



# BATHGATE PROCESSION & COMMUNITY FESTIVAL CIC

20 MAY - 4 JUNE

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## A JOINT CELEBRATION

Step back in time with us and  
revisit historical pageants  
which also shared their  
celebrations with the Queen

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## WE PAY TRIBUTE TO JIM WALKER

HEART OF THE PROCESSION COMMITTEE

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## FOREWORD

After a gap of almost three years, we are delighted to welcome back Bathgate Procession and Community Festival. We hope our Festival Fortnight events, the pageant and park entertainment will be one of the highlights of summer 2022. This year's pageant and procession coincides with the bank holiday weekend for the Platinum Jubilee - let's hope the sun shines and all the children taking part in the pageant have a fantastic time.

It goes without saying how much Jim (Walker) is missed and the committee has kept him in mind in everything we plan to do this year. A few long standing members have stood down from the committee and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work over the years, and hope they enjoy a very well deserved rest. As a newcomer, I only now realise the enormous amount of effort involved. The committee have continued to be enthusiastic in spite of challenges over the last couple of years. They are a hugely talented team, and I thank them for continuing to work through the myriad of planning, booking and fundraising that takes most of the year to pull together into our series of events - it is a real team effort!

As always, the procession and events can only take place with support from the local community. The majority of funding for our events comes from the residents and businesses in Bathgate - thank you all so much. I hope you will continue to support us as we develop new ideas for events and fundraising. We hope to engage with other groups in the town too, and encourage collaboration as much as possible. Please come along to one of our meetings, or get in touch via social media if you can contribute in any way.

On behalf of the Bathgate Procession Committee - please enjoy the 2022 Programme of Events.

Hip Hip !!



*Ruby Beattie*

**Ruby Beattie**  
Chairperson

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## A JOINT CELEBRATION

2022 is the year in which Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. The Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend falls on procession weekend.

Our historic pageant took a break from tradition in 1953, crowning a "Procession Queen" Jessie Saunders nee Wallace to coincide with the Queens Coronation. In 1999, the historic pageant did not take place due to the position of the main characters being unable to be filled. The chairperson wrote "This is a Bathgate children's day and its success depends not only on the Committee's planning and efforts but also on the response and enthusiasm of the general public". The Procession Committee therefore took the decision to have another "Procession Queen", Sharelle McKeating nee Feeney.

Sharelle was crowned by Jessie, the first and second "Procession Queens" together. A joint celebration, but not only that, Sharelle was Jessie's granddaughter! What wonderful memories the family must hold of that day.



So on the 4th of June, whether you are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the procession or both, we hope your community spirit is out in force and we can't wait to see the bunting all around Bathgate town.

Don't forget to send us your celebration photos by email or by messaging our Facebook page

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# FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT 2022

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Join us for some fun on the run up to the procession day itself

## MAY

Friday 20th

Saturday 21st

Sunday 22nd

Monday 23rd

Wednesday 25th

### Scooter Racing

6:30pm  
Tesco Car Park, Bathgate

Open to all from preschool to adults. Come along with your scooter and safety gear (if you have it) and try and win "The Tesco Cup".

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### Mile of Pennies

10am till 4pm  
George Street, Bathgate

Add your spare change to make a mile of pennies and help us reach our fundraising target

### Street Fair

11am till 3pm  
George Street, Bathgate

Come along and visit a wide range of stalls from local businesses. If you are interested in having a stall please contact Joanne by email  
bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com

### Car Treasure Hunt

6pm  
McDonalds Car Park, Bathgate

Can you solve the clues and get back safely to base? Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Entry fee is £10 per car and includes McDonalds ice cream treat on return

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### Inter School Potted Sports

6:30pm  
Bathgate Sports Centre

Bathgate's six primary schools compete for "The Procession Trophy"

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### Inter School Swimming Gala

6:15pm  
Bathgate Sports Centre

Come along and cheer on the swimmers.

