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Friday 23rd July to Sunday 1st August 2010



Welcome to the 28th annual Monmouth Festival. Our tireless team of volunteers have been hard at work to bring you another exciting and varied programme of music & entertainment.

This year, we are proud to present two prestigious events to commemorate the life and work of one of Monmouth's most famous sons, Charles Rolls. Along with Monmouthshire Show we are bringing The Rolls Royce Enthusiasts' Club's European Rally to Monmouth on Carnival Sunday and a Hot Air Balloon Glow to the Showground on Sunday 1st August. Monmouth Rotary Club have also kindly organised a kite festival, which will take place in the afternoon before the balloon glow. As is tradition, all these events are completely free of charge.

Our three music venues remain the same this year - the main stage in Blestium Street and the fringe at The Three Horseshoes and St. Mary's Church. This brochure gives full information on all events across the Festival and Carnival. It is also available to download from our website.

Once again, throughout the Festival, the site will be home

to a number of locally based food & drink providers including Indian Summer, Nine Yards Deli, Neil James Steaks and a fully licensed (and reasonably priced) bar provided by Stedman Bros. Please show your support for these traders as a percentage of their takings come back to the festival. If you do bring refreshments with you, please avoid glass bottles as they can be hazardous. We would be grateful if all rubbish was placed in the appropriate recycling & refuse bins provided.

For crowd safety reasons, Blestium Street will be closed nightly between 8-11pm. On Sunday 25th July, Monnow Street will be closed between 6am - 6pm for the Continental Market and the whole town centre will be closed between 1.30pm - 3pm for the Rolls Royce Rally & Carnival. Diversions will be in place during these periods. Please bear this in mind when driving to the Festival.

Please continue to give any spare change you have to the bucket collectors at the event - your tremendous generosity really helps to keep our festival free. Please also take a minute to join our mailing list & complete a quick questionnaire about your experience of the Festival (this

helps enormously when we're applying for grant funding). An information tent & stewards will be on site to answer any questions you may have.

The Festival committee would like to thank everyone without whom the event wouldn't take place: all our sponsors & advertisers; Monmouthshire County Council for allowing us to use Blestium Street car park & facilities; Sam at The Three Horseshoes; the Vicar and volunteers at St. Mary's Church; Monmouth Town Council; Louise at Adventa; Kay at Monmouthshire Show; Harry at The Rolls Royce Enthusiasts' Club & Roger at Rolls Royce; Monmouth Rotary Club, Waitrose and last, but not least, everyone who gives hours of time & their boundless energy putting the event on... We simply couldn't do it without you!

Monmouth Festival is a non-profit making organisation and is run by local volunteers. If you would like to join the committee and help out, please either email us for more information at [info@monmouthfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@monmouthfestival.co.uk) or come along to our AGM on Thursday 7th October at 8pm in The Three Horseshoes.



You may see some strange black & white boxes on our publicity material and on the back of this brochure this year. These are Quick Response Codes (also known as QR Codes) - a 2 dimensional barcode - which can be read by a smart phone and links back to our website. Download a QR Code reader to your smart phone from your app store - eg. i-nigma for iPhone - and simply scan the code with your phone's camera. You will be automatically directed to the website where you can check to see what's on & when or for updates to the programme. A bit of a gimmick? Maybe. But we think it's kinder to the environment & much easier to pop in your pocket!