



AT THE

KIDDERMINSTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th September

Kidderminster is set to have its very own music festival this year. Local music historian John Combe and Mike Sanchez's Manager/ Proton Effect Charity director/trustee Jo Hill are organising this newly created annual event.

The 'get your kicks on the A456 Kidderminster Music Festival' will feature some of the best rock, blues, jazz and indie bands and musicians from the Wyre Forest area. Great, local music venues, including clubs and pubs – and Kidderminster Town Hall – will host the shows this coming September.

Created to celebrate and promote local talent, both new and well established, the 'get your kicks on the A456 Kidderminster Music Festival' will become an annual music event designed to also attract special guest appearances.

Financial beneficiaries will be two special charities: *Spinal Research* and *The Proton Effect*. John Combe is a strong supporter of Spinal Research. John, who is disabled, has a singular purpose: to help people with spinal injuries (www.spinal-research.org). Jo Hill is a Trustee of the local *Proton Effect* Charity (www.theprotoneffect.org). Recently founded to assist in the funding of treatment and care of cancer sufferers in the Wyre Forest District, this new charity began informally in 2006 as an appeal to support local woman Jackie Jennings raise the necessary funds to receive Proton Beam Therapy treatment in Boston, USA. Special fundraising events included a concert at the Town Hall supported by the appearances of Robert Plant and Mike Sanchez. Jackie's treatment for a life threatening tumour was thankfully successful. As a result of the success of the Appeal and with Jackie's approval the Proton Effect charity was formally launched in April and has the full support of our own MP, Dr. Richard Taylor.

John and Jo are very committed to organising a successful event both financially to assist the charities and musically to ensure everyone who participates and attends has a wonderful time.

Jo Hill commented: "We are keen to encourage everyone to be part of the 'get your kicks on the A456 Kidderminster Music Festival' annual event and all offers of help and support, for this year and in coming years, will be greatly appreciated."

If you can: provide musical talent; provide a suitable venue; provide publicity; provide sponsorship/financial assistance or put on your own fundraising musical event please contact John on 01562 833258 and john.combe@talktalk.net, or Jo on 01562 68989 and Jo2266@aol.com.