

PROGRAMME OF THE

# TOWN MOOR

# FAIR

JUNE 2011



FREE GUIDE TO THE HOPPINGS



THE TOWN MOOR Hoppings is Europe's largest travelling fun fair and has been held in Newcastle every June since 1882. This year's fair is bigger and better than ever and will feature over 100 rides and attractions.

The Hoppings will be officially opened by the winner of the Evening Chronicle's Hoppings competition, accompanied by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Geoff O'Brien, at 1:30 PM on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> and will be on the Town Moor until Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## OPENING TIMES

### OFFICIAL OPENING

with the Lord Mayor of Newcastle  
FRIDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30 PM

### WEEKDAYS

3:00 PM – 11 PM

### WEEKENDS

1:30 PM – 11 PM



THE TOWN MOOR is located north of Newcastle alongside the Great North Road (B1318). The entrance to the fairground is located on Grandstand Road (A189).

#### FROM THE A1

From the north, exit onto the A167 then onto the A189.

From the south, exit onto the A184 then onto the A167(M) across the Tyne Bridge, then the B1318.

#### FROM THE A19

Exit onto the A1058 Coast Road onto the A167(M) then the B1318.

## HOPPINGS CAR PARK

£3.00 per car

## SATNAV/GPS

Use Postcode  
NE2 3DA

then follow local signage



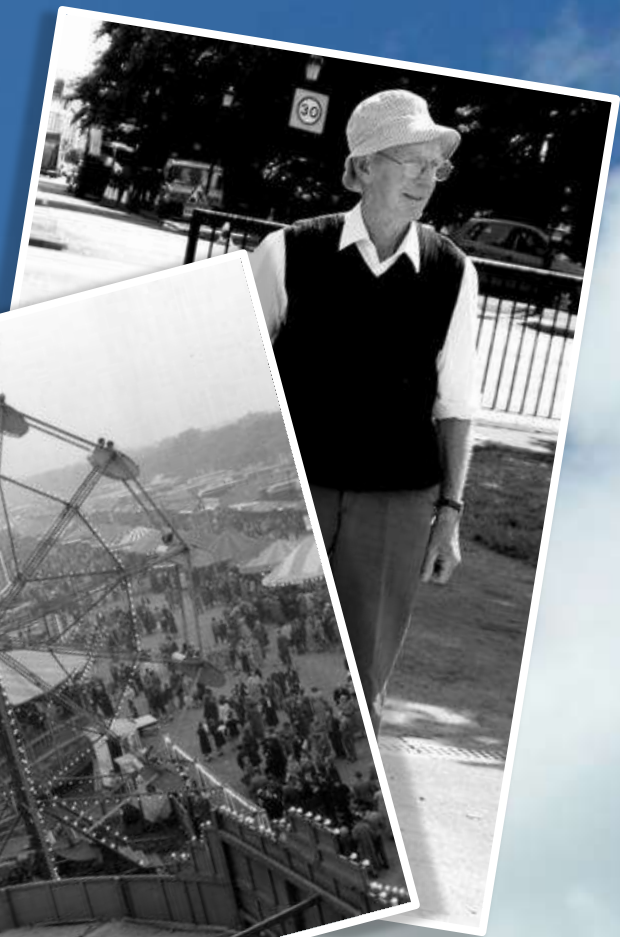
## BY BUS

THE FORSYTH ROAD entrance to the fairground is within easy access of bus stops along the Great North Road which are served by buses operated by Arriva and Stagecoach.

## BY METRO

The nearest Metro station is West Jesmond, with a short walk along Brentwood Avenue and Forsyth Road. Alternative Metro station is Haymarket, with a longer walk up Claremont Road and through the Exhibition Park.

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



VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS showing faces and places from the history of the Hoppings fairground will be on display at this year's event.

Visitors are welcome to pop in to the free exhibition, which will be housed in a marquee, just off the Forsyth Path, towards the back of the fairground.

