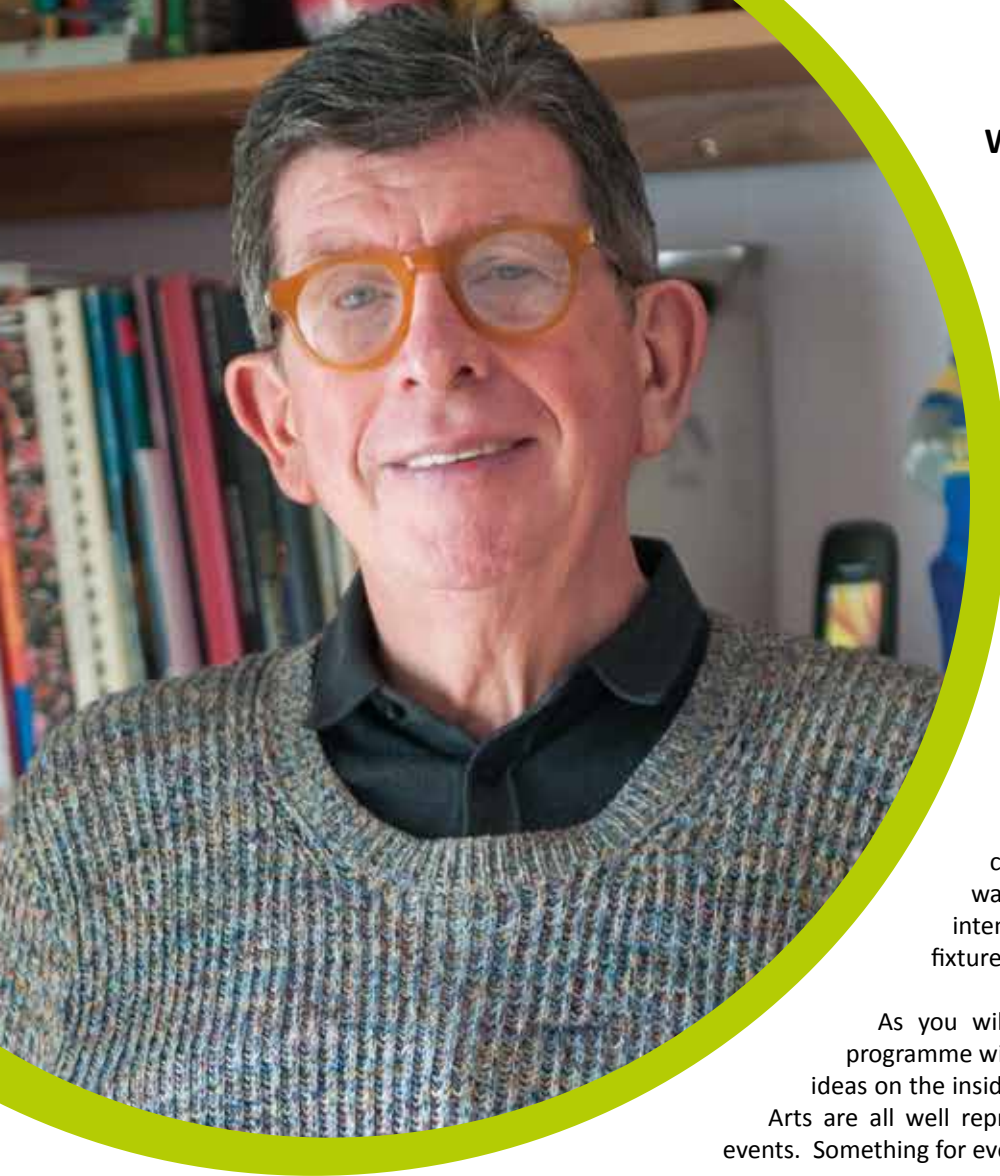




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2015

15 - 25 October 2015
Celebrating the Arts



Welcome to the 2015 Biggar Little Festival!

This year we are proud to announce we will be 13 years old.

Firstly I would like to extend a big thank you to Anne Swan who, in my absence, took over the chair of last year's festival. Now she knows what it is like to juggle jelly!!

How can I begin to summarise this year's festival before it has even happened? Judging by the amount of effort and commitment put in by our dedicated committee members and volunteers, I am confident that our first year as a teenager will be the best yet.

As always, there are increasing challenges both logistical and financial but our committee is continually taking steps to overcome them and find ways of attracting new funding. With your help we intend to secure Biggar Little Festival as a permanent fixture for the future.

As you will see, we have redesigned this year's printed programme with a new look on the outside and some fresh new ideas on the inside. Music, Dance, Drama, Literature and the Visual Arts are all well represented in addition to Comedy and Children's events. Something for everyone.

This is YOUR festival. So whether you come as a performer, an event organiser, a volunteer or a member of the audience – welcome! I trust you will enjoy the feast of performance that will be the Biggar Little Festival 2015.

Best wishes

James Softley
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.biggar-little-festival.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 3 October. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and it will also be open on Sunday 18 October (Biggar Day Out) from 12noon to 4pm.



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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 03	Jane Taylor & Band	7.30pm	£10	10
Sat 03	BBC Radio Scotland YTM semi-finals	7.30pm	£10/ £6 conc	10
Tue 13	The Nutcracker	1.30pm	£8	10
Wed 14	Pips & Panda in Magicland	1.30pm	£8	10
Wed 14 – Sat 17	BTW One Act Stand	7.30pm	£8/£10	10
Thur 15	Painting challenge	10am	£20	38
Thur 15	Jikiden Reiki	7pm	FREE	38
Thur 15	Pips & Panda in Magicland	1.30pm	£8	10
Thur 15	MacBraveheart	8pm	£13	30
Fri 16	Film – Nanny McPhee	1.30pm	£6	12
Fri 16	Biggar Little Beer Festival	6pm	FREE	43
Fri 16	Shine Youth Music Theatre	7.30pm	£8	18
Fri 16	Festival Club	9pm	FREE	22
Sat 17	Dance & Danceability (1)	10.45	£6	16
Sat 17	Trout at Transition Art Trail	11am	FREE	38
Sat 17	Biggar Little Festival Beer Festival	12noon	FREE	43
Sat 17	The Nutcracker Puppet show	1.30pm	£8	10
Sat 17	Dance & Danceability (2)	2pm	£6	16
Sat 17	Sue Lawrence Queen of Home Baking	3pm	£9	15
Sat 17	Eddi Reader	8pm	£25	18
Sat 17	Tribute to John Martyn	8pm	£10/ £3	19
Sat 17	Festival Club	9pm	FREE	22
Sun 18	Biggar Day Out	12noon	FREE	33
Sun 18	Books, Art & Prints sale	10.30am	FREE	35
Sun 18	Festival Service	11.15am	FREE	35
Sun 18	Henna Painting	12noon	Various	35
Sun 18	Biggar Little Beer Festival	12.30pm	FREE	35
Sun 18	Open Stage	1pm	FREE	36
Sun 18	Storytrail	2pm	FREE	13
Sun 18	Acoustic Concert	2pm	£5	19
Sun 18	Flute Orchestra in Concert	7pm	£5/£3 conc	19

