



# BLACKWELL *Festival Charity*



## Blackwell Festival



# Key Roles

- **Chair:** Emma Westwood
- **Treasurer:** Bill Heneghan
- **Secretary:** Rupert Dugdale

# Charity Trustees

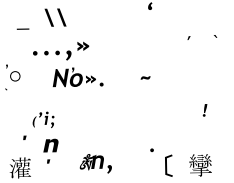
Emma Westwood  
Bill Heneghan

Neil Thomson  
Grant Wilson

# Who runs Blackwell Festival?

- We are a small group of village volunteers lead by trustees that are elected each year by the members of the Blackwell Festival charity.
- Trustees\* with specific roles are:
  - Emma Westwood (Chair) \*
  - Bill Heneghan (Treasurer) \*
  - Rupert Dugdale (Secretary)
- Other trustees are:
  - Neil Thomson, Kevin Shevels, Terry Pauley & Jamie Barnett
- A members list is also kept
- Other community organisational engagement (from time to time)
  - Police, WI, Parish Council, Blackwell First School, Hunters Hill College, 1st Blackwell Scouts, St Catherine's Church and Blackwell Village Stores

# Constitution



## THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE:-

Raise money for and run festivals for the people of Blackwell Village (in Bromsgrove Worcestershire). The purpose of the festivals and its fund raising activities is to celebrate the Blackwell Village sense of community and bring the said community together to further strengthen the sense of community.

We fundraise and sell advertising space in the Party in the Park programme which is handed out to everyone that attends. The Party in the Park event is run for the Blackwell community and their family and friends to attend free of charge. The programme advertising also promotes and supports local businesses.

The Music Festival is funded by selling tickets, and this event historically has run at a slight profit. All profits are banked to our Festival account and monies are used to part fund the following year's Party in the Park and to hire or purchase our own equipment for future events. We also hold a healthy contingency.



# History

## Blackwell Village Party in The Park

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April  
From 3pm until 5pm-Ish

On the occasion of  
the wedding of  
Prince William  
to Kate Middleton



Then 2012  
for Blackwell  
Community  
Games to  
coincide with  
the London  
Olympics



It all started  
in 2011 with  
a party in the  
park for the  
Royal  
Wedding



2013 saw us  
transform to  
"Blackwell  
by the Sea"  
even with a  
beach and  
sea!

2014 saw our  
party in the  
park with  
races,  
bouncy  
castle, punch  
& judy and  
more.

2015 the  
biggest yet, a  
very wet day  
but biggest  
turn out and  
entertainment  
(PTO for  
more...)





# 2015 Wild West Fest

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Excerpt from a free programme handed out to  
~400 people on the day

## Organised by

### Blackwell Festival Charity

### for the village

with special thanks to..

St Catherine's Church....Blackwell Stores...  
Blackwell & Burcot WI....Fresher Designs....Blackwell First School...  
Blackwell Scouts....The Parish Council... CIIr Kit Taylor .....  
Blackwell Club....Worcestershire County Council

And not forgetting ..

The committee

Pete Hobbs, Bill Heneghan, Isabel Welch, Dave Wain, Dave Beattie,  
Debbie Wilson, Janet King, Paul Clarke, Jackie Nash, Grant Wilson,  
Dena & John Jenks, Angus Watson, Wendy McClure,  
Rupert Dugdale, Oliver Parker

Police

Line dancing

The rain!

Custom entrance



# 2016 Circus Party in the Park

## Blackwell Festival Circus Party in the Park

Saturday 18th June from 12.00pm 'til 5.00pm  
Blackwell Field, S Catherine's Road



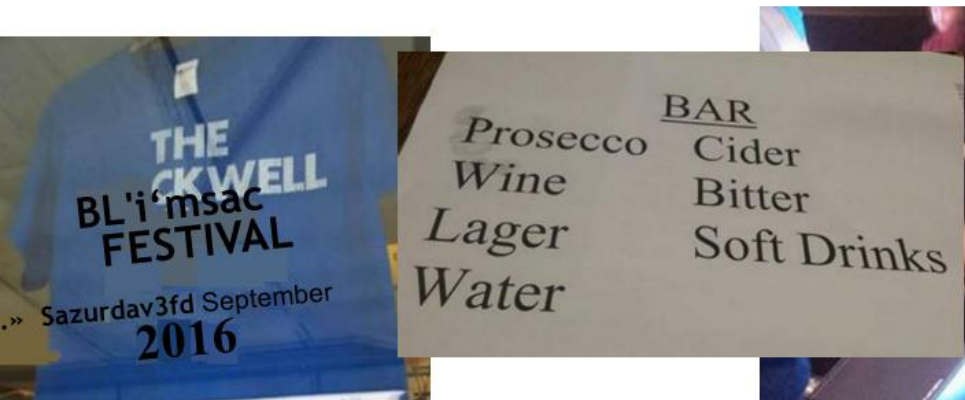
Free Entry  
for Everyone



Evening BBQ from 6.00pm at  
Blackwell Club  
Featuring Elvis (Carl Ryder)  
at 7.00pm and again at 9.00pm



