

BANGING THE DRUM FOR RHYL!



A COLOURFUL taste of Bollywood will lift the winter blues and bring a ray of sunshine to a seaside town.

The stage is set for a day of free fun and games on Rhyll's High Street and taking centre stage will be a global musical act.

Bombay Baja Brass Band - based on the concept of traditional brass bands combined with inspiration from the Indian sub-continent - have played worldwide and even performed for HM The Queen.

Usually seen marching through towns and villages dressed in their military outfits, the band features musicians from various backgrounds and styles ranging from Bhangra to classical.

Playing a range of traditional instruments, including trumpets and trombones, Bombay Baja will be the headline act at Rhyll Town Council's mayor's day. Usually held in May, the event was postponed last year due to the pandemic and brought forward this year to make way for the forthcoming local elections.

"The Mayor's Day," said current Rhyll mayor Cllr Diane King, has become one of *the* event dates in Rhyll's calendar. It is the mayor's way of thanking local people for their support. The March Day takes its inspiration from the band's military-style outfits and has something for everyone, crafts for children, a stilt walking pilot, seaside games and face painting.



"We've even a pair of Victorian gentlemen who may be a 'little' lost and need help to find their way home again. I'm looking forward to the next few weeks – we've planned an amazing and fun way to round off an enjoyable year in office."

The March 12 event sets the pace for the rest of the year with a line-up of free activities, including a Royal Rhyl day on June 4 to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. Saturday, July 30 will see a 'Summer Starter' day of activities including a show-stopping desert island and music from a superstar based on hitmaker Elton John.

Cllr King said: "Our high street events bring something different every year, acts and activities that are generally found outside of Wales. We'll have a day of Royal-themed fun and games to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee, including a show-stopping 4m high Royal visitor complete with hidden theatre.

"Come July, and singer Elton Wrong will be the rocket man bringing the town to a standstill. People will sometimes have to travel miles to see acts like this but, once again, we're bringing them directly to Rhyl and staging these events for free, giving locals and visitors' experiences to remember."

The events will be held on Rhyl High Street on the following days:

Tuesday March 1 (11am-2pm)

St David's Day

Join Ghostbusters community choir for a singalong and pick up a free cheerful daffodil.

Saturday March 12 (11am-4pm)

Mayor's March Day

Saturday June 4 (11am-4pm)

Royal Rhyl

Saturday July 30 (11am-4pm)

Summer Starter

For event updates keep an eye on the town council's website and social media.

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