Celebrating the Arts
18 - 28 OCTOBER
Another year has flashed by and I find it very hard to believe that I have been the Chair of Biggar Little Festival for 10 years already. It is a challenging and interesting role made easier by having such a great team on our Committee helping, advising and telling me what I need to do and, occasionally, what I shouldn’t!
I have spent some weeks travelling through Europe this year and have been heartened to come across so many arts and cultural festivals, not just in the large cities, but also in smaller towns and villages. This just goes to strengthen my view that Biggar Little Festival is on the right track. As a genuine community event with great local support and participation it has a bright future ahead of it.
Our 2017 festival was a great success with a varied programme of excellent events, a busy Biggar Day Out and an excitingly varied Artists’ Studios Trail. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success, especially those who were new to the festival – we look forward to seeing you again this year.
I feel that once again we have put together an interesting and varied programme of events in 2018 with something to suit all tastes. We are privileged this year to be working in partnership with Edinburgh Festival Fringe on new ticketing arrangements. We are embracing new technology and will be introducing a new ticketing system for most events. This will allow us to be much more streamlined in our approach to ticket sales, including online sales, telephone sales and a physical Box Office.
It remains only for me to thank our sponsors, great funders and patrons for helping to make this financially viable, to all event organisers and members for their participation, our volunteers for their hard work and to our committee. Without their determination, time, effort, passion, commitment and dedication to the cause, nothing would happen.
Everyone has contributed and worked tirelessly to put this year’s festival together and I thank them for their commitment and support. None of this would be possible, of course, without the continued support of our lovely audiences. Thanks to you from us all for attending our events and supporting our festival.

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 and tickets are available on-line at www.biggarlittlefestival.com or you can call Ticket Sales on 0131 226 0001 or the Festival Information service on 07593 344065.

The Festival Box Office is located in the CORN EXCHANGE, 126 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DH from Saturday 06 October. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and it will also be open on Sunday 21 October (Biggar Day Out) from 12noon to 4pm.

Please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets for many events are available to purchase on line (Booking fee applies to all purchases. Please see the website for details). Tickets for some events may be available on the door, please check with the Box Office.

Disability Access
Some though not all of our venues are wheelchair accessible and suitable facilities are available where possible. Our staff and volunteers are on hand to assist as required. Please let us know if you have any accessibility requirements.

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• Lesley Armstrong for collating this year’s programme.

• Sarah Peters at Douglas Design & Print for designing the programme.
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**YOUR QUICK GUIDE, DAY BY DAY, TO ALL THE FESTIVAL EVENTS.**

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There are a few exciting events taking place before the festival, which we think are worthy of mention.

The Concert for Brownsbank 2018: Aidan O’Rourke, Kit Downes & James Robertson with their "365 Special" show of stories and music

Friday 12th October,
Corn Exchange (1), 7.30pm (10pm), £15 / £12 Concession for students
An evening of fine music and words with remarkable musicians Aidan O’Rourke, Kit Downes and former Brownsbank fellow, author James Robertson. Brownsbank Cottage at Candymill was the home of poet Hugh MacDiarmid, a significant Scottish cultural figure of the 20th Century. All profits from this event will go to securing MacDiarmid’s Brownsbank for present and future generations.
NESSIE THE LOCH NESS MONSTER
SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER, Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm), £10/£8 Children
Our production combines humour, dance and the most exciting traditional Scottish music to tell the story of a boy called Hughie McDhui, who meets a girl called Mairi Glengarry, who is running away from her wicked uncle - Naggie McCraggie.
Along the way they are caught up in the world of Spike the hedgehog, where animals talk, sing and even form rock groups! It is here that they make friends with Nessie, the famous monster from the loch, who talks with a Scottish upper class accent and is an expert at dodging research submarines!
The story ends with an unforgettable climax at the spooky Castle Urquhart! (Age 5 – 101!)
Suitable for all the family from 5-101 years. Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or www.purvespuppets.com
Also showing on Tuesday 16 at 1.30pm and Saturday 27 at 1.30pm.
FOR THE KIDS

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

NESSIE THE LOCH NESS MONSTER
SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER  Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm),
Adults £10/Children £8
ALSO SHOWING ON TUESDAY 16 AT 1.30PM AND SATURDAY 27 AT 1.30PM
PLEASE SEE PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS FOR FULL LISTING

PUPPETEERING FOR A DAY
THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER  Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 11am (2pm), £15 includes lunch
Have a fun day with Purves Puppets –Making a simple puppet and trying your hand at puppeteering in the ultraviolet on our stage. (ages 7 -12).
Children only - adults can come back later and see the performance! Children need black clothing - long sleeved black top and trousers.

PIPS AND PANDA IN MAGICLAND
FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER  Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1.30pm (3pm), Adults £10/Children £8
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!
Especially for ages 1-6 years
Tickets available from the Puppet Theatre on 01899 220631 or www.purvespuppets.com
ALSO SHOWING ON SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, 11AM.
CHILDREN’S ART WORKSHOP – MAKE A SQUIRREL GAME TO TAKE AND PLAY
SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, Biggar Library (12), 1.30pm (3.30pm), £14
Find acorns as a wild squirrel in a simple tabletop game that you’ll make and take home to keep. Learn to play by taking part in a large scale foraging game before making your very own pocket sized version to share with friends and family. Workshop leader: Tom Sudall
Suitable for ages 6 to 11. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

TIGER TEA PARTY
SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, Atkinson Pryce Bookshop (10), 3pm (4pm), FREE

CHILDREN’S ART WORKSHOP – MAKE A GAME OF ‘ROBIN’ TO TAKE AND PLAY
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER, Biggar Library (12), 1.30pm (3.30pm), £14
Become a wild bird in search of worms in a simple tabletop game that you’ll make and take home.
Learn to play by taking part in a large scale game and then make your very own pocket sized version of ‘Robin’ to keep and share with friends and family. Workshop leader: Tom Sudall
Suitable for ages 6 to 11. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.
PUPPETRY MUSEUM TOUR
SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER,
Biggar Puppet Theatre (11), 1pm (lasts 45 mins), £3
Come along and enjoy an interesting guided tour of our extensive puppetry collection from all over the world. Meet some familiar faces: Pelham Puppets, TV characters and a Fairy Godmother who is over 200 years old! You can also have a go at working some puppets.

