

Biddulph Community

# Festival

28th June - 2nd August 2008





**Saturday 28th June - 10.30am**

## **Festival Launch Event**

*Biddulph Community Festival 2008 kicks off to a cracking start with a free show featuring live and local rock bands in the very centre of town.*

Town Hall Steps

Ticket Price - Free

Contact Frank Harris 01782 517238

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**Until 14th July 2008. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Sat 9am-1pm**

## **Making Moves – the Exhibition**

*Exhibition showcasing some of Staffordshire's top craft graduates and established craft makers. All visitors to the exhibition and participants in the workshops are welcomed to enter a prize draw to win a unique Sheldon:Cooney hand-blown glass.*

Town Hall

Ticket Price - Free

Contact 01538 483522 or [www.craftspace.co.uk](http://www.craftspace.co.uk) or [www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/makingmoves](http://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/makingmoves)

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**Saturday 28th June - 1.30pm - 3.30pm**

## **Biddulph Literary Society present Jenny Uglow O.B.E. "A Little History of British Gardening"**

*An illustrated talk by acclaimed biographer and newspaper columnist (Gaskell, Hogarth, Lunar Men) based on her recent gardening book with particular reference to Biddulph Grange (optional entrance included).*

St Lawrence Church Hall, Biddulph Grange Gardens  
Ticket Price - £10.00 / £4.00 National Trust Members  
(including refreshments)  
Contact Joanne Chesterton 01782 523277

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**Saturday 28th June - 8.00pm for 8.30pm**

## **Martin Simpson & Andy Cutting**

*Britain's award winning guitarist Martin Simpson teams up with Britain's finest melodeon player Andy Cutting, who was voted Musician of the Year in the 2007 BBC Folk Awards.*

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £13.00

Contact Eric Cox 01782 514896

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**Wednesday 2nd July - 12.30pm - 3.30pm**

## **Biddulph U3A Showcase**

*Biddulph U3A groups show what they do. Come and watch the demonstrations, even join in the fun. Features dancing, sports, crafts and paintings for sale.*

Biddulph Town Hall. Ticket Price - Free

Contact Marie Mills 01782 511167

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**Wednesday 2nd July - 8.00pm for 8.30pm**

## **Babes in Arms**

*Folk - The Next Generation. The best of young local talent play a variety of acoustic instruments in a dazzling display of musicianship. Fancy a go? Contact Eric to reserve a spot.*

Biddulph Arms. Ticket Price - £5.00

Contact Eric Cox 01782 514896

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*Tickets for most events are available from the Town Hall*

**Wednesday 2nd July - 7.30pm**

## **Kingsfield Singers in Concert**

*Be soothed by the sweet harmonies of one of the finest ladies' choirs in the district. Melodies to complement a summer evening.*

Biddulph Town Hall  
Ticket Price - £4.00  
Contact Mrs. B. Lancaster

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**Thursday 3rd July - 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

## **Biddulph U3A Tea Dance**

*Biddulph and Leek U3A Sequence Dance Groups come together for this annual social sequence tea dance. All are welcome.*

Biddulph Town Hall  
Admission Price - £1.00 on the door  
Contact Marie Mills 01782 511167

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**Friday 4th July - 8.00pm - 11.00pm**

## **Sequence Dancing with David Last**

*Celebrate the Fourth of July with an evening of modern and social sequence dancing. We are thrilled to have secured the services of renowned musician David Last to play for us.*

*All proceeds to Diabetes UK.*

Biddulph Town Hall  
Ticket Price - £10.00  
Contact Gill and George Simms 01782 761877

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**Saturday 5th July - 10.00am**

## **Open Café**

*Churches Together Every Saturday morning in July, Biddulph Town Centre slips into Festival mood with the popular Continental Café under the Town Hall canopy.*

*Friendly waitresses serve tea and coffee with delicious home-made cakes.*

Biddulph Town Hall  
Ticket Price - Free  
Contact Tessa Hall 01782 512626

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**Sat 5th 2-6pm, Sun 6th 2-5pm & Mon 7th 2-7pm July**

