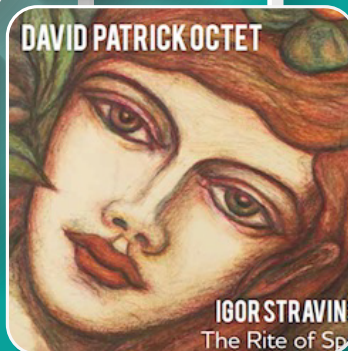


# BIGGAR little FESTIVAL 2016



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*Celebrating the Arts*  
**20 - 30 October 2016**

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME



## Welcome to Biggar Little Festival 2016

Once again we are proud to announce another Biggar Little Festival, which will be our fourteenth year, from the 20th – 30th October 2016.

Last year's festival went with a flourish and the feedback we received afterwards was very encouraging. At a time when politics and world tragedy seem to dominate the news, it is good to see that the arts are still thriving in our beautiful part of the world. The arts are not just a part of culture but a part with a special position. Our success would not have been possible without the support and help of the people of our local community. Our festival is truly a community event.

This year's festival is no exception. A quick look at the programme will reveal the scope and variety of events. There is comedy, drama, music to suit every taste, craftwork, puppetry, outdoor events and macabre goings-on. Local and visiting artists provide

excellent artworks and venues throughout the town will display the talent of the Biggar schools project. Children of all ages can enjoy a new experience on the Ice Wall and, if that is not enough, you can quite literally go fly your kite (the programme will explain)!!

Our volunteers have been working diligently throughout the year to produce this final programme. We know you'll love it as much as we do! We have tried to include everyone wishing to take part. However, if there are any other performing or creative groups, individuals and potential sponsors who would like to get involved then please do not hesitate to let us know.

On behalf of the trustees and committee of Biggar Little Festival, I would like to extend a big "thanks" to our sponsors, volunteers and all those who have supported us in the run-up to Biggar Little Festival, 2016.

A final big thanks to everyone who will now rush out and buy tickets before they are all sold out.

Best wishes,

*James Soffley, Chairman.*

## Information Centre and Box Office

Programme details are correct at the time of going to print but may be subject to change. Up to date information on events is available on-line at [www.biggarlittlefestival.com](http://www.biggarlittlefestival.com) or you can call the Box Office.

The Festival Box Office is located at the Gillespie Centre, High Street, Biggar ML12 6BJ from Saturday 8 October. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and it will also be open on Sunday 23 October (Biggar Day Out) from 12noon to 4pm.

Please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets for some events may be available on the door, please check with the Box Office.



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### *Our sincere thanks to .....*

- this year's Guest Artists, Iain Holman and Ellen McCann who will be showcasing their latest work at Biggar Corn Exchange during the Festival.
- Ken Foulis, Claire Watson and Helen Barrington for taking pictures on behalf of Biggar Little Festival and allowing them to be used in the programme.
- Lesley Armstrong for collating this year's programme.
- Jillian Jones for designing the tickets.
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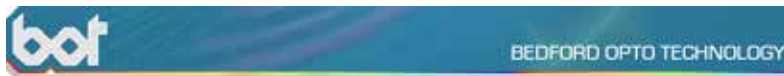


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# Whats On

YOUR QUICK GUIDE, DAY BY DAY,  
FOR ALL THE FESTIVAL EVENTS.

## EVENTS

| OCTOBER         | EVENT                                   | START TIME  | PRICE        | PAGE |
|-----------------|---|-------------|--------------|------|
| Sat 08          | BBC Radio Scotland YTM semi-finals      | 7.30pm      | £10/£7 conc  | 9    |
| Thurs 13        | Gingerbread Lady                        | 7.30pm      | £10          | 10   |
| Fri 14          | Gingerbread Lady                        | 7.30pm      | £10          | 10   |
| Sat 15          | Sinbad the Sailor                       | 1.30pm      | £8           | 11   |
| Sat 15          | Gingerbread Lady                        | 7.30pm      | £10          | 10   |
| Sun 16          | Film-Star Wars - The Force Awakens      | 2pm         | £5           | 11   |
| Mon 17          | Sinbad the Sailor                       | 1.30pm      | £8           | 11   |
| Tues 18         | Pips & Panda meet the Three Bears       | 1.30pm      | £8           | 11   |
| Wed 19          | Pips & Panda meet the Three Bears       | 1.30pm      | £8           | 11   |
| Thurs 20-Sun 30 | Biggar Beer & Gin Festival              | 11am        | Free Entry   | 42   |
| Thurs 20        | Paw Patrol & Minions at Cornhill Castle | 12pm&2.30pm | £10.95/£6.95 | 13   |
| Thurs 20        | Children's Bushcraft                    | 1.30pm      | £15          | 12   |
| Thurs 20        | Mallachy Tallack                        | 7.30pm      | £5           | 15   |
| Fri 21          | Sinbad the Sailor                       | 1.30pm      | £8           | 11   |
| Fri 21          | Margaret Skinnider-Rebel Heart          | 7.30pm      | £12          | 31   |
| Fri 21          | Festival Club                           | 9pm         | FREE         | 22   |
| Sat 22          | Hat Making Millinery Workshop           | 9am         | £85          | 40   |
| Sat 22          | Mosaic Workshop                         | 10am        | £65          | 40   |
| Sat 22          | Mr Boom                                 | 11am        | £5           | 13   |
| Sat 22          | Pips & Panda meet the Three Bears       | 1.30pm      | £8           | 11   |
| Sat 22          | Kite Exhibition & Workshop              | 12 noon     | £2           | 14   |
| Sat 22          | Beyond the Rainbow                      | 7.30pm      | £10          | 32   |
| Sat 22          | ABBAMANIA                               | 8pm         | £20          | 19   |
| Sat 22          | Lionel Ritchie Tribute                  | 7.30pm      | £35          | 20   |
| Sat 22          | Festival Club                           | 9pm         | FREE         | 22   |
| Sun 23          | Biggar Day Out                          | 12 noon     | FREE         | 34   |
| Sun 23          | Stone Carving                           | 10am        | £85          | 37   |
| Sun 23          | Theatre Open Day                        | 10.30am     | FREE         | 37   |
| Sun 23          | Book Fair & Flea Market                 | 10.30am     | FREE         | 37   |
| Sun 23          | Festival Service                        | 11.15am     | FREE         | 37   |
| Sun 23          | Open Stage                              | 1pm         | FREE         | 37   |

