

NEWS from Black Galleon

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7 gigs – 1 day: new band goes on the road for charity

A newly formed band based in North Cornwall is to perform at seven venues in one day on September 20th to raise money for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Black Galleon, an acoustic folk rock / alt. country band will go on a mini-tour of north Cornwall and Devon towns and villages, performing from a mobile stage – a 40ft stage trailer.

The three-piece band, whose members are from Whitstone, Bideford and Stratton, will play six free gigs at different venues in one day and a final concert performance at Whitstone Village Hall.

Black Galleon and the tour are the idea of professional musician and music teacher Iain Armstrong, who plays guitar and is the vocalist in the band.

The fundraiser was inspired by a concert by the band Show of Hands that Iain, 40, and his wife attended last year. The band's guitarist Steve Knightley was unable to attend the gig because his son had been diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Father-of-three Iain said: "During the concert I was sitting with my wife thinking what if this was us? How would we cope?"

He decided to organise a fundraising performance, initially considering a 24-hour guitar playing session. Then a friend, local haulier Gary Pearce suggested a tour and offered to help transport Black Galleon's stage trailer.

Meanwhile Iain's newly formed band agreed to take part and the idea of a tour took shape. Black Galleon's other members are lead guitarist and vocalist Yann Fanet, 39, from Stratton and violinist and singer Bethan Walters, 17, from Bideford. The band's many inspirations include Simon and Garfunkel, The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Ravi Shankar, Show of Hands and Celtic music influences.

The fundraiser starts at Whitstone Village Stores at 9.30am, and the band will then perform at Week St Mary, Marhamchurch, Kilkhampton, Harlequinns in Bude and Bridgerule, before an evening concert at St Anne's Hall in Whitstone at 7.30pm with a bar by Red Post Inn and a barbecue. The daytime gigs are all free to attend while admission to the evening concert is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Collections will be made at each venue with all proceeds going to CLIC Sargent.

Iain added: "We want to raise money for CLIC Sargent to help with the excellent work they do supporting the families of children who have cancer

and leukaemia. The whole family's lives are turned upside down when a child is diagnosed but CLIC Sargent is a reassuring body to have around."

To support CLIC Sargent and Black Galleon's '7 gigs – 1 day' tour, see the band on September 20th, go to the concert in Whitstone, or visit www.justgiving/blackgalleonmusic and www.myspace.com/blackgalleonmusic

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CAPTION: Black Galleon members, from left, Yann Fanet, Bethan Walters and Iain Armstrong with the lorry that will transport the band on its charity 7gigs – 1 day tour on 20th September.

Black Galleon 7gigs – 1 day provisional timings / venues:

Saturday, 20th September

9.30am	Whitstone Village Stores
10.30am	Week St Mary Village Square
11.15am	Marhamchurch
12 noon	Kilkhampton Village Square
2.15pm	Bude Harlequinns
3.15pm	Bridgerule Village Hall
7.30pm	Whitstone St Anne's Hall

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More information and demo tracks on www.myspace.com/blackgalleonmusic