In association with 

Sunday 29th

Tuesday 31st

## JUNE

Wednesday 1st

Friday 3rd

Saturday 4th

### 5-A-Side Inter School Football

1pm  
Bathgate Sports Centre

Open to all primary school age children who live in Bathgate or attend a Bathgate school. Teams will compete for the "Link Challenge Cup"

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### Creative Writing Workshop

2pm - 3pm & 3:15pm - 4:15pm  
14 George Street, Bathgate

Come along to the 50+ Hub & Activity centre and create a page of our Bathgate themed Zine. Open to adults and children aged 12+. Advanced tickets required. Event details on Facebook  bathgateprocession

In association with 

### Childrens Sports

6:30pm  
Meadow Park, Bathgate

The details for this one are so big they need a page of their own!

Full details can be found on page 8

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### Trivia Quiz

8pm  
Bathgate Golf Club

£10 entry per team. A prize for the top scoring team. Anyone wishing to enter a team should contact Joanne via email  
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### Oration Night

8pm  
Bathgate High Parish Church

Harry Cartmill will deliver his oration covering the history, his life and love for Bathgate. More details on Page 14

### Procession Day

8am - 5:30pm

Hope you are as excited as we are!

Timetable of events on page 17



# CHILDREN'S SPORTS PROGRAMME 2022



The children's sports event is sponsored by Link Housing

[www.linkhousing.org.uk](http://www.linkhousing.org.uk)

Monetary prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. All children who take part will receive a prize.

Order of events - from 6:30pm on Tuesday 31st May @ Meadow Park, Bathgate

GIRLS	DISTANCE	BOYS
Flat Race under 5yrs	25m	Flat Race under 5yrs
Flat Race age 5	50m	Flat Race age 5
Flat Race age 6	50m	Flat Race age 6
Flat Race age 7	50m	Flat Race age 7
Flat Race age 8	50m	Flat Race age 8
Flat Race age 9	50m	Flat Race age 9
Flat Race age 10	50m	Flat Race age 10
Flat Race age 11	50m	Flat Race age 11
Flat Race age 12	100m	Flat Race age 12
Flat Race age 13&14	100m	Flat Race age 13&14
PWD* under 10	50m	PWD* under 10
PWD* age 10-14	50m	PWD* age 10-14
Wheelbarrow Race age 7&8	50m	Wheelbarrow Race age 7&8
Wheelbarrow Race age 9&10	50m	Wheelbarrow Race age 9&10
Wheelbarrow Race age 11&12	50m	Wheelbarrow Race age 11&12
Wheelbarrow Race age 13&14	50m	Wheelbarrow Race age 13&14
Boot and Shoe Race age 7&8	50m	Boot and Shoe Race age 7&8
Boot and Shoe Race age 9&10	50m	Boot and Shoe Race age 9&10
Boot and Shoe Race age 11&12	50m	Boot and Shoe Race age 11&12
Boot and Shoe Race age 13&14	50m	Boot and Shoe Race age 13&14
Three Legged Race age 7&8	50m	Three Legged Race age 7&8
Three Legged Race age 9&10	50m	Three Legged Race age 9&10
Three Legged Race age 11&12	50m	Three Legged Race age 11&12
Three Legged Race age 13&14	50m	Three Legged Race age 13&14
Ladies 15 years and over	100m	Mens 15 years and over
Ladies 50 plus	50m	Mens 50 plus
Distance under 11yrs	2 x laps	Distance under 11yrs
Distance age 11&12	3 x laps	Distance age 11&12
Distance age 13&14	4 x laps	Distance age 13&14

\* Participant With Disability

All participants must compete in their own age group. Anyone competing in the wrong age group will be disqualified. All participants must be a Bathgate resident or attend a Bathgate school

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COMMITTEE NEWS

# JIM WALKER

## "Mr Bathgate"

Jim was elected into the procession Committee in 1962 at just 18 years of age. He welcomed me into the Procession Committee in 2018 and I was immediately in awe of his knowledge, quick wit and organisational skills in regards to all things procession related. Although I quickly realised Jim's organisation wasn't solely down to him but also to his beloved wife Nancy keeping him on track, as well as some committee members who "nipped his heid" to make sure things got done. Jim also gave me an inspiring speech about how it was not a "Galaday" and I am trying my best to make sure my little Bathgate bairns call it "Procession Day".

Whether you knew Jim Walker as the "wee man in the kilt who carried the clipboard" during the procession, a local councillor, a football supporter, a member of various community groups, president of Bathgate Thistle, a colleague, a friend or as a part of a loving family, I knew him as "Mr Bathgate".