FOR THE KIDS

BIGGAR LITTLE ORCHESTRA - HALLOWEEN THEMED FAMILY CONCERT
SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 3.30pm (5.30pm) Adults £7, Children £2
A chance for all the family to come and enjoy live orchestral music in Biggar with opportunities to try some of the instruments during the interval. The programme will include Humperdinck’s Hansel & Gretel overture, Saint-Saens’ Danse Macabre and Paul Patterson’s Little Red Riding Hood (based on roald Dahl’s adaptation of the story).

SSE CLYDE WIND FARM
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Literature

TIGER TEA PARTY
SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER,
Atkinson Pryce Bookshop (10),
3pm (4pm), FREE
Please see children’s events for full listing.
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POLLY PULLAR PRESENTS “A RICHNESS OF MARTENS: WILDLIFE TALES FROM ARDNAMURCHAN
MONDAY 22 OCTOBER
Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop (10), 7.30pm (9pm), £6
Polly Pullar, naturalist and photographer visits Atkinson-Pryce Books to share the remarkable story of wild pine martens who frequent a garden in Ardnamurchan. In “A Richness of Martens”, natural history coupled with Pullar’s own wildlife experiences, result in a fascinating glimpse of a much misunderstood animal, and a passionate portrait of one of Scotland’s richest habitats. Adult event.
The peatlands of the Outer Hebrides are half land, half water and from time immemorial they have been places of seasonal human habitation. In this fascinating book Robin A Crawford explores the peatlands over the course of the year, describing the seasonal processing of peat as fuel and revealing one of the key rhythms of island life. It is also an exploration of the wildlife, folklore, history and culture associated with these lonely, watery places. Adult event.
Atkinson-Pryce Books hosts an evening with the queen of crime-writing Val McDermid at Biggar Library celebrating publication of her latest gripping novel “Broken Ground: a Karen Pirie Thriller”.

VAL MCDERMID
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER,
Biggar Library (12)
7.30pm (9pm)
£6
WILLY PORTER WITH LUKE JACKSON
SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1), 8pm (10pm), £16 (10% booking fee applies to online purchases)
Two artists to whom words fail to do justice: Willy Porter, an acoustic picker of Olympian speed, the man of whom Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull once said, “Thank God he doesn’t play the flute”. Willy will be joined by Luke Jackson, ex-young musician of the year, who sings with an extraordinarily rich and powerful voice, and possesses a guitar technique astonishing for an artist just into his twenties.
Tickets available from Biggar Little Festival and also from Arcadia Music, Biggar, Abington General Store and online at http://www.wegottickets.com/event/442074
A MUSICAL EVENING WITH AM/FM

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1), 7.30pm (10pm), £8
Singer songwriter Andy Munro and daughter, talented vocalist Flora Munro, are no strangers to Biggar Little Festival. Always a favourite, they return this year with new and original Scottish, Country, Funky, Folksy, Blues, plus choice covers of jazz and soul. Guest musicians will join this father/daughter duo for an entertaining musical evening of sound waves from past and present.

THE DUKES OF UKE PRESENT: SCOTLAND THE UKE

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1), 7.30pm (10pm), £10
‘Okay, so what is “Scotland the Uke” exactly? The challenge is, a new Dukes of Uke show, played exclusively on ukuleles, drums and bass, entirely made up of songs written, or made famous, by Scottish people. Don’t think Andy Stewart and the White Heather Club, think instead The Proclaimers meet Still Game with the added challenge of reinterpreting the songs for the ukulele! That’s the sort of class that the Dukes bring to ukulele playing with their crazy videos, all designed to make your evening’s entertainment UNFORGETTABLE!....
Previous Dukes’ shows have featured Eurovision hits through the years, movie themes, World War 2 favourites, and songs about space, so surely nothing can go wrong in a show which features home grown music. Well, we’ll see, in a show which features the best of Scotland. Well, we’ll see, Hmmmmmm........................

The Dukes will also be performing this same show on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd November at the Corn Exchange.
BIGGAR MUSIC PRESENTS MOISHE’S BAGEL  
**WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 8pm (10.30pm), £13/Accompanied children free**
Moishe’s Bagel began in 2003, the lucky accident of an Edinburgh-based Chilean tango singer and four like-minded musicians. A shared love of klezmer, jazz and latin music soon saw them onstage at Henry’s Cellar Bar with a few tunes and a lot of enthusiasm. Since then, the band has regularly toured the UK, Ireland, and the Czech Republic, notching up sellout gigs at the Jazz Cafe, Sage Gateshead, St George’s Bristol, Edinburgh Queens Hall and many, many more. We’re delighted to welcome these virtuoso musicians to Biggar.

ABSOLUTELY (NOT) FREE – AN EVENING OF ZAPPA WITH PYGMY TWYLYTE  
**WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1), 8pm (10.30pm), £10 Suitable for age 14 plus**
So prolific was Frank Zappa that it is nearly impossible to present a representative sample of his work in just one concert. Nevertheless, Pygmy Twylyte present you with an unmissable evening of Zappa ‘classics’, if indeed such things exist.

Zappa’s 70’s and 80’s work is the main showcase, with occasional forays into 60’s material. Expect “well known” tunes such as “Cosmik Debris”, “Stinkfoot” and “Outside Now”, interspersed with instrumentals like “Black Napkins” and “Zoot Allures”. This seven-strong band will surely bring something to suit everyone’s tastes (and maybe even a little of Zappa’s trademark wit on the side...) ARF!

YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION  
**THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER, Biggar High School (12), 7pm (9.30pm), £5 / £3 Concessions**
This annual event is arranged by Biggar High School, and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Biggar. It is a unique and enjoyable opportunity to hear and see some of our talented young people performing for us.
A CONCERT WITH KIKI DEE AND CARMELO LUGGERI

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER,
Municipal Hall (3), 8pm (10.30pm)
Doors open 7pm, £18

Following the success of their last visit to Biggar Little Festival they are back by popular demand.

Since her first hit in 1974, “I’ve Got the Music In Me”, Kiki has never been far from the spotlight. Throughout the decades following she has had a string of hits and collaborated with the best such as Elton John.

In more recent years she has teamed up with Carmelo Luggeri and recorded several Albums of acclaim.

Multi instrumentalist Carmelo Luggeri will accompany Kiki for a fantastic show featuring classic songs, self penned material and well known hits.

Don’t miss your chance to see a living legend in action. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.
HOOTS AND BOOTS
FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER, Biggar Corn Exchange (1), 7.30pm (9pm) £10
A boot stompin’ ride through classic country and western songs, from the cowboys and cowgirls of Biggar Theatre Workshop. Put on your stetson, and mosey on down to the Corn Exchange for hoots a plenty as we sing the best from Parton to Twain.

AN EVENING WITH HERON VALLEY
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER, Municipal Hall (3), 8pm (11pm) Doors open 7pm, £18
Some of Scotland’s most talented young musicians are bringing their unique mix of traditional and contemporary folk music to Biggar for the first time. If you enjoyed Skipinnish and Skerryvore you will love these guys. This promises to be a sell out, so please book early to avoid disappointment.
PLEASE NOTE THIS CONCERT WILL BE MAINLY STANDING ONLY WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS FOR PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY LIMITATIONS ONLY.
Festival Club

Friday 19 October, The Crown Inn (7), 9pm till late
Saturday 20 October, The Elphinstone Hotel (6), 9pm till late
Friday 26 October, The Elphinstone Hotel (6), 9pm till late
Saturday 27 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. These ever popular gigs are a perfect way to catch up with missed events, meet up with friends and chill out courtesy of Biggar Little Festival.
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 to follow the artists trail. Take the opportunity to see the beautiful landscape surrounding Biggar and its environs as you visit artists in their various locations.
CAROL TAYLOR
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Carol Taylor Artists Studio & Gallery, 4 Colliers Court, Douglas, Lanarkshire, ML11 7PE (A)
10am to 6pm

A warm welcome awaits you in my new studio & gallery in Douglas, situated beside the Scrib Tree Coffee Shop. I have lots of new paintings based on Scottish Landscape, seascape & the seasons. I also have Giclee prints, drawings and assemblages made from beachcombing on Argyll’s secret coast. I now have a beautiful collection of Meryl Lusher’s jewellery & ceramics for sale and my husband David’s, Artist’s bargain frames and framing service available from Caledonia Fine Arts. As well as the special BLF open studio event, I am open throughout the year, Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm.
www.castaylor.com
@Caroltaylorartiststudio
Telephone: 01555 850263

PATRICIA WEST
TEXTILE ARTIST
SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
14 Mousebank Road, Lanark, ML11 7PE (B) 10am to 5pm

Come and visit Patricia in her home studio to see how she uses free motion machine embroidery to ‘draw’ her pictures. Patricia’s love of architecture features strongly in her pieces which combine fabrics with handmade felt and lovingly stitched detail - she captures people’s forever homes, wedding venues, or special places, in bespoke artwork. She also celebrates people’s lives in unique compilation pictures for special anniversaries, birthdays, or other events.
There will be amazing cup cakes from Wendy’s Cake Station.
Tel: 07818055068 www.patriciawesttextileartist.co.uk
Patricia West Textile Artist (Facebook/Instagram)

CHRISTINE BROWN & VERONICA LIDDELL
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Woodend Studio, 61 Waterloo Road, Lanark ML11 7QW (C)
10am to 5pm

Come and experience a fantastic mixture of art from Christine’s deep etched glass & optical crystal and carved ceramics including, glass vases, optical cubes, glass paperweights, ceramic bowls and mugs.
Veronica’s paintings are filled with inspiring landscapes, people and wildlife in oils and pastels.
Prints and cards are for sale and also her unique painted jute bags. Veronica graduated from Edinburgh University with a degree in Languages and Fine Art. She is a member of SOFA (Society of Feline Artists).
Christine 01555 664554
Veronica 07599008908
www.lanarkglass.com
www.veronicaliddell.info
MARGARET CROSS
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
11 Raeburn Common, Pettinain, Lanark ML11 8SX
(D)
10am to 4pm

Open Studio and exhibition of recent works includes landscape, still life and portraits. The majority of the work is executed in acrylic and some in mixed media. Her main area of interest is landscape which is inspired by the countryside of South Lanarkshire and her frequent visits to rural France. Works both framed and unframed will be on display as will works in progress.