OCTOBER	EVENT	START TIME	PRICE	PAGE
Sun 18	Andy Munro & friends	7.30pm	£8	19
Sun 18	Brass Brings Biggar The Movies	7.30pm	£3	19
Mon 19 & Tue 20	Taj's Traditional Treats	5pm & 8pm	Various	43
Mon 19	Tweens Craft Making	5.30pm	£10	13
Mon 19	Material Wreath Making	6.45pm	£15	38
Mon 19	The Dukes of Uke	7.30pm	£8	20
Tue 20	Felt Handbag Making	6.30pm	£19	38
Tue 20	Hang on a tic...	7.30pm	£6	15
Wed 21	Teenager Wirework Jewellery Making	5.30pm	£12.50	13
Wed 21	Wirework Ring Jewellery Making	6.45pm	£32.50	38
Wed 21	Lin Anderson & others	7pm	£6	15
Wed 21	Film – The Second Best Marigold Hotel	7.30pm	£6	41
Wed 21	Touching Cloth	7.30pm	£8	30
Wed 21	Travelling by Tuba	8pm	£11	20
Thur 22	Block Printing	10am	£65	39
Thur 22	Teenager Felt Mobile Phone cover	6.30pm	£24.50	13
Thur 22	Young Musician Competition	7pm	£3/£2 conc	20
Thur 22	If These Spasms Could Speak	8pm	£8	32
Fri 23	Elaine C Smith	7.30pm	£18	31
Fri 23	Acoustic Blues Concert	7.30pm	£7	20
Fri 23	Mostly	7.30pm	£7	32
Fri 23	Festival Club	9pm	FREE	22
Sat 24	Mosaic Workshop	10am	£65	39
Sat 24	Festival Club	9pm	FREE	22
Sat 24	Songwriting & Singing Workshops	10am	£12 each	39
Sat 24	Mr Boom	11am	£4	13
Sat 24	Burnside Crafters	1pm	FREE	39
Sat 24	The Nutcracker puppet show	1.30pm	£8	10
Sat 24	An Evening with Sharon Shannon	8pm	£16	21
Sat 24	Shona Brown & North Atlantic Project	7.30pm	£8/£6 conc	22
Sat 24	The Herbal Bed	7.30pm	£10/£8 conc	32
Sat 25	Stone Carving	10am	£85	39
Sun 25	Borderlines Creative Writing	10.30am	FREE	40
Sun 25	Community Drum Circle	11am	FREE	14
Sun 25	Sherlock Homes – Children's Puppet Making	11am	£10	14

OCTOBER	EVENT	START TIME	PRICE	PAGE
Sun 25	Rag Rug Making Workshop	12.30pm	£37.50	40
Sun 25	Burnside Crafters	1pm	FREE	39
Sun 25	Guardian Angel Workshop	1.30pm	£40	40
Sun 25	Coming Home Into Our Bodies	2pm	£10	40
Sun 25	Children's Theatre 'The Last of the Dragons'	2.30pm	£5	14
Sun 25	Children's Theatre 'The Last of the Dragons'	4.30pm	£5	14
Sun 25	Biggar Little Orchestra	7.30pm	£8/£5 conc	22
Sun 25	Acoustic Concert	2pm	£5	19
Tue 27	Concert in the Kirk	7.30pm	£6	46
Thur 29	Learning about Crystals	7pm	£30	40
Fri 30	The Dukes of Uke	7.30pm	£8	46
Fri 30	Film 'What We Did On Our Holiday'	7.30pm	£6	41
Sat 31	Film 'What We Did On Our Holiday'	7.30pm	£6	41
NOVEMBER	EVENT	START TIME	PRICE	PAGE
Sun 01	Hat Making Workshop	9am	£85	46
Sat 06	Dukes of Uke	7.30pm	£8	46
Sun 07	Dukes of Uke	7.30pm	£8	46
EXHIBITIONS & MUSEUMS				
Mon 12 - Sun 18	biggART Exhibition	10am	FREE	44
Thur 15- Sun 25	Biggar High School Street Gallery	All Day	FREE	44
Thur 15-Sun 25	Open Studio of Handmade Crafts	9.30am	FREE	44
Thur 15- Sun 25	Dancing Light Art Exhibition	10am	FREE	44
Thur 15- Sun 25	Flora & Fungi of Scotland	Times vary	FREE	45
Thur 15- Sun 25	Music Theme Art Exhibition	Times vary	FREE	44
Fri 16- Sun18	Horse & Hound Exhibition	Times vary	FREE	45
Fri 16- Sun 18	Medwyn Art Exhibition	Times vary	FREE	45
Sat 17 & Sun 18	Biggar Masonic Lodge	11am	FREE	42
Sat 17 & Sun 18	Photographic Exhibition	11am	FREE	45
Sat 17 & sun 18	The Sound of Crawfordjohn	2pm	FREE	45
Sun 18	Theatre Open Day	10.30am	FREE	42
Sun 18	Gasworks Steam Day	12noon	FREE	42
Sat 24	Puppetry Museum Tour	11am	£3	42
Sat 24 & Sun 25	Medwyn Art Exhibition	10am	FREE	45
OPEN STUDIOS				
Sat 17 & Sun 18	Local artists - Open Studios trail	Times vary	FREE	23

Pre-Festival Events

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

PRE-FESTIVAL

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JANE TAYLOR & BAND CONCERT

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10.30pm), £10

BBC Radio 2's Johnnie Walker, Bob Harris, Tom Robinson and Clare Balding are all huge fans, she's recorded with Massive Attack's Angelo Bruschini, opened for Jools Holland, won BEST ALBUM at the 'Independent Music Awards' as well as 'UK SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR' and now she's penning music for a feature length animation. She is a 'tour de force' for Independent music and much loved across the UK. Come and see why.

'Seriously accomplished song writing' Bob Harris BBC Radio 2 Tickets also available from Arcadia Music Shop, Biggar.

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND YOUNG TRADITIONAL MUSICIAN AWARD 2016 SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER, Coulter Hall (23), 7.30pm (11pm), £10 / £6 conc

The sixteenth BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician Award Semi-Finals will be held in Coulter Hall on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm. Twelve young musicians from all over Scotland will compete to take part in the Finals at the prestigious Celtic Connections festival.

THE NUTCRACKER

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (14), 1.30pm (3pm), £8

A magical story told with glow in the dark puppets – by the internationally renowned "Purves Puppets" Now celebrating their 45th year in puppetry. A story of fantasy and magic, which inspired the world-famous ballet. This exciting puppet production with all the wonderful music introduces the children Clara and Fritz, the Court Magician, Drosselmayer the Storyteller, and many more characters including performing cats, dancing monkeys and of course the Nutcracker himself!

See the battle between the Three Headed Mouse King and the brave Nutcracker, the underwater ballet, and the waltz of the flowers! Spectacular effects, transformations and fantastic adventures make this story one not to be missed!

Suitable for all the family from 6 years. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or www.purvespuppets.com

ALSO SHOWING ON SATURDAY 17 AND 24 OCTOBER.

PIPS AND PANDA IN MAGICLAND

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (14), 1.30pm (3pm), £8

A magical story told with glow in the dark puppets – by the internationally renowned "Purves Puppets" Now celebrating their 45th year in puppetry. Pips the little monkey and silly old panda go on a journey to Magicland to find twinkle, Mr Magic's cheeky white rabbit. On the way they meet underwater creatures, watch wonderful magic tricks, and sing songs with the Music Man.

