



34th Cleckheaton Folk Festival

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MAJOR CHANGES TO VENUES

Hi All,

Due to recent issues we have had with venues our original plans have changed and it may affect you. Please see details below of how the venue changes will be.

St. John's Church

This was our original replacement venue for the Town Hall. Unfortunately, due to maintenance issues at St. John's they are unable to guarantee to still be open for our festival weekend.

Masonic Lodge

Unfortunately, due to recent review of their Fire Regulations, they can only have 120 people in the building at any one time. This has meant a review of our use of their premises leading to a decision by the Festival Board to not use the Masonic Temple but to restrict our use of the Masonic Lodge Dining Room and Bar. In order to ensure that all ticket holders get access to the Friday Night, Saturday Night and Sunday Afternoon Concerts in the Masonic Dining Room we have restricted tickets sales to 100 in total. This means that only visitors with a Fully Paid Ticket will gain entry to the Main Concerts. **Only Weekend Tickets and Individual Concerts Tickets Holders will be allowed entry**

Methodist Church

In order to facilitate some of the other events at the festival, we have had to re-locate to the Methodist Church using two of their main rooms over the weekend. Being a Methodist Church they have a strict Zero Alcohol policy so there will be no bar or drinks provision however, you can bring your own soft drinks or flasks of tea/coffee. There will be a cafe open in the Methodist Church Dining Room on Saturday from 9am – 2pm

St. Paul's Church Hall

St. Paul's Church Hall will play host to some of the smaller concerts as the seating capacity (still to be assessed) is much lower but provides a nice intimate concert space. The Church Hall has no issue with alcohol but there is no bar therefore please feel free to bring your own drinks but please take you empties away with you. The Church Hall will also host the Festival Desk for the weekend. There will be a Mass Service on Sunday morning so the car park will start to fill up from 11am and will be full until 12.30pm. Please be cautious when parking.

Complimentary Ticket Holders – Morris, Fringe, Stewards, Artists and Entertainers

Complimentary Ticket Holders will have access to all other events other than the Friday Night, Saturday Night and Sunday afternoon concerts in the Masonic Dining Room and in accordance with our Venue Entrance Policy which gives priority to Weekend Ticket Holders. The Venue Entrance Policy can be found on our website and will be printed in the Festival Programme.

N.B. If you want a seat in any of the restricted concerts then please buy an individual concert ticket if they are still available. Any available unsold tickets can be purchased at the weekend from the festival desk.

We realise that these conditions are not what you are used to, but we have had to make massive changes in a short space of time to ensure we had a festival to present at all, and as this is to be the last Cleckheaton Folk Festival we had to get something presentable. The changes are the only way we could do it. All event details will be published in the Festival Programme on sale from mid-June We would like to thank you very much for your support with this and look forward to seeing you in July.

Kind Regards

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