ELSPETH WIGHT
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
115 Main Street, Carnwath, ML11 8HP (E)
10am to 4.30pm

Elspeth’s choice of subject matter depends on time and place, light and form, so includes work from different genres. Similarly the subject and mood dictate the media such as paint, pastels, charcoal, collage and mixed media. She works from observation and sketches and this development can be seen in sketch books on display. Paintings and drawings, large and small, framed and unframed are for sale as well as printed cards.
Tel: 01555 840709
eelspethwight.com

TRUDI BREEN
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Libberton House, Libberton, ML11 8LX (F)
10am to 5pm

Trudi is inspired by the natural world, the light falling on the land, the hills, the trees, plants and the many forms which water takes. Watercolour is an ideal medium for painting outside. It is easily transported and relatively quick to use and many of Trudi’s paintings have been painted in watercolour, ‘en pleine air’. Larger studio paintings are acrylic or oils. Trudi invites you to visit her art studio, to see finished works and chat about art and the creative process. Paintings, giclée prints and cards will be on sale.
You are welcome to have a cup of tea or coffee and cake.
Tel: 07810650562
www.trudibreen.co.uk
ELLEN MCCANN
SCULPTURE

FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Ministers Walk, Elsrickle, ML12 6QZ (G)
10am to 5pm

You are very welcome to visit my studio in Elsrickle and see how my sculptures are formed. Inspiration for my work is drawn from the immediate landscape and its changing forms. I build abstract representations of plants at transition points in their life cycle and also of the landscape as it adapts to change from natural forces. After initial drawings I work directly with the material. There is an unpredictability in the process which makes it particularly exciting. At the moment I am working on sculpture which combines welded metal and ceramics to create complementary techniques in my work.

www.ellenmccannsculpture.com
Tel: 07710550329

THE OLD SCHOOL, STOBO

FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
The Old School, Stobo EH45 8NU (H)
10.30am to 5pm

Colin Semple is based at the Old School where he designs and makes unique furniture and smaller gift items using locally sourced hardwoods.

Lesley Johnson is a landscape artist working in various mediums. Inspired by Borders hills and the stunning Scottish coastline, her work often includes white crofts, seed heads, beaches and gorgeous colours.

Both will have a range of work on display along with some work in progress and are very happy to discuss commissions.

www.colinsemple.com
Colin SempleFurniture (Facebook)
lesleyjohnsonshedioart (Facebook)
Tel: 07593 755423
07593 755428

OWEN BUTLER

FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Hill House, Broughton, by Biggar ML12 6HQ (I)
Fri & Sat 10.30am to 5pm, Sun 10.30am to 4pm

My artworks are inspired by the views and nature of everyday life. I’m very influenced by the en plein air experience. Nothing beats painting outdoors in the elements. I’m currently living in the Scottish Borders; previously lived in the Western Isles and in Greece, which has given me a rich depth of visual templates. I work in various mediums including oils, acrylics, watercolour and pastel. My studio is situated in part of Hillhouse Art Gallery; which is a converted Church, in the beautiful village of Broughton.

Tel: 07593 755423
07593 755428
SUSHEILA JAMIESON
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Beechwood, Rachan, by Broughton ML12 6HH (J)
10am to 5pm

Aspects of nature inspire Susheila’s work. Her sculptures, carved from wood and stone, are organic in character, sensuous and powerful - like nature itself. Visitors will be able to see new work being created for a solo show in 2019. Susheila has been selected for 10 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 participants of Wednesday workshops. Teas, coffees and delicious home baking available.
www.rachan.co.uk
Tel: 01899 830443

BECKSY
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Forge Cottage, Kilbucho, Broughton, Biggar, ML12 6JQ (K)
10am to 4pm

BECKSY would love you to visit her studio to meddle, debate, drink and mooch through her paintings, prints and new BECKSY homewares products. BECKSY runs her successful art business from her studio in the Scottish Borders, with Ralph, her German Wirehaired Pointer, who assists in running the business as best as he can.
BECKSY takes inspiration from wildlife, gin and her imagination, which has been tremendously busy since she was a child.

FaceBook: BECKSYdotCOM
Instagram: becksydotcom
www.becksy.com
Tel: 07989 413344

BIGGAR GLASS WORKS (STEPHANIE WHATLEY)
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
98 High Street, Biggar, ML12 6DH (L)
Fri 1pm to 5pm, Sat & Sun 10am to 4pm

Once again I am excited to invite you to discover my stained glass workshop in its prime location just off the High Street. I will have several projects on the go in foil and leadwork but this year, for the first time I will be able to showcase traditionally glass painted items. 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  07588 772433
KEN & MOIRA RUSSELL

FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Janefield, 2 Lindsaylands Road, Biggar, ML12 6EQ (M)
10am to 4pm

A chance to visit us and see, at one venue, 2 very different artists in their studios! We both work in mixed media and will enjoy showing you our new work and talking to you about it. Sketchbooks will also be available to peruse - often a good insight as to what goes on in an artist’s head! There will be an opportunity to make a small memento to take away. As always, the now vegan-friendly, gluten-free chocolate fudge will be available. We look forward to welcoming you. You can see our work at www.inadifferentlight.co.uk
Tel: 01899 220833
Moira Russell Artist (Facebook)

THE CAMEL’S CAP

FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
South Lindsaylands, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar ML12 6NR (N)
10am to 5pm

Elly produces textile art and crafts, specialising in freestyle machine embroidery. Come and see her latest work, chat to her about techniques and even have a go on the sewing machine.
thecamelscap (Facebook)
Tel: 07875 100269

DEBBIE RYAN MOSAICS

FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Ingleneuk Cottage, The Square, Coulter, Biggar ML12 6PZ (O)
10am to 5pm

Visit artist Debbie Ryan in her home studio as she creates an assortment of intricate mosaics and sculpture. Come to Debbie’s studio to discover her sources of inspiration and creative portfolio which includes public art projects and educational workshops.
Tel: 07906497887 or 01899 438248
info@debbieryan.co.uk
debbieryan.co.uk
debbieryanmosaics (Instagram)
infoatdebbieryan.co.uk (Facebook)
debbiemosaic (Twitter)
WATERHEAD CRAFTS
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Waterhead Reservoir Cottage,
Birthwood Road, Coulter,
Biggar ML12 6QB (P)
10am to 4pm

The Open Studio Trail provides a great opportunity to see bespoke footstools and ceramics inspired by the stunning local area. Work will be on display and available to purchase or to commission.
Tel: 01899 221093.
Chyvean51@googlemail.com

MANSEFIELD ARTS
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Mansefield, Manse Road,
Symington, ML12 6LN (Q)
10am to 5pm

