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THE
STONE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL
2011



# WELCOME TO THE 2011 STONE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL...

WELCOME to the programme for the third Stone Music Festival which takes place from 23rd to 29th May. This year our weekend events will commence on Saturday 28th May, and will be opened by our ever popular busking competition, with the usual generous prizes for first, second and third places. The festival will continue over the weekend with music which will appeal to all tastes and ages. This year we have not two, but four headline bands appearing over the weekend!

Our Saturday event will culminate in performances from **Achtung Baby** – well known for their appearance on the roof of the Crown and Anchor in 2009! – and also tribute band **The Jam'd.** The magnificent finale to Sunday's day-long staged event in the High Street will be two well known tribute bands, glam-rock outfit **Ballroom Glitz** and then internationally acclaimed Roxy Music tribute band, **Roxy Magic**. This year we are again having a fancy dress competition, so come along on Sunday 29th in your 70s gear and maybe you will pick up a prize!

BBC presenter **Alex Lester**, who hosts the weekday overnight/early-morning programme on Radio 2, will be opening the event in the Market Square on Saturday morning May 28th, but you are sure to find musical entertainment in Stone in the days leading up to that as many of the pubs in the town enter into the festival spirit.

The festival has been organised by members of **Stone Music and Arts Festival Society** and aims to assist in the development of musical talent within the town, to encourage performers to visit Stone for the purposes of performing and to promote the town of Stone as an attraction to those interested in music. The festival will promote events across a range of venues satisfying all musical tastes ranging from classical music, jazz, folk and blues through to contemporary rock and pop. As part of our foray into wider support and development of the arts we are pleased to be working with Christ Church Middle School, Rooftop Studios and Stagecoach Theatre Arts this year, and hope to build on this foundation in future years by engaging more widely with local art, drama, dance and theatre groups.

The festival voluntary group has been fortunate in securing the support of **Wedgwood** whom we thank for sponsoring the event. A very special event to celebrate this sponsorship will be this year's classical concert 'Music for a New Age: Great Minds of the Enlightenment.' An organ and harpsichord recital with monologues from the life of Josiah Wedgwood and his contemporaries given by **Joanna West** and **Ray Johnson** in Christ Church on the evening of 28th May.

The music festival is a non-profit making venture and aims to promote the event as an annual festival in Stone. For this reason, we will be collecting donations during the festival weekend. Please give generously at each performance. Look for the red collection tins and buckets or enquire about becoming a sponsor, or 'friend' of the festival by calling **Kate Moss on 01785 818487** or contacting her at **k.moss@wlv.ac.uk.** All proceeds will go towards the funding of the festival.

Please note: Details given are correct at the time of going to press but the organisers reserve the right to make any changes as circumstances dictate. Every effort will be made to keep to the times stated, but we cannot guarantee this and some changes may be made that we cannot anticipate. Some festival events are ticketed, most are free. Some events may be sold out prior to the actual date.

Please note, we have a new web address: www.stonemusicandartsfestival.org

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## The Stone Music and Arts Festival Society

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- Paul Walker (Open mic event and busking competition)

and of course... Katherine Alcock, Neil Hammond, Angela Hammond, Collin Taylor, Pete Young, Pete Bermingham, Mick Lafford, Paul Mason, Clare Butters.



#### Music festival office

During the festival weekend we will be based in the Oak Room, Crown Hotel, High Street, Stone. Our thanks to the Crown Hotel for allowing us the use of their facilities during the festival weekend.

## Thanks to our festival patrons 2011 and our advertisers

We are enormously grateful to our 2011 festival patrons, in particular **Wedgwood**, without whom the festival would not have been possible. (*There is a '10% off' special offer voucher near the back of this programme for the Wedgwood Visitor Centre shop at Barlaston*). Also thanks to our other sponsors the **Crown Hotel**, Stone, and to **Norstone Autos**, Newcastle Road, for assistance with transport and logistics over the weekend. Sincere thanks to Donna and Pat at **The Stone Local** for promoting the festival, selling the ad space and supplying the ad artwork, and thanks also to all our valued advertisers, without whom the production of the programme would not have been possible!

### First aid

First Aid will be covered by St. John's Ambulance Brigade in the High Street, Stone.

## Emergency services and safety plan

A copy of our event safety plan and risk assessment is available on our web site **www.stonemusicandartsfestival.org.** We thank and are pleased to be fully supported by Stone Police during the festival weekend and all other emergency services have been supplied with copies of the event safety plan. Our thanks to Staffordshire Fire Service for their useful feedback and advice. If you are bringing a picnic, please make sure you bring plastic glasses and bottles.

