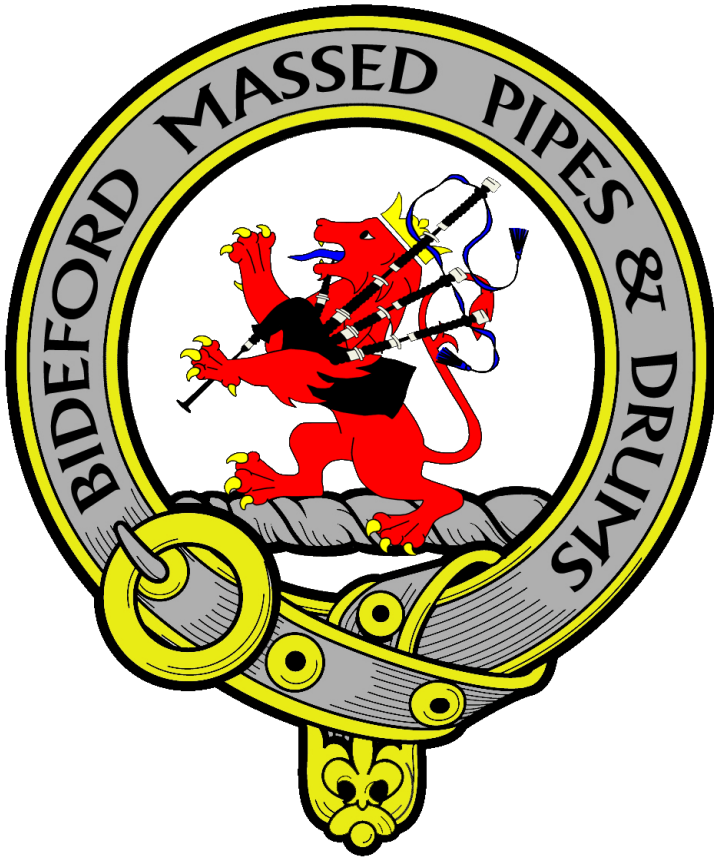


# **BIDEFORD FESTIVAL OF PIPING AND DRUMMING**

**Information for Participants**



**2016**

[www.bidefordmassedbands.co.uk](http://www.bidefordmassedbands.co.uk)



Once again we are all here for Bideford's Festival of Piping and Drumming. This booklet will hopefully give you an idea of what's going on over the weekend. Everything is fairly much the same as in the past few years, but this year we will not be marching over the bridge. We've had a few comments from the public that the massed band "Don't do much on the quay", so we've cut out the bridge march and put in a couple of extra counter marches.

Friday night starts the weekend with live entertainment - the Bencoolen Wreckers, the City of Newport Pipes & Drums and the fabulous Dambuskers. A taste of the West Country, Scottish/Welsh piping and Celtic folk rock. A fantastic mixture to get your foot tapping and maybe get you singing and dancing.

Saturday is the Carnival and Massed Band day. The main event of the weekend, with 10 bands represented this year, so it should be spectacular.

The Sunday morning "Piping in the Park" is becoming more popular every year with players and spectators. A nice relaxed atmosphere playing any tunes we can think off!

We hope you have a great weekend and hope to see you all back again for Bideford's Festival of Piping and Drumming in 2017.

# FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

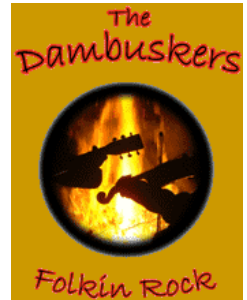
## CONCERT BY THE DAMBUSKERS

Fiddle fronted high energy Celtic Rock 4-piece.

Three wild guys on bass, guitar, percussion and one sexy fiddle diva.

The Dambuskers blend original material, traditional songs, jigs 'n' reels and choice covers from heroes: Pogues, Levellers and the Waterboys among other popular artists.

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## THE BENCOOLEN WRECKERS

"Fisherman's Friends" style singers. Singing a mixture of sea shanties and traditional Cornish songs, a real taste of the Westcountry.

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## CITY OF NEWPORT PIPES & DRUMS

This year a quartet from the City of Newport Pipes & Drums will be entertaining you during the evening with a few tunes.

**Venue** - Pollyfield Centre

**Time** - Doors open 7.30pm - Starts 8.00pm

**Tickets** - Pre Booked - £6 / On the Night - £7.50 / Pipe Band Members\* - £3.50\*\*

\* 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](mailto: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 food available.

# SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER MORNING

## Explore the Area

A time to relax and recover from Friday night, giving you a chance to see what North Devon has to offer.

**Bideford** – Lots of small unique shops to discover, a farmers market on the Quay side and the retail outlet “Atlantic Village” at the top of the town. Or take a stroll or a cycle along the Tarka Trail.