Jim gave everything to his dearly loved hometown. He was a champion of the Bathgate community, instrumental in forming a partnership with Kirkton Brass Bathgate and the Fanfarenkorps Neheim-Husten, in Germany. His passion for Bathgate and the work he undertook was apparent to all. The respect he gained and his achievements as a community activist were recognised when he was awarded an MBE in 2014. It's no wonder I knew him as Mr Bathgate.

Sadly Jim's wife Nancy passed away on Procession Day in 2019. At our first Procession Committee meeting after that day Jim said he had a few more processions left in him and wanted to hit that magic 60 years of service. Unfortunately due to the pandemic and Jim's failing health he didn't get to see that magic number.

The Procession Committee has been left with a huge pair of shoes to fill, shoes that may never be filled. However, Joanne (our new elected Secretary) has stepped up and is doing

a fantastic job in Jim's honour.

As a committee we have taken the decision to start a new tradition. This year, the "Jim Walker Memorial Award" will be awarded to a group who have made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of the community, at this year's Oration on Friday 3rd June. On Procession Day the procession will stop and play "Auld Lang Syne" at the Jim Walker Partnership Centre in honour of our friend whom we dearly miss.

I can think of no better tribute to Jim and his family, than to make sure we all put our heart and soul into making the 2022 Bathgate Procession and Community Festival a success for Bathgate bairns near and far, new and old.

Special thanks to Jim's family for agreeing to this article. Here's hoping we make you proud Jim!

**VIKKI SAMUEL**  
Bathgate Procession Committee

## COMMUNITY AWARDS

### JOHN HUNTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution towards the betterment of the community.

**WINNER 2019**  
1271 Air Cadets (Group)

### JOHN HARDY MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to a young person, 18 years or under who has made an outstanding contribution towards the betterment of the community.

**WINNER 2019**  
Egenia Nwzor

### JIM WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

A new award to be presented to a group who have made an outstanding contribution towards the betterment of the community.

Nominations for these awards have now closed. The Procession Committee take all nominations into consideration and select a winner for each. All three awards will be presented to the winners at the Oration on Friday 3rd June 2022.



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## THE ULTIMATE DAY FOR A BATHGATE BAIRN

I am delighted to announce Mr Harry Cartmill as Bathgate Procession and Community Festival's Orator for 2022.

Harry is a "well kent face" around Bathgate and beyond. His many travels, stories and achievements would need a magazine of their own but I will try and condense all the information Harry has shared with me, so that Harry has plenty to talk about on Oration night.

Born, when his parents were in their mid 40's, his father had served at the end of WW2 and his mother was a wartime nurse at Bangour Hospital before running a General Store on Kirk Road for many years. He attended Balbardie Primary School, then onto Bathgate Academy, leaving in 1983. Harry's favourite subjects were English and History but is often remembered by his former classmates for his impressions of the teachers!

Harry's favourite Bathgate Academy teacher was History Master Dougal Purvis who Harry said had a huge influence on his life. Harry always loved the outdoors and sport - especially golf and cycling which he is still passionate about to this day.

Harry chose not to go to University,

**HARRY CARTMILL**  
2022 Orator & Local Councillor



"Bathgate Procession is the ultimate day for a Bathgate bairn. To see the flags flying, the kids all dressed up, the community lining the streets really makes me proud. I am privileged and honoured to represent the town of Bathgate. I promise to always do my best for Bathgate"

instead taking a job with the Country Park Rangers Service, further fuelling his love for the outdoors. He also loves to travel - his highlights being Australia, Israel and the USA. "Everywhere I have dreamed of visiting as a child, I have been" said Harry.

By 33 years of age both Harry's parents had sadly passed away and he became even closer to his Aunt Jean Russell who was another "well kent face" in Bathgate. Jean encouraged Harry when he undertook new job

roles in sales and advertising and later as Chairperson of the charity The UK Coalition Against Poverty. This role saw Harry working in the Charity's offices in Belfast, Liverpool and Rhyl.

Harry went on to work as a Parliamentary Aide to former Linlithgow and East Falkirk MP Michael Connarty. This role further ignited his zest for politics and from there Harry was delighted to be elected to council in 2012 'a privilege to this day' in Harry's own words. He also found time to volunteer at the Dogs Trust, a charity close to his heart. Those who follow Harry on Facebook will see lots of photos of Harry and his beloved dog Corey who he adopted from the West Calder Branch.

