

SALE Festival

Fun for all the family

IT is almost festival time again in Sale, and the centrepiece will be the Lions' Family Fun Day in Worthington Park on Sunday, June 17 from 12 noon.

The event is free, and there will be attractions, including stalls, rides and refreshments.

The festival begins with a performance of 'The Merchant of Venice' by South Trafford college students at the Waterside Arts Centre on June 13-14.

The official launch takes place on June 15 at the Waterside, when Messenger editor Lynn Hughes will announce the finalists in the Sale Photography Competition.

In addition to the main programme of events, there are other attractions during the festivities. A friendly football competition for the under-eights is being organised by Ashton on Mersey Football Club at Banky Lane, Sale on Saturday, June 16.

You can also join in with the weekly health walk around Worthington Park on Monday, June 18, meeting at the bowls pavilion near the Broad Road entrance at 11am.

All those youngsters thrilled by the third instalment of the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' film series will be able to enjoy a pirate-themed family fun day at Walton Park on Sunday, June 24. 'Pirates in the Park' is being organised by the Friends of Walton Park and the fun starts at 1pm.

Pets can join in the festival fun on Monday, June 25, when a giant dog walk is held at Worthington Park in support of National Poop Scoop Week. Meet at the bandstand in the park at 6pm.



Students from South Trafford College's BTEC National Performing Arts course will take to the stage at the Waterside Arts Centre in 'The Merchant of Venice' on June 13-14.

Anyone interested in attending festival events at the Waterside Arts Centre can call the box office on 0161 912 5616. Further details on the festival programme can be found at www.sale-festival.co.uk

Programme of events

THE festival runs from June 13-24, and the following are the main events:

June 13-14: 'The Merchant of Venice', performed by South Trafford College students, Waterside Arts Centre, 7pm

June 15: Sale Photography Competition Exhibition, Waterside Arts Centre, 7pm; The Alma Singers '1st Nights' in celebration of the group's 30th anniversary, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm; North West Film Archives 'Sale Pageants', Waterside Arts Centre, 10pm

June 16: Summertime Sounds, The Square shopping centre, 11am; Ashton on Mersey Showband with 'A Night at the Oscars', Walkden Gardens, 7.30pm

June 17: Lions' Family Fun Day, Worthington Park, 12 noon; Sale Superbowl, Worthington Park, 12.30pm

June 18: New Playwriting Competition, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm

June 19: Irish Evening with dancing by the Mary Walsh School of Dancing and music by St Wilfred's music groups, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm

June 20: Junior School Choirs from Forest Park, Springfield Primary, St Margaret Ward RC Primary, St Mary's C of E Primary and Worthington Primary, Waterside Arts Centre, 7pm

June 21: Art Attack Floral Show organised by Ashton and Sale Floral Art Group and Sale Flower Club, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm; Sale Pub Quiz for the Carlton Travel Trophy, The Sale Hotel, 8.30pm

June 22: The Mike Hall Jazz Quartet, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm

June 23: Sale Chamber Orchestra conducted by Richard Howarth, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm; 'Much Ado About Nothing', Walkden Gardens, 7.30pm

June 24: Blast 07, Worthington Park, 1pm; Teddy Bears' Picnic, Worthington Park, 12.30pm; Songs of Praise attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Trafford, The Avenue Methodist Church, 5.30pm and Trafford Youth Concert Band, Waterside Arts Centre, 7.30pm

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