## **Biddulph Moor Flower Festival, Concert & Service**

*See one of our traditional stone Moorland Churches bedecked in flowers in praise of God, over this three-day flower festival. This event incorporates a concert by the Kingsfield Singers at 7.30 on Saturday evening (tickets £3) and culminates in a service at 7.00pm on Sunday.*

Hill Top Methodist Church. Ticket Price - Free  
Contact Eileen Phillips 01782 511073

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**Saturday 5th July - 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

## **Fun Day**

*Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Fancy Dress Competition, Cream Teas, etc, and Car Wash. Also Car Boot Sale (Book in Advance).*

St Lawrence Pre-school. Ticket Price - £1 per family  
Contact 01782 523677

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**Saturday 5th July - Gates Open 4.30pm  
Music starts 5.15pm**

## **Rock on the Rocks**

*Twelve local bands playing heart-thumping music, indie, mod, punk, prog rock: something for everyone! Outdoor family entertainment. For more info see: [www.rock-on-the-rocks.com](http://www.rock-on-the-rocks.com) or ring Jacky on 01782 523573.*

Biddulph Moor Village Hall  
Ticket Price - £3.00 Child/Cons/Students. £6.00 Adults,  
Family £14.00. Price increase 1st July



**Saturday 5th July - 6.30pm**

## **Sweet Sounds of Summer Time**

*Our renowned Biddulph Male Voice Choir entertain senior citizens in the Town Hall.*

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - Free

Contact D. Tildesley 01782 514427

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**Wednesday 9th July - 10.30am - 12.30pm**

## **Approach Café**

*A café which provides support to carers of older people with mental health issues such as dementia, depression and anxiety.*

*The café meets on the second Wednesday of each month but for the festival all older people are welcome to join us for a cup of tea and an oatcake!*

Biddulph Childrens Centre, Albert Street

Admission Price - Free

Contact Paula Thursfield 01782 214999

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**Wednesday 9th July - 7.00pm**

## **Undressing Mr. Darcy**

*Returning from a stroll about town, Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy prepares to undress as our historical costume expert takes off the layers before your very eyes!*

*A presentation by the History Wardrobe and the Biddulph Literary Society. Refreshments included.*

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £6.00

Contact Mr. C Pickering 01782 523277

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**Wednesday 9th July - 8.00pm for 8.30pm**

## **Up in Arms presents**

### **Martha Tilston**

*Martha is a girl with a fabulous voice, who writes and performs her own well crafted songs. One to watch, she has the talent to make it 'big' in the music industry.*

Biddulph Arms

Ticket Price - £10.00

Contact Eric Cox 01782 514896

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**Thursday 10th July - 7.30pm**

## **Serendipity Flower**

### **Demonstration by Lynne Breeze**

*One of our most popular events returns as floral artist Lynne Breeze conjures up her imaginative creations live on the Town Hall stage.*

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £5.00

Contact Alice Fletcher 01782 513958

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**Friday 11th July - 7.00pm to 11.00pm**

## **Hoe Down**

*This hugely popular event has been a regular since the very first Biddulph Festival. Caller Terry shouts the moves. Great fun for novices and seasoned stompers! Pie and pea supper, but bring your own drinks.*

*Proceeds to British Heart Foundation and Christies.*

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £5.00

Contact Mavis and Trevor Hancock 01782 513458

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**Friday 11th July 7.30pm,**

**Saturday 12th July 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Sunday 13th July 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

## **Annual Open Art Exhibition**

*A celebration of arts and crafts, attracting artists from Biddulph and surrounding area.*

Biddulph Arms

Ticket Price - Free

Contact Rodger Deane 01782 518684

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Saturday 12th July 10am - 2pm

## Cakes from Clay

Workshop with Denise O'Sullivan, featured in the Making Moves exhibition. Make a ceramic 'cup cake' to decorate at home, or a tea cup in your own design.

