

Annual Kettleby Fair arrives this Saturday

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Bringing the community together for 37 years, the Kettleby Fair hits King this Saturday, Sept. 7.

The event runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tyrwhitt Park.

Kicking things off at 10 on the main stage will be Town Crier Steve Travis and MC Don Fenn.

North of Nine Cloggers and country singer Traci Kennedy then take to the stage.

Richmond Hill Concert in the Round plays on the ground, ushering in the official opening ceremonies at noon with local politicians.

It will also mark the presentation of the Mayor's Garden Award.

The Jambalaya Dixieland Jazz band plays at 12:50, followed by Gin Lane (1:40) and Marie-Lynn Hammond, renowned singer-songwriter (2:30).

Keyboardist John Ebata and John Lemme, providing easy listening, cap off the afternoon of entertainment.

Ebata will be singer-songwriter-playwright Siobhan Duffy. Ebata is respected in all the extended categories of musician, song writer, producer, musical director, arranger and recording engineer. He is equally proficient in all musical styles from jazz to world folksongs to rock and R&B.

He has become the first choice accompanist of many great singer songwriters and is acclaimed to be one of the very top Canadian piano-keyboardists and continues to work with artists from all parts of the world.

Siobhan Duffy is a professional vocalist who has enjoyed success in Toronto and across Canada for over 20 years. She has a wide range of experience including, nightclubs, jingles, musical theatre and industrial tours for companies. Duffy is also an accomplished playwright.

The day is packed full of family entertainment and activities.

Visit the marketplace, artisans, displays and family area.

Juggling with Shellagh will teach visitors the basics of this skill at 10:30 a.m. Robert Davies Kids Music and Comedy Show, as seen on Treehouse TV, takes place in the family area starting at 11, along with Carting Dogs rides and the opportunity for youngsters to create a fall planter, courtesy of the Nobleton and King City Horticultural Society.

Take in the mutt show at 3 p.m. followed by more Carting Dogs.

Familiar face Robert Gwalchmai is bringing his forge to do live demonstrations of the blacksmith's skill.

Bernie is coming to offer free advice on any subject you care to name.

There will be more vendors than ever before, as the marketplace has become available to both artisans and vendors of all sorts in addition to the traditional crafters. You'll find everything from flags and pet food, specialty teas to scrap-booking, in addition to the favourites that include local honey, fresh orchard products, handcrafted jewelry, and knitted items.

In addition, there will be a number of display booths from non-profit groups, offering a wealth of information on various topics.

New this year will be a vintage car display. King's firefighters will have their 'burning house display' and visitors can build a nesting box with Kurt. Youngsters can enjoy the bouncy attractions.

Kettleby Road will be closed to all traffic on Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. You can find parking east and west of the village and there will be a shuttle bus running constantly.

Admission is only \$7 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Seniors and teens (12-16) are \$4.

For more, visit www.kettlebyfair.ca.