

THE BIG CHEESE

July 29th
to July 31st
2016



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Return of the Big Cheese Festival



Set in the looming shadow of Wales' largest castle, Caerphilly's Big Cheese Festival returns for a 19th year of family fun and entertainment.

Caerphilly town centre will transform into a bustling cacophony of street entertainers, living history encampments, music, dance, and funfair rides, with over 80,000 people expected to visit over the free event between Friday, July 29 and Sunday, July 31.

The jam-packed three-day festival kicks off with a bang on Friday July 29, with the legendary Great Cheese Race pro-

viding plenty of entertainment around the castle grounds at 6.30pm, with music, entertainment and the famous firework show rounding off the rest of the opening night.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday, there is food, stalls, and shows galore, ensuring there's something for everyone.

Whether you feast at the food and cheese market, shop in the craft market, or step back in time with medieval re-enactments, this year's Big Cheese Festival is set to be the most wide-ranging yet.

RE-ENACTMENTS

Head over to the re-enactment areas to witness pieces of living history. With performances on Saturday and Sunday, there's no excuse not to watch.

Pembrokeshire Falconry - 11.45am and 5pm

Experience the thrill of the peregrine falcon stooping overhead



at more than 100 miles per hour, followed by the majestic soaring of the red kite, and the giant presences of the vulture and eagle.

These are just some of the birds of prey you can expect to encounter in their displays.

National Roman Legion Museum - 11.45am and 4.15pm

Watch authentic recreations from the Roman era come to

THE GREAT CHEESE RACE

The Great Cheese Race will see teams of four people race around the grounds of Caerphilly Castle carrying a 'Big Cheese'.

Runners will be under starter's orders at 6.30pm on Friday July 29.

Adult team members must be aged 16 or over and juniors aged between eight and 15.

There will be prizes on offer for teams in the best fancy dress, as well as prizes for race winners.



WHAT'S ON WHEN?

Friday

3.00pm Funfair opens

6.00pm Indoor Music stage opens

6.30pm The Taylor Wimpey Great Cheese Race

10.00pm Firework display and funfair closes.

Saturday & Sunday

Full event programme runs from **11am - 7pm**, with the funfair closing at **9.30pm**.

life with military practices and a fascinating display.

Y Cantref Breiniol - 2pm

Enjoy a piece of civilian history with this educational display of a living history encampment.

Company of Chivalry - 2.45pm

The Company of Chivalry is a living history group portraying a Military Company in the age of Edward III, under the command of Sir Thomas Hungerford, a Vassal of John of Gaunt 1st Duke of Lancaster.

The group performs at Medieval Reenactment events; with civilian Living History and military Combat Display aspects.

The Company of Chivalry is well-known for its vivid display of daily life in a medieval camp.

The group has the only fully trained Medieval Siege Engine

Crew in the United Kingdom, and regularly displays the use of four types of Siege Engine at Caerphilly Castle.

The Vikings - 12.30pm and 3.30pm

If you've ever wanted to try your hand at surviving in a different period of history, The Vikings audience participation display will delight and educate, with battle training and living encampments straight out of the 10th Century.

Cardiff Castle Garrison - 2pm

How we lived during the reign of Edward III.

See and hear how food is traditionally prepared and cooked over an open hearth.

Watch craft, take a look at clothing, weapons and armour of the 14th Century.

VISITOR INFORMATION

On site facilities:

Toilets, baby-changing facilities, breastfeeding area, food and drink refreshments, licensed bar, Information Centre.

There are designated picnic areas on the event site for you to relax with your blankets and hampers and take in the event atmosphere.

There are also many picnic benches to sit down on and take time to chill and enjoy the atmosphere.

Off site facilities:

Toilets (below the Visit Caerphilly Centre and at the top of Caerphilly town upon exiting the Caerphilly Interchange), cash machines, pubs, restaurants, shopping centre.

