have 4 Zorbs in action and we're sure this is going to be a wonderful addition to the Festival. Have a look at the link on our website to see Water Zorbing in action.

Because of the cost though we will have to make a small additional charge but we'll keep this as low as we possibly can.

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So at this year's Children's Festival you'll be able to get wet, wet or get wet, dry!"

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. 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.

- **Fun Zone:** around St. Leonard's Close and the High Street with large scale inflatables and bouncy castles; climbing wall and other attractions + the all important Refreshment area
- **Sports Zone:** based at the Leisure Centre with afternoon fun swimming sessions from 1:00-4:00pm; marital arts; table tennis, football and other activities
- **Arts Zone:** at Castle Hall with art and craft, pottery, digital art and other workshops + Whack It-Smack It junk music workshop and hands-on animal experiences and the ever popular facepainting and airbrush tattoos
- **Under 5's Zone:** based at Bridgnorth Baptist Church with a range of soft toy play activities and indoor games for the younger members of the family together with their own bouncy castle

In addition there will be roaming storytellers, magicians, circus performers and celebrity appearances by none other than **Bart Simpson** who was chosen following a survey of local schoolchildren as the character they would most like to see at the Festival.

More details about other activities are on the Children's Festival website – www.childrens-festival.co.uk. Wristbands will also be available via the Tourist Information Centre in Listley Street shortly or can be purchased on the day at the Children's Festival marquee in the High Street.

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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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