## **ENJOY THE FESTIVAL!!**





# WHAT'S ON - AT A GLANCE GUIDE

There is music on at various pubs throughout Stone in the week leading up to the Festival proper on Saturday and Sunday... Here's a quick guide.

In the pubs around town...

### **MONDAY MAY 23**

**Granvilles** Open Mic Night with Paul Walker

**The Vine** Stone Jazz Club

**The Swan** James & Jemma (acoustic duo)

#### TUESDAY MAY 24

**Royal Exchange** Open Mic Night

**The Swan** Music quiz with Collin Taylor

#### **WEDNESDAY MAY 25**

**The Swan** Masca (female pop/blues covers)

#### **THURSDAY MAY 26**

**The Swan Granvilles**Hands Off Cuba (rock covers)

Re:Groove Nation (funk it up!)

#### **FRIDAY MAY 27**

Langtrys

**The Crown Hotel** Festival launch party in The Crown

Hotel: Drivin' South - with guests

Geoff Shaw and Laura. Derek Holt and Friends

**The Talbot** Karaoke night

**Granvilles** Supersets (party classics galore)

#### SATURDAY MAY 28

The Swan
The Talbot
Central Reservation (rock covers)
The Dedications (pop & soul covers)
The Gem
WKD (rock/indie power trio)

#### **SUNDAY MAY 29**

**The Swan** Central Reservation (rock covers)

**The Talbot** New band showcase

The main events...

#### SATURDAY MAY 28 - MAIN STAGE

**10.30 am** High Street busking competition

11.30 am Clifford Project

**12.30 pm** Granvilles - Open mic showcase

and busking competition winners

2.00 pm Stone Male Voice Choir

2.45pm Rooftop Studios
3.30 pm The Blueshounds
5.00 pm Stone Choral Society
5.45 pm Rooftop Studios
6.30 pm The Jam'd

**8.15 pm** Achtung Baby

#### SATURDAY MAY 28 - IN CHRIST CHURCH

8.00 pm Classical music event

'Music for a New Age' \*

Joanna West playing organ and harpsichord music (Bach, Handel, Purcell, etc) Ray Johnson reading words

by Josiah Wedgwood.

### SUNDAY MAY 29 - MAIN STAGE

**10.00 am** Winners of the 'Battle of the Youth Bands'

**11.00 am** Music and Arts performances from

Christ Church Middle School

**12.30 pm** Stone Town Band

**1.30 pm** Stagecoach Theatre Arts

**2.15 pm** The Vanz

3.30 pm Murphy's Marbles

5.00 pm Phoenix6.30 pm Ballroom Glitz8.00 pm Roxy Magic

\* Ticketed event

The music between live acts is provided by The Den Disco and friends.





# FRIDAY MAY 27 LAUNCH PARTY!

### FESTIVAL WEEKEND LAUNCH PARTY - CROWN HOTEL 8.00PM

#### **DRIVIN' SOUTH**

On Friday, 27th May, new local band Drivin' south will be playing an hour-long set of modern electric rhythm and blues in their own inimitable style in the cosy atmosphere of the Crown Hotel lounge. They will be playing well known classics such as "While my Guitar Gently Weeps" and "I'd Rather go Blind", lesser known Blues standards like Sonny Boy Willamson's "Help Me", along with songs originally from such artists as Buddy Guy, Jonny Lang and Joanne Shaw-Taylor.



For more information please visit: www.drivinsouth.co.uk



#### **GEOFF SHAW**

Also appearing on the bill, is solo artiste Geoff Shaw, a vocalist-guitarist. He is now resident in Stone – but via Toronto, Canada and Cambridge, England – with what promises to be an extremely interesting acoustic set.

Geoff can be contacted using this e-mail address: qeoff.kershaw@tiscali.co.uk

#### LAURA

Our third guest for the evening is local singer-songwriter Laura. Amongst her influences are Fleetwood Mac, PJ Harvey the Yeah Yeahs, to name but three. Laura will be playing acoustic guitar and singing some of her own compositions.



For more information please go to www.myspace.com/laurauk





# SATURDAY MAY 28 8.00PM - 10.00PM

Classical music event: In ASSOCIATION WITH WEDGWOOD







## 10.30am onwards: Busking competition in the High street

From 10.30am on Saturday morning, walk around Stone to hear a range of local (and not so local) buskers bidding to become this year's Festival competition winner!

Or enter the competition yourself! The prizes will be as follows: First prize £150, second prize £100 and third prize £50.

#### ● 11.30am: THE CLIFFORD PROJECT

The Clifford Project was established to give more choice for those young people between 16–25 years of age, with learning difficulties, leaving school or college.

The project sets out to give the students a real experience of work, wherever possible, maximising on their own strengths. They will be singing and signing for us.