10 AM – 4 PM

Local historian Paul Lanagan and fairground expert Mark McCormick will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the Hoppings. Vintage fairground plans from the 1940s – 1980s will also be on display. The exhibition will also visit Jesmond Library between September 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as part of Heritage Open Days.

SATURDAY  
JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> 2011

HISTORY OF THE  
HOPPINGS  
PHOTO  
EXHIBITION



THE FAIRGROUND Association of Great Britain will be hosting a fairground model show at the Hoppings 2011. This will be their 10<sup>th</sup> annual model show in Newcastle.

Visitors are welcome to pop in to the free show, which will be housed in a marquee, just off the Forsyth Path, towards the back of the fairground.

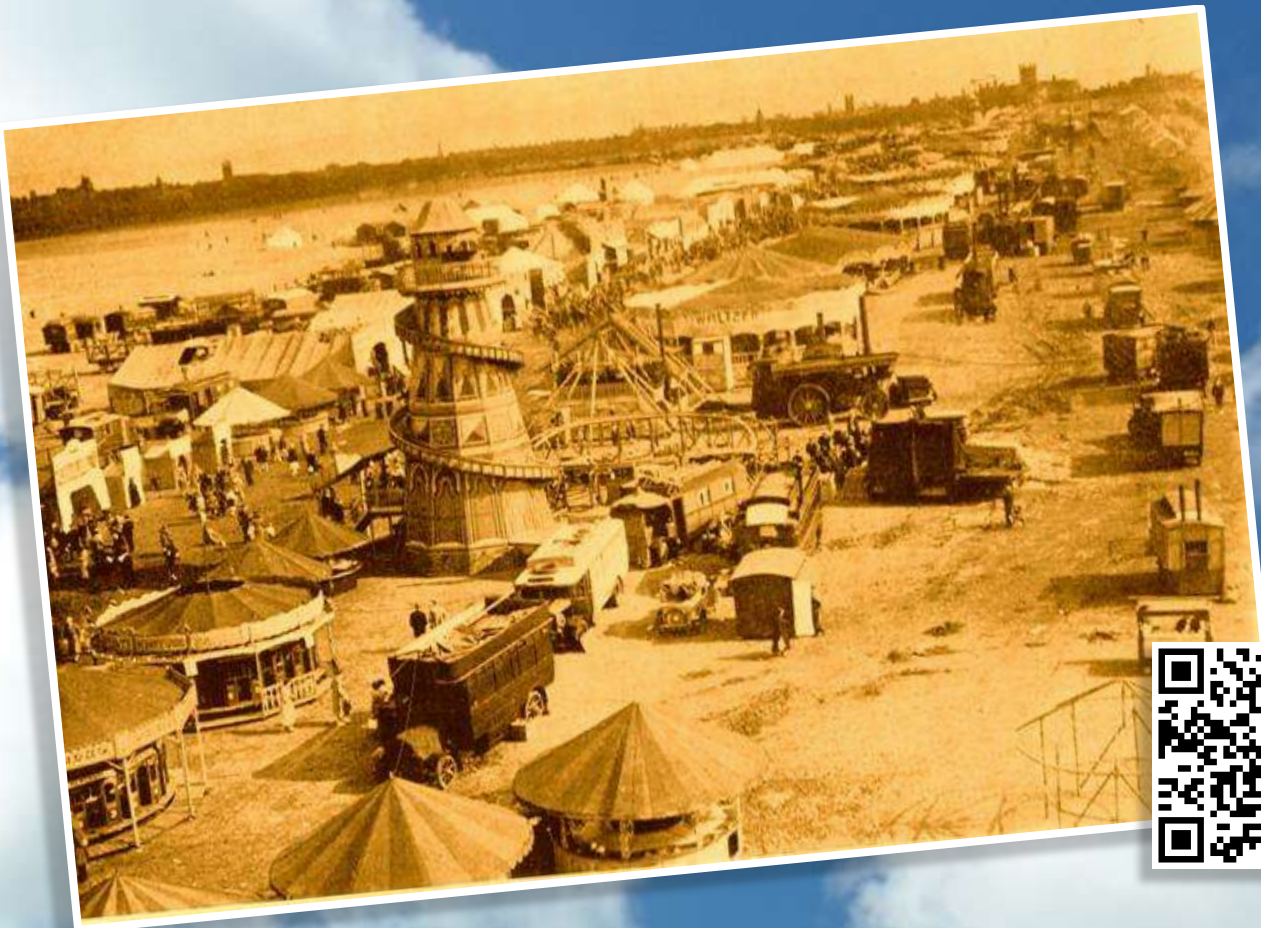
**10 AM – 5 PM**

Last year the show took the name of the Albert Austin Memorial Fairground Model Show in commemoration of Albert Austin, the late fairground manager and surveyor who generously allowed the show to move from its venue in town onto the Moor in 2003.

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

ALBERT AUSTIN MEMORIAL  
**FAIRGROUND**

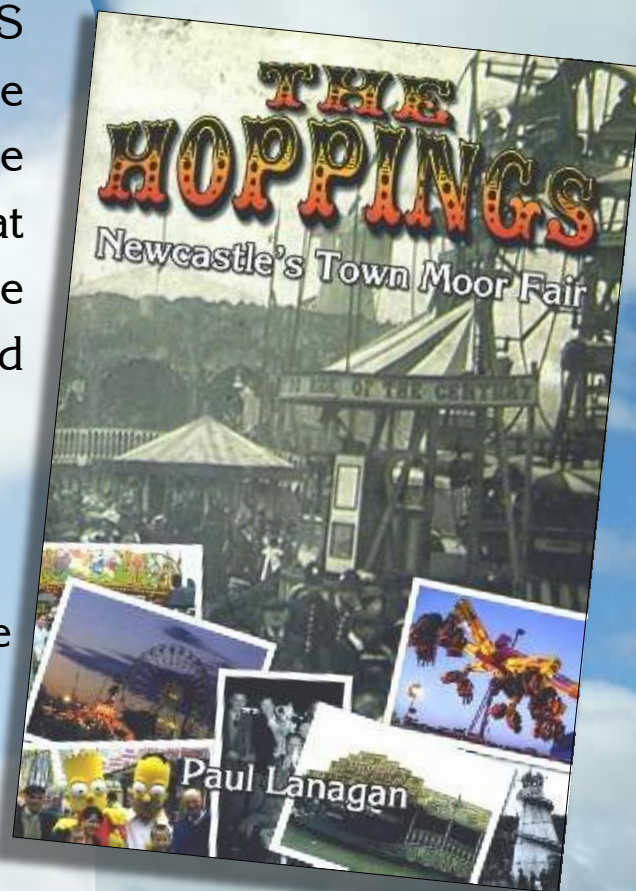
