

BIDEFORD FESTIVAL OF PIPING AND DRUMMING

Information for participants



2011

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FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

CONCERT BY JAMES ROBERTSON & FRIENDS

This year to entertain you at our Friday night concert we have the brilliant piper James Robertson along with some of his friends from Jiggerypipery. He will be joined by fiddler Carl and cittern player Tony.

We are also hoping to have some piping from the bands performing in the massed bands to entertain you. This will be a relaxed performance, just for a bit of fun.

So why not come along and listen to some fantastic piping, have a few beers and meet the people you will be playing with over the weekend.

Venue - Pollyfield Centre

Time - Doors open 7.30pm - Starts 8.00pm

Tickets - Pre Booked - £6
On the Night - £7.50
Pipe Band Members* - £3**

** Pipe band members are those performing at the massed pipes and drums event on the Saturday night.*

*** These tickets **MUST** be pre booked*

For tickets email Mike - tickets@rockbymail.co.uk or ring Mike on 01237 422477 or 0794 855 0218

Details - There is ample parking at the venue.

Venue address - Pollyfield Centre, East the Water, Avon Road, Bideford, EX39 4BL
There will be a bar and hot pasties available.

Directions - There are two main ways of getting to the venue

Option 1 via the A39 - On the main A39 between Barnstaple and Bideford, turn off before crossing the new high level Torridge Bridge on to the A386, at the roundabout take the 1st exit towards Bideford, follow the road for just over a mile until you reach a mini roundabout at the end of the old bridge next to the Royal Hotel. Take the 1st exit under the old railway bridge, follow the road up the hill for about 0.3 miles and turn right into Avon Road, just past Whiteland Engineering. Straight on at the next roundabout and the venue is at the end of this road.

Option 2 via Bideford Quay - At the mini roundabout at the end of the old bridge take the 1st exit and travel over the bridge and you will reach another mini roundabout at the end of the bridge next to the Royal Hotel. Go straight across and under the old railway bridge, follow the road up the hill for about 0.3 miles and turn right into Avon Road, just past Whiteland Engineering. Straight on at the next roundabout and the venue is at the end of this road.

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER MORNING

Explore the Area

This year we aren't holding any workshops, so it'll give you the chance to see what North Devon has to offer.

Bideford - is a unique little town, most of the shops are independent retailers with a few chain shops thrown in. The town is also steeped in history from it's long bridge which has spanned the river Torridge for over 700 years to its tobacco trade and Sir Richard Grenville.

If you're in town and fancy a pint most of the pipers and drummers hang out at the White Hart in Queen Street, this is a small pub in a back street just off the Quay. The easiest way to find the White Hart is up a small ally beside the Nationwide Building Society on the Quay.



Barnstaple - is for your more serious shopper, the largest town in North Devon.

Westward Ho! - For those who want sea, surf and amusements.

Appledore - A small fishing village with some great pubs for grub. You can also look across to Instow beach from here and if you have time you could catch the ferry across the river Torridge to feel the sand between your toes.

Hopefully we'll have workshops back again next year. If you have any ideas of who and what, please lets us know, we're always open to new ideas.

AFTERNOON / EVENING

Bideford Carnival & Massed Pipes & Drums

Free parking is available from 3.30pm in the Cattle Market Car Park the same as last year, if you arrive before 3.30pm it will cost £1 for all day. Please note that if you leave your car parked overnight - charges are payable on the Sunday.

Tuning - There is plenty of room to tune in the car park. We don't want to give you a time to arrive but please be ready for the rehearsal at 4.30pm prompt. The massed band will be tuning to 449 (Korg CA-30 Korg CA-30 Tuner, this is 475 on a bagpipe specific tuner).

Rehearsal - 4.30pm Prompt. To run through a few tunes and to work out our marching positions.

Carnival Procession - Starts at 6pm. Bands or band members not wishing to do the whole route can drop out at the top of Bridgeland Street and then make their way to Grenville Street, halfway up the High Street, to rejoin at the appropriate place. Mandy from the Bideford Youth Pipe Band will be there to help you.

At the end of the carnival procession a marshal will direct you to the refreshments for bands. This will be for a quick drink and a nibble to keep you going before the massed bands. A food will be provided after the event.