In 2019 Harry was supported by

daughter Rachel and partner Carrie when he was unexpectedly diagnosed with blood cancer myeloma. Harry has come through the other side after a life saving stem cell transplant and was chosen to highlight a powerful appeal from Cancer Research UK, which underlines how everyone has a part to play in the fight against the disease,

His health and the pandemic meant Harry could not give the Oration in 2020 or 2021 but we know he will pull out all the stops for the 2022 Oration. Also, the Bathgate Procession and Community Festival Committee are so happy that we have Harry as our Vice Chairperson.

**VIKKI SAMUEL**  
Bathgate Procession Committee

Harry will deliver his oration covering the history, his life and love for Bathgate on Friday 3rd June, 8pm at Bathgate High Parish Church. All are welcome to attend.

**SPRUCE COLLECTION**

Those wishing to collect spruce for decoration are asked to meet at Gardeners Lane carpark on

29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

You will need to bring your own tools & transport to carry spruce

Please confirm details / time in advance by emailing [bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com)

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# 2022 PROCESSION DAY 4TH JUNE

- 8:00 Judging of decorated houses**  
Both houses and frontages will be judged.  
More details on page 20
- 10:00 Judging of decorated floats**  
One entrant from each vehicle must report to the table with trophies on Marjoribanks Street, near the corner of Academy Place
- 10:30 Judging of decorated bicycles & fancy dress**  
Entrants must report to the table with trophies on Marjoribanks Street, near the corner of Academy Place
- 11:00 Principle characters parade**  
Parade starts from the EU Church and Scout Hall to the Old Academy
- 11:15 Historical pageant**  
Join us at the front of the Old Academy to watch our children do us proud
- 12:00 The Procession**  
Leaves the Old Academy & parades the town by way of Marjoribanks Street, Drumcross Road, Torphichen Street, Waverley Street, Livery Street, George Street, South Bridge Street and Glasgow Road
- 13:15 Procession arrives at Meadow Park**
- 13:30 The Procession Park Festival**  
Come to Meadow park for an afternoon you won't forget. More details on page 41
- 17:00 Massed bands parade**  
Parade commences from Meadow Park to George Street



Unfortunately due to budget constraints and lack of volunteers there will be no Torchlight Procession or Fireworks this year

# SMALL DONATIONS MAKE BIG MEMORIES

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR 2023

Whether it's loose change, notes or a large donation, we want you to know that the Procession Committee greatly appreciates the monies we receive. Our fundraising has been extremely limited due to the restrictions over the past 2 years so any pledge, no matter how big or small, goes towards making those BIG memories.

We rely heavily on local business to take up our advertising and sponsorship opportunities as well as local councillors and West Lothian Council to help with funding. The pandemic has had a massive effect on local businesses and although they may not have been able to help with this year's event, we wish them all the best in keeping those businesses afloat and support them in "shopping local".



band costs, health and safety for the event, insurance, hire costs...the list goes on. Unfortunately we have had to make some cut backs on this years events but rest assured we are doing everything we can to make sure the Procession Day and Community Festival is a massive success.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### DONATE ONLINE

We welcome both business and personal donations to support the annual costs of the procession. Whether you are a "Bathgate bairn" or new to our community - these events are for everyone and donating online is an easy way you can show support.

No donation is too small - every pound helps!

Just scan this code to be taken to our website where you can donate using card or PayPal



### RECYCLE GLASS BOTTLES

West Lothian Council Waste Services run an annual competition for recycling glass bottles. Help us win whilst also helping the environment

Recycle your bottles at  
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between 23rd May & 4th June

In 2019 this helped us raise £75.07  
2018 - £158.23  
2017 - £268.87  
2016 - £265.22



### PUT ON AN EVENT

There are some amazingly talented people in Bathgate, so if you would like to raise money for the procession by holding an event, we would love to hear from you.

It could be anything from a coffee morning to a music event. Big or small - it's a really fun way to help us fundraise

Please contact our secretary with the details of the event, prior to it taking place on [bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com)



### CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Looking to set yourself a personal challenge this year? Why not do it for a good cause and help us celebrate our community in 2023!