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| Sun 23   | Mehndi lagao (Henna Painting)        | 12 noon    | Various    | 37   |
| Sun 23   | Storytrail                           | 2pm        | Free       | 38   |
| Sun 23   | Kiteflying                           | 2pm        | FREE       | 38   |
| Sun 23   | AM/FM                                | 7.30pm     | £8         | 20   |
| Sun 23   | Shine Youth Music Theatre            | 7.30pm     | £8         | 38   |
| Sun 23   | Eastfield & Harthill Flute Orchestra | 7.30pm     | £5/£3 conc | 38   |
| Mon 24   | Tantalising Taj's Treats             | 5pm/8pm    | Various    | 42   |
| Mon 24   | The Long and the Short of It         | 7.30pm     | £10        | 32   |
| Mon 24   | Endurance 100                        | 8pm        | £5         | 15   |
| Tues 25  | Tantalising Taj's Treats             | 5pm/8pm    | Various    | 42   |
| Tues 25  | The Dukes of Uke in Space            | 7pm        | £8         | 20   |
| Wed 26   | Tantalising Taj's Treats             | 5pm/8pm    | Various    | 42   |
| Wed 26   | Practical Art Tutorials              | 6pm        | £10        | 40   |
| Wed 26   | Fleet & Withers                      | 7.30pm     | £5         | 16   |
| Wed 26   | The Rite of Spring                   | 8pm        | £12        | 32   |
| Thurs 27 | Gin School & Tasting Night           | 6pm        | £15        | 42   |
| Thurs 27 | Young Musician Competition           | 7pm        | £3/£2 conc | 21   |
| Thurs 27 | Simeon's Watch                       | 7.30pm     | £8/£4      | 32   |
| Fri 28   | Motown Madness                       | 7.30pm     | £10        | 21   |
| Fri 28   | Comedy with Fred MacAulay            | 8pm        | £18        | 33   |
| Fri 28   | Festival Club                        | 9pm        | FREE       | 22   |
| Sat 29   | Dance & Danceability (1)             | 10.45am    | £6         | 17   |
| Sat 29   | Rag Rug Making Workshop              | 12.30pm    | £38.50     | 40   |
| Sat 29   | A Dastardly Dinner                   | 12.30pm    | £20        | 16   |
| Sat 29   | Pips & Panda meet the Three Bears    | 1.30pm     | £8         | 11   |
| Sat 29   | Dance & Danceability (2)             | 2pm        | £6         | 17   |
| Sat 29   | Murder Mystery                       | 7pm        | £35        | 32   |
| Sat 29   | Biggar Blues Night                   | 8pm        | £8/£3      | 21   |
| Sat 29   | Skipinnish in Concert                | 8pm        | £18        | 21   |
| Sat 29   | Film - The Lady in the Van           | 7.30pm     | £6         | 41   |
| Sat 29   | Festival Club                        | 9pm        | FREE       | 22   |
| Sun 30   | Community Drum Circle                | 10.30am    | FREE       | 21   |
| Sun 30   | Puppet Museum Tour                   | 11am       | £3         | 14   |
| Sun 30   | Sinbad the Sailor                    | 1.30pm     | £8         | 11   |
| Sun 30   | John Martyn Tribute Concert          | 3pm        | £8/£3      | 22   |

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| Sun 30                | Biggar Little Orchestra            | 7.30pm     | £8/£5 conc | 22   |
| Sun 30                | Film - The Lady in the Van         | 7.30pm     | £6         | 41   |
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| Fri 04                | The Dukes of Uke in Space          | 7.30pm     | £8         | 46   |
| Sat 05                | The Dukes of Uke in Space          | 7.30pm     | £8         | 46   |
| EXHIBITIONS & MUSEUMS |                                    |            |            |      |
| From Sat 08 Oct       | Hill House Gallery                 | 10.30am    | FREE       | 43   |
| From Thur 15 Oct      | Fossil Hunters                     | Times Vary | Various    | 43   |
| From Thur 20 Oct      | Figure & Form Art Exhibition       | Times Vary | FREE       | 43   |
| Thur 20-Sun 30        | Photography Exhibition - U3A       | 10am       | FREE       | 44   |
| Thur 20 - Sun 30      | Biggar Schools Street Gallery      | All Day    | FREE       | 44   |
| Thurs 20 - Sun 30     | Connections Exhibition             | 10am       | FREE       | 44   |
| Fri 21 - Sun 23       | Medwyn Art Exhibition              | 10am       | FREE       | 45   |
| Fri 21 - Sun 23       | Call of the Wild Exhibition        | 10am       | FREE       | 44   |
| Sat 22 & Sun 23       | Biggar Camera Club Exhibition      | 11am       | FREE       | 45   |
| Sat 22 & Sun 23       | Lodge Biggar Free Operative Museum | 11am       | Donation   | 41   |
| Sun 23                | Theatre Open Day                   | 10.30am    | FREE       | 37   |
| Sun 23                | Biggar Art Group Exhibition        | 11am       | FREE       | 45   |
| Sun 23                | Biggar Gasworks Steam Day          | 12noon     | FREE       | 37   |
| OPEN STUDIOS          |                                    |            |            |      |
| Sat 29 & Sun 30       | Local artists - Open Studios trail | Times vary | FREE       | 23   |

You can find out more information about all the Festival Events in this programme or by visiting the website at [www.biggarlittlefestival.com](http://www.biggarlittlefestival.com).

All the listings are correct at time of going to print but the Biggar Little Festival reserves the right to cancel any event due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please visit the website for up to date news and information.



# Pre-Festival Events

THERE ARE A FEW EXCITING EVENTS TAKING PLACE BEFORE THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WE THINK ARE WORTHY OF MENTION.

## BBC RADIO SCOTLAND YOUNG TRADITIONAL MUSICIAN AWARD 2016 SEMI-FINALS

**SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**, Coulter Hall (20), 7.30pm (11pm), £10 / £7 conc

Twelve young traditional musicians from across Scotland compete for a place in the final of BBC's Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician.

A great concert of rising talent!



## THE GINGERBREAD LADY

**THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £10**

Neil Simon is known as the hottest and funniest writer on Broadway with such hit comedies as “The Odd Couple”, “Prisoner of Second Avenue” and “The Last of the Hot Red Hot Lovers”. “The Gingerbread Lady” offers all the expected humour and wit from three needy people who present their respective failures in zingers before they all fall apart while trying to help each other. The main characters in the play are Evy, a fading cabaret singer, a gay actor who can’t get any work and a pretty woman who constantly looks in the mirror to assure herself that she’s still pretty. In this laugh riot, Evy (the singer), who is witty to a fault when sober, is wounding, unfunny and vindictive when drunk. Despite all their adversities, she and her two friends stick together because they have nothing to cling to except each other, which creates an undertone of endearing friendship.

The title of the play comes from a child’s birthday present; a gingerbread cottage, with a gingerbread Mom inside. When the gingerbread crumbled, all things changed, In the final curtain, Polly, Evy’s daughter, saves the day. Bloodied but still intact, she and her Mom face the future with wounds bandaged and hope in their hearts.

**ALSO SHOWING ON FRIDAY 14 & SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER.**

## SINBAD THE SAILOR

**SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm), £8

SEE ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE KIDS SECTION

ALSO SHOWING ON MONDAY 17, FRIDAY 21, AND SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER.



## STAR WARS – THE FORCE AWAKENS 12A

**SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 2pm (4.15pm), £5

Three decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them, along with the help of the Resistance. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or [www.purvespuppets.com](http://www.purvespuppets.com)

## PIPS AND PANDA MEET THE THREE BEARS

**TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm), £8

SEE ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE KIDS SECTION

ALSO SHOWING ON WEDNESDAY 19, SATURDAY 22 AND SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER.



# For The Kids

## CHILDREN'S BUSHCRAFT - DEVELOP YOUR ADVENTURE SKILLS

THERE IS A RANGE OF EVENTS ON FOR KIDS  
AND THE WHOLE FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE  
FESTIVAL.

**THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**

**Biggar Puppet Theatre (11)**

**1.30pm to 3.30pm**

**£15**

This exciting event gives children (6-12 age group) a chance to develop adventure skills such as den and shelter building. Session lasts for approximately two hours. Whittling and arts and crafts may also be included. This is a chance for young people to use their energies in a creative and independent environment. If the weather is too wet the session will be held indoors. The event is led by a fully qualified Bushcraft leader. There are 16 spaces per session and parents wishing to accompany a child will be counted in.

Suitable for ages 6 to 12 years. Wellies and warm waterproof clothing required.

Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or [www.purvespuppets.com](http://www.purvespuppets.com)

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## PAW PATROL AND MINIONS AT CORNHILL CASTLE

**THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**, Cornhill Castle, Coulter (21), 12 noon to 2.30pm & 3.30pm to 5.30pm, £10.95 adults/£6.95 Children

Come along and meet the Paw Patrol Crew and Minions for great songs, games and not to mention an afternoon tea. There is also a selection of sandwiches, tea and coffee and extra special treats for the kids –everything you need for a fantastic family day out!

Suitable for all the family.

Bookings direct with Cornhill Castle on 01899 220001 or at [events@cornhillcastle.co.uk](mailto:events@cornhillcastle.co.uk)

## SINBAD THE SAILOR

**FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm), £8

A magical story told with glow in the dark puppets aimed at family audiences. The Sultan is snoring loudly when Scheherazade wakes him up by mistake. The Sultan is so annoyed that she tells him the story of Sinbad the Sailor to send him back to sleep. So begins an incredible tale of Giants, Magic and close shaves!

Suitable for all the family from 6 years. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or [www.purvespuppets.com](http://www.purvespuppets.com)

**ALSO SHOWING ON SATURDAY 15, MONDAY 17, AND SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER.**



## MR BOOM

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, St Mary's Hall (8),  
11am to 12noon, £5 (family of 4 plus £4 per ticket)

Mums and dads, - grannies and granddads - give yourselves a treat and bring your wee earthling friends along to join in this exciting hour of singing, circle dancing, musical games and really pun-ishing bad jokes. You'll get a laugh. Parent friendly cosmic fun - "Jump, skip, dance around the sun" - with the new generation.

Mr Boom – the children's one man band from the moon has been arriving on Planet Earth in the Space Ship Imagination since the once futuristic year 1984. . . "Mr Boom's experience shines through". .... The Adelaide Advertiser

Suitable for ages 3 to 8

## PIPS AND PANDA MEET THE THREE BEARS

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm), £8

A magical story told with glow in the dark puppets. In this Pips and Panda show, our friends find themselves meeting with the three bears. There's Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear, and of course, silly Baby Bear! Along the way, Panda finds himself flying through the air while tangling with a kite. Plus, there are plenty of songs to sing along the way too!

Pips & Panda look forward to seeing you there!

Suitable for ages 1 to 7 years. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or [www.purvespuppets.com](http://www.purvespuppets.com)

**ALSO SHOWING ON TUESDAY 18, WEDNESDAY 19 AND SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER.**

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## BIGGAR LITTLE KITE FESTIVAL EXHIBITION AND DROP IN WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, Gillespie Centre (upstairs) (1), 12noon to 6pm, Exhibition free. Workshop £2 includes materials

Something new for younger festival followers and the young at heart! Biggar Little Festival is delighted to introduce its first kite exhibition and workshop. The exhibition will feature traditional kites from China, Japan, Bali and India, as well as an impressive selection of modern kites from the UK and US. In the exhibition space there will also be a drop-in kite-making session where you will be able to make a small sled kite that's guaranteed to fly! Please allow approx 20 mins to make the kite. There will also be the opportunity to fly your own kites on Sunday 23rd (weather permitting) and watch a display including parachuting bears!

Kite flying Sunday 23 October 2pm to 5pm at Oakburn Rowhead (weather permitting).  
Young children must be accompanied by an adult for kite flying.

## PUPPET MUSEUM TOUR

**SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 11am (11.45am), £3

Come along and enjoy an interesting guided tour of our extensive puppetry collection from all over the world. Meet some familiar TV characters and a Fairy Godmother who over 200 years old! You can also have a go at working some puppets. Aimed at ages 6 to 16 but any age welcome with adult supervision.



# Literature

## MALLACHY TALLACK

**THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**

**Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop (10)**

**7.30pm (9.30pm)**

**£5**

Critically acclaimed author Mallachy Tallack visits Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop to launch his new book "The Un-Discovered Islands". Author of the hugely successful "60 Degrees North" will be talking about his new book with the intriguing subtitle – "An archipelago of Myths and Mysteries, Phantoms and Fakes". Gathered in this book are over twenty islands that have decidedly human origins, whether they are the products of imagination, deception or simply human error. This time Malachy's prose will be accompanied by glorious full colour illustrations from Katie Scott, creating an atlas of fairytale and wonder.

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## ENDURANCE 100

**MONDAY 24 OCTOBER**

**Elphinstone Hotel (6)**

**8pm (10pm)**

**£5**

A presentation about the centenary expedition celebrating Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Atkinson-Pryce Books has invited adventurer David Crichton Henry to join us to talk about his "experience of a lifetime" and its legacy. Henry co-led the expedition which reached the South Pole successfully on 17th December 2015. The evening will also introduce the fascinating story of Scottish naturalist and polar explorer William Speirs Bruce and his contribution to the 'Heroic Ages' of Antarctic exploration. Introducing the evening in traditional Edwardian dress to set the scene, Henry will conclude by showing lovely slides and telling amazing stories of the recent expedition.

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## FLEET AND WITHERS "SCOTLAND: MAPPING THE ISLANDS"

**WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER,**  
**Atkinson- Pryce Bookshop (10)**  
**7.30pm (9.30pm)**

**£5**

Come and meet, 'Fleet and Withers' the people behind the gorgeous publication "Scotland: Mapping the Nation". They have teamed up again to produce another lovely book: "Scotland: Mapping the Islands". This stunning new book presents the rich and diverse story of Scottish islands from the earliest maps to the most up-to-date techniques of digital mapping in a unique and imaginative way. Christopher Fleet is Senior Map Curator at the National Library of Scotland and Charles W J Withers is Professor of Historical Geography at the University of Edinburgh. Laughter aplenty. Organised by Atkinson-Pryce Books.

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## A DASTARDLY DINNER WITH LIN ANDERSON AND PROFESSOR LORNA DAWSON

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER,**

**Elphinstone Hotel (06)**

**12.30pm to 3.30pm**

**£20 includes lunch and a discount on Lin Anderson's latest book.**

Never mind literary lunches, Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop presents a dastardly dinner (at lunchtime!) with crime writer Lin Anderson, whose fictional forensic scientist Rhona Macleod will be joined by real forensic scientist Professor Lorna Dawson of the Hutton Institute for lunch and a discussion about the finer points of forensics and related matters.

# Dance

GO ON TRY SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT.

## DANCE AND DANCEABILITY (1) JANE AUSTEN'S DANCES

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**

**St Mary's Hall (8)**

**10.45am to 1pm**

**£6. (£5 if booked with Dance and Danceability 2).**

**Under 12's free**

Come to the Assembly! Country dancing with Nell Broadbridge to live music played by Nicolas. Dance in long sets: the dances Jane Austen might have done, contrasted with lively contra dances from USA. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

## DANCE AND DANCEABILITY (2) "DANCE TO THE MUSIC"

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**

**St Mary's Hall (8)**

**2pm (4.15pm)**

**£6. (£5 if booked with Dance and Danceability 1).**

**Under 12's free**

Join Nicolas as he looks at more dances from the 17th Century to the present day, with couples in short lines, sets, squares and circles. Dance to the music of the Assembly Players: reels, jigs, waltzes and other rhythms fast and slow. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Suitable for age 8 to adult. Children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult.

**COME WITH OR WITHOUT A PARTNER, NO ONE WILL BE A WALLFLOWER!**

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# Music

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**FROM BLUES TO JAZZ AND SOME BIG NAMES, THERE IS SOMETHING TO SUIT EVERYONES MUSICAL TASTES.**



## ABBAMANIA

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 8pm (11pm), £20**

Saturday night and the lights are low, Municipal Hall is the place to go ... The ABBA legacy lives on! Celebrate with the unmissable Dancing Queen's on this 40th anniversary. Glam up in sequin-spangled style and rock the night away to ABBA's timeless hits: Waterloo, Mama Mia, Gimme, Gimme Gimme, and so much more. Come on super troopers – you'll have the time of your lives reliving these fabulous songs.

