

The Best Of Folk



2024

7th - 10th September



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Welcome

A very warm welcome to Bromyard 2024 to our new and old friends. As I write this the weather is glorious, but I can't guarantee we will be nicknamed Brombados as we were last year, with temperatures into the high 20's. We like to ring the changes!

We have had a busy year preparing another great line up and have been successful in obtaining a small but much needed grant from the Government Levelling Up scheme to assist the costs of the main marquee to provide our established seated, covered venue for your comfort.

We are delighted that the award winning Oysterband are able to be with us as it's their final year before retiring, they have been great supporters of Bromyard over many, many years we wish them a very happy, long, fulfilling retirement.

We have a great feeling of pride too when we have a handful of past winners of our Future of Young Folk Award performing here, and to see them on main stages in many national venues.

We are doing our best in keeping music live, but with the closing of many festivals, events are in jeopardy and it becomes more difficult to survive.

Sadly we have lost many volunteers, friends and artistes this year so when you meet up with your friends please

take some time to remember them and tell stories of those that you have met and knew.

Please support our volunteers, traders and bars, dip into a workshop, have a dance, watch the most amazingly talented artists but most of all enjoy yourselves.

Please tell your friends and family and put next year's date in your diary.

Thank you all for supporting us at BFF and for keeping live music alive!

Your festival Director

Lynne

Lynne Barker
Festival Director



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General Information

WRISTBANDS

Your weekend wristband pass is issued to individuals and is NOT transferable. Please wear your wristband at all times. You will need to show a steward your wristband each time you enter a venue. While we make every effort to size the venues to accommodate anticipated demand, we cannot guarantee admission into specific venues once the fire limit is reached.

STEWARDS

Festival Stewards are there for your guidance and safety. Please remember that they are all volunteers with a job to do so give them your support and follow their instructions. The Festival relies on the support and goodwill of an army of volunteer helpers, some of whom come back year after year. Our grateful thanks go to them all.

Not only do we need our existing volunteers, but we are always on the lookout for others to help with the ever-increasing number of jobs, both large and small. So, if you can help, even if it's only by collecting at one of the dance displays or helping to steward a single event, let us know.

LOST PROPERTY

Please hand any lost property to the Festival Office on the Main Gate where owners hopefully are reunited. After the Festival, call 07990 629203.

SAFETY WARNING

It is your own responsibility to keep valuable items in a secure place and not to leave them unattended or on show. Bromyard Folk Festival Ltd accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to vehicles, valuables or other personal property.

FIRST AID

First Aid facilities will be available opposite the Craft Market. In an emergency, contact the Duty Festival Director on 07855 870086 or 07990 629203

VENUE EMERGENCY

In an emergency, clear instructions will be given from the stage. Everyone should move quickly and calmly to the nearest exit. The designated whole site evacuation area is the festival car park opposite the site.

CHILDREN

The lost child point is at the Festival Office by the entrance gate - please inform your children. It is your responsibility to ensure that children in your care are fully supervised at all times on the festival site and at children's sessions, events or entertainments.

TOILETS

The main block of toilets is situated near the entrance to the Main Camp Site. These are flush toilets and contain washing facilities. They feed into an underground tank so we would be grateful if people do not needlessly waste water.

SHOWERS

Male and female showers are available on site and at the side of the Football Club building.

RUBBISH

Rubbish bags are available from the Festival Office. At the end of the Festival, please deposit these in the skip near to the Main Entrance.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

The site speed limit is 5mph. We operate a one-way traffic system for the weekend; please drive carefully and follow direction signs. Vehicles cannot be parked anywhere other than at your camping pitch or in the designated parking areas (see the site map in this programme). All vehicle parking is provided at your own risk and the Festival accepts no liability for loss or damage to your vehicle.

The centre of town is only a short distance away and most of the events are on the Festival fields so please leave your vehicle parked up. In the event of inclement weather all vehicle movements onto the Festival site will be stopped.

Please make sure that you keep all valuables safe, locked away or ask for support at the Office.

Our on-site security telephone number is 07484 871346.

GREEN FESTIVAL

We will endeavour to keep our footprint as small as possible by minimising our use of generators and **recycling 85%** of waste. We have our own branded reusable goblets made from recycled materials available for sale on site.

NOISE & LOCAL RESIDENTS

Please be considerate to local residents and keep noise to a minimum. Residential houses are deceptively close to the site.

SMOKING

Smoking and vaping is not permitted within marquees or other wholly or substantially enclosed public areas. Please put cigarette ends in the sand buckets and not on the grass. Open fires are not permitted, neither is the setting off of fireworks or Chinese lanterns during the Festival.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to switch off devices before entering a performance area.

DOGS

Dogs are welcome but must be kept on their leads at all times. Please show consideration by cleaning up after them and also be aware of farm animals. Dogs are not allowed in any venues, apart from assistance dogs.

EVENT TIMETABLE

We will endeavour to keep to the scheduled running order, but some last-minute revisions may be necessary. For the latest up to date times please visit: www.bromyardfolkfestival.co.uk/program/

FURTHER INFORMATION

Before the Festival:

Bush Bank, Suckley, Worcestershire WR6 5DR Telephone: 01886 884242

During the Festival:
07990 629203

Festival Office at the site entrance

Much of Bromyard Folk Festival's success is due to the high degree of co-operation between the Festival and townspeople. Please help us to ensure that this level of friendship and co-operation remains as strong as ever.