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

ALSO SHOWING ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER.

BIGGAR THEATRE'S WORKSHOP'S ONE ACT STAND

WEDNESDAY 14 TO SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm), Wednesday £8, Thursday, Friday & Saturday £10

A duo of dark comedies. Effie's Burning, by Valerie Windsor, is a powerful, tender and often funny exploration of Effie's life. Living in mental institutions since the age of 13, Effie is now being treated for severe burns, and as Dr Kovacs begins to understand Effie's story, she finds the key to her own suppressed anger and power.

Mr Kolpert is a murderously funny black comedy from David Giesemann. Ralf and Sarah are bored. They invite a couple of friends round for dinner. Is Mr Kolpert really in the trunk in the middle of the living room, or are they just playing games?

Recommended age 15 plus, contains scenes of violence, minor nudity and some strong language.



For The Kids

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



FOR THE KIDS

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NANNY MCPHEE – FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL CUSTARD PIE FIGHT!

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Biggar Puppet Theatre (14)

1.30pm to 3.20pm

£6 (all tickets)

Mr. Cedric Brown has just lost his wife and is now left with his seven children who misbehave so much that all the nannies have run away. Now he is told by a mysterious voice that he should get Nanny McPhee who is a magical woman with special powers.

Suitable for all the family from 5 years. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or www.purvespuppets.com

FOR THE KIDS



STORYTRAIL – WHIT THE CLOCKLEDDY HEARD BY JAMES ROBERTSON

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Departs Atkinson Pryce Book-shop (11), 2pm (3pm), FREE

Join us for 'Whit The Clockleddy Heard'. Come along to Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop to follow the story trail. This is suitable for all preschool and infant primary children accompanied by adults. **PART OF BIGGAR DAY OUT**

TWEENS CRAFT MAKING

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), 5.30pm to 6.30pm, £10 includes materials and refreshments

A fun and easy introduction to crafting. We will be focusing on Christmas craft with lots of great ideas for decorations and stocking fillers. You can make up to 7 items for the ticket price with the opportunity to making more items at a small additional cost.

Aimed at ages 6 to 16 but any age welcome with adult supervision.

TEENAGER WIREWORK JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), 5.30pm to 6.30pm, £12.50 includes materials and refreshments

A perfect workshop for budding jewellery makers. You will have the opportunity to learn how to make wirework jewellery with the guidance of an experienced jewellery crafter. All materials including beads, charms, fixings and findings are included in the price and will be supplied at the workshop. Then you can take your completed wirework jewellery home with you at the end of the session. Suitable for 12 to 18 years, adult consent required for under 16's.

TEENAGER FELT MOBILE PHONE COVER MAKING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), 6.30pm to 8.30pm, £24.50 per adult and £5 per accompanying child OR £10 for individual children without a paying adult. All paying participants will get a mobile cover. Includes materials and refreshments.

Learn how to use the ancient technique of felt work to create your own, unique, made to measure felt mobile phone cover. which you will be able to bring home at the end of the session. All high quality materials of Merino wool and Silk will be provided along with refreshments. Suitable for any age with parental consent required for under 16's. Under 10's require an adult to stay.

MR BOOM

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, St Mary's Hall (9),
11am to 12noon, £4

Mr Boom – the children's one man band – continues to arrive from the moon in the Space Ship Imagination. First arriving on planet earth in the once futuristic year 1984, he's been a constant ever since. Above all, his show brings joy - spontaneous interaction being the key element.

So mums and dads, grannies and granddads, give yourselves a treat and bring your wee earthling offspring 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". Suitable for children 3 to 8 years.



COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 11am (12.30pm), FREE

A family friendly drum circle facilitated by graduates of the UK Playshop training held annually at Wiston Lodge. All drums and percussion provided. Everyone welcome.

SHERLOCK HOMES AND THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS LETTER – CHILDREN'S PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Puppet Theatre (14), 11am to 2.30pm, £10 includes all materials, tuition and packed lunch

A puppet making workshop for children age 6+. Have fun making and performing with your puppet in this Sherlock Holmes adventure. Includes all materials, tuition and packed lunch. Limited places, must book - last year sold out!

Suitable for ages 6 to 11. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631.



MANHATTAN CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE LAST OF THE DRAGONS'

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 2.30pm (3.30pm) & 4.30pm (5.30pm), £5 per person

Whether you believe in Dragons or not, in the Kingdom of Middlefield, Dragons are real. For, in this kingdom, it is a tradition, that on a princess' sixteenth birthday, she is tied to a rock, kidnapped by a dragon, rescued by a prince and they both live happily ever after.

But what happens when the prince prefers knowledge to swords, the princess wants to do the rescuing herself, and the dragon refuses to do the kidnapping?

Manhattan Children's Theatre's fast paced, comedic adaptation of E. Nesbit's (The Railway Children) short story BREATHE LIFE, FRESH AIR and FIERY IMAGINATION for adults and children alike. Suitable for ages 3 and up.

Literature

ENJOY SOME CHAT
WITH SCOTTISH
WRITERS AND A
BIT OF WIT WITH
'HANG ON A TIC'

SUE LAWRENCE "THE QUEEN OF HOME BAKING" COMES TO TEA

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

Elphinstone Hotel (6)

3pm (5pm)

£9

Atkinson-Pryce Books and Biggar Flavour, winner of the Scottish Baking Awards "Scotland's Best Bakery 2014", invite you to an afternoon tea party with acclaimed Scottish food writer and journalist Sue Lawrence. Come along to hear her talk about baking, berries and other delicious delights. Ticket price includes talk and afternoon cream tea.

HANG ON A TIC.... IT'S JUST A MINUTE

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange
(2), 7.30pm (9pm) £6

A crafty combobulation, a whirligig of wicked wit, a perfect pot-pourri of paronomasia from our peerless panel. And all without repetition, hesitation or deviation... but with fun and laughter aplenty. Organised by Atkinson-Pryce Books.



LIN ANDERSON WITH ALEX GRAY & ALANNA KNIGHT AT BIGGAR LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Biggar Library (15)

7pm (9pm)

£6

Biggar Library invites you to meet the Femmes Fatales, Lin Anderson, Alex Gray and Alanna Knight, three feisty Scottish crime writers who present an entertaining evening discussing their approach to capturing Scottish fiction's darker side and reading from their latest books. Atkinson Pryce bookshop will be selling books to give you the opportunity to buy signed copies.

Dance

GO ON TRY SOMETHING
DIFFERENT.

DANCE

DANCE AND DANCEABILITY (1) JANE AUSTEN'S DANCES

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

St Mary's Hall (9)

10.45am to 1pm

£6. (£5 if booked with Dance and Danceability 2). Children under 12 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) "RHYTHMS, PATTERNS AND SHAPES

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

St Mary's Hall (9)

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!



Music

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

MUSIC

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SHINE YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE IN CONCERT

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £8

Shine Youth Music Theatre presents a selection of songs from stage and screen. This vibrant youth theatre sell-out productions wherever they go and look forward to entertaining crowds at Biggar Little Festival.

Suitable for all ages.



AN EVENING WITH EDDI READER

MUSIC

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

Municipal Hall (3)

Doors open 7pm for 8pm start

£25

For our main festival concert we are pleased to feature Scottish singer-songwriter Eddi Reader. Known both for her work with Fairground Attraction and for an enduring solo career she is the recipient of three BRIT Awards and has topped both the UK album and singles charts.