Massed Band Tunes to be played in the following order:-

3/4's - Green Hills, Battles O'er and Lochanside

2/4's - Corriechollics, Teribus, Barren Rocks, Marie's Wedding

4/4's - Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree and Wings

My Home

6/8's - Cock o' the North and Farewell to the Creeks

Highland Cathedral

Salute to the Chieftain - Highland Laddie

March off - Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree and Wings

Refreshments - After the event there will be a food for the Massed Band participants and their families at the Conservative Club in Bridgeland Street.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

PIPING ON THE QUAYSIDE

MORNING 11.15am – Once again we invite pipers and drummers to play on the quayside in the morning. Last year it was great fun, there's no set tunes, we just shout out a set and if you can play them, then you join in.

The Bideford Youth Pipe Band will be there, so if you would like to join in then you are most welcome. It would only be for hour or so, playing a few tunes, nothing formal or planned, just turn up and play, it's just for fun. This will start at 11.15am by the Oldenburg Office (the only building on the riverside) on the Quay.

Uniform is optional

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We would like to say a huge thank you
to everyone who took part this year
and hope to see you all in
September 2012

Bideford Massed Pipes & Drums 2011

Quick Guide for Saturday

Afternoon

Rehearsals start at 4.30pm prompt. Please see your own Pipe Major for your tune up times. Rehearsals will take place on the grass area next to the Old Cattle Market Car Park. Parking is free from 3.30pm onwards for band members, if you park here before 3.30pm it costs £1 for all day. Please note that if you leave your car parked overnight, charges are payable on the Sunday.

Carnival

Starts at 6pm. After the Carnival, refreshments for the bands will be in the blue gazebo near Nationwide on the Quay - a marshal will be there to help you.

Massed Band

1. VIP March Past - Individual bands march down the Quay from the park end approximately 100 yards apart, playing tunes of their choice. *Then take your places for the Massed Band, each band joining ranks when they've marched past the VIP area - DO NOT WANDER OFF.*
2. MASSED BAND FORMS UP – A.S.A.P.
3. Massed Band marches from the old bridge end towards the park, counter marching and stopping just short of the VIP Area, playing Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle's O'er and Lochanside.
4. Massed Band marches towards the old bridge playing: Corriechollie's Welcome to the Northern Gathering, Teribus, Barren Rocks of Aden and Marie's Wedding. Counter marching at the bottom of the High Street, back along the Quay towards the park, counter march and stop just short of the VIP Area.
5. March into Finale Positions - The Massed Band will march towards the old bridge, counter march and then move into finale positions, the 1st row will spread and the 2nd row move into the 1st row, 4th move into the 3rd, and so on. Playing Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree and Wings. Stopping just short of the VIP area. *Front row please use the whole width of the road and pavement if needed.*
6. Tribute – To Royal British Legion 90th Anniversary.
7. Playing Static – My Home – Start with one slow 5 beat roll.
8. Playing Static – Cock o' the North and Farewell to the Creeks.
9. Playing Static – Highland Cathedral - Started by the Bideford Youth Pipe Band, everyone joins in on the 1st part again, then 2nd part, hold for 4 beats 1st part, 2nd part hold for 4 beats, 1st part ending with 4 sharp drum beats.
10. Short speech from the Mayor of Bideford, then the Chieftain takes the dais.
11. Playing Static – Salute to the Chieftain, Highland Laddie (once through whole tune)
12. Short presentation to the Chieftain
13. Senior Drum Major asks the Chieftain for permission to march off.
14. March off - Moving back to our original ranks for the marching massed band, Original front row move off with the original 2nd row dropping in behind, and so on. March along the Quay towards the park, left wheeling into Bridgeland Street stopping outside the Con Club, playing Scotland the Brave set (Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree and Wings).

**AFTER THE MASSED BANDS THERE IS FOOD FOR MASSED BAND PARTICIPANTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB IN BRIDGELAND ST**

Massed Bands Tunes

In order of play

3/4's - Green Hills of Tyrol
When the Battles O'er
Lochanside

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**2/4's** - Corriechollies  
Teribus  
Barren Rocks  
Marie's Wedding

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4/4's - Scotland the Brave
Rowan Tree
Wings

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**Slow Air** - My Home

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6/8's - Cock o' the North
Farewell to the Creeks

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**Slow Air** - Highland Cathedral