Mansefield Arts & Crafts welcomes visitors, past, present and new, to their home studio where you can see original art works and prints and a variety of crafts. Original art work, prints and all crafts are for sale.
www.eileenhood.co.uk
Instagram- eileenmans1
Tel: 01899 308003

POPPY BROWNE
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Mill Cottage, Roberton,
ML12 6RS (R)
Fri & Sat 10am to 5pm, Sun 12noon to 5pm

On sale will be nature themed felted pictures, acrylics, watercolours, cards and felted goods. Poppy has worked as a puppeteer and some of her puppets will be on display.
Tel: 01899 850335
LADYGILL ARTS & CRAFTS
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Ladygill House, Roberton, Biggar ML12 6RR (S)
10am to 5pm

Once again Moira and Carlo are opening their studio in Roberton. They would love you to join them, and over a cup of coffee, chat to them about their work. On display will be Moira’s latest ‘one off’ silver jewellery, drawing from her observations of nature and the environment, introducing colour in some pieces with semi-precious stones and beads together with Carlo’s latest drawings and paintings, both abstract and figurative in a range of media.
Tel: 07926 628156
Tel: 01899 850602

DRAKELAW POTTERY
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
Drakelaw Pottery, Craighead Road, Crawfordjohn ML12 6SQ (T)
10am to 6pm

Drakelaw Pottery welcomes visitors to it’s pop-up showroom on the outskirts of Crawfordjohn. Within you will find a range of decorative and functional stoneware that is oven, microwave and dishwasher proof and good enough to use every day. Each unique piece is hand thrown and decorated with impressed motifs which are then coloured with slip to enhance the patterns. The range of pots include many sizes of bowls, mugs, serving dishes and more. Come and enjoy a hot drink and home baking whilst watching a film of Liz making her pots.
Tel: 07904 438696

Our sincere thanks to Carol Taylor for her kind donation of artwork over the years. The artwork is raffled each year and raises valuable funds for the festival. This year Carol has kindly donated this framed Giclee print triptych for which raffle tickets will be available at all the main events and from the Box Office.

www.biggarlittlefestival.com
COMEDY NIGHT WITH LARRY DEAN
FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER
Corn Exchange (1)
7.30pm doors open 7pm
£16

This year’s comedy night features one of Scotland’s most original and laid-back comedians, fresh from success at The Edinburgh Fringe. Larry is receiving great reviews from sell out gigs countrywide. This is Larry’s first time in Biggar and this is a great opportunity to see a unique brand of “cool” comedy from a truly natural comedian. There may also be a support act to add to the entertainment. You are guaranteed a brilliant night so the advice is - book early or miss a treat.
A DOSE OF BLUSHES
(TALES OF THE WOMENS SAMARITANS HOSPITAL)
THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1),
7.30pm (9.15pm) £12
Dose of Blushes brings together 3 different women, too much in common. Join Winnie, Maggie & Aggie as they flip through the pages of the Woman’s Home. Hysterical about hysterectomy, poignant about passion, they relate experiences in their lives from girls to wives. This new musical comedy takes a look at “wummins” troubles with humour and pathos. Every woman will identify with this new drama based on real life stories delivered with great one liners and some sing along music. Suitable for age 14 and over.

THE TARTAN PIMPERNEL
MONDAY 22 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1),
7.30pm to 8.30pm, £10
The true story of The Reverend Donald Caskie, a Scottish Minister in France in the 1940s who helped to arrange the escape of British soldiers before being captured by the Gestapo and sentenced to death. Promises to be a riveting experience.
BIGGAR DAY OUT

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
Various venues, 12noon to 5pm

To celebrate our 16th year Biggar has pulled out all the stops! Street entertainment, local cuisine (some to sample), crafts and all the fun of the fair make this our biggest and best Biggar 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.

Visit our regular craft fair which offers all manner of delights. Sample, browse and purchase goods at the wide variety of stalls. Handicrafts, jewellery making and fine leather products, pottery, woodwork and glassware, artwork and local foodstuffs and there is so much more. You can round off your visit to the craft fair with delicious coffee and scrumptious home baking in St Mary’s Hall

In the town let the kids explore our storytelling trail with The Biggar Little Spider or let off steam on the bouncy castle. Or what about visiting an exhibition, enjoying a show or doing a bit of impromptu shopping in Biggar’s welcoming shops or just mosey around the town, visit the historic gasworks and our excellent museum. Keep your eyes open for street entertainment- you could be surprised! A pipe band will provide a wonderful spectacle, at times throughout the day.

Relax in the festival atmosphere of Biggar’s pubs, restaurants and cafes. Slake your thirst with a local beer or enjoy delicious food and a warm welcome wherever you go. It’s all there for you on Biggar Day Out. Come along, join in and help get the town buzzing on this super-special day.
A quick stroll down Biggar High St and nearby brings you a host of entertainment. We have Horse & Carriage rides, open mic, pipe band and Puppet Theatre open days. We also have lots to keep the children entertained with a bouncy castle, face painting and ‘The Biggar Little Spider’. We are also expecting some street entertainment so keep your eyes peeled for madness and mayhem on the streets!
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 Halls providing a superb shopping experience and a chance to sample local handicraft and quality produce. We will also be serving teas, coffees and scrumptious home baking in St Mary’s Hall.

Please note there may be a small charge for some events.
PENCIL DRAWING WORKSHOP
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
Sabhal Mor Art Studio, Roberton, Biggar ML12 6RS (19)
Morning workshop 9.30 am to 12.30pm
Afternoon workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm
£40 per workshop including all materials & refreshments.
Please see full listing under Arts, Crafts & Workshops

MOSAIC WORKSHOP
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH (18)
10am to 4pm
£75 includes materials, refreshments and home baking.
Please see full listing under Arts, Crafts & Workshops

SOUNDING BOWLS: PLAYING WITH SOUNDING BOWLS
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
Arcadia Music Café, Next to Arcadia Music Shop, Howieson Square, Biggar (17)
10am to 4.30pm
£70 includes light vegetarian lunch
Please see full listing under Arts, Crafts & Workshops

THEATRE OPEN DOORS DAY
SUNDAY 21 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, 1pm & 2pm. 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 car park on site.