Eddi is one of Scotland's most popular artistes and we are looking forward to seeing her at our festival In Biggar. She will be joined by three of Scotland's top musicians for what promises to be one of our best concerts yet.

This event is kindly sponsored by the Elphinstone Hotel and Dalhart Pharmacy Ltd.



TRIBUTE TO JOHN MARTYN CONCERT

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER, Red Roads Music Cafe (Biggar Snooker Hall) (7),
Doors open 7.30pm. Concert 8pm (10.30pm), £10 (school age children £3)

Concert Tribute to John Martyn - featuring a selection of local musicians & stories from those who knew JM when he lived near Biggar. Hosted by PJ Lynch & Kieron O'Neill who held this event two years ago in Biggar to a full house. Some great music promised with special guests & a few laughs thrown in for good measure.



'LAZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON' ACOUSTIC CONCERT

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Red Road Music Cafe (Biggar Snooker Hall) (7), 2pm to 5pm, £5. School age free entry.

Wind down with a fine selection of local musicians & bands performing some sweet acoustic music. A great way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. **ALSO ON SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER. PART OF BIGGAR DAY OUT**

EASTFIELD AND HARTHILL FLUTE ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, St Mary's Hall (9), 7pm (9.30pm), £5 / £3 concessions

Interval Refreshments included in ticket price.

Come along and celebrate our 80th Anniversary year with a night of wonderful musical entertainment. The performance includes a varied programme of old favourites and popular songs as well as Individual Solo performances from our members.

PART OF BIGGAR DAY OUT



ANDY MUNRO & FRIENDS

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2),
7.30pm (9.30pm), £8

Singer songwriter and session drummer Andy Munro presents an array of original songs with the help of some seasoned musicians he's befriended over the decades. Scottish Country Folksy Funky Blues delivered by the AM Band with guest vocalist Flora Munro. Groove music guaranteed in the zone.

PART OF BIGGAR DAY OUT

BRASS BRINGS BIGGAR 'THE MOVIES'

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £3

An entertaining evening with a musical medley from film and theatre provided by the children of Coalburn Bronze Band and children from Whitburn Band and Leadhills Silver Band. **PART OF BIGGAR DAY OUT**

A close-up photograph of a woman with long brown hair, smiling as she plays a red and white striped concertina. She is wearing a black vest over a white lace-trimmed top and a necklace with green beads. Her hands are positioned on the keys and bellows of the instrument.

CLYDESDALE FOLK CLUB PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH SHARON SHANNON

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

Municipal Hall (3)

Doors open 7pm Concert 8pm

£16

Regarded as one of the most gifted and popular musicians of her time, Irish born Sharon Shannon is coming to Biggar for the first time, accompanied by multi instrumentalist Alan Connor for what promises to be a memorable concert.

This is one of the few occasions that Sharon will perform in Scotland so interest will be high. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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SHONA BROWN & NORTH ATLANTIC PROJECT

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

Gillespie Centre (1)

7.30pm (9.15pm)

£8 / £6 conc (OAP, student, unemployed, under 12)

Award-winning solo musician Shona Brown creates atmospheric songs and instrumentals by layering and looping haunting flute melodies, ethereal vocal harmonies and ambient electronic sounds. "Impressive and intriguing".

The North Atlantic Project: Dave Currie and Cheyenne Brown perform sublime bluegrass harp and Scottish dobro. "A flawless coming together of cross-genre, mixed influence, multi-cultural music."

MUSIC

BIGGAR LITTLE ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

Municipal Hall (3)

7.30pm (9.30pm)

£8 / £5 Conc (students & OAP's) £1 accompanied children under 16

The inaugural concert of the Biggar Little Orchestra formed of players from Biggar and the surrounding areas and conducted by Robert Dick. Classical music concert.

Festival Clubs

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 Heart & Home.

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER, The Crown Inn (8), 9pm till late

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER, The Elphinstone Hotel (6), 9pm till late

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER, The Elphinstone Hotel (6), 9pm till late

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, The Crown Inn (8), 9pm till late



OPEN STUDIOS TRAIL

OPEN STUDIOS

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 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

**1 West Row, Biggar, ML12 6BX
(B)
9.30am to 4pm**

Handcut stencil 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.



KEN & MOIRA RUSSELL

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

**Janefield, 2 Lindsaylands Road,
Biggar, ML12 6EQ (A)
10am to 4pm**

Meet Ken & Moira Russell in their newly extended studio & talk to them about their latest range of mixed media work (including some inspired by the local area) & the research that goes into producing it.



ELLEN MCCANN SCULPTURE

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

**Ministers Walk, Elsrickle, ML12
6QZ (N)
10am to 4pm**

Ellen has a studio in Elsrickle and draws inspiration from the surrounding landscape.

"My work is largely in welded steel and ceramics. I work directly with the material after initial drawings. I focus on points of change, for example; decaying wood, flowing water and fragile forms in nature. The artistic challenge is one of capturing a dynamic, inevitable process at a particular point in time, representing that in a static form."

Ellen has exhibited regularly at exhibitions in the U.K. and invites you to visit her studio and garden to view a variety of sculptures and drawings. Some pieces are for sale.



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**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

Forge Cottage, Kilbucho,
Broughton, Biggar, ML12 6JQ
(K)
10am to 4pm

Rebecca is a hyperrealism artist completing equine commissions but is now widely known for her 'BECKSY' pieces, completed in oil with a palette knife, these sought after paintings are fabulously vivid and painted with momentum and passion
Come and see work in progress and finished pieces of work.

THE OLD SCHOOL, STOBO

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

The Old School, Stobo EH45
8NU (L)
10am to 4pm

Mark has been designing and making harps for over 20 years. His craftsmanship and attention to detail make his harps truly beautiful and are favoured by many leading players.
Colin designs and makes stunning furniture using local hardwoods. He also makes a collection of smaller pieces in wood. Come and see work in progress and finished pieces of work.

BIGGAR BOTANICAL ART GROUP

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

Fernbank Cottage, West Row,
Biggar ML12 6BX (C)
10am to 4pm

The wonderful trees of life is the Botanical theme this year. At Fernbank cottage we exhibit And a welcome you'll find there.



MADAINN ART GROUP

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

**Symington Village Hall (D)
10am to 4.30pm**

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.



SARAH DAWNAY

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

**Symington House, Biggar Road,
Symington, Biggar ML12 6LW
(E)
10am to 5pm**

Sarah Dawnay has studied under Robin Child, Arthur Neal and Carol Taylor. She is a member of the Madainn Group and over the last 10 years her work has developed from representational watercolours to more abstract oils, acrylics and collages, influenced by artists such as Diebenkorn and de Staal.



JULIE (MENZIES) MORRIS

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

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

Julie invites you to come and view her watercolour paintings. She is inspired by the Scottish landscape and rural life. Small paintings (framed and unframed) and limited edition prints will be available for sale. Other works will be on display.



SUSHEILA JAMIESON

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

Beechwood, Rachan, by
Broughton ML12 6HH (J)
10am to 5pm

Local professional sculptor/artist/arts educator Susheila Jamieson invites you to visit studios and garden at Rachan. Sculptures, mosaics and new work in progress will be on display as well as examples of public art and school and community projects. All artwork for sale.