Experience the UK's No1 concert show and enjoy a night of non-stop hits

## LIONEL RITCHIE TRIBUTE

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, Tinto House Hotel (19), 7.30pm to 12.30am , £35 per person, 3 course meal & show.  
£69.50 per person, 1 night stay, meals & show. £99 per person, 2 night stay, meals & show.  
**£10 per person, show only. (Show starts 9.30pm)**

A tribute to Lionel Richie followed by disco until 12.30am.

3 course dinner at 7.30pm followed by live entertainment.



## AM/FM

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Biggar Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm(9.30pm) , £8

Sound waves from past and present with this father/daughter duo.

Fresh from Belladrum 2016, singer songwriter Andy Munro and daughter Flora return to Biggar Little Festival to follow up the AM band's song showcase of last year. Flora will lend her acclaimed jazz-influenced vocals to more of Andy's original Scottish Folksy Blues plus the pair will debut brand-new material along with choice covers of jazz, blues and soul. An entertaining evening with guest musicians to be announced. Look out for the poster!

## THE DUKES OF UKE IN SPACE

**THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm), £8

Space: The final frontier. Join the Dukes of Uke as they boldly go where no ukulele player has gone before. This new show by the Dukes of Uke tells the story of how earthlings began their exploration of strange new worlds, seeking out new songs and discovering advanced civilisations where the ukulele has become a portal to other dimensions.

**THE DUKES WILL ALSO BE PERFORMING THIS SAME SHOW ON FRIDAY 4TH AND SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER AT THE CORN EXCHANGE.**





## YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

**THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER**, Biggar High School (12), 7pm (9.30pm), £3 / £2 Concessions

A lively and entertaining evening of music from Biggar's talented young musicians. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Biggar, the performers will compete in three sections – Senior and Junior instrumentalist, and Young Singer. All are welcome to one of the most popular local events at the Festival.

## MOTOWN MADNESS

**FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm), £10

A cabaret night from the heyday of Motown. With classic Motown and modern takes, this is a groovin' night not to be missed. Get into the swing of it and come dressed for your favourite decade of Motown!

## BIGGAR BLUES NIGHT

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**, Gillespie Centre (1), 8pm (10pm) Doors open 7.30pm, £8 / £3 school age

Come along & enjoy a great night of Biggar Blues in a laid back concert hosted by singer PJ Lynch with special guests.  
Bar Available

## SKIPINNISH IN CONCERT

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**, Municipal Hall (3), 8pm (11pm), £18 / Clydesdale Folk Club members £16

Clydesdale Folk Club proudly present a concert of folk music featuring "Skipinnish". Originating in the Highlands and Islands, after studying at The Royal Scottish Academy of Music, these great musicians have become one of the most popular bands in Scotland with a large following and a growing reputation for traditional music with a modern application.

## BLF COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

**SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 10.30am (12pm), FREE

Uk Playshop will celebrate the graduation of its Drum Circle Facilitation Training with a Free to All Facilitated Drum Circle. Open to All abilities and Drums and Percussion provided. Come along and play in the Big Circle.

## TRIBUTE TO JOHN MARTYN CONCERT

**SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 3pm (4.45pm), £8 / £3 school age children

John Martyn lived in the Biggar area (and many of its drinking taverns) for two decades, so it seems fitting to have this special intimate acoustic tribute concert here -hosted by singer PJ Lynch including some of JMs best known songs & a few lesser known tracks. Come along for a laid back afternoon of fine music & a few stories of local encounters with the greatly missed musician.

## BIGGAR LITTLE ORCHESTRA

**SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**, Municipal Hall (3), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £8 / £5 concessions

Following their successful inaugural concert last year, the Biggar Little Orchestra is pleased to be appearing again at the festival with soloist and local singer, Alison Bishop. The programme will feature music by Berlioz and Beethoven.

# Festival Club



**FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER**, The Crown Inn (7), 9pm till late

**SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER**, The Elphinstone Hotel (6), 9pm till late

**FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER**, The Elphinstone Hotel (6), 9pm till late

**SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER**, The Crown Inn (7), 9pm till late

Throughout the Festival local bands will be providing FREE entertainment at various venues for your pleasure. Go and support them and round off your day at the Festival with a drink and some music. Festival Clubs are kindly sponsored by Walkers Carpets.

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# OPEN STUDIOS TRAIL

*Following the success of last year, local artists will once again be opening their hearts,  
souls and studios to let the public share in their creativity.  
See the separate Open Studios flier for map to follow the artists trail.*



## PAUL RODGER DESIGN

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

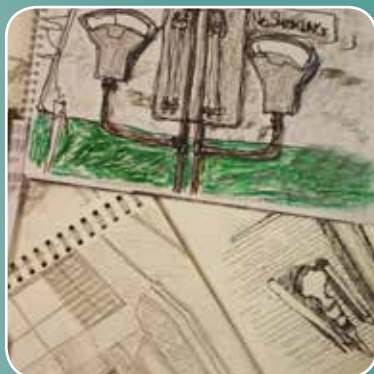
**1 West Row, Biggar, ML12 6BX  
(M)**

**10am to 4pm**

Stencil and Screenprint art prints.

My stencils are hand cut and handrolled using permaset ink, or spray painted using monstercolours graffiti spray paint so your prints will feel uniquely crafted in clear modern colours with a vintage twist.

Tel: 01899 220612



## KEN & MOIRA RUSSELL

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30  
OCTOBER**

**Janefield, 2 Lindsaylands Road,  
Biggar, ML12 6EQ (L)**

**10am to 4pm**

Meet the artists in their studios and talk to them about their work and what inspires them – from local places of interest like the Gasworks to Childhood Memories. See how the work being done last October has progressed – including Moira's Coffee Cup planets solutions! Discover how their ideas are developed through sketchbooks and research on to the finished pieces. You will have the opportunity to see the newly installed etching press and maybe have the chance to make a mini-keepsake pressing to take away. Added to all that there will be Moira's famous Chocolate Fudge treats!

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

Tel: 01899 220833



## ELLEN MCCANN SCULPTURE

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30  
OCTOBER**

**Ministers Walk, Elsrickle, ML12  
6QZ (C)**

**10am to 4pm**

Ellen has a studio in Elsrickle near Biggar and she invites you to view her sculptures in her studio and in her garden.

She works in metal and ceramics and draws inspiration from the surrounding landscape, the gardens and plants at home and when travelling.

Artwork for sale.

Tel: 01899 810375

[www.ellenmccannsculpture.com](http://www.ellenmccannsculpture.com)





## COLIN SEMPLE & LESLEY JOHNSTON

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**

The Old School, Stobo EH45 8NU (D)

10am to 4pm

Colin designs and makes stunning furniture using local hardwoods. He also makes a collection of smaller pieces in wood. There will be work in progress, items for sale and commissions welcome.

Lesley is an artist working in many different mediums including acrylic and ink on wood, paper or canvas, and felted merino wool landscapes. Inspired by Borders hills and the stunning Scottish coastline, her work often includes white crofts, seed heads, beaches and gorgeous colours. Big and small pieces, originals and prints to suit all pockets. Commissions welcome.