BOOK FAIR AND FLEA MARKET
SUNDAY 21 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!
EARTHWARE POTTERY
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
4 Baird Way, Biggar ML12 6BZ (16), 10.30am to 4.30pm
Free Admission
A showcase of handmade pottery for sale with a selection of original thrown and hand built items including bowls, candle holders, vases and other unique pieces.
The Studio will be open to ‘paint your own pottery’ for all ages and abilities. There will be a large selection of pottery blanks to chose from including ornaments, decorations, mugs, plates and bowls etc. prices range from £5 - £15 and includes glazes and firing.
Also open on Saturday 20 October.

BIGGAR LITTLE BEER FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
The Crown Inn (7), 11am to 1pm, Free Entry
Please see full listing under Food and Drink.

FESTIVAL SERVICE
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER, Biggar Kirk (5), 11.15am to 12.15pm
All are welcome to join us for this family friendly church service which has become a regular feature of Biggar Little Festival, celebrating the spiritual side of the arts in Biggar.

OPEN STAGE
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER, Corn Exchange (1), 1pm to 5pm, FREE
An opportunity to see some of the best in the fest local performers. The Corn Exchange opens its doors to festival goers on Biggar Day Out and invite you to drop in and be entertained for free.

STORYTRAIL – THE BIGGAR LITTLE SPIDER
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER, Departs Atkinson Pryce Bookshop (10)
2pm (3pm), FREE
Little Miss Muffet, Incy Wincy Spider and other surprises await you on the story trail. Be prepared to join in on this fun experience for preschool and infant primary school children.
Audience participation is required!

A MUSICAL EVENING WITH AM/FM
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER . Corn Exchange (1) , 7.30pm (10.30pm), £8
Please see full listing under Music events.
Arts, Crafts & Workshops

FROM PENCIL DRAWING TO STONE CARVING, YOU SHOULD FIND SOMETHING TO GET CREATIVE WITH.

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QUILTED PATCHWORK CUSHION COVER WORKSHOP
**THURSDAY 18 & THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER, Biggar Stitches, 81 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DP (9), 10am to 4pm , £25**
Come and spend the day learning the very basics of patchwork and quilting for the day and go home with an adorable quilted patchwork cushion which you could keep for yourself, or maybe gift it to a friend or relative. (Basic sewing machine knowledge would be advantageous but not essential.) The same workshop is also being held on Thursday 25 October.
Places limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Biggar Stitches on 01899 220837 or hello@biggarstitches.com

MICROWAVEABLE BOWL COZIES OR SNACK BOWLS WORKSHOP
**SATURDAY 20 & 27 OCTOBER, Biggar Stitches, 81 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DP (9)**
10am to 4pm, £25
Will you be entertaining guests over the Christmas and Hogmanay festive period? Stuck for gift ideas for friends or family members? We’ll show you how to make a bowl cozy to protect your hands when taking a hot bowl of something from the microwave, or alternatively it will double up as a snack bowl when putting on a buffet spread for guests. The price includes a kit to make 6 bowls – we’ll help you make all of them before you go home. (Basic sewing machine knowledge would be advantageous but not essential.)
Places limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Biggar Stitches on 01899 220837 or hello@biggarstitches.com

PENCIL DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH KAY
**SATURDAY 20, SUNDAY 21 & WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER, Sabhal Mor, Roberton, Biggar ML12 6RS (19)**
Morning Workshop 9.30am to 12.30pm
Afternoon Workshop 1.30pm to 4.30pm
£40 per workshop, including all materials and refreshments
You are never too old or too young to draw. This is your chance to come along and learn, or refresh, your pencil drawing skills in a fun and informal 3 hr workshop. Following requests at previous Open Studios, Kay Booton is arranging a number of 3hr workshops suitable for all ages and abilities. Advance booking is essential as spaces are limited.
Call Kay Booton on 07814258495 or e-mail sabhalmorarts@gmail.com Follow on Facebook or Instagram. Just search for Sabhal Mor Arts.
Morning and afternoon workshops are also being held on Sunday 21 and Wednesday

STONE CARVING WORKSHOP
**SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH (18), 10am to 4pm, £85 includes materials, refreshments and 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 warm, well equipped studio near Broughton. No experience necessary. Tutor Susheila Jamieson.
This workshop is suitable for age 15 and over. Places limited. Advance booking essential on 01899 830443 or 07760 202003 or susheila@rachan.co.uk
SOUNDING BOWLS: TOUCHING THE HEART STRINGS
SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, Arcadia Music Café, next to Arcadia Music Shop, Howieson Square, Biggar (17)
10am to 4.30pm
£70 for the day, light vegetarian lunch provided.
A one day introduction to Sounding Bowls, their nature and use. Everything provided, Sounding Bowls for everyone to play. Come and try the different types, sizes and timbres.
The first in a series that will eventually build into a complete training in Sounding Bowl Therapy. New users are invited to follow this process as far as pleases them and we offer our support in every way. Tutor - Tobias Kay.
Tickets also available from Arcadia Music shop.

