

DANCING queens and disco divas can strut their stuff at a new event coming to a seaside town.

Rhyl Town Council is to host Retro Rhyl – an afternoon of music dedicated to the 70s and 80s.

Live bands and a street disco will hit the right notes for shoppers and visitors to the town, playing some of the best tunes from two decades of music.

The Freak Out Disco Band – a six-piece outfit from Merseyside – will play top disco, soul and funk tunes. Echo Beach - regarded as one of the UK's best 80s all-round tribute bands - will deliver a set of electro classics.

Echo Beach front man Ivor Hillman enjoyed success with his band The Pierrot Dolls and is a past winner of Channel's 4's Come Dine with Me. The bands will be joined by The Cavernites' Glenn Mitchell for a street disco in-between sets.

Rhyl Mayor Cllr Win Mullen-James said: "Retro Rhyl takes us back in time for an afternoon of much-loved music. Perms, shoulder pads, and flares may be the stuff of memories, but the music lives on.

"Music from the 80s is enjoying something of a resurgence so whether people are shopping, out with the family, or just fancy dropping everything and joining us for a dance and a singalong, Retro Rhyl has something to get everybody in the groove."

Retro Rhyl is the latest free event from Rhyl Town Council and comes hot on the heels of the Mayor's May Day and Seafest with both events attracting hundreds of people to the high street.

"Our spring and summer events have all been about supporting Rhyl businesses, bringing people into town and creating a buzz. Retro Rhyl will lead us nicely into August with the return of Denbighshire County Council's air show and summer music festival, both of which are supported by Rhyl Town Council," added Cllr Mullen-James.

Retro Rhyl will be held on the town's high street on Saturday July 21 from noon.

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