Clifford Project: Unit 9-10 Emerald Way, Stone Business Park

## ●12.30pm: Granvilles Open mic showcase & Busking competition winners

Paul Walker, Stone's resident singer-songwriter, hosts several open mic evenings around the area, including his ever-popular Monday night showcase at Granvilles, and is well known for encouraging local talent. Hear a fantastic selection of some of the most popular acts from these events.

Hear Paul at: www.myspace.com/paulwk

www.granvilles.st

## ● 2.00pm: Stone Male Voice Choir

Formed in the Stonefield area in 1971 following a sportsmen's service at St. John's Church, Stone Male Voice Choir has since performed at the Royal Albert Hall, sung in front of an audience of 30,000 at the Cardiff Arms Park stadium and stopped traffic on 5th Avenue, New York, following an impromptu performance on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The first male voice choir to perform onboard the QE II in 1983, its list of achievements is vast but at the same time the choir, says musical director Steve Ciavucco, "stays very close to its roots."

Contact: Trevor Pritchard on 01782 394655 pritchard.trevor@sky.com





## ●2.45pm: ROOFTOP STUDIOS

Prepare to be entertained! A vibrant performance from the all-singing, all-dancing schools at Stone's

very own Rooftop Studios – pupils from the Pop School and Stage Academy (PSSA), Little Luvvies and Stagecraft dance school will showcase their considerable talents, including routines from the ever-popular Fli Hi hip-hop crew.

For more information visit **www.rooftopstudios.co.uk** or call Elaine on **01785 761233** 



## ● 3.30pm: THE BLUESHOUNDS



The Blueshounds are a Stone-based five piece band who play an exciting brand of electric rhythm and blues music. They perform their own, unique cover versions of great R&B classics by such artists as Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, BB King Freddie King and more modern songs by Stevie Ray Vaughan, Tom Waits, etc. The band also have a healthy selection of original material to add to their already interesting set lists.

For more information visit www.theblueshounds.co.uk

## • 5.00pm: Stone Choral Society

Stone Choral Society are a mixed choir of around 70 singers, based in the midlands canal town of Stone in Staffordshire. They are a friendly group, generally performing three or four concerts a year in and around the town. The choir was formed in 1968, and their repertoire extends across a wide range of music, not only classical but also lighter music such as Gilbert and Sullivan, madrigals, folk songs and show tunes.

Visit: www.stonechoral.org.uk



## ● 5.45pm: ROOFTOP STUDIOS

Prepare to be entertained... again! More from our friends at Rooftop Studios.



# SATURDAY MAY 28 6.30PM - FINISH

## ● 6.30pm: **THE JAM'D**

The Jam'd were originally formed in 2006 by three very experienced musicians, playing their first gig in the Spring of that year. They have now built a huge following and have gained a reputation for being the finest tribute to The Jam!

Gigging at festivals, scooter rallies and some of the top venues in Europe, they are one of the hardest working tribute bands around - their main aim is for you to experience an authentic 'Jam' gig, with all the energy and passion of Paul Weller, Bruce Foxton and Rick Buckler.



## The Jam'd... The Jam Experience !.....You won't be disappointed!

Please visit: www.thejamd.com

## 8.15pm: ACHTUNG BABY



Achtung Baby were one of the first tribute bands to be formed back in the early 90s. Vocalist Andy, has appeared on "Stars in their eyes" as Bono singing "With or Without You", winning his heat and appearing in the live final

Having established themselves as the very best at what they do, Achtung Baby perform the whole U2 catalogue from "Out of Control" to "Vertigo" on a regular basis throughout the UK with frequent performances all over Europe.

Following a memorable appearance on the roof of the Crown & Anchor at the 2009 Stone Music Festival, this amazing U2 tribute band (winners of a BBC "Best sound-alike tribute band in the UK" award) have agreed to appear on the main stage this year, making for an exciting finale to the Saturday line-up.

## Experience the Unforgettable Fire of Achtung baby!

Web site: www.achtungbaby.co.uk





## ● 10.00am: Winners of the Battle of the Youth Bands competition

Earlier this year, we held a 'Battle of the Youth Bands' competition for bands/solo performers under the age of 18. The prizes were a day at a local recording studio (courtesy of Ant Weaver and Dave Massey from Tower Studios, Mount Industrial Estate, Stone), and an appearance on the main stage at the festival. We look forward to seeing the winners perform today!