EARTHWARE POTTERY
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Free Admission
A showcase of handmade pottery for sale with a selection of original thrown and hand built items including bowls, candle holders, vases and other unique pieces.
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Also open on Sunday 21, Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 October

MINDFULNESS FOR A CONTENT LIFE.
A GUIDED MEDITATION WITH JOHN RILEY
SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER, Elphinstone Hotel Function Room,
145 High Street, Biggar, ML12 6DL (6) 3pm £4
Come and try it for yourself. Mindfulness takes the form of guided meditation, which helps you to notice unhelpful thoughts, and instead pay attention to the present moment. With regular practice, it has been shown to aid relaxation, improve sleep, lessen anxiety, improve concentration and even boost the immune and digestive system.
Also on 28 October at 7pm

SOUNDING BOWLS: PLAYING WITH SOUNDING BOWLS
SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER, Arcadia Music Café, next to Arcadia Music Shop, Howieson Square, Biggar (17)
10am to 4.30pm
£70 for the day, light vegetarian lunch provided.
The second stage workshop Playing with Sounding Bowls will explore musicality and Sounding Bowl techniques, bringing a new level of understanding and appreciation for what your instrument can offer. Tutor: Tobias Kaye
ARTS, CRAFTS & WORKSHOPS

**SING AND PLAY WITH THE DUKES OF UKE NO. 6. UKULELE WORKSHOP**
**SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER, St Mary’s Hall (8), Biggar, 2pm to 4pm**
**£10. Combined ticket for workshop and concert on same evening £18**
Are you a ukulele player who goes to ukulele concerts but gets frustrated at not being able to play along? At this workshop you can play along with members of the Dukes of Uke and a big happy family of other ukulele players. The workshop led by the Dukes of Uke Musical Director Ian Murray, is suitable for beginner to intermediate level players, and is all about playing rather than teaching with a bit of guidance and a few hints on technique. If you have a ukulele and if you can play a few chords, then this workshop will be suitable for you.

**ANTONIC, COLLECTABLES & CONTEMPORARY ART AUCTION**
**THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER, Dancing Light Gallery Whitmuir Farm, Lamancha, nr West Linton EH46 7BB (22) 6pm to 10pm (Viewing 6pm to 7pm)**
**£3 includes auction catalogue and complimentary drink on arrival.**
A collaboration between Gladstone Bag Antiques & Dancing Light Art Gallery (both based at Whitmuir the Organic Place). An exciting and professional auction of all things old and new. Join us for an evening of interest and excitement where you might just find the next family heirloom. Viewing 6 to 7pm on the evening. Auction Starts 7pm. Catalogue available from 1st October. Ticket price includes refreshment and catalogue. We look forward to welcoming you.
Further information available from Paul on 07876 258355 & Dee on 07814982148

**FREE MOTION EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP**
**FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER, Biggar Stitches, 81 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DP (9), 10am to 4pm £35**
Come and have some fabric and stitching fun with Patricia West, Textile Artist at Biggar Stitches. Learn how to use a sewing machine to ‘draw’ a stunning picture to frame or incorporate into further sewing projects, using free motion embroidery. You’ll have lots of time to practice and experiment with free motion embroidery before diving into designing and making your final piece to take home. It’ll be a fun and relaxed workshop with periods of intense concentration and biscuit eating. Everything is provided but you are welcome to bring any of your own fabric if you’d like to use it.
Places limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Biggar Stitches on 01899 220837 or hello@biggarstitches.com

**GAELIC SINGING WORKSHOP AND CONCERT**
**SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER, Arcadia Music Cafe (17), 7pm to 10pm £15 for whole night. £7 for workshop only**
Gaelic Singing workshop with Mòd Medallist Alison MacRae followed by a concert exploring Gaelic & Piping with Alan MacDonald and Gaelic & Scots with Aonghas Dubh MacNeacail.

**MOSAIC WORKSHOP**
**SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER**
Rachan by Broughton ML12 6HH (18)
10am to 4pm
**£75 includes materials, refreshments and home baking.**
This workshop led by Susheila Jamieson at her studio at Rachan, Broughton 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 07760 202003 or susheila@rachan.co.uk
**Film**

**BIGGAR LITTLE CINEMA ‘DARKEST HOUR’**
(CERT PG)
**SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER**
Corn Exchange (1)
7.30pm (10pm)
£7
“Darkest Hour” starring Gary Oldman
Tickets only available from Hamilton’s Newsagents.

**Food & Drink**

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

**BOE GIN FOOD MATCHING NIGHT**
**THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER**
The Crown Inn (7)
7pm till late
£50 to include fizz on arrival and a gin to match each of the five courses.
An exclusive for Biggar, meet the makers of Boe Gin and Fever-Tree as they match their gin and tonics to the head chef’s 5 course menu. You will not get a chance to experience this anywhere else in the UK. Spaces are very limited and tickets can be booked in quantities of two or four.
Strictly over 18’s only. Please book early to avoid disappointment.
BIGGAR LITTLE BEER FESTIVAL
THURSDAY 18 TO SUNDAY 21 & THURSDAY 25 TO SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
The Crown Inn (7)
11am to 1pm
Free Entry
Our 3rd year running this festival, the beer, cider & gin festival runs throughout the duration of Biggar Little Festival. This year will see an amazing 40 real ales showcased during the festival with 8 ciders and approximately 70, yes 70 gins!

FOOD & DRINK
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AROUND THE WORLD CURRY NIGHT
THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER
The Crown Inn (7)
5pm (9.30pm)
£19.99

Come along to the Crown for a night of curries all cooked here using authentic recipes. Curries from the West Indies, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Vietnam and Africa. Eat as much as you want all night. Most diets catered for with plenty for vegetarians and canivores alike....£19.99 per head. Booking is definitely advised as last time this was fully booked well in advance. Ring 01899 220116 or message...