In April we launched a fundraising challenge on Facebook

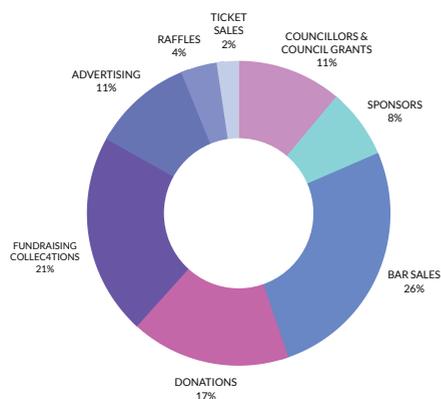
### MOVE | DONATE | NOMINATE

Where you set yourself a 5k challenge (this could be anything - run, walk, swim, wheel), then you head to the procession website to donate your £5, finishing up by nominating five of your friends to keep the challenge going. We can't wait to see this grow!

More details on our Facebook page  
[bathgateprocession](https://www.facebook.com/bathgateprocession)

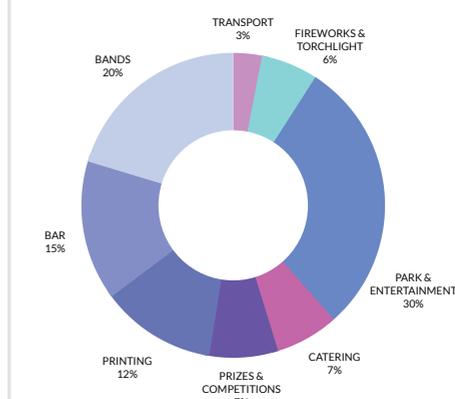
### OUR 2019 MAIN INCOME

AROUND £59000



### OUR 2019 EXPENDITURE

AROUND £57000



Rising costs since 2020 in almost all areas of the Procession and Community Festival have made it extremely difficult to source acts for the park entertainment, security,



## DECORATION & FANCY DRESS COMPETITIONS

We hold three competitions on the day of the procession.

Advanced notification of entry is required for both decorated vehicles & premises. Please contact the Committee Secretary (Joanne Gibb) at [bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:bathgateprocessionsecretary@hotmail.com) no later than 27th May 2022 with your details, as well as which competition & class/group you want to be considered for.

### DECORATED PREMISES

Judging commences at 8am Saturday 4th June, winner announced on Facebook & prizes delivered

#### GROUP 1 - TRADITIONAL DECORATED HOUSE

##### Ian Hossack Memorial Trophy

Must include a spruced arch and spruced window frames. All decorations used on the arch and window frames must be made in the traditional manner with crepe paper. Garden decoration is allowed but no additional points will be awarded. Designs are allowed on the fabric of the building or garage and if made in the traditional manner points may be awarded. If such designs are not made in the traditional manner, no points will be awarded. This applies to the use of bunting.

Prizes 1st - Trophy & £50      2nd - £30      3rd - £20

#### GROUP 2 - DECORATED HOUSE

The form of decoration is entirely open (any material's valid). The only limit is your imagination.

Prizes 1st - Trophy & £25      2nd - £20      3rd - £15

#### GROUP 3 - DECORATED BUSINESS PREMISES

This competition is open to all types of business premise irrespective of the type of decoration used.

This one is just for fun and the glory of being in the top three!

Prizes 1st - Trophy & Certificate      2nd - Certificate      3rd - Certificate

### DECORATED VEHICLES

Judging will commence at 10am on Saturday 4th June

#### CLASS 1 - ALL DECORATED MOTOR VEHICLES

1st Prize - The Lady Baillie Trophy & £50  
2nd Prize - Lothian Courier Trophy & £30  
3rd Prize - Procession Rose Bowl & £20

#### CLASS 2 - HAND CARTS, CARS, TRAILERS

and any vehicles not included in class 1  
1st Prize - Andy Binning Trophy & £20  
2nd Prize - The Cairters Trophy & £15  
3rd Prize - The Balbardie Trophy & £10

#### OVERALL WINNER

##### Bathgate Town Council Trophy

The 150 Trophy will be awarded to the entry judged to be the most actively entertaining float in the parade

### FANCY DRESS & BICYCLES

Judging will commence at 10:30am on Saturday 4th June

#### INDIVIDUAL - UNDER 12

Any child under 12 from Bathgate can enter

1st Prize - £20

2nd Prize - £15

3rd Prize - £10

#### INDIVIDUAL - 12 & OVER

12 years & over from Bathgate can enter

1st Prize - £20

2nd Prize - £15

3rd Prize - £10

#### GROUPS

Where two or more people have the same theme / costume

1st Prize - £30

2nd Prize - £20

3rd - £15



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No entries will be accepted after judging commences.