KAY BOOTON

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

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

Kay works in acrylic, oil and mixed media. The majority of her 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 may even be offered the opportunity to have a go yourself on the visitors easel!

A friendly welcome with tea, coffee and home baking awaits you!

Tel: 07814258495 for more information



KIRSTEN HARRIS

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

Berry Knowe Cottage,
Westsidewood, Carnwath,
South Lanarkshire ML11 8LJ (G)
10am to 5pm

An exhibition of artwork at my studio near Carnwath. Original large and small oil paintings and drawings. Plus a new series of cartoons 'The Tartan Army' and 'Stop and Smell the Roses' Shetland Pony series inspired by my miniature Shetland Pony. Original artwork from £20.00



CAROL TAYLOR

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

Holmview Cottage, 32 Gateside Road,
Crawfordjohn, By Biggar ML12 6SX (M)
10am to 6pm

Carol lives and works full-time in her new cottage and studio where you can view her local landscape and seascape paintings. She lives on the edge of Crawfordjohn, nestled in the hills in beautiful countryside, a constant inspiration for her new paintings, only a 3 minute drive from junction 13 off the M74 motorway and 15 miles from Biggar.

Tel: 01864 504232

Crawfordjohn has a great wee pub, the Colebrooke Arms, which is hosting a show of Carol's artwork during the festival. 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.



MANSEFIELD ARTS & CRAFTS

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY
18 OCTOBER**

Mansefield, Manse Road,
Symington (F)
11am to 5pm

We have a selection of hand made mini albums and paper crafts, original paintings, hand knitted crafts and some other crafts for you to browse through.



Theatre

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



THEATRE

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MacBraveheart

The Other
Scottish Play

by Philip Differ

MACBRAVEHEART THE OTHER SCOTTISH PLAY BY PHILIP DIFFER

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 8pm to 10pm, £13

MacBraveheart brings together the stories of Macbeth and Braveheart in a comedy that blends historical drama with current political satire.

After a drink of the sacred swally (Buckfast) a witch convinces William Wallace, against the advice of his pal, Robert Burns, to murder his master, Robert the Bruce, before he names 'the Salmond' as his successor. The script is brilliantly written, the traditional style associated with Macbeth interspersed with modern Scots slang and contemporary references, and delivered with perfect comic timing.

Following rave reviews from Edinburgh Festival 2014, don't miss the opportunity to see this hilarious production at Biggar Little Festival!

'Manages to lampoon MacBeth, Braveheart, Burns, the language and with rampant anachronisms and modern references the whole genre of historical drama. It's an uninterrupted delight'. The Stage Recommended for 16 years and upwards.

THEATRE

"TOUCHING CLOTH" BY JOHN HUGHES

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Corn Exchange (2)

7.30pm (9.30pm)

£8

Set in the 1980's in the Glasgow Shipyards this comedy follows the lives of John, Paul, George and Shug as they philosophise about life waiting in line for the toilet practically "touching cloth". Great one liners to have you laughing non-stop and a great insight to life in the shipyards.

Suitable for age 16 upwards.

ELAINE C SMITH

“BURDZ EYE VIEW SHOW”

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

Corn Exchange (2)

7.30pm (9.30pm)

£18

Elaine C Smith the comedienne, actress, singer, writer, raconteur, political activist and star of Rab C Nesbitt comes to Biggar with a new one woman show - a brilliant mix of intelligent stand-up, storytelling and music adapted from her recent TV success “A Burdz Eye View”. A great performance from one of Scotland’s most popular entertainers. Absolutely not one to be missed!

‘Elaine C Smith is a National Treasure’ (Herald).

‘Elaine C Smith is a Scottish Institution. But so are Barlinnie and dodgy banks’ (Ian Pattison, Creator of Rab C Nesbitt).

Suitable for age 18 and upwards.

This event is kindly sponsored by Sainsbury’s.

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'IF THESE SPASMS COULD SPEAK'

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 8pm to 9pm, £8

We know you want to look, to stare even. It's OK. You're allowed...

An outstanding solo performance based on a collection of funny, sad, touching and surprising stories about disabled people and their bodies.

Created and performed by Robert Softley, it exposes a truth behind bodies that differ from the norm. His own narrative – told with wry humour, charm and sincerity – is woven through with monologues in an engaging and highly charismatic way. It is both a challenge to society's perceptions and desire for classifications, and a celebration of being alive.

A sell-out hit at festivals and events across the UK, Brazil, India and throughout Europe, 'If These Spasms Could Speak' is a tender and uplifting theatre experience. Suitable for age 14 upwards.



THEATRE

MOSTLY....

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (9pm), £7

A workshop production of scenes from musicals and operas featuring local actors and singers. Includes music from Oklahoma, Candide and other favourites.



SHAKESPEARE AT TRAQUAIR PRESENT THE HERBAL BED BY PETER WHELAN

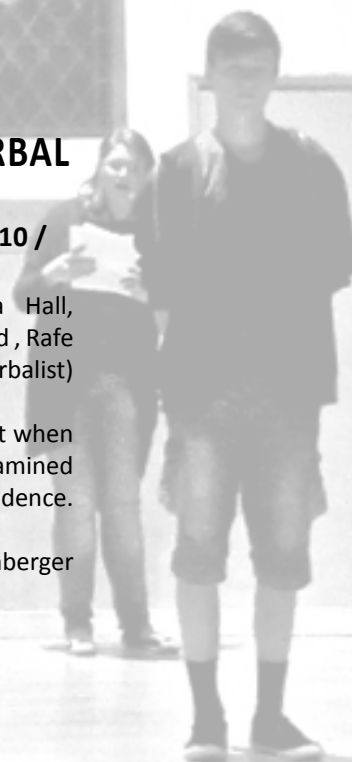
SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm), £10 / £8 Conc (Students, OAP's, Income Support)

1613: an atmosphere of intense religious Puritanism. Susanna Hall, Shakespeare's daughter, is publicly accused of adultery with family friend, Rafe Smith. Her husband, Dr John Hall, (a distinguished physician and herbalist) urges her to sue for slander in the court of Worcester Cathedral.

How can she explain Smith leaving the garden surreptitiously one night when Dr Hall was away from home? The events of that fateful night are examined with searching scrutiny in this gripping thriller based on documented evidence.

(This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Limited)

Suitable for age 12 and over. PG.





BIGGAR DAY OUT

**SUNDAY
18TH OCTOBER**

Various venues

12noon to 5pm

FREE

Street entertainment? Food & craft fair? Yes its Biggar Day Out once again as 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 others our aim is to provide a family feast of fun day out. What do you want to do? How about taking part in an event, rummaging through the food & craft fair, letting the kids go off exploring in our storytelling trail 'Whit The Clockleddy Heard' or getting them on the bouncy castle to burn off some energy?

For those with less energy 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.

Biggar Day Out is kindly sponsored by Story Homes.



BIGGAR DAY OUT

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 of local crafts and foods. We will also be serving teas, coffees and scrumptious home baking at St Mary's Hall.

BIGGAR DAY OUT

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, 'Sambalistic', 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 'Whit The Clockleddy Heard' walk, while Dad's may want to soak up some of the atmosphere and sample some of the real ales at the Beer festival. We are also expecting a visit from those madcap street entertainers Mischief La Bas so keep your eyes peeled for madness and mayhem on the streets!