Please visit: www.towerstudiosonline.co.uk

#### 11.00am: Music and Arts from Christ Church Middle School

Our friends from Christ Church Middle School will provide a veritable *pot pourri* of entertainment... Including an African drum band, the school choir, a wind band, contemporary and street dance, soloists and drama sketches... *and breathe!* 

## ● 12.30pm: STONE TOWN BAND

For many years, since the band's inception in 1954, Stone Town Band players have taken great pride in providing music for Stone and the surrounding areas of Staffordshire; contributing to concerts, civic parades and contests. The band has been revived under the musical directorship of Graham Randle, and took part in last year's Whit Friday Marches and Bolsover Festival of Brass. This year the band will also take part in the Buxton Festival of Brass and the Kiveton Park Brass Band Festival



Contact: David Chapman on 07768 781159 or e-mail: chair@stonetownband.org.uk

## ● 1.30pm: STAGECOACH THEATRE ARTS



Down-to-earth quality training for four to eighteen year-olds in the disciplines of dance, drama and singing in a very safe and happy environment, helping to develop confidence, physical awareness, communication and articulation – as well as being educational and fun. The skills learnt by Stagecoach students don't disappear when the curtain falls – they are skills for life.

Please visit: www.stagecoach.co.uk



# SUNDAY MAY 29 2.15PM - 6.30PM

## 2.15pm: THE VANZ

Undoubtedly one of the most versatile and accomplished professional bands

on the circuit, The Vanz play something for everyone from their vast repertoire that spans from the 50s right through to the very latest chart hits. From indie, pop, disco & dance to rock 'n' roll, blues, Americana, country and rock classics (they can even play some punk & metal if you ask them!). From Chuck Berry to Lady Gaga – *The Vanz have it covered*.

Web site: www.thevanz.co.uk

## • 3.30pm: Murphy's Marbles



Murphy's Marbles play Celtic-based music on a range of instruments including guitar, fiddle, whistle, flute, bass, mandolin, bodhran and harmonica. Their music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a cutting edge, with an impressive portfolio of their own material.

The band have an interesting and stimulating approach to their live work, and they feel music can have an important role to play in challenging and addressing various issues. Their performances are charismatic and dynamic, weaving hilarious anecdotes and stories into the act, which all makes for a wonderful show.

Web site: www.murphysmarbles.com

## **●** 5.00pm: **PHOENIX**

In 2008 following a successful 18 year solo career as a performer of both original and cover songs, Jackie Nelson teamed up with guitarist-songwriter Linda Weaver to form rock duo *Phoenix*. Always on hand to support the numerous activities in and around Stone, they were delighted to open the show at last summer's Street Party. The girls not only have a passion for music but also take time out to support their students to perform at local music events as Jackie is a professional music teacher from "Spire Music & Arts".

Web site: www.jackienelson-spiremusic&arts.co.uk







# SUNDAY MAY 29 6.30PM TO FINISH

## • 6.30pm: BALLROOM GLITZ

performance at the Stone Music Festival 2009, we welcome back a band who celebrate their 20th anniversary this year. Surprisingly, Ballroom Glitz were originally formed for a one-off performance at a charity 'glam Christmas party'! Their show covers a wide spectrum of incredible 70s songs from glam rock greats The Sweet, T. Rex, Mud, Slade, Bay City Rollers and Queen, plus a few surprises from Sparks, Cockney

After a well-received



So come on – pull on your platforms, get ready to stomp to the glam rock beat and come on down for an afternoon of Glitz Glam Bam!

Web site: www.ballroomglitz.co.uk

## 8.00pm: Roxy Magic

Rebel and much more!



Roxy Magic are a band of talented musicians who reproduce the diverse music and imagery of the hugely influential Roxy Music and pop icon Bryan Ferry. Singer Kevin Hackett bears an uncanny resemblance to Ferry both visually and vocally, and his stage presence has received praise from fans of the original. Roxy Magic perform their set of best remembered Roxy Music hits totally live.

Remember and enjoy 'Virginia Plain', 'Dance Away', 'Street Life', 'Love is the

Drug', 'Angel Eyes', 'Let's Stick Together' along with a host of massive hits and live favourites like 'Re-Make/Re-Model', 'Ladytron', 'Both Ends Burning' and 'If There Is Something' which featured in the Daniel Craig movie 'Flashbacks of a Fool', the live version of which is available as a download single on iTunes.

Web site: www.roxymagic.co.uk





### **WEEKEND EVENT - CROWN HOTEL ART EXHIBITION**

As part of broadening the festival's remit into the arts, Christ Church Middle School are holding an art exhibition of Year 8 pupils' work at the Crown Hotel over the weekend of the 28th and 29th May. The theme, from the Year 8 national curriculum programme of study, is 'Buildings and Structures' and will focus on Stone.

Twenty A3-sized pieces of work will be chosen by the school for exhibition at the Crown Hotel and voting by the public for the top three will take place over the festival weekend. These top three pictures will be framed and presented to the school by **'Coachman's House Gallery'** from Newport in Shropshire. The top three artists will also receive a prize of art materials.

#### FRIENDS OF STONE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

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