The Procession Committee have final say on vehicle classification.

Decorated vehicles are expected to choose a representative of each vehicle who will record the entry with the Procession Committee. Judging will be carried out by independent judges and their decision is final. The Procession Committee have no influence on the results.

# SPECIAL THANKS

The Procession Committee would like to say a huge thank you to you, the Bathgate Community. After two years of no Festival Fortnight and Procession the community once again has shown their amazing town spirit by getting behind the event.

Whether you have participated in our fundraising events (like our sell out gin tasting night), helped to fill our collection buckets, gave up your time to volunteer, decorated your house or by turning up in your numbers on Procession Day, no matter what the weather! We want you to know that your help is appreciated now more than ever.

We give thanks to everyone who has advertised in this magazine. The tradition of having it pop through the letterbox in May again this year is down to your financial support. Also to those who have pledged donations, offered their services, donated prizes for our events, and let us fundraise in their stores. We understand that it's a challenging time for local businesses and organisations, and therefore we'd like to say a massive thank you to the following:

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At 11am on the steps of the Old Academy, Bathgate bairns come together to re-enact a significant event in our history. With the exception of Robert The Bruce, children of primary and secondary school age who attend a Bathgate school or live in Bathgate are invited to take part in the pageant.

King Robert the Bruce's eldest child, Marjorie was married to Walter Lord High Steward and part of the dowry included the Barony of Bathgate and the Key to Bathgate Castle. The castle was in the grounds of today's Bathgate Golf Club, but unfortunately there are no remains.

For more details on the re-enactment, please see our website [www.bathgateprocession.com/pageant](http://www.bathgateprocession.com/pageant)



PRINCIPLE CHARACTERS		
<b>King Robert The Bruce</b>	Laura Henderson	
<b>Princess Marjorie</b>	Lia Conway	88 Race Road
<b>Walter Lord High Steward</b>	Stuart Gegan	41 Meadowpark Avenue
<b>Ladies in Waiting</b>	Amy McDonald	73 Dalling Avenue
	Eilidh Gibson	55 Boghead Crescent
	Olivia McCrae	45 Hill House Avenue
<b>Lady Lyon</b>	Nina Robertson	9 Ballencrieff Toll
<b>Countess of Moray</b>	Grace Marshall	57 Marjoribanks Street
<b>Rainbow Queen</b>	Lucy Agnew	95 Bridgend Park
<b>Flower Queen</b>	Eve Hunter	128 Falside Crescent
<b>Lady of the Court</b>	Scarlett Henney	33 James Young Road
<b>Keeper of the Keys</b>	Brandon Hollaran	13 Jardine Place
<b>Abbot of Holyrood</b>	Fia Freidrickson	93 Bridgend Park
<b>Heralds</b>	Megan Doyle	33 Meadowpark Crescent
	Phuabong Loh	25 Meadowpark Crescent
<b>Page Boys</b>	Ryan Fleming	34 Galabraes Crescent
	Joseph Preston	4 Reid Road
<b>Captain of the Guard</b>	Fraser Welsh	86 Lower Bathville



## PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARACTERS

### Balbardie Primary School

<b>Bower Girls</b>	Evie Roberston, Hollie Thomson
<b>Flower Girls</b>	Ruby McBain, Anna Petrie, Anna Samuel, Aoife Stirling, Mazie Sutherland
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	Florence Graham, Esme Law, Olivia Nisbet, Robyn Shannon, Ellie Lees
<b>Royal Guard</b>	Marley Gibson, Archie McCrone, Orlaith Stirling, Luke Thomson, Eden Smith

### Boghall Primary School

<b>Bower Girls</b>	Erin Hynds, +1
<b>Flower Girls</b>	Kelsey Flemming, Elspeth Kelly, Eva Nelson, Clara Stainsby, +1
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	Ella-Mae Steel, Cara Wilson, +3
<b>Royal Guard</b>	Missy Roy, Maisie Smart, +3