THEATRE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (14), 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!

BOOKS, ART AND PRINTS SALE

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (14), 10.30am to 4pm, FREE

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

BIGGAR MASONIC LODGE & MUSEUM

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Masonic Lodge (17), 11am to 4pm, Free entry. Donations welcome.

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

ALSO OPEN SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 11AM TO 4PM.

FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Biggar Kirk (5), 11.15am to 12.15 noon

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

ALBION MUSEUM OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, The Albion Museum, North Back Road (16), 12noon to 4pm, FREE Donations welcome

Follow the history of the Albion motors Company who had their origins in Biggar.

ALSO OPEN SATURDAYS 17 & 24 10AM TO 4PM AND SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 12NOON TO 4PM.

HENNA PAINTING

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, The Taj Mahal (10), 12noon to 3.30pm, Prices vary

On the Biggar Day Out bring your hands and arms let the girls paint them using henna which since the bronze ages has been used to celebrate festivals. This is alternative to a permanent tattoo. Bring in your own design or choose from the ones available and let the girls do the magic. The money raised at this event will be donated to charity. Last year's total raised was £404.77 so come along and let's beat this total. Henna paint is not suitable for anyone with an allergy to henna. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

BIGGAR GASWORKS MUSEUM STEAM DAY

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Biggar Gas Works (18), 12noon to 4.30pm, FREE

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

BIGGAR LITTLE BEER FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Bamboo Fusion, 110A High Street, Biggar (4), 12.30pm to 10pm, Free Entry

Back by popular demand! Biggar Little Beer Festival will once again host its very popular Beer Festival giving you a chance to sample traditional crafted beers from throughout the UK with a strong focus on Scottish Brewers.

ALSO OPEN ON FRIDAY 16 (6PM TO 11PM) AND SATURDAY 17 (12.30PM TO 11PM)

OPEN STAGE

SUNDAY 18 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 – WHIT THE CLOCKLEDDY HEARD BY JAMES ROBERTSON

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Departs Atkinson Pryce Book-shop (11), 2pm (3pm), FREE

Join us for 'Whit The Clockleddy Heard'. Come along to Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop to follow the story trail. This is suitable for all preschool and infant primary children accompanied by adults.

'LAZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON' ACOUSTIC CONCERT

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Red Road Music Cafe (Biggar Snooker Hall) (7), 2pm to 5pm, £5. School age free entry.

Wind down with a fine selection of local musicians & bands performing some sweet acoustic music. A great way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. **ALSO ON SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER.**

BIGGAR DAY OUT

EASTFIELD AND HARTHILL FLUTE ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, St Mary's Hall (9), 7pm (9.30pm), £5 / £3 concessions

Interval Refreshments included in ticket price.

Come along and celebrate our 80th Anniversary year with a night of wonderful musical entertainment. The performance includes a varied programme of old favourites and popular songs as well as Individual Solo performances from our members.

ANDY MUNRO & FRIENDS

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £8

Singer songwriter and session drummer Andy Munro presents an array of original songs with the help of some seasoned musicians he's befriended over the decades. Scottish Country Folksy Funky Blues delivered by the AM Band with guest vocalist Flora Munro. Groove music guaranteed in the zone.

BRASS BRINGS BIGGAR "THE MOVIES"

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £3

An entertaining evening with a musical medley from film and theatre provided by the children of Coalburn Bronze Band and children from Whitburn Band and Leadhills Silver Band.



Arts, Crafts & Workshops

FROM CRAFT TO SPIRITUAL ARTS, YOU
SHOULD FIND SOMETHING TO GET CREATIVE
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PAINTING CHALLENGE WITH ALEX

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (14), 10am (2pm) , £20 includes all materials, tuition and lunch

Local Lanarkshire artist Alex Doak will guide you through different techniques of drawing and painting in different mediums. Get a chance to paint in the gardens and also inside the Puppet Theatre auditorium. For beginners to advanced – includes all materials and lunch. Limited places, so book ahead.

Suitable for age 16 to adult. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or www.purvespuppets.com

JIKIDEN REIKI

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER, Biggar Library Conference Room (15), 7pm to 8pm , FREE

Jikiden Reiki is a simple, effective hand healing art which engages the body's own natural healing ability. Ruth Hinks shares her experiences as a practitioner and assistant teacher of Jikiden Reiki.

Suitable for age 14 upwards.

TROUT AT TRANSITION:RIVERSIDE ART TRAIL

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER, Meet by the ford in the Burnbraes park , 11am to 12noon, Free

Come and join the Clyde River Foundation to celebrate the opening of a riverside art trail created by pupils from Biggar High School. The installation is the final piece from Trout at Transition – a collaborative project between Biggar High School, the Clyde River Foundation and artist Holly Keasey that encouraged children to develop a sense of pride in their local environment through an interdisciplinary approach to ecology. The art in the trail was inspired by fieldwork at the nearby Mouse, Camps and Glengonnar Waters.

We will meet in Burnbraes Park and follow the trail to Biggar High School.

MATERIAL WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), 6.45pm to 8.45pm , £15 includes materials and refreshments

This is a fun and easy craft workshop, ideal for all abilities. Design and make your own material wreath. All materials and accessories will be provided along with a refreshment.

Any age welcome but parental supervision required for under 16 years.

FELT HANDBAG MAKING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), 6.30pm to 8.30pm, £19 includes materials and refreshments

Learn how to use the ancient technique of felt work to create your own, absolutely unique, felt Clutch Handbag which you will be able to bring home at the end of the session. All high quality materials of Merino wool and Silk will be provided along with refreshments.

Suitable for 16 years and over.

WIREWORK RING JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER , heART & Home (12), 6.45pm to 9.15pm, £32.50 includes materials and refreshments

Beginners and advanced jewellery crafters alike will enjoy this unique workshop where you will have the opportunity to learn how to make wirework jewellery rings from an experienced crafter. The jewellery rings will be made from your choice of silver, bronze or brass. All materials are included in the price along with refreshments. Suitable for over 16 years.

BLOCK PRINTING

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER, Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH (22), 10am to 3pm, £65 includes materials, refreshments and delicious home baking

Using wood carving tools and techniques, design and carve an MDF panel, then ink up and take a series of prints from the carved panel. Take home carved wood block and prints.

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

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH (22), 10am to 4pm, £65 includes materials, refreshments and delicious home baking

This workshop led by Susheila 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

SONGWRITING & SINGING/VOCAL PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, Red Roads Music Cafe (7), 10am to 12.30pm Songwriting Workshop, 1pm to 3.30pm Singing / vocal performance workshop, £12 for each workshop or £20 if booking both

Songwriter PJ Lynch hosts two special workshops exploring the craft & secrets of coming up with a good song (we all have one in there somewhere!)..then how to make the most of your voice, including the best way to sing into a microphone.

Tickets also available from Arcadia Music Shop.

BURNSIDE CRAFTERS

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, 12 Burnside Terrace, Biggar ML12 6BY (21), 1pm to 5pm, Free admission

A selection of hand-crafted artisan pieces by some of the residents of Burnside Terrace, including beach glass candle holders, pottery, upcycled furniture, upholstered stools, textiles and original photographs. All works are for sale and some may be ordered.

ALSO OPEN SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 1PM TO 5PM.