**Instow** – Mainly sand, sand and more sand here. A sandy beach without all the amusements and chip shops, but you can get one of North Devon’s famous Hocking’s Ice cream while you take a stroll along the beach.

**Appledore** – A small fishing village with lots of narrow backs streets with shops and some great pubs for grub. You can also see across to Instow beach from here.

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

**Westward Ho!** – More of a traditional seaside resort – Sand, sea, surf and amusements.

**Clovelly** – Famous for its steep cobbled street and donkeys. It’s about 11 miles out of Bideford towards Bude and there is a £7 charge for adults to walk to the bottom.

For those with small Children there are two small theme parks in the area...

**The Big Sheep** – All sorts of entertainment can be found here all based around sheep. They even have sheep racing, with jockeys!

**The Milky Way** – Falconry, rides, slides, coasters, archery, sci-fi exhibition and the famous “Pidler Collection”.

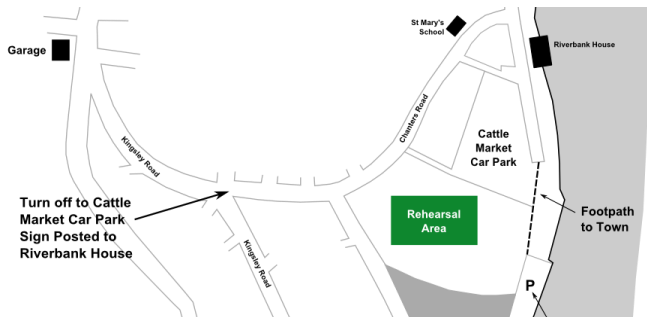
# AFTERNOON / EVENING

## Bideford Carnival & Massed Pipes & Drums

Free parking is available from 3pm in the Cattle Market Car Park the same as last year, if you arrive before 3pm 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 475hz (this will be 449 for some of you).

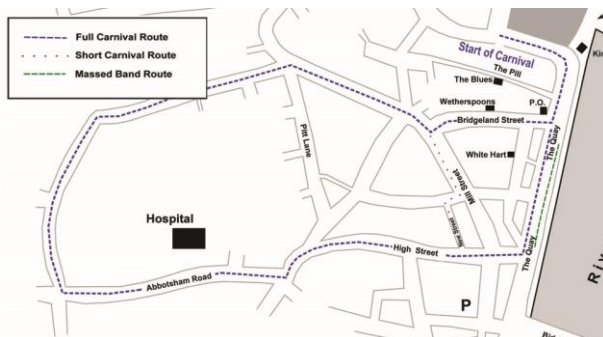
**Rehearsal - 4.30pm PROMPT.** To run through a few tunes and to work out our marching positions.



**Carnival Procession** - Starts at 6pm. Bands not wishing to do the whole route can drop out at the end of Bridgeland Street and then make their way to New Street. The Carnival committee have asked bands to march into Mill Street and not hold up the carnival.

New Street is a small back street that joins the High Street by the empty Famous Little Store. Please wait here to re-join at the carnival at the appropriate place. As usual, 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 band. More refreshments 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**

**6/8's - Steamboat, A Hundred Pipers, Bonnie Dundee**

**2/4's - Teribus, Barren Rocks, Brown Haired Maiden, Mhari's Wedding**

**4/4's - Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree and We're No Awa Tae Bide Awa**

**My Home (Started with one slow 5 beat roll)**

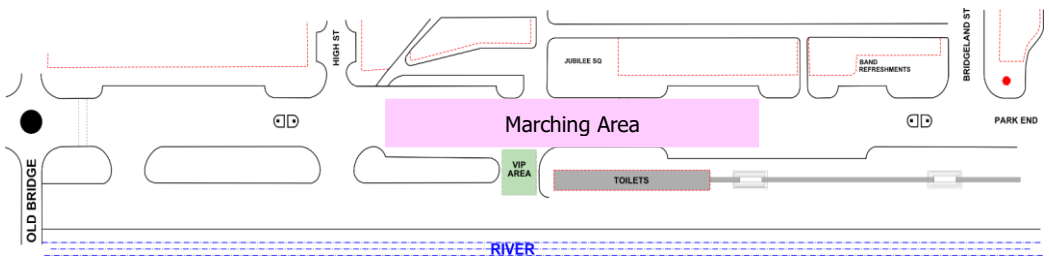
**6/8's - 10<sup>th</sup> HLI Crossing the Rhine and Cock o' the North**

**9/8 - Battle of the Somme**

**Highland Cathedral – 1<sup>st</sup> part played front rank of pipers, everyone join in with the 1<sup>st</sup> part, 2<sup>nd</sup> part, 4 beat hold, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> parts 4 beat hold, 1<sup>st</sup> part again, ending with 4 sharp drum beats.**

**Salute to the Chieftain - Highland Laddie**

**March off – Scotland the Brave, Black Bear (*repeat if necessary*)**



**Refreshments** - After the event there will be refreshments for the Massed Band participants at the Blues (Bideford Amateur Athletic Club) on the Pill, the same place as last year. This is in the road where the carnival starts from.