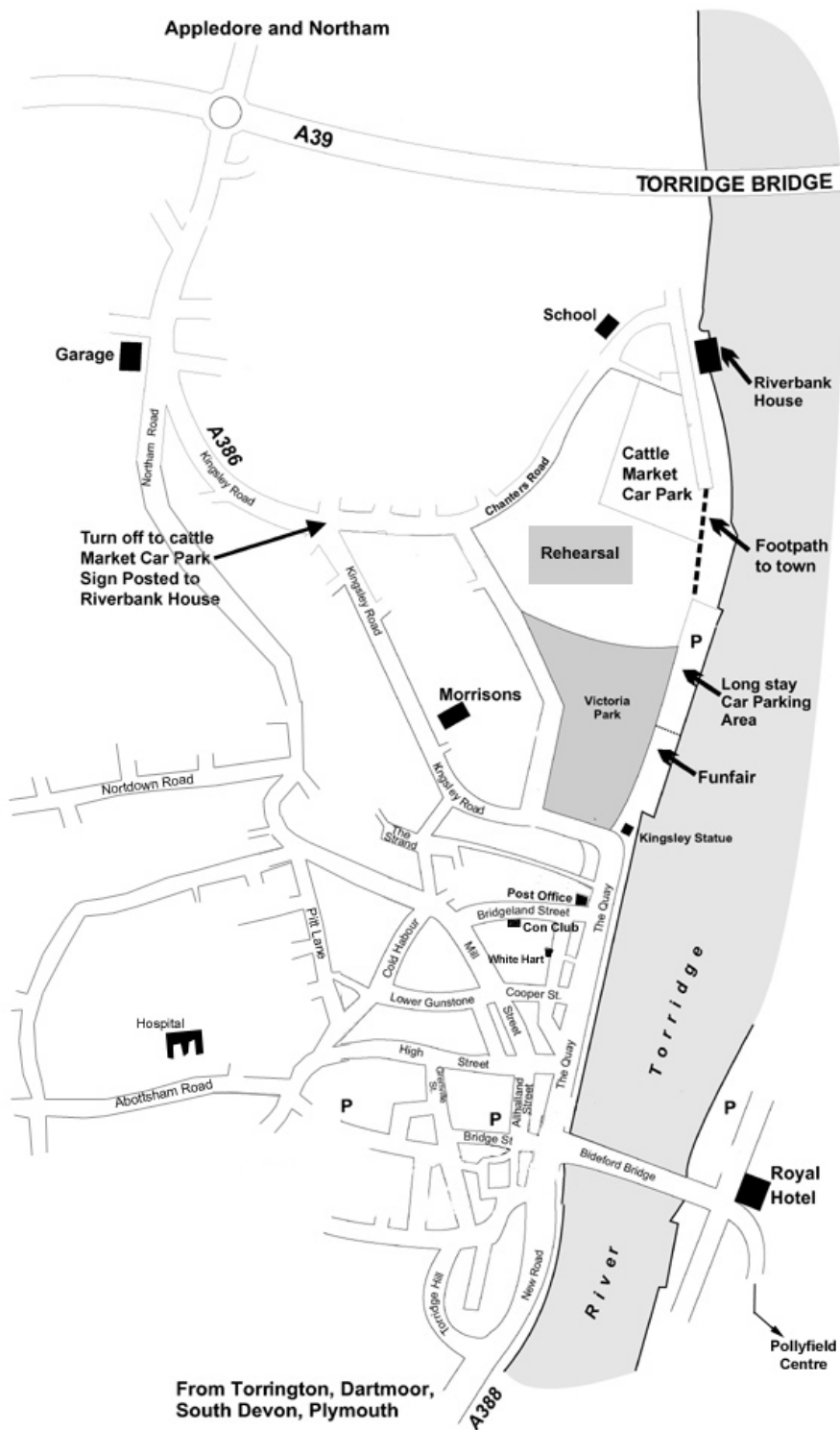
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2/4's - Highland Laddie

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**March off 4/4's** - Scotland the Brave  
Rowan Tree  
Wings

**Appledore and Northam**



**TORRIDGE BRIDGE**

**Garage**

**School**

**Riverbank House**

**Cattle Market Car Park**

**Turn off to cattle Market Car Park Sign Posted to Riverbank House**

**Rehearsal**

**Footpath to town**

**Morrisons**

**Victoria Park**

**Long stay Car Parking Area**

**Funfair**

**Nortdown Road**

**The Strand**

**Kingsley Statue**

**Post Office**

**Con Club**

**White Hart**

**Hospital**

**Abbotsham Road**

**Torridge**

**Royal Hotel**

**Pollyfield Centre**

**From Torrington, Dartmoor, South Devon, Plymouth**

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