

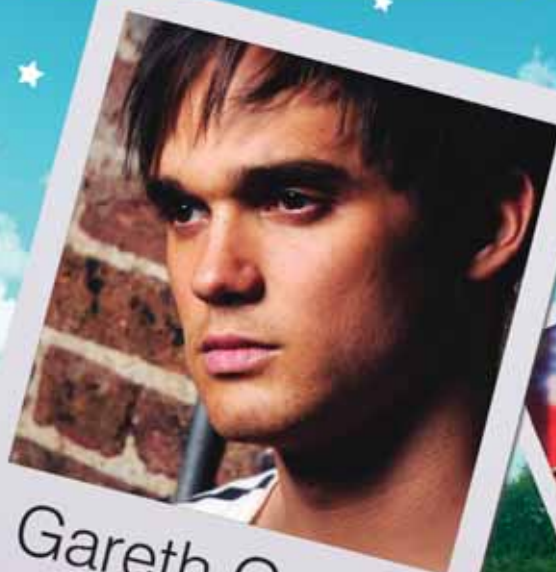
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★ ★ ★ 16-17 July

★ ★ ★ Central Park, Dartford

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Gareth Gates



Ronan Parke



Michael Collings
(Fast Car)

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stars...

Gareth Gates ★ Ronan Parke
Michael Collings ★ New Bounce
Jean Martyn ★ Andy Abraham ★ David Van Day

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Welcome to Dartford Festival 2011! This year we are celebrating the event's 75th anniversary. Starting in 1936 from humble beginnings as the Dartford and District Carnival, it has evolved into the Festival we know and love today.

We are looking to make the Dartford Festival even bigger and better next year so let us know what you think at www.dartford.gov.uk/festival and be in with a chance of winning a pair of return tickets to Paris, Brussels or Lille on Eurostar - see below for details.

This year's Festival has something for everyone, from a wide range of community and 'have a go' activities, to the great acts on the main stage, including Gareth Gates, Andy Abraham and acts from this year's Britain's Got Talent – New Bounce, Jean Martyn, Ronan Parke and Michael Collings.

Enjoy the festival and have a great summer!

Councillor Jeremy Kite, Leader of the Council

We'd love to hear from you...

We would appreciate if you would take time to visit our website www.dartford.gov.uk/festival and complete our online questionnaire. Your views are important to us. This year all completed responses will be entered into a prize draw with the winners receiving two return tickets from St Pancras International or Ebbsfleet International to Paris, Brussels or Lille courtesy of Eurostar (*full conditions to be found on the website*). All times and details correct at time of going to print but programme may be subject to change.



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festival zones

youth zone

Youth groups participating in this year's youth zone include:

- ★ Dartford Air Cadets will be celebrating 70 years in Dartford
- ★ Dartford District Scouts
- ★ Girlguiding Dartford Division
- ★ Dartford Detached Project – pamper sessions, graffiti art and Wii fit
- ★ Swan Valley Youth Centre
- ★ The Bridge for Young People
- ★ St John Ambulance
- ★ 5th Dartford Scouts - displaying climbing skills
- ★ Sea Cadets
- ★ Dartford Youth Council's mini sports day
- ★ Stone Youth Guide



All groups will be providing information on how to enrol with them.

sports zone

This year's dedicated sports zone includes many sporting and 'have a go' attractions:

- ★ We are pleased to announce that Millwall FC will be bringing their community bus to the Sports Zone on Saturday 16th July. They will be running mini skills sessions and many other free activities. Find out more about their community schemes at www.millwallcommunity.co.uk
- ★ Dartford Valley Rugby Club will be running a rugby passing game.
- ★ Erith Yacht Club will be displaying their dinghies and promoting sailing for all.
- ★ Try your hand at archery with the Sutton Bowmen (located behind the Main Stage)
- ★ 8-12 year olds, sign up with Scuba Do for a free trial dive at Fairfield Pool.
- ★ Learn a few dance moves with Vibe Dance Nights.
- ★ Maverick Slackline – try the art of balancing on a length of webbing tensioned between two anchor points.
- ★ Dartford Volleyball (Sunday only)

YMCA Thames Gateway will again be running their very popular events in the Skate Park:

- ★ Saturday 16 July 2pm-6pm - BMX Jam
- ★ Sunday 17 July 2pm-6pm - Skate Jam



Saturday

Jean Martyn: BGT finalist Jean has been playing music for 30 years, regularly performing at church and charity events. Jean also taught music for over 20 years but now feels it is the time to share her talent with the world.