THE LOCAL LARDER
FRIDAY 26, SATURDAY 27 AND SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
The Scrib Tree, 1-3 Colliers Court, Douglas, Lanark, ML11 ORX (20)
10am to 6pm
Free entry
This celebration of local, regional and national produce will showcase the quality food and drink offering available from this charming coffee, speciality food and gift shop located in the heart of the historic village of Douglas. Participants will enjoy tasting sessions and demonstrations, and be able to enjoy Afternoon Tea in our Pop-Up Festival Gin and Prosecco Bar. Visitors will also be able to visit the Open Studio of our neighbour, Carol Taylor, whose work will also be hung in The Scrib Tree for the duration of the Festival.
THERE IS A WEALTH OF TALENT IN AND AROUND BIGGAR. GO AND VISIT AN EXHIBITION AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

**Arroll’s Secret Coast**
**MONDAY 01 TO WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER**, The Scribtree Coffee shop, 1 Colliers Court, Douglas ML11 ORX (20) Monday to Sunday 10am to 5pm. Friday supper club by reservation. Last orders 8.30pm. Free admission

An exhibition of paintings inspired by the beautiful southern coast of Argyll. Carol spent 18 months on a variety of painting trips up to Tighnabruaich. The paintings in acrylic on canvas or wood panels are occasionally collaged with objects from the beach. Carol’s studio & gallery is adjacent to the Scribtree and is also open during BLF Open Studio event, where you can browse through her new art work. The Scribtree Coffee Shop offers a relaxed atmosphere where you can view the exhibition while enjoying a dining experience extending from breakfast through lunch and, on Friday evenings, a “Supper Club”. The farm shop offers a fine range of fresh produce, speciality foods, Scottish spirits, liqueurs and gifts.

**OPEN STUDIOS TRAIL TASTER EXHIBITION**
**SATURDAY 06 TO SUNDAY 04 NOVEMBER**, Corn Exchange (1), 10am to 4pm, Free admission

Treat yourself. Come to The Corn Exchange Box Office for a taste of this year’s Open Studio Trail. The artists will tempt you with a sample of their work. All pieces are for sale. Copies of our Open Studio Trail leaflet will be at Box Office for the Open Studios on the weekend 26th, 27th, 28th October 2018.

**AN INTIMATE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO WW1**
**SATURDAY 13 TO SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER**, Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum (4) Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm, Free Entry to WW1 exhibition (normal museum charges apply)

A collaborative community WW1 exhibition showcasing artifacts, archives and new works of art created in response to the museum’s local WW1 collection. This exhibition marks the centenary of the end of WW1.
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR 1
THURSDAY 18 TO SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER, High Street Shops, High Street, Biggar
Monday to Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 11am  Admission free
A wide variety of art work based around poppies as a celebration of the end of World War 1. The artwork provided by Biggar Primary School and Nursery class in association with Biggar High School will be displayed along the High Street in shop windows.

COLOURFUL CRITTERS EXHIBITION BY ANJ ART
THURSDAY 18 TO SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER, Hamilton Newsagents, High Street, Biggar (14)
Monday to Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 11am , Admission free
A small but colourful exhibition of acrylic paintings by animal artist, Anj Jamieson.
Having moved away from working in pastels, Anj is now exploring her favourite animal subjects in a new medium. She enjoys using lots of colour to convey their characters and the added use of metallic paints gives a richness and vibrancy to her work. Original art from £30, prints, cards and mugs for sale

MEDWYN ART GROUP EXHIBITION
SATURDAY 20 & SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
British Legion Hall, South Back Road, Biggar (13)  10am to 4pm  Admission free
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 20 & SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER,  Biggar Youth Project, Clydesdale Close (15) 11am to 4pm, FREE
Exhibition of Photographs by members of Biggar Camera Club.

NORMAN HUNTER PAINTINGS
SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER, Gillespie Centre (back room) (2)  10am - 3pm  Free Admission
Norman Hunter is a Lamington based artist who specializes in Landscape painting and is inspired by the local area and its changing seasons.
THE DUKES OF UKE PRESENT:
SCOTLAND THE UKE
FRIDAY 02 & SATURDAY 03 NOVEMBER,
Corn Exchange (1), 7.30pm (10pm), £10
Okay, so what is “Scotland the Uke” exactly? The challenge is, a new Dukes of Uke show, played exclusively on ukuleles, drums and bass, entirely made up of songs written, or made famous, by Scottish people. Don’t think Andy Stewart and the White Heather Club, think instead The Proclaimers meet drums and bass, entirely made up of songs written, or made famous, by Scottish people. Don’t think Andy Stewart and the White Heather Club, think instead The Proclaimers meet Still Game with the added challenge of reinterpreting the songs for the ukulele! That’s the sort of class that the Dukes bring to ukulele playing with their crazy videos, all designed to make your evening’s entertainment UNFORGETTABLE!....
Previous Dukes’ shows have featured Eurovision hits through the years, movie themes, World War 2 favourites, and songs about space, so surely nothing can go wrong in a show which features home grown music. Well, we’ll see.’
The Dukes will also be performing this same show on Tuesday 23 October at the Corn Exchange.

LOVE LETTERS
FRIDAY 09 NOVEMBER,
Corn Exchange (1), 7.30pm (9.30pm), £12/£10
A Broadway hit, Love Letters, a play by A R Gurney and a finalist for The Pulitzer Prize, was first performed in New York, and starred Ali McGraw and Ryan O’Neill. It is about the realities of enduring love, time and distance. It takes place during the lives of two people, Melissa and Andrew, who met as children, at a time when there were no smart phones or e-mails. They kept in touch through their written correspondence for over 50 years. They shared their evolving lives through school, marriages, highs, lows and their never ending feelings for each other.

A beautiful and moving story, Love Letters is told with humour and honesty.
Suitable for 13 years and over.
New for this Year

Open Studios Trail Taster Exhibition

Corn Exchange

Saturday 06 October to Sunday 04 November

10.00am to 4pm

Come and see The Open Studio Taster Exhibition before planning your Open Studio Trail on the weekend of Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October. The 20 studios are so varied this year you will be amazed by the diversity of work and locations.

Our artists have pulled out all the stops to tantalise you with their crafts.

Drop in to The Corn Exchange and plan your Festival Experience.