**MODEL SHOW**



THE TOWN MOOR HOPPINGS originated in 1882 as a Temperance Festival, a counter attraction to the debauchery which was taking place at the racecourse during Race Week. The event evolved into the giant fairground that we know and love today.

YOU CAN FIND OUT more about the history of this great event in a new book by local historian, Paul Lanagan, available from bookstores including Waterstones and W. Robinson, Grainger Market.

The Hoppings: Newcastle's Town Moor Fair  
By Paul Lanagan ISBN: 978-0-9555059-0-4



[www.newcastle-hoppings.co.uk](http://www.newcastle-hoppings.co.uk)



THE FREEMEN HAVE exercised their right to graze cows on the Moor from time immemorial, the right to do so having originated prior to the Norman Conquest. The Newcastle upon Tyne Town Moor Act 1988 states that the Stewards Committee shall decide the number of cows, not exceeding 800, which may be grazed. This number is dependent on the conditions and capacity of the areas available for grazing from year to year.

This right has protected the Town Moor and has resulted in Newcastle having an enviable open space on the doorstep of a city.

The Moor is a popular spot for walkers, joggers, cyclists and dog walkers alike, and is also venue to other travelling shows, such as the Circus. Find out more on the Freeman's website.

[www.freemenofnewcastle.org](http://www.freemenofnewcastle.org)

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