[www.colinsemple.com](http://www.colinsemple.com)

Tel: 07739 209697



## BIGGAR BOTANICAL ART GROUP

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**

Fernbank Cottage, West Row, Biggar ML12 6BX (N)

10am to 4pm

Native Flowers –  
I know a bank where the wild  
thyme blows  
Where oxlips and the nodding  
violet grows ....

Tel: 01899 220957



## MADAINN ART GROUP

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**

Symington Village Hall (G)

10am to 4pm

We are a group of contemporary artists, meeting for a full day weekly, who paint in a variety of styles using mixed media and assorted techniques. Our inspiration comes from years of formal tuition followed by periodic input from various professional artists, attendance at summer schools, workshops and Leith School of Art. We are passionate about our work, enjoying pushing boundaries and exploring new ways to express our vision. Our work includes still life, life drawing, landscapes and abstracts focusing on colour, tone and form. We exhibit widely. Come along and join us, view our work. Tel: 01899 220271



## LITTLE MITCHELL- WOOD WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

64 Knocklea, Biggar, ML12 6EG  
(O)  
10am to 4pm

Evelyn Ian and Anna welcome you to our workshop on the edge of Little Mitchellwood where we will have on display a variety of arts and crafts including woodwork, drawings, photography and basketry. With regards to disabled access there are two steps into the property.  
Tel: 07931 905652



## MEDWYN ART GROUP

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

British Legion Hall, South Back  
Road, Biggar (Q)  
10am to 4pm

The work of several artists in pencil, pastel, water colour and acrylic. Varied styles from fine art to fractured in a variety of subjects. (and relax with a cuppa T or if its awfy have a coffee).  
Tel: 07776 116365



## HELEN SAVAGE

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30  
OCTOBER**

Kirklea, Skirling, By Biggar ML12  
6DH (E)  
10am to 4pm

Helen Savage is an artist new to exhibiting. Her studio, though small, is beautifully situated in her garden. As well as some landscapes, Helen is primarily inspired by glass in the form of bottles and jam jars, catching their form in various ways using mirrors. She primarily uses oils although enjoys using pastels and charcoal in preliminary work.  
Tel: 01899 860236





## MANSEFIELD ARTS

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

Mansefield, Manse Road,  
Symington, ML12 6LN (K)  
10am to 4.30pm

Eileen invites you to her new 'at home studio' to view her latest work. This includes modern abstracts and the more traditional floral paintings. You can also view her handmade mini albums which you can personalise by adding your own photos, memorabilia and journaling. There will also be some limited edition prints and other crafts available for sale.

A friendly welcome to previous and new visitors awaits you.

[www.mansefieldarts.com](http://www.mansefieldarts.com)

Tel: 07887 377758



## JULIE (MENZIES) MORRIS

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

7 Covington Oval, Westend, Nr  
Carnwath, ML11 8RU (A)  
10am to 5pm

Local artist Julie invites you to view her recent paintings. This year she has been continuing to paint small Scottish cottages and larger paintings of her favourite city Edinburgh. Original small watercolour paintings and Limited Edition prints of Edinburgh will be on sale.

Telephone 01555 840079.



## SUSHEILA JAMIESON

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30  
OCTOBER**

Beechwood, Rachan, by  
Broughton (F)  
10am to 5pm

Susheila's work is inspired by aspects of nature and the wider landscape. Her sculptures, carved from wood and stone, are organic in character, sensuous and powerful, like nature itself. Susheila has been selected for 8 international symposia (including Poland, Germany and Kazakhstan) in recent years and images of the work created during these events will be on display as well as mosaics, collagraphs and examples of public art and school projects. Also on show will be work created by talented and enthusiastic participants of Wednesday morning workshops. Teas, coffees and delicious home baking will be available.

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

Tel: 01899 830443



## KAY BOOTON

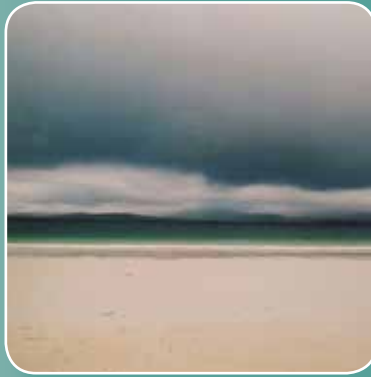
**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

**Sabhal Mor, Robertson, by  
Biggar ML12 6RS (I)  
10am to 5pm**

Kay is delighted to be opening her studio again this year and sharing her new and exciting collection of work. Working in acrylic, oil and mixed media, the majority of Kay's paintings are based on plants, the natural world and her interpretation of them.

She will be in the studio painting and eager to chat to you about her work. You will also have the opportunity to paint for yourself on the visitors easel and, as always, a friendly welcome with tea, coffee and home baking awaits you!

Tel: 07814258495 for more information.



## TRUDI BREEN

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

**Libberton House, Libberton,  
Lanark ML11 8LX (B)  
10am to 5pm**

Trudi Breen is an accomplished landscape artist. From the Outer Hebrides to the Scottish Borders, she seeks out atmospheric locations which inspire her and inform her art. Trudi loves to paint outside, capturing the shapes and colours of the landscape and the changing light, the spirit of the place.

Trudi lives and works in Libberton and draws inspiration from the surrounding hills, valleys, rivers, streams and beautiful skies and captures them with a masterful command of watercolour.

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

Tel: 07810 650562



## BIGGAR GLASS WORKS (STEPHANIE WHATLEY)

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30  
OCTOBER**

**98 High Street, Biggar, ML12 6DH  
(P)**

**10am to 5pm**

Come and discover my stained glass workshop in its prime location just off the High Street. I work with both foil and lead came to create my pieces and I usually have several projects on the go at Biggar Glass Works. This will give you an insight into different techniques and practices used. Along with the beautiful and colourful glass, you will be able to see the other materials, tools and chemicals I work with. There will also be items available for purchase on the day. I look forward to welcoming you into my fascinating world of working with glass.

Tel: 01899 220405



Pick up the Open Studios Trail  
Leaflet, showing locations of all  
the Studios you can visit.  
Make a weekend of it and visit  
them all.

## CAROL TAYLOR

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30  
OCTOBER**

Holmview Cottage, 32 Gateside  
Road, Crawfordjohn, By Biggar  
ML12 6SX (J)  
11am to 6pm

Carol works full-time as a professional painter. You will be welcomed into her studio to have a chat about her art work and view her landscape and seascape paintings. Carol lives on the edge of Crawfordjohn, nestled in the hills in beautiful countryside, only a 3 minute drive from junction 13 off the M74 motorway and 13 miles from Biggar. Crawfordjohn has a great wee pub, the Colebrooke Arms. Why not visit the pub for coffee or food after visiting the studio, where a warm welcome awaits you, with its log fire and friendly atmosphere. Open 12.30 to 8pm for meals & drinks during the studio open weekend.  
[www.castaylor.com](http://www.castaylor.com)  
Telephone: 0769628820

## BECKSY.COM

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

Forge Cottage, Kilbucho,  
Broughton, Biggar, ML12 6JQ  
(H)  
12noon to 5pm

BECKSY is becoming extensively known in the UK and is now represented by galleries in New York and Israel. She is known for her very unique style, her distinct pieces are lavishly painted in oil with only a palette knife. Come and see BECKSY hard at work, with a gin in one hand, and a palette knife in the other!  
Original paintings, Giclee prints, cards, silk and cotton scarves will be available to purchase with your tea, coffee, cake and gin.  
[www.BECKSY.com](http://www.BECKSY.com)  
Tel: 079894 13344



# Theatre & Comedy

FROM THE CONTEMPORARY TO THE CLASSICS, WITH A BIT OF COMEDY THROWN IN, TAKE YOUR PICK!