Ronan Parke: The little man with a big voice. 12 year old Ronan from Norwich dreams of becoming a professional singer, and completed the forms himself to take part in BGT. From performing in front of family and friends to coming a close second in 2011, Ronan could be the one to watch in the future,



Andy Abraham: As runner up in X Factor 2005, he also represented the UK in the Eurovision Song Contest 2008. After a successful performance on the Dartford Festival stage in 2007, Andy returns to wow us with his soulful sound.

David Van Day: Formerly a member of pop duo Dollar, Guys 'n' Dolls and a latter day version of Bucks Fizz, David is also known for coming 4th in the 2008 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here and a brief appearance on Celebrity Coach Trip.

Sunday

Gareth Gates: Runner up in the first Pop Idol in 2002, Gareth has gone on to sell 3.5 million records, released three albums and had four UK number 1 singles. After taking part in Dancing on Ice in 2008, Gareth has now forged a successful career in the Theatre including playing the title role in the West End production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and appearing in the 25th Anniversary World Tour of Les Miserables.



Michael Collings: Aged 16, Michael heard a song on the radio and said he wanted to sing and play guitar. He bought an old guitar from a friend and taught himself how to play. After wowing the judges and audience with his version of Tracy Chapman's 'Fast Car', he has been overwhelmed with the response and hopes for a record contract and a chance to change his family's life for the better.

New Bounce: Mitchell, Kuan, MJ & James all met up whilst playing young Michael in Michael Jackson's Thriller Live and have been together as a group since August 2010. Their musical influences include Michael Jackson and Usher, but they would love to follow the success of JLS.

what's on and where?

on the main stage...

Saturday 16 July

- 12 noon Official Opening by the Mayor of Dartford
- 12.10pm Eastern Dance – Bellydancers
- 12.30pm Linda Fryday Academy of Irish Dancers
- 1.00pm Soundcasters
- 1.30pm Lewis Dixon – Michael Bubl  Tribute
- 2.10pm The Drifters Tribute
- 2.50pm Greg McDonald & Gemma Gayner
- 3.00pm Taboo
- 3.20pm Jean Martyn
- 3.40pm David Van Day
- 4.00pm Bee Gees Tribute
- 4.15pm Abba Magic
- 5.30pm Andy Abraham
- 6.30pm Ronan Parke
- 7.00pm Finish

Sunday 17 July

- 11.00am Worship in the Park
- 11.45am Tony Lorenzo "Songs from the Shows"
- 12.15pm Kate Garner
- 12.45pm Beer Pressure
- 1.20pm Sarah Jane Honeywell from CBeebies
- 1.30pm Glee Tribute
- 2.00pm Michael Collings
- 2.30pm Badness
- 3.30pm The Take That Experience
- 4.30pm Analiza Ching & Lenny Zakatek
- 4.45pm New Bounce
- 5.15pm Gareth Gates
- 6.00pm Finish

All times are approximate and may be subject to change at short notice

All areas subject to change



Acacia Fitness

ACACIA entrance to Festival car park

Library

Town Centre gate

Children's Play Area

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in the display arena...

Saturday 16 July

- 1.00pm Circus Sensible
- 2.00pm Circus Sensible
- 3.00pm Goodman Dance Centre
- 4.00pm Circus Sensible

Sunday 17 July

- 1.00pm Ball Busters Flyball
- 1.45pm Extreme Falconry
- 2.40pm Ball Busters Flyball
- 3.25pm Extreme Falconry
- 4.20pm Ball Busters Flyball

Special thanks to Valley Park Radio for compering the dance zone and display arena over the Festival weekend



in the dance zone...