Town Hall. Ticket Price - Free – 'drop-in' style session.  
Contact 01538 483522 or see the making moves website

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Sundays July 10am - 4pm

## Making Willow Sculptures

See the Sycamore seed sculpture created by Spencer Jenkins. To accompany the exhibition we plan to hold a willow workshop during July (please ring for more information).

Biddulph Grange Country Park  
Ticket Price - Free – 'drop-in' style session.  
Contact 01538 483522 or see the making moves website

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Saturday 12th July - 10.00am

## Open Café

Popular Continental Café with friendly waitresses serving drinks and delicious home-made cakes.

Biddulph Town Hall steps. Ticket Price - Free  
Contact Tessa Hall 01782 512626

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Saturday 12th July - 5.30pm until 11.00pm

## Folk in the Park

The 15th annual Folk in the Park. Bring your own chairs, tables, food and drink and enjoy some great music in a wonderful setting. The music features Va Voom (rock and roll), Funk Station Zebra (funk, soul, motown), Cajun's Denbo (cajun), Peak Fiddlers (folk/rock).

Biddulph Grange Country Park  
Ticket Price - £10.00 (before 1st July)  
£11.00 (from 1st to 13th July), £12.00 (on the night)  
£2.00 off Ticket Price for OAPs and Students  
Contact Eric Cox 01782 514896



Saturday 12th July - 7.30pm

## B.D.Y.O. Summer Concert

Our very own Biddulph and District Youth Orchestra cover music from Tchaikovsky to Gershwin, Offenbach to Henry Mancini in their own exuberant style. Talented soloists, harmonious duets and melodious ensemble pieces to thrill and delight!

The Victoria Centre. Ticket Price - £4, £2 for Children  
Contact Diane Potts 01782 513193

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Monday 14th - 21st July

## Third Biddulph Art Trail

Organised by Art at the Arms. Biddulph artists display their work in High Street Shops. This year the theme is local scenes, with the public voting for their favourite.

**The best will be selected to appear in the official 2009 Biddulph Calendar.**

Contact Rodger Deane 01782 518684

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Tuesday 15th July - 8.00pm for 8.30pm

## Flossie Malavialle and Loud Mouth Women

Regular Festival crowd-pleasers Loud Mouth Women sing chorus and response songs from around the world. This year their special guest is Flossie Malavialle, who punctuates her French songs with sparks of Tyneside humour. An unbelievable mix! Bring your own drink!

Town Hall. Ticket Price - £8.00  
Contact Eric Cox 01782 514896

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Wednesday 16th July - 7.30pm

## Time to Praise Sign of our Times

If you haven't seen this award-winning dance group before, you're in for a treat. These young dancers perform a unique interpretation of songs through rhythm and sign language. Entertaining for deaf and hearing, young and old alike.

Biddulph Town Hall. Ticket Price - £4.00  
Contact Catherine White 07814 175052

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Thursday 17th July - 7.30pm to 10.00pm

## Festival Bingo

Go bingo at Biddle Town Hall! Come along and enjoy an evening of old-fashioned fun, with big prizes. All profits to Biddulph in Bloom.

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - Free, pay for cards

Contact Alice Fletcher 01782 513958/512626

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Friday 18th July - 2.00pm

## Local History Walk

Stroll through the story of Biddulph from the spot where it all began a thousand years ago. Acclaimed local historian and author Derek Wheelhouse leads a guided walk starting from St. Lawrence Church. Advance booking necessary.

Biddulph Grange Garden. Ticket Price - £5.00

Contact Paul Baker 01782 375521 or 517999

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Friday 18th July - 8.00pm - 11.30pm

## Masked Ball (Biddulph Twinning Association)

The Town Hall becomes a Venetian Palace for one magical night. Don your finery, enjoy the atmosphere and join the party. Evening or party wear, plus masks. Bring your own banquet. Sequence and party dances to MC's George & Gill.

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £5.00

Contact Brian McNulty 01782 523699

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Saturday 19th July - 10.00am

## Open Café

Popular Continental Café with friendly waitresses serving drinks and delicious home-made cakes.