# Quick Step by Step Guide

## Massed Band Performance

### Afternoon

Rehearsals start at 4.30pm prompt. Please see your own Pipe Major for your tune up times. Rehearsal 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 gazebo near Nationwide on the Quay - someone will be there to help.

### Massed Band

1. **VIP MARCH PAST** - Individual bands march down the Quay from the park end approximately 75 yards apart, playing tunes of their choice. Stopping and falling out just before the High Street.
2. **FALL OUT** – *Take your places for the Massed Band as soon as you arrive, each band joining ranks when they arrive. DO NOT WANDER OFF.*
3. **1<sup>st</sup> COUNTER MARCH** – Massed Band will march towards the park end, past the VIP area, counter march by the Nationwide Building Society, stopping at the VIP area facing the old bridge end. **Front row please spread the ranks out to counter march.** Tunes to be played – **Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle's O'er and Lochanside.**
4. **2<sup>nd</sup> COUNTER MARCH** - Massed Band marches towards the old bridge, counter marches in the widest area, stopping by the VIP area facing the park end. **Front row please spread the ranks out to counter march.** Playing - **Steamboat, A Hundred Pipers and Bonnie Dundee.**
5. **3<sup>rd</sup> COUNTER MARCH** – Massed Band will march towards the park end, past the VIP area, counter march by the Nationwide Building Society, stopping at the VIP area facing the old bridge end. Tunes to be played – **Teribus, Barren Rocks, Brown Haired Maiden and Mhari's Wedding.**
6. **COUNTER MARCH INTO FINALE POSITIONS** - Massed Band marches towards the old bridge, countermarching in the widest part of the road, back along the Quay towards the park, marching into finale positions and stopping by the VIP Area. Playing **Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree and We're No Awa Tae Bide Awa.**

**Finale Positions** - The Massed Band will march towards the park moving into finale positions, the 1st and 2nd ranks will merge making the front rank, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will merge forming the 2<sup>nd</sup> rank and so on. **Front row please use the whole width of the road and pavement and make sure you are level with the junction by the VIP area.**

7. **PLAYING STATIC – My Home** - Start with one slow 5 beat roll (drones in on 3<sup>rd</sup> beat, E on 5<sup>th</sup> beat).
8. **PLAYING STATIC – 10th HLI Crossing the Rhine and Cock o' the North.**
9. **PLAYING STATIC – Commentator will give a short tribute to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.** *Massed band will then play **Battle of the Somme.***
10. **PLAYING STATIC – Highland Cathedral** – Lead tip and Bass come forward. Lead tip starts tune, front rank of pipers play 1<sup>st</sup> part, everyone joins in on the 1<sup>st</sup> part again, then 2<sup>nd</sup> part, hold for 4 beats, 1<sup>st</sup> part, 2<sup>nd</sup> part, hold for 4 beats, 1<sup>st</sup> part again ending with 4 sharp drum beats.
11. Short speech from the Mayor of Bideford - Then the Chieftain takes the dais.
12. **PLAYING STATIC** – Salute to the Chieftain, **Highland Laddie** (once through the whole tune)
13. Short presentation to the Chieftain.
14. Senior Drum Major asks the Chieftain for permission to march off.
15. **MARCH OFF** – Moving back to original ranks after stepping off, original front row move off with the original 2<sup>nd</sup> row dropping in behind, and so on. March towards the park playing **Scotland the Brave** and **Black Bear** (*repeat if necessary*).
  - A tunes to be repeated until the Drum Major cuts the band off.
  - The Commentator will be announcing the tunes.

**AFTER THE MASSED BAND THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS FOR MASSED BAND PARTICIPANTS AT THE BLUES (BIDEFORD AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB) ON THE PILL. THIS IS WHERE THE CARNIVAL STARTS**



# **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

## **PIPING IN THE PARK**

**MORNING 11am** – Victoria Park. This is the main park where the carnival starts from. This event has grown each year and is loved by the crowd as well as its participants, mainly due to its informality.

There are 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.

Uniform is optional, but it would be nice for the spectators if there's plenty of tartan on display!

## **BIDEFORD FESTIVAL OF PIPING & DRUMMING**

We would like to say a huge thank you  
to everyone for taking part this year.

We hope to see you next year!