Saturday 16 July

- 12.00pm Rush Hour
- 12.20pm Taylormade
- 12.40pm KBT Academy of Martial Arts
- 1.00pm Vibe Dance
- 1.20pm Eastern Dance
- 1.40pm Linda Fryday Irish Dancers
- 2.00pm Goodmans Dance Centre
- 2.20pm Goodmans Dance Centre
- 2.40pm JK Academy
- 3.00pm Paula Gosnell School of Dance
- 3.20pm Liz Burville Performing Arts Centre
- 3.40pm Baby Ballet
- 4.00pm Woodshed Theatre Company
- 4.20pm Grove Dance School
- 4.40pm Paula Gosnell School of Dance
- 5.00pm In the Wings Youth Productions

Sunday 17 July

- 12.20pm Sapphire Dance & Drama Academy
- 12.40pm KBT Academy of Martial Arts
- 1.00pm Vibe Dance
- 1.20pm Horizontes
- 1.40pm Baby Ballet
- 2.00pm Hackett Kyne Academy of Irish Dance
- 2.20pm Grooves
- 2.40pm Grooves
- 3.00pm Taylormade
- 3.20pm Horizontes
- 3.40pm Up Stage Central
- 4.00pm Parkwood Leisure
- 4.20pm Walk Tall

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In the exhibition marquee...

- ★ Riverside Fuchsias
- ★ Tom Hart-Dyke of World Garden of Plants, Lullingstone Castle
- ★ Dartford Borough Museum
- ★ Dartford District Archaeological Group
- ★ The Quilters Guild of Young Quilters
- ★ Dartford Adult Education
- ★ Dartford Beekeepers
- ★ Crayford Manor House Astronomical Society
- ★ Dartford and District Town Twinning Association
- ★ Dartford Library
- ★ Dartford Floral Society

Saturday 16 July

- 12.00pm Fred Crimp or Jim Buttress
(former Superintendent of the
Royal Parks & RHS judge)
- 12.45pm Chris Burgess from the Quilters
Guild of Young Quilters
- 1.30pm Martin Crow from Crayford
Manor House Astronomical
Society
- 2.15pm Trophy Presentation
- 2.45pm Tom Hart Dyke from Lullingstone
Castle
- 3.30pm William Mundy from Kent
Beekeepers Association

In the competition marquee...

- ★ Photographic Competition
- ★ Dartford Art Group
- ★ Children's Arts & Crafts Competition

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more to see and do...

- Charity, voluntary and community stalls
- ★ Food & drink court (including licensed bar)
- Fun fair & sideshows
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Fire tender
- ★ Worship in the Park (Sunday only)
- Dartford Symphony Brass Band (outside the Library, Sunday 1pm-3pm)
- ★ Don't forget to visit the children's water play area and Cafe in the Park! ★

useful info

- ★ **For everyone's safety, comfort & enjoyment:** Central Park is an alcohol control zone and visitors are asked not to bring alcohol or glass bottles onto the site. Festival bars will be open. Barbeques are strictly prohibited. Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and offenders will be removed from the park. Litter bins are provided around the site. Please help protect our environment by placing all your rubbish/recycling in them. Unauthorised distribution of leaflets is strictly prohibited within the Festival boundaries. Stewards and security will be on site throughout this weekend. If you have any questions or experience any problems during your visit, please contact a member of staff.
- ★ **Lost Children:** The Dartford Festival attracts large crowds of people every year, please ensure that your children are suitably supervised at all times. Free identibands will be available from the Control Tent & the mobile Police Station. In the event that a lost child is found, they will be taken directly to the mobile Police Station and all Parents/Guardians should report here to collect them or to report a child missing.
- ★ **Lost Property:** Any lost property will be taken to Acacia and kept for a period of six weeks. Please contact the office on 01322 343470 for details.
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