

Saturday 14th July 2018

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| 11:00 | Opus 18 Choir |  | Naked Next Door | Canoe Ramp Demonstrations WA Dragonboat Heats till 4 p.m. SM | River Taxi departs SB | Poppy's DGD | |
| 11:30 | Jeepaz Creepaz Music | | | Cardboard Box Boat Race WA | | Ashley Falls | |
| 12:00 | In2Beats | | Amy Leeder | Giant SUP Obstacle Race WA | | Babhdhan Bedford | |
| 12:30 | | | | | River Taxi Arrives at SB | Sunsinger & the High Seas | |
| 1:00 | Ernest Herb | Impromptu Jazz Trio | The Pride | | River Taxi departs SB | Inspire Performing Arts | |
| 1:30 | | | | | Beds Fire Service Display TB | Tremmusic | |
| 2:00 | Pearl Handled Revolver | Rachel & Friends | Rebecca De Winter | Canoe Ramp Demonstrations WA | Grand Parade of Cabin Cruisers | Sharnbrook Community Choir | |
| 2:30 | | | | | | Goliath Theory | |
| 3:00 | Ginger Snaps | Brant Tilds Quartet | Jonny Mudd | Inflatable Animal Race WA | Beds Fire Service Display TB Newfoundland Dog Display SB | Song Squad | |
| 3:30 | | | | | Jet Flyers TB | The Paisley Daze | |
| 4:00 | The Hempolics | Mark Hale Trio | | Canoe Ramp Demonstrations WA | Grand Parade of Narrow Boats | JH | |
| 4:30 | | | Indi & The Vegas | | Newfoundland Dog Display SB | Spacejunkie | |
| 5:00 | The Scruff | | Thr3e | Dragon boat Semi Finals SM | Jet Flyers TB | James Needs | |
| 5:30 | | Harry Evans and his Hot 5 | Roll Your Own Records | Jet Ski Demo WA Dragon Boat Final SM | | Workshop Boys | |
| 6:00 | Kuenta I Tambu | Chris Maddock Quartet | | | River Swim From SB | Amber Falconer | |
| 6:30 | | | Sara | | | The Other Band | |
| 7:00 | | | Minnie Birch | | SUP Invite Race SB | Becki Yates | |
| 7:30 | My Baby | | | | | Basement Strippers | |
| 8:00 | | Atila and his trio | Elijah Miller | | | Two Blu | |
| 8:30 | | | | | | Wah Wah Club | |
| 9:00 | Dub Pistols |  | | | | | |
| 9:30 | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 | | | | | Glowstick Paddle Parade WA | Illuminated Boat Parade | |
| 10:30 | Fireworks | | | | | | |
| 11:00 | (Bridges 3, 4, 5 & 6 will close at 9.30pm and remain closed after the fireworks display) | | | | | | |

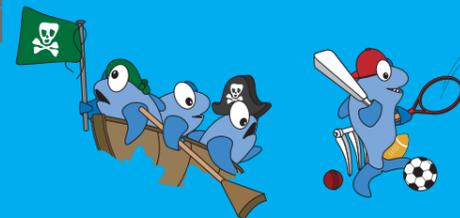


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| 11:00 | Rinceoiri le Cheile School | | Mill Race Folk | From 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Canoe Polo Tourney WA Canoe Ramp Demonstrations | | Olaide |
| 11:30 | Bedford Rock Choir | | | Cardboard box race WA | | Groove Adjustment |
| 12:00 | Alex Early | | Poetry Slam | Giant Sup Obstacle Course WA | | Greensand Community Choir |
| 12:30 | Margin Kings | Who Pays the Piper All-Stars | | Raft Preparations SM | | The Reformers |
| 1:00 | Danni Nicholls | | Kado | | Grand Parade of Cabin Cruisers | Sandford School of Dance |
| 1:30 | | Tom Syson & Jacky Naylor: Tribute to Great Trumpeter | | Grand Parade of Narrow Boats | | The HomeGrown |
| 2:00 | Surpa Salpa | | The Third Place DJ Takeover | | | Alive and Singing |
| 2:30 | | Helena Debaro Trio | | Stand up Paddler board fun and games WA | Raft Race Heat 1 TB | Between the Lines |
| 3:00 | The Lottery Winners | | | | Raft Race Heat 2 TB | Amelia & Louby the Westie |
| 3:30 | | | | | | Generation 5pan |
| 4:00 | Kioko | Big Bad Wolf | | Canoe Ramp Demonstrations WA | Raft Race Final TB | Dancevzbz |
| 4:30 | | | | | | The Groves |
| 5:00 | | | | | | |
| 5:30 | The Wholls | | | | | |
| 6:00 | | | | | | |
| 6:30 | | | | | | |
| 7:00 | Whole Lotta DC | | | | | |
| 7:30 | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | | | | | | |

Carnival Parade

From 11 am see fantastic floats, colourful costumes, mesmerising music, big-bands & spectacular surprises fill the streets as the Carnival Parade works its way through the town in a riot of colour and sound!