All within a five-minute walk of the event site.

Disabled facilities:

Access to the site is good from all entrances, ground conditions are generally flat with a few uneven areas.

The site is mainly on grass. All park-and-ride buses are equipped with low floor access and a number have wheelchair lifts.

There are limited disabled parking facilities located at the event site.

Crescent Road car park and the Twyn car park both have designated disabled bays and are located near the event site.

However, these car parks get full early on in the day. It is advised that visitors use the disabled parking situated at the St Cenydd School park-and-ride facility.



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SITE MAP

1. Caerphilly Castle
Re-enactment Displays
Great Hall Entertainment Programme

2. Re-enactment Displays

3. Re-enactment Displays
Picnic Area

4. Stalls & Marquees

5. Bar
Music Tent
Picnic Area
Marquees & Trailers

6. Funfair

7. Ysgol Y Castell Traders Car Park

8. Dafydd Williams Park Picnic Area

9. Visit Caerphilly Centre / Caerphilly
Travel Hub featuring Sustrans and GTFM

Event Control Centre
Emergency Services
First Aid
Lost Children
Lost Property

10. Baby Changing & Breastfeeding Area

T Toilets
Disabled Toilets
Baby Changing

Getting there

Free Buses

There is a free transport link to the Big Cheese event from various locations in the county borough.
Scan the barcode with your smartphone for a full timetable or visit <http://goo.gl/IEZh4k>.

CLICK HERE

Parking

In order to avoid congestion at this year's Big Cheese event, please use the park-and-ride scheme in operation.

On Friday July 29, a park-and-ride will operate from Y Gwyndy Campus on Pontygwindy Road, with buses running from 1.30pm - 10.45pm. There is no fee on the Friday.

On Saturday July 30 and Sunday, July 31, a park and walk will be in operation from Y Gwyndy Campus on Pontygwindy Road at a fee of £2 per car. There are no buses transporting visitor from this site to the event. Visitors will need to walk to the event site. The site is open for parking between 10am and 8pm.

There will be a park-and-ride from St Cenydd School in Trecenydd and Bedwas High School. Both car parks will be operating at a fee of £5 per car, with buses running from 10am to 7.45pm.

For park-and-ride, follow the temporary signs from the A470, A469 and A468.

Disabled parking is located at St Cenydd School Park & Ride.

The drop-off and collection point for Bedwas High Park-and-ride is Castle Court Shopping Centre Bus stop at the front of the castle in the town centre. St Cenydd School park-and-ride buses will drop off and collect on Nantgarw Road at the end of the event site.

On Friday, July 29, the park-and-ride bus from Y Gwyndy campus will drop and collect on Nantgarw Road at the end of the event site.

To avoid congestion and unnecessary delays in getting to the event please head for one of the park-and-rides as signposted.

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Where to enjoy great music

FRIDAY JULY 29

The Music Marquee

Kizzy Crawford - 6pm



A Welsh speaker with Bangor heritage, 19 year old Kizzy Crawford's solo career began just two years ago.

Her ambition as a black Welsh artist is to make her mark by fusing bilingual soul-folk jazz, and she's already getting recognition for her work with airplay on BBC Radio, as well as live performances on S4C.

Vince James - 7.15pm



Vince James is the musical persona of former street busker Olly.

Since a chance meeting with producer Adam Richards, his whiskey-soaked vocals, and simple, skilfully-constructed blend of indie-pop, folk and country songs are piquing the interest of local radio DJs and music lovers alike.

Whitehall Parade - 8.30pm



Formerly known as The James Clode Band, Whitehall Parade are an eight-piece rootsy folk-rock band from Cardiff.

Their repertoire includes a range of up-beat foot-stompers, to softer, folk-orientated melodies.

They are not to be missed.

SATURDAY JULY 30

The Brwmys - 2pm



After forming in 2012, The Brwmys have been spreading their music around like jam on toast.