[www.biggirlittlefestival.com](http://www.biggirlittlefestival.com)



**MARGARET SKINNIDER – REBEL HEART****FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER****Municipal Hall (3)****7.30pm (9.15pm)****£12**

A rehearsed reading. With music from Maeve McKinnon, Fraser Spiers and Stephen Wright

This rehearsed reading of the play is performed by an all-woman cast. It explores the key moments of the incredible life of Margaret Skinnider.

The Coatbridge born Mathematics teacher of Irish parentage, was an active member of the Irish Citizen Army and the only female volunteer injured in the 1916 Easter uprising. Skinnider fought for justice in every period of her life. She is remembered as a suffragette, teacher, sniper author and prisoner. She became president of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation and remained a champion of women's rights.

"Margaret Skinnider: Rebel Heart" – inspired by the revolutionary and trade union leader Margaret Skinnider. Wounded fighting during the Easter Rising, Skinnider was an excellent markswoman and close friend of Constance Markiewicz; she was an active suffragette and went on to become the President of the Irish teachers' union, whilst battling the authorities for decades to secure her war pension – denied to her as a woman. This powerful, moving drama is the fruition of six years of research and a major part of the efforts to achieve the rightful place in history for the Coatbridge born Margaret Skinnider.

Cast: - Clare Gray, Julie Hale and Erin McCardie

Written by Cat Hepburn, directed by Sarah McCardie and originated by Maggie Chetty. With Clare Gray, Julie Hale and Erin McCardie.

"Scotland My Country, Ireland My Home"

Written by Cat Hepburn, Directed by Sarah McCardie and originated by Maggie Chetty

Suitable for age 14 plus.

## “BEYOND THE RAINBOW” – LIFE STORY OF JUDY GARLAND

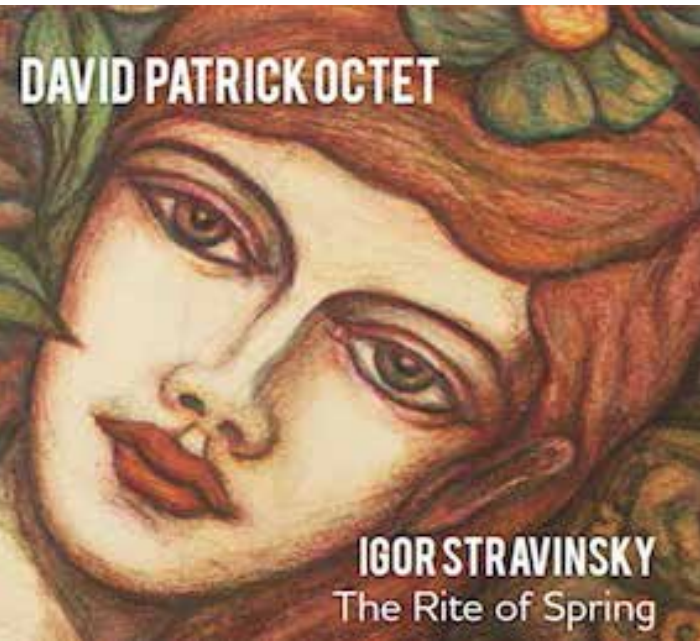
**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm to 9pm, £10

Judy Garland charmed everyone with her singing and acting talent. But what really lay behind this talented woman? We follow her life through songs and time spent at MGM with Louie B Meyer and try to understand what brought this great entertainer to her knees and eventual downfall. Songs include: Over the Rainbow, I Got Rhythm, Dear Mr Gable and many more.

## THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

**MONDAY 24 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm), £10

A night of comedy sketches, short ones, long ones, and some inbetweeners. Laughs guaranteed from the Biggar Theatre Workshop team.



## THE RITE OF SPRING

**WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER**, Municipal Hall (3), 8pm (10pm), £12 (School students free)

This stunning reworking for jazz octet of Igor Stravinsky's masterwork retains all of the themes and almost all of the exquisite orchestration of the original composition. Improvisational sections appear organically out of Stravinsky's score, allowing band members to be featured as individual soloists as the piece unfolds.

"A huge undertaking... Spine-tingling in its power... it works, and brilliantly." \*\*\*\*\* The Scotsman, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2015

"A volcanic masterpiece; a miraculous creation of such originality that still today it shocks and overwhelms us."

\*\*\*\*\* Leonard Bernstein

## SIMEON'S WATCH

**THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER**, St Mary's Hall (8), 7.30pm (9pm), £8 Under 18's £4

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents Simeon's Watch. A family adventure before Christmas by Bridget Foreman.

Simeon's Watch is an engaging new play for a family audience about... family. A delightful story about what growing old might mean that embraces three generations linking them with the familiar Christmas Advent story. It gently and amusingly explores the demands of growing old while offering hope and joy that can remain in the enduring nature of changing relationships.

## MURDER MYSTERY

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**, Tinto House Hotel (19), 7pm to 12.30am, £35 per person 3 course meal & show, £69.50 per person 1 night stay, meals & show, £99 per person 2 night stay, meals & show

Murder Mystery evening, The Acquisition followed by disco until 12.30am.

3 course dinner at 7.30pm followed by live entertainment.



# COMEDY NIGHT WITH FRED MACAULAY

**FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER**

**Municipal Hall (3)**

**8pm (11pm)**

**£18**

A comic gem, Fred has been delighting audiences for 23 years at Festivals worldwide. He is a regular at Edinburgh Festival and a household name on Scottish Radio. Now back at Biggar Little Festival by popular demand. Don't miss this hilarious stand-up comedian at his best. Laughter guaranteed!



*Sponsors of the Comedy  
Night with Fred MacAulay*

# BIGGAR DAY OUT

**SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER**

Various venues, 12noon to 5pm, FREE

**Street entertainment, food, crafts and all the fun of the fair at Biggar Day Out. Biggar Little Festival pulls out all the stops for its biggest and best day out ever!**

Together with the town's shops, cafes, arts groups and street entertainment our aim is to provide a feast of fun for all the family. There are events for everyone to enjoy. You can sample the taste of the food and craft fair, let the kids explore our storytelling trail with 'Hairy Maclary from Biggarton Dairy' or let off steam on the bouncy castle. For the more adventurous why not test your head for heights on our climbing ice wall!

Or for those who want to keep their feet on the ground what about visiting an exhibition, enjoying a show, doing a bit of impromptu shopping, or just moseying round the town? It's all there for you on Biggar Day Out. Come along, join in and help get the town buzzing.

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## *Festival Fair*

Fine foods, arts, crafts jewellery and much more are to be found at the Festival Fairs in both the Municipal and St Mary's Hall's providing a superb shopping experience and achance to sample local handicraft and quality produce.

We will also be serving teas, coffees and scrumptious home baking at St Mary's Hall. Please see the Biggar Day Out Programme for a full list of stall holders.

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## Street Entertainment

A quick stroll down Biggar High St and nearby brings you a host of entertainment. We have Horse & Carriage rides, open mic, pipe band, Albion Bus together with Biggar Gasworks Steam day, Puppet Theatre & Albion Museum open days. We also have lots to keep the children entertained with a bouncy dome, play bus, face painting and 'Hairy Maclary from Biggarton Dairy' walk, or Dad's may want to soak up some of the atmosphere and relax with a beer or two at the Beer Festival. We are also expecting a visit from those madcap street entertainers Mischief Le Bas so keep your eyes peeled for madness and mayhem on the streets!



