

Broadstairs Folk Week

Look at the gap fill exercise below. Try to guess what the missing words are before you listen. When you have predicted as many of the answers as possible listen to the podcast and fill in the gaps. You need to use between one and three words for each gap.

Broadstairs, down by the sea, is a fantastic place and has been a favourite destination for holidaymakers for years. It's got seven sandy bays, a mild climate and _____ pubs and eating places. _____ people in the South East have visited Broadstairs at some time in their lives and always have happy memories when it comes up in conversation that you live in Broadstairs. Charles Dickens described it as his favourite watering place and I agree with him.

For my part, the _____ living in Broadstairs is having Folk Week _____ on my doorstep. You see, I'm a local musician playing and working in Kent but in the past have toured _____ Europe, from Denmark to Estonia, Jersey to Belfast and I can say _____ it is my favourite week of the year and one of the reasons I love Broadstairs _____.

During Folk Week the _____ town comes alive and the old streets around the harbour become outdoor venues for morris dancing, street performers, busking and impromptu jams. _____ you see seems to be walking round with a musical instrument of _____ and I'm right there in the middle of it with my trusty harmonica and guitar.

I normally play five or six official gigs that are listed in the programme, and spend the rest of the week going from place to place, joining in with the other musicians and catching up with all my old friends, who make the pilgrimage down to Broadstairs at this special time. Sometimes that's where the most magic is, bumping into people with the guitars, sitting round and seeing what comes out.

The week begins with a torchlight procession and _____ of performers take part. The streets are lined with spectators. We _____ take a large candle and walk down the centre of the High Street. It's like a carnival – it's at night and it's a wonderful sight to see Broadstairs lit by the candlelight.

The Folk Week concerts are a _____ of the festival. There's a _____ marquee in the middle of Pierremont Park. Both professional and amateur, they pack the venue and pubs and streets. It's a fantastic lineup.

During Folk Week life in Broadstairs really is set to music. It has its own rhythm and the whole town beats to the sound of Folk Week. I can't wait. Roll on August!

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