



On stage...Biggar-based accordion band KODA will be performing along with their visitors from Germany

Celebrating 25 years of twinning



Visitors...German band is here with support from the Twinning Association

A GROUP of musicians from Hemmingen, Lower Saxony are visiting this area from Thursday May 28 until Tuesday, June 2.

The German group, hosted by Biggar based band KODA with support from local twinning group CITA, are performing locally as part of the celebrations to mark 25 years of twinning between Clydesdale and Hemmingen.

The musicians will perform on Sunday May 31 at St Nicholas Church, Lanark at 11am, and at an open air concert at New Lanark Visitor Centre at 1.30pm.

The highlight of this visit will be a Grand Concert held in the Municipal Hall, Biggar on Sunday May 31 at 7.30pm. The concert will feature Bigband Hemmingen, Prima Vista Brass and Hemmingen Clarinet and Saxophone Ensemble supported by local youth bands KODA and Kodetta. Organisers hope for a full house to support these young people. Tickets are £5, available from 07894 698231.

foodstuffs.

The Festival Fair, which takes place in Biggar's Municipal Hall, has been running for a number of years as part of Biggar Little Festival and is always a popular attraction for visitors and locals alike. Last year saw the variety of stalls expanded to include local food produce, a move which proved successful and which will be repeated in 2009. In response to visitors' comments, opening hours will be extended this year and the Fair will be open to the public from noon to 5pm.

Biggar Little Festival Committee are now inviting applications from prospective stall-holders. "One of our aims has always been to provide an affordable and accessible outlet for local artists, makers and related small businesses," explained Jill Fraser, one of the organisers for this year's Biggar Day Out.

"We have several stall-holders who are a regular feature of this annual event, but we're always on the lookout for something a bit different to add to the mix of jewellery, woodcrafts, cards, textile goods and other hand-crafted items which form the basis of a good craft and food fair."

Further information and application forms for the Festival Fair are available from Lesley Armstrong by e-mailing laproperty@tiscali.co.uk or by phone on 01899 220980. Completed forms need to be returned by July 3 and the allocation of stalls will be confirmed by the beginning of August.

Calling Spielberg

GAZETTE readers aged 19 years and under who reckon they could become the next Steven Spielberg have until Friday, June 26, to submit entries to the prestigious Co-Operative Young Film-Makers Festival.

They can log on to the www.youngfilm-makers.coop website for further information and to download an entry form.

Winning ways

THE lucky winner of the Specsavers and Make-over competition held recently in the Gazette was Lana Inglis, Shieldhill Court, Carluke and the runner-up was Susan Rautenberg, 46 Midfield Road, Coalburn.