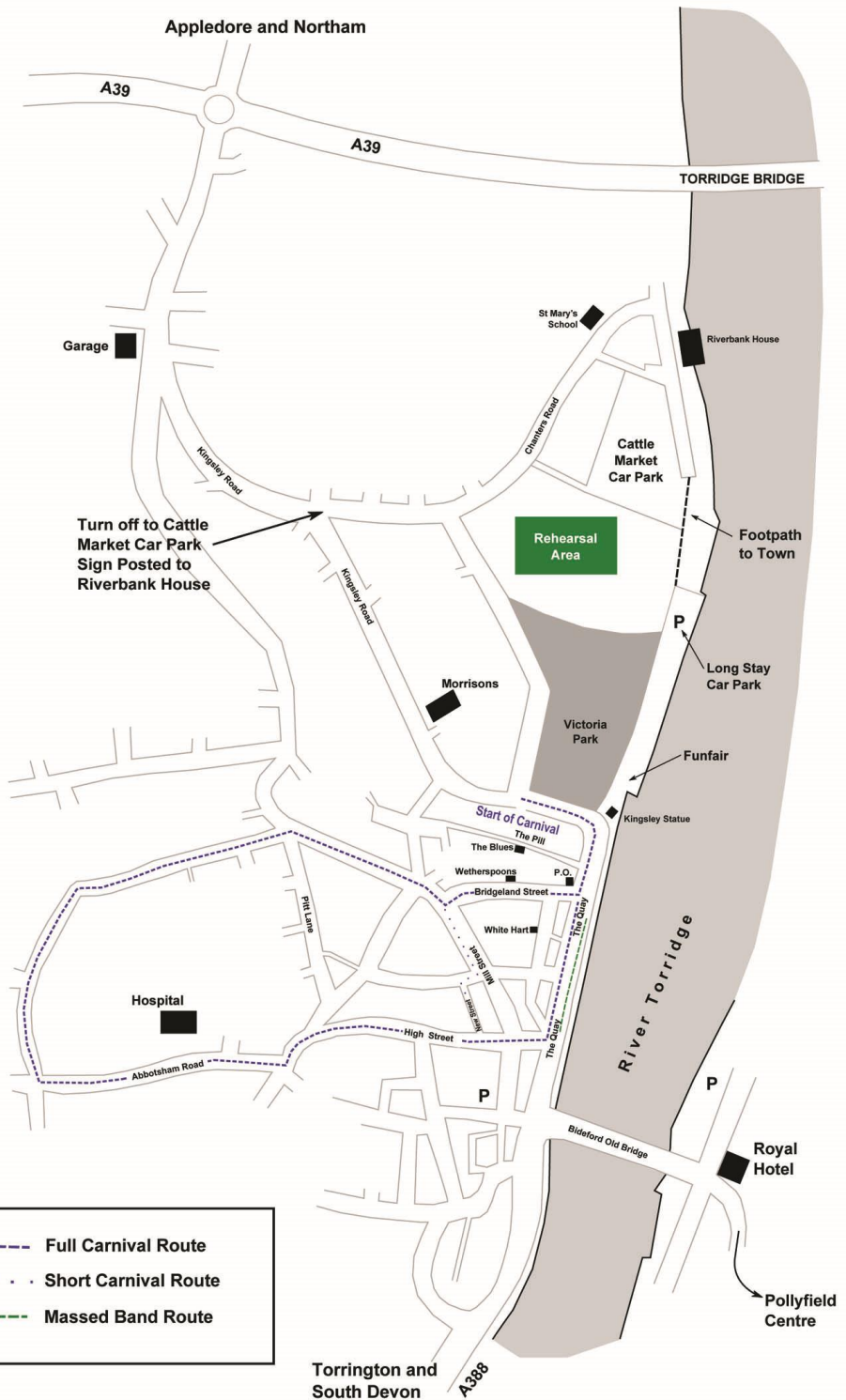
The provisional dates for next year are  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

# Massed Bands Tunes

## *In order of play*

- 3/4's** - Green Hills of Tyrol  
When the Battles O'er  
Lochanside  
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- 6/8's** - Steamboat  
A Hundred Pipers  
Bonnie Dundee  
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- 2/4's** - Teribus  
Barren Rocks  
Brown Haired Maiden  
Mhari's Wedding  
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- 4/4's** - Scotland the Brave  
Rowan Tree  
We're No Awa Tae Bide Awa  
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- Slow Air** - My Home  
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- 6/8's** - 10<sup>th</sup> HLI Crossing the Rhine  
Cock o' the North  
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- 9/8** - Battle of the Somme  
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- Slow Air** - Highland Cathedral  
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- 2/4** - Highland Laddie  
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- March off 4/4's** - Scotland the Brave  
Black Bear





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TORRRIDGE BRIDGE

Garage

St Mary's School

Riverbank House

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Rehearsal Area

Footpath to Town

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Long Stay Car Park

Morrisons

Victoria Park

Funfair

Start of Carnival

The Pill

The Blues

Wotherspoons

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Bridgeland Street

White Hart

High Street

Hospital

River Torridge

Kingsley Statue

High Street

The Pill

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