### Simpson Primary School

<b>Bower Girls</b>	Isabella Darling, Katie Hutchinson
<b>Flower Girls</b>	Alex Bryce, Summer Gordon, Jessica Johnston, Ayiah Telford, Lana Warren
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	Ellie Gillan, Ruby Henderson, Tillie Rodgers, Aayla Wood, +1
<b>Royal Guard</b>	Poppy Bowden, Alyssa McKay, Daisy Thomson, Ollie Murray, Shaun Montgomery

### St Columba's Primary School

<b>Bower Girls</b>	Klaudia Lis, +1
<b>Flower Girls</b>	Mollie Cambeiro, Poppy Dale, Julia Gniewek, Olivia Main, Luisa Rodrigues
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	Pola Araczevska, Lena Janiszewska, Vanessa Wilczynska, Anita Prybyla, Kyla Bridegman
<b>Royal Guard</b>	Mayson Edwards, Weronica Gorska, Wiktor Schroder, Declan McCann, Andrew Cosgrove

### St Mary's Primary School

<b>Bower Girls</b>	Antonia Johnstone, Beth McCabe
<b>Flower Girls</b>	Jessica Doolan, Erin Lumsden, Isla McCann, Gracie Shaw, Freya Brown
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	Anembom Loh, Kristiana Ramoule, Haniya Shahzad, Abigail Whittlestone, Lily McGoldrick
<b>Royal Guard</b>	Isla Campbell, Matilda Doolan, Isla Garft, Sophie-Kelly Gibson, Zackary Wagner

### Windyknowe Primary School

<b>Bower Girls</b>	Ailis Reid, Kayla Walker
<b>Flower Girls</b>	Yasmin Cunningham, Lucie Ketchen, Eryn Mitchell, Konstancja Wesierska, Olivia Ong
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	Emma Graham, Millie Gray, Robyn Liddle, Amber-Leigh Mitchell, Callie Stewart
<b>Royal Guard</b>	Angus Wark, Boyd Weir, Murray John, Fraser Welsh (Captain), Enriquie Ong

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Megan Doyle



**ABBOT OF HOLYROOD**  
Fia Freidrickson

# SPECIAL THANKS

The Procession Committee would like to say a very special thank you to the following long standing committee members whose last procession was in 2019:

Abbie Gemmell  
Beth Drysdale  
Billy Weir  
Evelyn Calder

Florence and Willie Stevens  
Kate Gibb  
Linda Kerr  
Nicola Reid

Phyllis Sproul  
Rhonwyn Reid  
Teresa Bell

The contribution you have made to the Procession Committee and the event as a whole has been nothing short of a miracle! Although you are all a big loss to the committee we understand it's time to sit back and put up those feet and enjoy the spring/summer months without wondering 'have we got portaloos for the park?', 'how do we keep the flower girls waving and smiling?', 'will we ever get all the magazines delivered?' and 'will the sun shine?'

On the 4th June 2022, whether you are joining us as an invited guest, coming out of retirement to help, watching from the sidelines or spending the day reminiscing, we would like to thank you for everything you have done for the community and wish you all a wonderful Procession Day.

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Our newly appointed Park & Entertainment Team has worked tirelessly over recent months to plan, secure and deliver a Community Festival which lives up to previous years amazing events.

To ensure you get the most out of your day, we've pulled together all the need-to-know details. Be sure to plan your day so you don't miss anything that catches your eye. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Procession Park Festival and would like to wish all Bathgate bairns near and far, new and old, a spectacular Bathgate Procession and Community Festival.

DAVE | LINDA | PAMELA | RUBY  
PARK & ENTERTAINMENT TEAM



The Procession Park Festival is a community event. Whilst we as a team are charged with planning and delivering the day, we are always keen to hear your feedback and ideas to make the event even better. If you have any suggestions, why not reach out to us by email: BathgateProcessionEvents@gmail.com



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### Fabulous Fraser

1:30pm & 4:30pm (45 mins)

Fabulous Fraser presents a fun-filled show packed with magic, comedy and prizes! Fun for all the family, this show is filled with eccentricity, energy and he ensures everyone feels involved in the fun.