Biddulph Town Hall steps. Ticket Price - Free

Contact Tessa Hall 01782 512626

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Saturday 19th July - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

## Arabic Drumming Workshop

Renowned tabla player John Sleiman teaches the techniques and rhythms of drumming in Arabic music. Absolute beginners and drummers seeking to widen their repertoire - all welcome.

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £5.00 or £2.50 for Arabian Paradise guests

Contact Dawn Turton 07515 348544

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Saturday 19th July - 7.30pm - 12.00pm

## Arabic Paradise Evening Hafla

The intoxicating effusions of aromatic spices envelope graceful belly-dancers, hip shaking to the sound of tabla drums, mizmar and oud. The Middle Eastern Dance Group shimmy into Biddulph for an unforgettable evening of dancing Arab feasting and trading at the Souk.

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £18.00

Contact Dawn Turton 01260 223226 or 07515 348544

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Friday 25th July and Saturday 26th July - 7.30pm

## B.Y.T.E. Presents

## Much Ado About Clubbing

A modern take on a Shakespearian classical play performed by the Biddulph Youth Theatre Experience providing fun for all the family.

Biddulph Town Hall

Ticket Price - £4.00 Adults £2.00 Concession

Contact Karen Linton or Sylvia 01782 522950

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**Saturday 26th July - 10.00am**

## Open Café

*Popular Continental Café with friendly waitresses serving drinks and delicious home-made cakes.*

Biddulph Town Hall steps. Ticket Price - Free



**Saturday 26th July - 11.00am**

## Biddulph by the Sea III

*The tide may be out, but the beach is waiting. So are the donkey rides, the fairground, Mr. Punch and friends, and a band to pass a very English day by the sea. Back by popular demand - especially from under tens!*

Station Road. Ticket Price - Free  
Contact Frank Harris 01782 517238

**Saturday 26th July 10.00am - 2.00pm**

## Seaworthy Craft

*Themed with Biddulph by the sea, families are invited to come along and create seaside inspired crafts, with talented crafts makers Jaqueline Cooley and Jayne Williams.*

Town Hall. Ticket Price - Free – 'drop-in' style session.  
Contact 01538 483522 or see the making moves website

**Friday 1st August - 7.30pm**

## The 1942 Dance

*Swing to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington as the V.C.O. Big Band takes us back to the 1940's. Wartime fancy dress preferred - big prizes! Wartime supper, bring your own drinks.*

Biddulph Town Hall. Ticket Price - £12.00  
Contact Frank Harris 01782 517238

**Saturday 2nd August - am**

## BRIC Fun-Day

*Come and join in this fantastic fun day, with activities to entertain the whole family. Magic show, fun fair rides, stalls, games and much more.*

Church Road Playing Field.  
Ticket Price - Free  
Contact Sylvia Rushton 01782 522950

## Elephant Parade Art Project

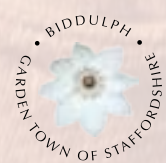
*The amazing Biddulph elephant is an inspiring and imaginative arts programme for the benefit of children and their families across the local area. The life size animal sculpture will capture unique experiences and stories creating a lasting piece of public art for Biddulph.*

Funded by SMDC and C&LP.  
There will be workshops and activities during the festival please call Sophie Street on 0845 300 1348 or visit [www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com) for more information.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturday 28th June	Festival Launch Event	2	10.30am start
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Saturday 5th July	Open Café	3	10.00am
Saturday 5th, 6th & 7th July	'Gifts from God' Biddulph Moor Flower Festival	3	2.00pm each day
Saturday 5th July	Fun Day	3	2.00pm - 4.00pm
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Friday 1st August	The 1942 Dance	7	7.30pm
Saturday 2nd August	BRIC Fun Day	7	11.00am



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Full details of all these events can be found inside this brochure  
Tickets for most events are available from the Town Hall

All details deemed correct at time of print. However, you are advised to check times and venues with the appropriate organisers.

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