Influences are predominantly folk, rock and blues, but these are combined with flavours of Asia, South America, and the Middle East to give the band an unusual and unique sound.

Be prepared to swig your cider, dance your socks off, and find out what the Brwmys actually means.

Gin Rummy - 3.15pm



Gin Rummy is a group of friends from South Wales drawn together through a passion for funky folk and reggae goodness.

New in this format, they're by no means new kids on the block.

These are experienced, weather hardened jammers, fresh from the surf-board and the wistful fire-lit beach party.

Steel Forks Band - 4.30pm



Steel Forks Band boast three singer-songwriters

all chipping-in to create their diverse musical style: original tunes covering rock, folk, blues, and country.

What more could you ask for?

Taking inspiration from the obscure and classical 70's catalogue, they can pick you up or rock you to sleep in one sitting.

The Wayners - 5.45pm



Based in the south of France, The Wayners were formed in 2013. Wayne Brooks of Abercarn, who was shortly joined by a trio of talented French musicians.

They have already enjoyed a successful first tour of Wales in the summer of 2014 and are thrilled to be back.

This is really something special - you'll know it as soon as you hear them.

The Great Hall

- 10am - Caerphilly Male Voice Choir
- 11am - Caerphilly Community Chorus
- 12pm - Caerphilly Ladies Choir
- 1.15pm - Aber Valley Male Voice Choir
- 2pm - Melody Makers
- 2.45pm - Aber Valley Male Voice Choir
- 3.30pm - White Rose Singers

SUNDAY JULY 31

The Music Marquee

Ivan Moulton - 12.45pm



Blessed with a voice that could soothe a set of angry ringwraiths into tranquility, Ivan Moulton inhabits a curious, gentle space set between the 1970s folk/blues tradition and modern, confessional lyricism. Prepare to be charmed.

The Schmoozenbergs - 2pm



Conjuring up the mood of 1930s Paris, fused with the energy of a campfire jam session, The Schmoozenbergs are a group of musicians with a passion for gypsy-swing music.

Irresistible rhythms, lyrical melodies and a little bit of their own 'special sauce' give them the ingredients for a heart-warming, hip-swinging sound.

The Heavy Quartet - 3.15pm



The Heavy Quartet plays raucous brassy jazz-rock fusion with more twists than a corkscrew, taking the tradition and tossing it up with any other musical style they can lay their

hands on.

The musical styles include electronic swing, funk, reggae, ska, improvisation and African thrown into the mix.

Feelgood Experiment - 4.30pm



Six-piece soul-hop collective Feelgood Experiment are one of Bristol's most exciting new musical exports, creating innovative sounds as they combine a love of jazz, soul, Afrobeat, hip-hop and R&B.

Rusty Shackle - 5.45pm



South Wales based indie-folk roots band Rusty Shackle have been captivating audiences with their incredible live performances since early 2010.

Their shows blend well crafted catchy tunes with stunning high-energy level performances which will make sure you'll leave exhausted with their tunes swimming around your head for days afterwards.

The Great Hall

- 10am - Crosskeys Silver Band
- 11am - Sian Williams - Harpist
- 12pm - Forte
- 2pm - Rec Rock
- 3pm - Caerphilly Youth Theatre Drama

SATURDAY JULY 30

The Music Marquee

Valley Jive Dancers - 12pm



Learn to jive with this fun introduction set to authentic 1950s rock and roll.

Learn2Jive classes are held every Tuesday evening between 7.45pm and 10pm at Llanbradach Social Club.

Don't miss this workshop to get your toes-tapping.

Danielle Lewis - 12.45pm



Danielle Lewis' beautiful voice and life-enriching songs have led to the youngster being invited onto BBC Wales' Emerging Talent Horizons Project for 2016.

Since releasing her debut EP, Paper Hearts, in July 2013, Danielle has been a live guest on three S4C programmes, with more lined up in the near future.



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