### Forget Me Not – Alice in Wonderland Party

3:30pm (45 mins)

Welcome to Wonderland, where the fun never ends! There will be lots for kids to do, including freeze game, musical statues, balloons, story time, bubble disco, parachute and much more!

### Funscience

2:30pm (45 mins)

Coming to wow you with the most amazing and interactive Science show - fire, magic, forces and fun! Warning, brave volunteers from the Audience are needed every step of the way. Everyone becomes a scientist in this fabulously entertaining hour and you might just learn something too (accidental side-effect).

### Silent Adventures – Boogie Bathgate

Tour 1 - 2pm & Tour 2 - 3:20pm

This year we are welcoming Silent Adventures for the first time. "What on earth is Boogie Bathgate?" we hear you ask. Well it's a flash mob. It's a silent disco. It's a roaming, rhythmic riot across the sound-soaked highlights of Bathgate. To participate you must reserve a space via facebook [f bathgateprocession](https://www.facebook.com/bathgateprocession)



### Drop in activities

Face Painting: 1:30pm - 5pm  
Slime Making: 1:30pm - 5pm  
Helicopter Building: 1:30pm - 5pm  
Balloon Making: 3pm - 4pm



Just like every other year, we will all be hoping for good weather ☀️ equally we all know the Scottish weather can be very unpredictable. We have tried to build in some wet weather contingency, however, should the weather not behave itself we would ask you to please don the jackets and head down to the park because you don't want to miss out on the day we have planned for you.

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## The Sibcas Arena

### Vander Wheel of Death - Double Wheel

1:30pm, 2:50pm & 4:10pm (20 mins)

Established in 1987, Vander Wheel of Death has performed worldwide, including at the Queen's Golden & Diamond Jubilee. The nine meter steel structure that revolves around a central axis, has two open-sided steel cages, with artistes performing at each end. Using body momentum they get the wheel to spin faster, which then allows them to perform jumps and flips on the inside. The Artistes then get onto the outside of the rings and perform blind-folded, juggling, skipping.

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### Mark Wylie & "The Drakes of Hazard"

2:15pm & 3:35pm (30 mins)



Mark Wylie with his sheepdog and duck display team are a fantastic show that will entertain, enthrall, enchant and educate any audience. After an introduction, including a short talk about the training of the dogs, the tenacious Indian Runner Ducks will skip with a nonchalant laid-back arrogance across the two infamous bridges, run through the long, dark and mysterious "Bermuda Tunnel", before taking a leap of faith at the "Tower of Doom", ending the performance by sliding into a pool of ice-cold water. Not only will they have members of the audience participating, children also have the opportunity of meeting both dogs and ducks at the end of the show.

### W3L Wrestling

1:55pm, 3:15pm & 4:35pm (20 mins)

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## PARK FESTIVAL

# 2022

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## The Music Tent

### Party Fears Three

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4pm (60 mins)

Party Fears Three, made up of Synthmeister Don Thomson, along with Guitarist and "Man of many voices" Michael Lyden, have thrilled audiences at venues and festivals across the UK, including Scotland's Party at the Palace. Having supported many of the eighties icons whose music they pay homage to, the band continue to bring to life the music & spirit of artists such as The Human League, Erasure, Depeche Mode, David Bowie & many more.



### DJ Christian Rogers

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The Railway Tavern



2pm & 3:30pm (30 mins)

West Lothian DJ and Producer Christian Rogers will play a bit of every genre in his sets from disco to house, old and new. Having recently sold out his own show at the Regal he is currently working on setting up his second West Lothian Based Club night. When he isn't performing live, you'll find him producing tracks with a sound that consists of heavy kicks and melodic keys. His last release 'Daydreamin' is up on Spotify now and he is also aiming to have lots more music out before the end of the year.



### Fraser McLean

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1:30pm (30 mins)

Singer Songwriter Fraser McLean is not new to performing in his hometown of Bathgate but post pandemic he now performs original & latest material with his band to accommodate his new bigger sound. His next single is due to be released on 10th June, but he's promised to give us a taste of what's to come. Taking inspiration from artists like Lauv, Finneas, JP Saxe and Conan Gray, his sound consists of richly textured layers of synths and pop melodies which approach modern pop from a singer /songwriter's perspective.



### The Festivals

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2:30pm (60 mins)

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