## STONE CARVING WORKSHOP

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH (17), 10am to 4pm, £85 includes materials, refreshments and home baking.

Stone carving is engaging, fun, challenging and therapeutic ! This one day workshop led by Susheila Jamieson introduces participants to stone carving techniques using hand tools. The workshop is held in warm, well equipped studio near Broughton. No experience necessary.

This workshop is suitable for age 15 and over. Places limited. Advance booking essential on 01899 830443 or susheila@rachan.co.uk

## THEATRE OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 10.30am to 4pm, FREE

You're welcome to pop in and we will show you around our wonderful Victorian-Style theatre. Guided Tours start at 11.00am, 1.30pm & 3.00pm. Tearoom will be open selling lunches and cakes! The Flea Market & Book Fair is also on the same day, in the tearoom. Puppet shop, gardens and our own car park on site. Get your face painted and special glitter puppet tattoo!

## BOOK FAIR & FLEA MARKET

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 10.30am to 4pm, FREE

Book lovers and collectors – come and grab an amazing bargain from our wide range of prints, art, books and collectables. A large selection to suit all budgets. Stay a while and have a tea and cake in the tearoom too!

## FESTIVAL SERVICE

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Biggar Kirk (5), 11.15am to 12.15 noon

This family friendly church service is a regular feature of Biggar Little Festival, acknowledging and celebrating the spiritual side of the arts in Biggar. All are welcome.

## MEHNDI LAGAO ( HENNA PAINTING)

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, The Taj Mahal (9), 12noon to 3pm, Prices vary

Come and take part in our charity event of the year. Bring your hands and get them tattooed with a non permanent design using henna. Henna paint is not suitable for anyone with an allergy to henna. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## BIGGAR GASWORKS MUSEUM STEAM DAY

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Biggar Gas Works (14), 12noon to 4.30pm, FREE

The gasworks coal fired boiler will be working along with various items of steam driven plant. Guided tours explaining how gas was produced from coal.

## OPEN STAGE

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Corn Exchange (2), 1pm to 5pm, FREE

Don't miss a trip to the Corn Exchange on Biggar Day Out where the best of local talent will be waiting to entertain you for free. If you would like to 'strut your stuff' on the Open Stage details of how to sign up can be found on the Biggar Little Festival website.



## STORYTRAIL – HAIRY MACLARY FROM BIGGARTON DAIRY

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Departs Atkinson Pryce Book-shop (10), 2pm (3pm), FREE

Join us for an exciting story trail. Join Hairy Maclary outside Atkinson Pryce Bookshop and enjoy his adventures.

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## BIGGAR LITTLE KITE FESTIVAL – KITE FLYING

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Oakburn, Rowhead (16), 2pm to 5pm (weather permitting), FREE

Following the workshop on Saturday 22nd this is your opportunity to see if your masterpiece really can fly! There will also be a kite flying display. This is your chance to see the parachuting bears!

## SHINE YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Municipal Hall (3), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £8

Following the success of last year don't miss this lively concert of musicals. The ever dynamic young people that are 'Shine' will be performing a selection of songs from well known shows.

## EASTFIELD AND HARTHILL FLUTE ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, St Mary's Hall (8), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £5 / £3 concessions

Interval Refreshments included in ticket price.

An evening of music from one of Lanarkshire's finest flute ensembles.





# Arts, Crafts & Workshops

FROM CRAFT TO SPIRITUAL ARTS, YOU SHOULD FIND SOMETHING TO GET CREATIVE WITH.

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## HAT MAKING MILLINERY WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, 9 Main Street, Carnwath ML11 8JU (22), 9am to 5pm, £85 includes materials and refreshments.

With absolutely no previous experience you can leave at the end of our wonderful workshop session with a hat designed, created and made by you. You will be lead by an experienced professional milliner and costume designer through the traditional Millinery techniques of blocker hat making. There will be a number of styles to choose from and the basic hat will be made from black felt. All basic materials and equipment will be provided at the workshop and are included in the price along with refreshments. However you should bring along your own decorations and trimmings to finish off the hat to your own taste, for example ribbon, lace, feathers, beads. Suitable for 16 years and over.

We will break for 1/2 hour during the day for you to have lunch so please bring a packed lunch or feel free to go to a local cafe.

Places limited so book early to avoid disappointment!



## MOSAIC WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, Rachan by Broughton, ML12 6HH (17), 10am to 4pm, £65 includes materials, refreshments & home baking.

This workshop led by Susheila Jamieson at her studio at Rachan, introduces participants to direct or indirect method mosaic making (participants choose). Simple designs look stunning when made in glass or ceramic mosaic.

This workshop is suitable for age 15 and over. Places limited. Advance booking essential on 01899 830443 or [susheila@rachan.co.uk](mailto:susheila@rachan.co.uk). Any age welcome but parental supervision required for under 16 years.

## PRACTICAL ART TUTORIALS

**WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER**, Biggar and Upper Clydesdale Museum (4), 6pm to 8.30pm, £10

Award winning artist Sharon Bradley will guide the class through a practical lesson on drawing and painting, using objects from the museum collection as inspiration.

## RAG RUG MAKING WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**, 9 Main Street, Carnwath (22), ML11 8JU, 12.30pm to 5pm, £38.50 includes materials and refreshments.

Would you like to create your own piece of art from up cycled pre-loved fabrics? Look no further than our wonderful rag rug making workshop where an experienced crafter will guide you through the process of rag rug making using traditional techniques meaning you will be able to go home from the session with your own creation. All materials and use of equipment are included in the price along with refreshments. Any age is welcome to join us but adult supervision is required for under 16 years.

Places limited, book early to avoid disappointment.



# Film



## BIGGAR LITTLE CINEMA 'THE LADY IN THE VAN' (CERT 12A)

**SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**

**Corn Exchange (2)**

**7.30pm (9.30pm)**

**£6**

Biggar Little Cinema bring the screening of 'The Lady in the Van' a 2015 British comedy-drama film directed by Nicholas Hytner, written by Alan Bennett, and starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings.

'Smith is excellent as the homeless woman who parked her camper van in Alan Bennett's garden for 15 years, in this enjoyable film about their poignant relationship' The Guardian

Tickets only available from Hamilton's Newsagents

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## LODGE BIGGAR FREE OPERATIVE MUSEUM

**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**, Masonic Lodge (13), 11am to 3pm, Free entry. Donations welcome.

Museum and history of Biggar Masonic Lodge dating back to 1727.

**ALSO OPEN SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 11AM TO 3PM.**



# Food & Drink

**DURING THE FESTIVAL TAKE THE CHANCE TO VISIT  
THE MANY RESTAURANTS, PUBS & CAFES IN BIGGAR.  
THERE IS SOMETHING TO SUIT EVERYONES TASTES**

## **TAJ'S TRADITIONAL TANTALISING TREATS**

**MONDAY 24 - WEDNESDAY  
26 OCTOBER**

**The Taj Mahal (9)**

**5pm to 7.30pm & 8pm to  
10.30pm**

**Prices vary**

Annual event as part of the BLF where the ladies of the family take over the kitchen. Producing mouth-watering traditional Punjabi meals that will tantalise your tastebuds. A five course gourmet meal only available at this time of the year.

Advance booking essential on 01899 220801.

## **GIN SCHOOL AND TASTING NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER**

**The Crown Inn (7)**

**6pm to 9pm**

**£15**

This will be a highly enjoyable tasting evening of some high-quality craft Gins from a range of producers alongside a mouthwatering Charcuterie board.

Discover the origin of these Gins, how they are produced and how to best match the botanicals in the Gins to different Garnishes and Mixers.