STONE CARVING

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH(22), 10am to 4pm, £85 includes all materials, refreshments and delicious home baking

Stone carving is engaging, fun, challenging and therapeutic ! This one day workshop introduces participants to stone carving techniques using hand tools. The workshop is held in a 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

BORDERLINES CREATIVE WRITING GROUP FREE TASTER SESSION

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (upstairs) (2), 10.30am to 11.30am, FREE

A free fun and informal meeting for people who write or want to write.

- Stimulate your imagination
- Develop confidence and expertise
- Poetry, short stories, fiction, life writing or just interested in the possibilities

Give it a go or you'll never know. Everyone welcome.

RAG RUG MAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), 12.30pm to 5pm, £37.50 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.

GUARDIAN ANGEL WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Fairy Yurt, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar ML12 6NR (20), 1.30pm - 5pm, £40

Local Author and Angel Channel Alphedia will teach you how to connect with your own Guardian Angels. You will learn what Angels are, how to communicate with them as well as receiving personal channelled messages from your Angels. Alphedia will teach you about your sixth sense and how the Angels try to communicate with you. You will learn about Angel signs and the areas of your life your Angels can help you in. You will receive a crystal to help improve Angelic communications as well as going on guided meditations to open your chakras and to meet your own Guardian Angel and receive a colour healing. This workshop is about empowering you spiritually and deepening your connection to the Angelic realm. It is a good workshop for beginners and those interested in allowing the Angels into your life.

Places limited, bookings can also be made direct with Alphedia on 01899 229252.

COMING HOME INTO OUR BODIES

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Gillespie Centre (upstairs)(1), 2pm to 4pm, £10

Find ways to connect to your body and discover how you are in the present moment. Guided exploration using mindfulness, body awareness, movement and partner work. No previous experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own blanket/cushion. This workshop will be led by Sona Zackova, Somatic Movement Therapist.

LEARNING ABOUT CRYSTALS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

Fairy Yurt, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar ML12 6NR (20), 7pm to 10pm, £30

In this new workshop Spiritual Author Alphedia will introduce you to the magical world of crystals. You will learn what crystals are, connect with different crystal types learning how to use them for healing and how to meditate with them. She will also show you how crystals open up your sixth sense, introduce you to Crystal Beings and take you on guided meditations with crystals.

Crystals can harmonise your living space and bring balance, peace and calm into your life and have been used for thousands of years in various cultures. Includes 2 crystals to take home. Suitable for age 16 and upwards.



NANNY MCPHEE FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL CUSTARD PIE FIGHT!

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

**Biggar Puppet Theatre
(14)**

1.30pm to 3.20pm

£6 (all tickets)

Mr. Cedric Brown has just lost his wife and is now left with his seven children who misbehave so much that all the nannies have run away. Now he is told by a mysterious voice that he should get Nanny McPhee who is a magical woman with special powers.

Suitable for all the family from 5 years. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or www.purvespuppets.com.



THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Biggar Puppet Theatre (14)

7.30pm (9.30pm)

**£6 includes a free glass of
wine**

As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel. With the first hotel proving a huge success, he needs to buy another to accommodate new guests Guy (Richard Gere) and Lavinia (Tamsin Grieg), while Evelyn (Judi Dench) and Douglas (Bill Nighy) have joined the workforce. Chaos ensues as the attempt to plan a traditional Indian wedding threatens to engulf them all.

Also starring Maggie Smith, 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' is a charming ensemble comedy which brings fresh faces to the series. Ticket includes free glass of wine!



BIGGAR LITTLE CINEMA 'WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY'

FRIDAY 30 & SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Corn Exchange (2)

7.30pm (9.30pm)

£6

Biggar Little Cinema bring the screening of 'What We Did on Our Holiday' A BBC comedy film starring David Tennant, Rosamund Pike, and Billy Connolly. The film is directed by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin, the makers of the BBC TV series 'Outnumbered'.

Doug and Abi are taking their three children on a trip to Scotland for a big family gathering. They are in the midst of a difficult divorce, and have asked the kids to keep it a secret from their extended family. But as the inevitable feuds kick in, a completely unexpected turn of events involving the children causes further tensions to rise to the surface. And with the repercussions that ensue - hilarious and emotional in equal measure - the family are forced to put aside their differences and work together or else risk losing what they hold most dear.

The film received praise from the critics as a classic British comedy. 'The script has winning sentimentality and a morbidly funny Ealing flavour. [It has] sincerity and genuine charm': The Telegraph.

What We Did on Our Holiday was filmed on location in Glasgow and the Scottish Highlands between 27th June and 2nd August 2013. The film was released in the UK on 26th September 2014.

Tickets only available from Hamilton's Newsagents, Biggar.

Film

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OUR LOCAL MUSEUMS WILL BE OPEN

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

PUPPETRY MUSEUM TOUR AT BIGGAR PUPPET THEATRE

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (14), 11am to 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.

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 19 OCTOBER

The Taj Mahal (10)

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

Prices vary

A once a year opportunity to enjoy the delights of authentic homemade meals that will be cooked by the ladies supervised by our own chef. Sample the saag, try the tasty tender lamb chops and fill yourselves with a range of mouth watering scrumptious dishes from the 5 course banquet meal. Menu will be available to view online @www.tajmahal-biggar.co.uk from October 2015.

**ALSO AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY 20
OCTOBER.** Advance booking essential
on 01899 220801.

BIGGAR LITTLE BEER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Bamboo Fusion, 110A High Street, Biggar (4)

6pm to 11pm

Free Entry

Back by popular demand! Biggar Little Beer Festival will once again host its very popular Beer Festival giving you a chance to sample traditional crafted beers from throughout the UK with a strong focus on Scottish Brewers.

ALSO OPEN ON SATURDAY 17 (12PM TO 11PM)

AND SUNDAY 18 (12.30PM TO 10PM)

18's and over.

Exhibitions

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

biggART EXHIBITION

MONDAY 12 TO SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Gillespie Centre (1), Mon to Sat 10am to 4pm, Sun 12noon to 4pm, FREE

So much creativity is here in Biggar which may be inspired by landscape, people or ideas. This exhibition is a chance to see what is happening. We have groups and individuals using traditional methods and also those who push the boundaries of thought and materials, like Sally Andrews, this year's guest artist. Having just graduated, Sally is excited about bringing something new and different to the festival. She doesn't mind if you think her work is good or bad as long as you think about the positioning of its objects and ask why?

ART EXHIBITION MUSIC THEME

THURSDAY 15 TO SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Red Roads Music Cafe (Biggar Snooker Hall) (7), Weekdays 6-8pm, Weekends 1-4pm

In collaboration with Space Artworks & their gallery based in Morningside - '100 Small Works', where 100 people with different skills and backgrounds create and exhibit their work at the Space Artworks gallery from mid July until the end of August with music as the main theme. We are delighted that the exhibition will then transfer to Biggar for the duration of the festival.

BIGGAR HIGH SCHOOL ART AND DESIGN STREET GALLERY

THURSDAY 15 TO SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

This year it's Biggar High School from S1-S6 who will delight you with their creativity. Thanks goes to the kind co-operation of Biggar High Street shops and premises. Enjoy!