40th Anniversary Bedford River Festival

The first festival was staged 40 years ago in May 1978, organised for the enjoyment of the local people and to celebrate the opening of the river link from Bedford to the Wash. The festival has grown considerably since those early beginnings now boasting six stages, heritage and sports villages and a still expanding river events programme showcasing more river activities than we have ever seen on the Great Ouse before! The site has also expanded into St Mary's Gardens opposite the new Riverside Bedford complex, boasting a giant family fun area, Adventure Village and the new home to the Dragon Boat Racing as well as our river taxi taking you from Sovereigns Quay to the Suspension Bridge.

The ethos of the festival however continues since its humble beginnings 40 years ago: a fantastic free family festival, reflecting our diverse and interesting town, celebrating the magnificent Embankment and of course the river, as well as the wealth of music, culture and entertainment our community has to offer, alongside unrivalled opportunities for our local businesses and services.

Our thanks to our generous sponsors and participants and you all for continuing to support the festival. We hope you all have a fantastic time at the festival in 2018!



Festival Sponsors

Useful Information

Directions by Road

From M1 North and South - Junction 13, A421
From A1 - Black Cat Roundabout, A421
Follow AA signs for Town Centre or Park & Ride.

For up-to date traffic and travel information tune to
BBC Three Counties Radio at 95.5 FM & Heart Radio 96.9 FM

Park & Ride operates from Elstow (Blue on the map). Operating hours are 11am to 10pm on Saturday 14th July (there will additional buses after fireworks) and 11am to 9pm on Sunday 15th July. Car parking is available at Bedford International Athletic Stadium and Bedford Borough Council car parks - please see map overleaf. Bedford Borough Council Town Centre multi-storey car parks - 10 minute walk from the Festival Site.

Directions by Rail

Bedford St. John's Station - 10 minute walk from the Festival Site, St Mary's Gardens. Services on the Marston Vale Line from Bletchley. Bedford Station - 15 minute walk from the Festival Site. Services from London, Flitwick, Luton, St. Albans, Wellingborough & more. Please visit www.nationalrail.co.uk for more information.

River Taxi - Sat 14th

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| Dept 11 00 | Suspension Bridge |
| Arr 11 30 | Sovereigns Quay |
| Dept 12 00 | Sovereigns Quay |
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River Taxi - Sun 15th

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| Dept 18 30 | Sovereigns Quay |
| Arr 19 00 | Suspension Bridge |

Single Journey: Adults £4
OAP & Under 16 £2 Under 4yrs go free

toast. AT THE RIVERSIDE

NEW BAR LOUNGE
11AM-2AM

GIN COCKTAILS
WINE
ALE
CHAMPAGNE
COFFEE & TEA
ANTIPASTI
GOURMET TOAST

5B, RIVERSIDE SQUARE
BEDFORD
MK401AS

EVENT PROGRAMME

1978 Celebrating 40 years! 2018
BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL
14th & 15th JULY 2018

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

@BedfordTweets #BedfordRF18
www.bedford.gov.uk/riverfestival
events@bedford.gov.uk

Dragon Boats • Raft Races • Food & Drink • Music Stages • Carnival Parade • Sports Village
Heritage Village • Arts & Crafts • Water Sports • Fireworks • Funfair, Rides & much more!

BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL

14TH & 15TH JULY 2018

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WW1 Heritage Village

Bedford in 1918 (top of mound) & Arena (foot of mound)

- Children's Drill Display - 11.30am & 4.00pm
- German Army Display - 12.00pm & 2.30pm
- Royal Flying Corps Display - 1.00pm & 3.30pm
- British Soldier Display - 1.30pm & 2.00pm



Watersports Arena

- Canoe Polo
- Canoe Slalom
- 'Come & try it' Paddleboarding
- Kayak Freestyle Ramp
- Paddleboard Racing
- Cardboard Box Boat Race
- Zorbing
- Wild Swimming



FESTIVAL BIG SCREEN sponsored by Bedford BID

Festival Main Stage

- Live Music & Bands
- Community Performances & Local Bands
- In2Beats Radio
- Big Screen
- Bedford BID



FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE sponsored by Harpur Centre

Russell Park

- Picnic Area
- Traditional Funfair
- Bar & Food Courts
- Trade Stalls
- First Aid
- Lost Children
- Giant Inflatables

The Embankment

- Army Display
- Fire Brigade

P FESTIVAL CAR PARKING Bedford International Athletic Stadium (BIAS) £5 ALL DAY CAUTION WHEN CROSSING ROAD

Tennis Courts

- Have a go at Tennis
- Russell Park Cafe

Carnival Parade
Sunday, 11am
from De Parys Avenue, Dame Alice St, Bromham Rd, Greyfriars, continues as per map

- Marching Bands & Amazing Costumes
- Carnival Music & Dance
- Local Community Groups & Organisations
- Collection for Local Charities

Carnival Parade Route

Philharmonia Orchestra Marquee



Multi-storey parking River Street Car Park Disabled bays on Level 1

PARK AND RIDE Pick Up Point CORN EXCHANGE Saturday - Last pick up: 10pm

PARK AND RIDE Drop Off / Pick Up Point ST. PAUL'S SQUARE

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BRIDGES sponsored by Marston's

Market Village

- Pimms & Wine Bar
- European Food & Drink
- River Viewing Area
- Plants & Garden Accessories
- Arts & Crafts Stalls

Handmade in Bedford Market

Suspension Bridge Arena

River Taxi

THE EMBANKMENT

MILL MEADOWS

BOATING LAKE

EVERARD MEADOW

LONGHOLME WAY

CARDINGTON RD

ST. JOHN'S STREET

ST. MARY'S ST

CAULDWELL STREET

KINGSWAY

PREBEND STREET

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Riverside BEDFORD

Dragonboat Racing

ST. MARY'S GARDENS

BEDFORD COLLEGE

CAULDWELL STREET

KINGSWAY

PREBEND STREET

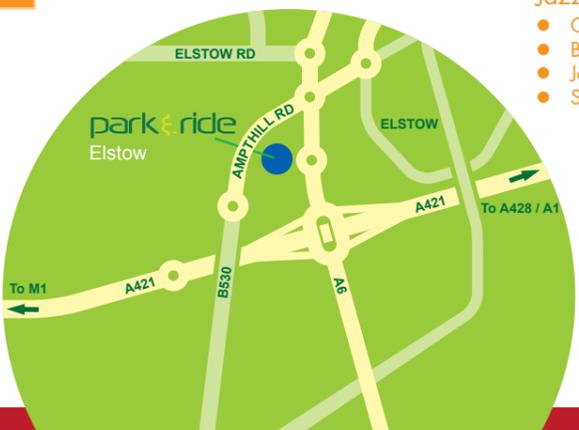
ST. JOHN'S STREET

- 1 Bridges (1-14) (bridges 5 & 8 may not be suitable for pushchair/wheelchair users)
- Railway
- Park & Ride Points
- Parking Disabled Parking (limited spaces available)
- River Taxi
- Toilets, Disabled Toilets & Baby Changing
- Funfair & Rides
- Drinking Water Point
- Food Outlets

- Information Point
- Ice Creams
- First Aid - St. John Ambulance
- Lost Children
- Bar
- Stalls & Other Outlets
- Police
- Picnic Area
- Road closure point

ST. MARY'S GARDENS sponsored by Bedford Heights

BRITISH FRIENDLY DRAGONBOATS RACING sponsored by British Friendly



Jazz Stage

- Chill Out
- Bars & Catering
- Jazz Bands
- Stalls



Mill Meadows

- Two Community Stages - Local Bands, Organisations & Performances
- Bar & Food Court
- Traditional Children's Rides
- Walk on Water
- Trade Areas
- Craft Marquees
- Kids Funfair

Main Funfair

- Dodgems
- Waltzers
- Big Wheel
- Sideshows



Longholme Cafe

Sports Village

- Stage Performance Area - Aerobics, Dance & Fitness Displays & more!
- Sports Demonstrations from Local Clubs & Groups
- Martial Arts Area
- Speed Cricket & Football Simulator
- Come & Try - Archery, Golf, Kayaking, Rugby & Kids Activities
- Smoothie Bike

SPORTS VILLAGE sponsored by University of Bedfordshire

CARPETS 4 LESS FIREWORKS sponsored by Carpets for Less



Chill Out Music Area 11.00am to 7.00pm

ROUTE 51 CYCLE PATH From Sandy to Milton Keynes via Bedford

CAUTION WHEN CROSSING ROAD

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