# 2016 Music Festival



11:45 am	A band of local youngsters from Bromsgrove	
1.15 pm	Erica	An up and coming soloist who will be joined by two guests
2:30 pm	The Peas	Experienced duo knocking out amazing songs using double base, guitar and more. Plus a soothing voice to make a captivating experience.
4.15 pm	Imaner	West Midlands based twosome who will also be joined by a couple of guests
6 pm	Arcadia Roots	The fabulous 7 piece who mix dance, soul and club music.
7:45 pm	Definitely Britpop	Ending the night with a party, every song a classic, the excellent Britpop Band,
9 pm	Close	





# The Village

## Village Events

Blackwell's first Music Festival was a big hit despite the weather, with performances from a variety of local musicians.

*Pics/Keith Woolford*



## DANCING IN THE RAIN!





# 2017 Pirate Party in the Paaaaaark





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## In the parish newsletter



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films of previous events: Keith Woolford/YouTube

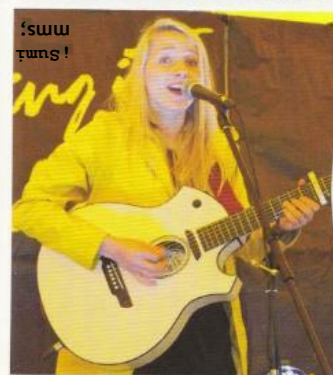


# 2017 Music! Article in The Village magazine

## BANDS, BEER & BBQ

A tropical downpour gave way to sunshine as around 400 villagers enjoyed the second Blackwell Music Festival.

Photos by Keith Woolford





# 2018 Viking Party in the Park 1



## Invaded by the VIKINGS!



BLACKWELL WAS taken over by marauding hordes at its Viking-themed summer festival, where villagers really got into the spirit of the event with some great costumes and props.

A group of re-enactors set up camp on the playing field off St Catherine's Road, with fighting demonstrations and displays of Viking culture, while other attractions included birds of prey, a bouncy castle and play sand.

As well as their own picnics, villagers enjoyed refreshments from Tardebigge Cider and the WI Tea & Cake Tent, and there was musical entertainment from Blackwell Concert Band throughout the afternoon. The party was followed by a BBQ at Blackwell Social Club.



Above: Various birds of prey were displayed by Derek Tindall.  
Top: Festival volunteers in a 'longboat'. Top far left, centre and below left: Re-enactment by 'Vikings of Middle England'.





# 2018 Viking Party in the Park 2



Above: Re-enactors go into battle. Below left: Youngsters enjoy the fighting. Below right: Demonstration of Viking crafts.



Left: Viking demonstration. Above: The youngest Viking! Below: Cake contest winner Eleanor Moody with her entry.





# 2018 Music Festival

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# 2019 Flower Power Summer Festival



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*Summer Festival*





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# BLACKWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL



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# 2020 Lockdown Festival

(Excerpt from the Parish Council Newsletter)

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BLACKWELL FESTIVAL  
'Lockdown', JUNE 2020





# MUSIC TO THE EARS!



**T**he sun shone on Blackwell Music Festival, the first full community event since lockdown, writes Keith Woolford.

With a change of venue following a successful presentation by the Blackwell Festival Charity team to Birmingham City Council, a larger field was secured, with plenty of space for two stages, three food vendors, a beer tent, bouncy castle and other stands after a friendly farmer cut the knee-high grass!

Both stages were used to provide back-to-back music, from solo performances to big bands bringing the canvas-roofed marquee down

with their sounds. In all, there were nine acts entertaining the sell-out 500-strong crowd of festival-goers.

This year's festival was led by Emma Westwood who says it couldn't have gone any better. "The community have been so generous with comments like – 'I loved it and so did the kids' and 'The music blew me away,' she said.

"We've put a lot of effort into ensuring it's a family event with people saying they had felt the kids were in a safe environment."

**Turn the page to see more pictures from the festival**



The article in The Village magazine just proved how valuable this event is to the local community.

Advance ticket sales were very brisk and meant we were unable to sell tickets on the gate on the day.

This had never happened before and shows how popular the Music Festival is!

# BLACKWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL

# 2021





Two films from the Festival are available on Keith Woolford's YouTube channel



Two local companies approached us to offer sponsorship which enabled the committee to provide additional toilet facilities, children's entertainment and helped towards providing the second stage.

The community feedback from the event was extremely positive—it was the best yet, both in location and entertainment!