Our Gin experts will be on hand to guide you through the wonderful world of Gin.

Places limited, book early to avoid disappointment.

## **BIGGAR BEER AND GIN FESTIVAL**

**THURSDAY 20 - SUNDAY  
30 OCTOBER**

**The Crown Inn (7)**

**11am - 1am**

**FREE ADMISSION**

A celebration of Real Ale, Craft Beer and Gin from the UK and further afield. 24 Real Ales, 4 Ciders, 12 Craft Beers and 20 Gins.

# Exhibitions

THERE IS A WEALTH OF TALENT IN AND AROUND BIGGAR. GO AND VISIT AN EXHIBITION AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

## Hill House Gallery

**FROM 08 OCTOBER ONWARDS**, Hill House Gallery, Broughton, by Biggar, ML12 6HQ (18), 10.30am to 5pm  
Mixed Art Exhibition, please see gallery website [www.hillhousegallery.com](http://www.hillhousegallery.com) for further details.

## FOSSIL HUNTERS

**THURSDAY 15 TO JANUARY 2017**, Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum (4), Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Sunday 1pm to 5pm. £5 adults, £4 concessions, £2 child, £12 family. Free to M12 residents.

Discover how life on earth moved from water onto land around 360 million years ago through ground-breaking discoveries made in Scotland. Showcasing ground-breaking new fossils, alongside remarkable treasures from National Museums Scotland palaeontology collection, this exhibition provides an insight into the world of the Fossil Hunter.

## FIGURE & FORM ART EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER TO CHRISTMAS**, Corn Exchange (2), 10am to 4pm (during the Festival).

Guest artists Iain Holman and Ellen McCann will be showcasing their latest work in the Biggar Corn Exchange. Using a combination of traditional techniques and materials with contemporary representations: together, both artists work create a conversation between three dimensions and two, exploring the human figure and sculptural form.

Exhibition launch: Thursday 20 October 7.30pm.



## CELEBRATING SCOTTISH INNOVATION, ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

**THURSDAY 20 TO SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER** , High Street Shops

Biggar Primary School and Biggar High School have come together to produce a street gallery of outstanding design and artwork in celebration of the year of Scottish Innovation, Architecture and Design. This great exhibition can be found in windows throughout the town for the duration of the festival.

## BIGGAR AND DISTRICT U3A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY 20 TO SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER**, Elphinstone Hotel (upstairs) (6), 10am to 9pm, FREE

An exciting exhibition of photographs taken by members of the local U3A Photography Group.



## CONNECTIONS EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY 20 TO SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER** , Dancing Light Gallery, Whitmuir, Nr West Linton (23) FREE

Three Artists with life, work and talent connections. Kim Redpath, Carol Taylor and Andy Cross come together in a joint exhibition to display their talent and help celebrate the Biggar Little Festival. All have different techniques and unique styles. We are both honoured and thrilled to host such a wonderful exhibition and we look forward to welcoming you. The exhibition runs from the 9th September to the 10th November with wine reception both weekends during the Biggar Little Festival.

## CALL OF THE WILD EXHIBITION BY ANJ ART ANIMAL PORTRAITURE

**FRIDAY 21, SATURDAY 22 & SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER** , Gillespie Centre (upstairs) (1)

**Friday 21 Preview 7pm to 9pm. Saturday 22 & Sunday 23, 10am to 3.30pm**

Local artist, Anj Jamieson, explores the flora and fauna of the countryside she loves so dearly in her exhibition of pastel paintings.

Come along to her preview night to see her work before anyone else - Purchases over £20 on the night will receive a shot in the lucky dip to win some prizes!

Original art, prints, cards, mugs etc also for sale



## MEDWYN ART GROUP EXHIBITION

**FRIDAY 21, SATURDAY 22 & SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**

**Masonic Hall ( next to Cones & Candies) (13)**

**10am to 4pm**

Our group is made up of a number of artists working in many media from pencil and pen to pastel, water colour and acrylic. The styles stretch from fine art to fractured. The standards vary too from amateur to almost professional with a wide variety of subjects.

## BIGGAR CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

**SATURDAY 22 & SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER** , Biggar Youth Project, Clydesdale Close (15) 11am to 4pm, FREE

Exhibition of Photographs by members of Biggar Camera Club.

Additionally there will be demonstrations of how to edit and enhance photographic images using the latest software techniques.

## BIGGAR ART GROUP EXHIBITION

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**, Municipal Hall (3) (upstairs), 11am to 4pm

**Donations welcome**

Works by members in a variety of mediums. These include watercolours, acrylics, pen and ink and collage. Members have many different artistic styles which make for an interesting exhibition. All works will be for sale.

# Post-Festival Events

## THE DUKES OF UKE IN SPACE

**FRIDAY 04 & SATURDAY 05  
NOVEMBER,**

**Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm),  
£8**

Space: The final frontier. Join the Dukes of Uke as they boldly go where no ukulele player has gone before. This new show by the Dukes of Uke tells the story of how earthlings began their exploration of strange new worlds, seeking out new songs and discovering advanced civilisations where the ukulele has become a portal to other dimensions.

The Dukes will also be performing this same show on Tuesday 25 October at the Corn Exchange

**THE SAME SHOW WILL ALSO BE ON  
MONDAY 19 OCTOBER.**



# BLF Main Venues

## Venues in Biggar

- 1 Gillespie Centre & Festival Box Office
- 2 Corn Exchange
- 3 Municipal Hall
- 4 Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum
- 5 Biggar Kirk
- 6 Elphinstone Hotel
- 7 The Crown Inn
- 8 St Mary's Hall
- 9 Taj Mahal
- 10 Atkinson – Pryce Bookshop
- 11 Biggar Puppet Theatre
- 12 Biggar High School & Library
- 13 Masonic Hall and Lodge
- 14 Biggar Gasworks
- 15 Biggar Youth Project
- 16 Oakburn, Rowhead

## Venues outside Biggar

- 17 Rachan by Broughton
- 18 Hill House Gallery, Broughton
- 19 Tinto House Hotel, Symington
- 20 Coulter Hall
- 21 Cornhill Castle, Coulter
- 22 9 Main St, Carnwath
- 23 Dancing Light Gallery, Lamancha

## Open Studios – Please see separate Artists Trail leaflet

- A Julie Morris, Carnwath
- B Trudi Breen, Libberton
- C Ellen McCann, Elsrickle
- D Colin Semple & Lesley Johnson, Stobo
- E Helen Savage, Skirling
- F Susheila Jamieson, Rachan
- G Madainn Art Group, Symington
- H Becksy, Kilbucho
- I Kay Booton, Robertson
- J Carol Taylor, Crawfordjohn
- K Eileen Hood, Symington
- L Ken & Moira Russell, Biggar
- M Paul Rodger Design, Biggar
- N Biggar Botanical Art Group, Biggar
- O Little Mitchellwood Workshop, Biggar
- P Stephanie Whatley, Biggar
- Q Medwyn Art Group, Biggar









## Figure & Form Art Exhibition

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**Iain Holman** explores the intricate beauty of the human figure and body language behaviour. Through drawing and painting, he reveals the human emotions and character of his models, often portraying them as lone figures in a room or cornered space.

**Ellen McCann** works in metal and ceramics to make sculpture. Inspiration is drawn from the immediate landscape and it's changing forms. In her work, she builds abstract representations of plants at transition points in their life cycle and landscape adapting to the natural elements.

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**Opening night: Thursday 20th October, Biggar Corn Exchange**

The exhibition will run throughout the festival and up until Christmas