OPEN STUDIO OF LOCAL HANDMADE CRAFT AND ART

THURSDAY 15 TO SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, heART & Home (12), Daily 9.30am to 5.30pm, FREE

Over 100 local crafters and artists displaying a bespoke collection of their work for your viewing (and purchasing!) pleasure.

DANCING LIGHT GALLERY ART EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 15 TO SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Dancing Light Gallery, Whitmuir 'The Organic Place' by Lamancha, West Linton EH46 7BB (27), Daily 10am to 5pm, FREE

A mixed exhibition of contemporary art. Something for everyone and includes paintings, ceramics, sculptures, woodwork, jewellery, textiles and glass.

THE FLORA & FUNGI OF SCOTLAND

THURSDAY 15 TO SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

Colbrooke Arms, 7 Main Street, Crawfordjohn, by Biggar ML12 6SS (25), Thurs, Fri 5pm to Midnight, Sat, Sun 12.30pm to Midnight, FREE

An exhibition by local artist Carol Taylor MA RCA. Limited edition giclee prints of dried wild flower specimens, Fungi, Lichens etc photographed through a microscope, will be on show at the Colbrooke Arms. Carol's studio is also open during the BLF Artists open Studios trail. Everyone receives a warm welcome at the Colbrooke Arms with its log fire and friendly atmosphere. Meals & drinks served daily, open Thurs, Fri - 5pm, Sat, Sun -12.30pm, food served until 8pm and closes at Midnight.

All artwork is for sale, 10% will be given to the Museum at the Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture which will be open during the weekends of the festival. www.crawfordjohn.org. Nestled in the hills in beautiful countryside, the village of Crawfordjohn is only a 3 minute drive from junction 13 off the M74. motorway and 15 miles from Biggar.

MEDWYN ART EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 16 TO SUNDAY 18, SATURDAY 24 AND SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, Masonic Hall (17) (next to Cones & Candies)

Friday 12noon to 4pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm , FREE

THE HORSE & HOUND EXHIBITION – ARTWORK BY ANJ ART ANIMAL PORTRAITURE

FRIDAY 16, SATURDAY 17 AND SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, Gillespie Centre (upstairs) (1), Friday 7pm to 9.30pm, Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Anj invites you to her solo exhibition which captures the characters of man's best friends – the Horse and the Hound. Come along to her special opening evening on Friday 16th October, bring your friends and family to view Anj's work before anyone else, enjoy a glass of wine and be in with a chance to win one of her paintings. The first 30 people will receive a unique goody bag!

The exhibition continues over the weekend and gives you an opportunity to meet the artist in a friendly and informal atmosphere. Originals, prints, cards, mugs and plaques for sale.

BIGGAR CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER , Biggar Youth Project, Clydesdale Close (19) 11am to 5pm, FREE

Biggar Camera Club Photographic Exhibition and Photographic Events.

THE SOUND OF CRAWFORDJOHN

SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, The Old Church, Crawfordjohn, Biggar ML12 6SS (26), 2pm to 7pm, Donations welcome

An exhibition in Crawfordjohn Heritage Museum to recognise the wealth of musical talent originating from the small community of Crawfordjohn. Steven Johnstone, a local musician, has composed some original pieces of music and recorded them to CD along with 7 other talented artists. A display in the Museum profiles these local musicians and musical events which have taken place in the village over the years. The exhibition embraces the rich musical heritage of the area.

Post-Festival Events

THE CONCERT IN THE KIRK

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER, Biggar Kirk (5), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £6

A concert by the Coalburn Silver Band and Biggar Singers in the atmospheric setting of historical Biggar Kirk. Formed in 1902 as a public subscription band, Coalburn Silver Band is now the only surviving brass band in the South Lanarkshire area, having its roots in the coal mining industry.

'WE'LL UKE AGAIN – THE DUKES OF UKE PERFORM HITS FROM THE BLITZ.

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER, Crawfordjohn Village Hall (24), 7.30pm (10pm), £8

The Dukes of Uke celebrate 70 years of the end of World War II with a selection of well-loved songs from the War period. This show is a fundraiser for the Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Museum.

POST-FESTIVAL

HAT MAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 01 NOVEMBER, heART & Home (12), £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. 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 one of the lovely Biggar cafe's. Suitable for over 16 years.

'WE'LL UKE AGAIN – THE DUKES OF UKE PERFORM HITS FROM THE BLITZ.

SATURDAY 6 & SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER, Corn Exchange (2), 7.30pm (10pm), £8

The Dukes of Uke celebrate 70 years of the end of World War II with a selection of well-loved songs from the War period.

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 Bamboo Fusion
- 5 Biggar Kirk
- 6 Elphinstone Hotel
- 7 Red Roads Music Cafe
- 8 The Crown Inn
- 9 St Mary's Hall
- 10 Taj Mahal
- 11 Atkinson – Pryce Bookshop
- 12 heART & Home
- 13 British Legion Hall
- 14 Biggar Puppet Theatre
- 15 Biggar High School & Library
- 16 Albion Museum
- 17 Masonic Hall and Lodge
- 18 Biggar Gasworks
- 19 Biggar Youth Project
- 20 Fairy Yurt, Lindsaylands Road
- 21 Burnside Crafters, 12 Burnside Terrace

Venues outside Biggar

- 22 Rachan by Broughton
- 23 Coulter Hall
- 24 Crawfordjohn Village Hall
- 25 Colbrooke Arms, Crawfordjohn
- 26 Crawfordjohn Heritage Museum
- 27 Dancing Light Gallery, Lamancha

Open Studios – Please also see separate Artists Trail leaflet
Biggar - A Ken Russell / Moira Russell, B Paul Rodger Design, C Biggar Botanical Art
Symington - D Madainn Art Group, E Sarah Dawnay
F Mansfield Arts & Crafts
Carnwath / West End - G Kirsten Harris,
H Julie (Menzies) Morris
Roberton - I Kay Booton
Rachan / Stobo - J Susheila Jamieson, K BECKSY,
L The Old School
Crawfordjohn - M Holmview Cottage
Elsrickle - Ellen McCann N



Sally grew up on a smallholding in Yorkshire. She had a successful career as an architectural technician then interior and furniture designer. Before love brought her to Biggar when she married a local. Then in 2010 she was accepted to Edinburgh School of Art. A life-changing event, which she found surprisingly tough in part due to the need to question every long held belief.

She graduated in 2014 with a first class degree with honours and is now feeling her way as a professional artist though she feels she is not yet the finished article.

Sally Andrews Guest Artist

This fascination with food, and specifically the imagery used by the food industry to target and manipulate the female consumer, inspires the materials used in her work. Sugar, food additives, flour and other powdered foodstuffs are used to create her sculptures.

The sculptures themselves take inspiration from the space in which they are going to be displayed. By playing with the associations between objects and their surroundings Sally wants to challenge the unspoken rules of symmetry and layout.

Sally loves the area, but as a keen gardener sometimes struggles with the weather despite it being similar to where she grew up.

She is a fan of the festival and has been to many events. Her previous involvement included being a member of Biggar's Maddain Group prior to going to studying. She was also part of the Biggar Public Art Group which installed sculptures by the boating pond.

Having just graduated she is excited with the opportunity presented by being this year's guest artist and is excited about bringing something new and different to the festival. She doesn't mind if you think her work is good or bad as long as you think about the positioning of it objects and ask why.

See Sally's work at the biggART Exhibition.