Next year's Festival:

11th - 14th September 2025

Artists



Banter, a quartet formed in 2015, blends traditional English music with diverse styles. Featuring Simon Care on melodeon, Nina Zella on keyboards/vocals, Tim Walker on drums/brass/vocals, and Mark Jolley on bass/fiddle/guitar/vocals, they've received acclaim from FATEA, Songlines, and BBC Radio 2, earning the nickname "the world's smallest big band."

DRM Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 20:25
Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Sunday 14:00

Three of England's top folk musicians bring together fiddle, guitar, dobro, melodeon, concertina, and bouzouki for a delightful performance. Dave and Dave are joined once more by the talented guitarist Alistair Gittens. Expect a blend of folk tunes and songs, primarily from England, with selections from America and Ireland, along with a few original compositions.

Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Thursday 20:00
Concert: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 12:30



Janice Burns & Jon Doran



Janice & Jon (Future of Young Folk Award winner), an acclaimed Anglo-Scottish duo, share a passion for traditional music, blending harmonious vocals with mandolin, bouzouki, and guitar. Their debut album, "No More the Green Hills," earned praise and chart success, with airplay on BBC Radio. Known for their engaging stage presence, they are rising stars in the UK folk scene.

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 14:45
Wye Valley Concert: MAIN STAGE
Sunday 19:15

Cobblers Child



Cobblers Child is a four-piece band of multi-instrumentalists from Gloucestershire featuring the unique sound of the Northumbrian Pipes. Along with tales from the Inland Waterways they bring tunes and songs, traditional and modern, along with their own compositions.

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Friday 19:30

Concert: FALCON MEWS
Saturday 14:30

A captivating folk duet with exceptional musicianship and a deep connection to traditional and contemporary folk music. Heather's soulful vocals and masterful guitar playing perfectly complement Sam's virtuosity on the accordion, creating a rich, harmonious sound. A blend of heartfelt, original compositions and fresh interpretations of classic folk tunes, infused with their unique style and energy.

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Friday 21:40

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 15:05



Singer-songwriter Amit Dattani, known for his folk, blues, and Americana music, has gained recognition from BBC Radio 2, BBC 6 Music, and Americana UK. With over two decades of performing across the UK and Europe, his fingerpicking skills and unique lyrics have earned him a strong reputation. His latest release, Santiago, showcases his storytelling, guitar work, and warm vocals in a stripped-back, guitar-and-voice format.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 13:00



GNOSS

Gnoss is known for its rich, acoustic sound, blending exceptional musicianship, deep-rooted traditional influences, and modern compositional style to create character-filled music. As triple nominees for the Scots Trad Music Awards, the band has cultivated a devoted following with their innovative approach to traditional music and the warmth of their live performances. This was evidenced by their three consecutive sellout shows at Glasgow's Celtic Connections festival.

Their 2019 album *Drawn From Deep Water* was widely acclaimed for its emotional depth, skilful interplay, and carefully chosen material, taking the band on tours across Europe and the UK. The follow-up album, *The*

Light of The Moon, showcased their commitment to their craft, earning them a Scots Trad Music Award nomination and over one million streams in 2022.

In 2023, Gnoss released their third album, *Stretching Skyward*, collaborating once again with producer Scott Wood. This album continues to explore their acoustic roots while incorporating electronic elements, with performances scheduled across the UK and Europe, including a notable appearance at the Bromyard Folk Festival. The band comprises Aidan Moodie, Graham Rorie, Connor Sinclair, and Craig Baxter.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Sunday 16:30





Keith is a beloved performer known for his sharp wit, lively humour, and captivating storytelling. His shows blend hilarious anecdotes, clever wordplay, and catchy folk tunes, all delivered with his trademark charm and energy.

**Concert: MAIN STAGE
Donnelly & South - Thursday 20:00**
**Music Hall: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 18:30**
**An Hour With Keith Donnelly: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 23:59**
**Keith Donnelly's Family Show: DANCE TENT
Sunday 16:15**
**Wye Valley Concert: MAIN STAGE
Donnelly & South - Sunday 21:15**

Festival Patrons, Granny's Attic, a trio from Worcester, England, have become a standout act in the UK folk scene and are celebrating their 15th year! Featuring Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne, George Sansome, and Lewis Wood, they offer a fresh yet respectful take on traditional British folk music. Their acclaimed performances, blending lively tunes with heartfelt ballads, highlight their passion and deep connection to the genre.

**15 Years of Granny's Attic: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 21:00**
**Concert: MAIN STAGE
Sunday 20:25**



Nick Hart and Tom Moore are a folk duo who blend traditional English music with modern interpretations. Hart's emotive vocals and multi-instrumental skills, combined with Moore's innovative violin playing, create a rich, dynamic sound. Their performances are marked by intricate arrangements and heartfelt storytelling, promising a captivating experience at Bromyard this year.

**Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 16:15**



Fay Hield Trio

The Fay Hield Trio, set to enchant audiences at the Bromyard Folk Festival, is a celebrated ensemble at the heart of the British folk scene. Fronted by the remarkable Fay Hield, a singer who commands deep respect for her ability to bring traditional stories to life, the trio is known for its captivating performances that blend historical depth with contemporary sensibility. Fay's scholarly insight into folk traditions, combined with her emotional delivery, makes every performance a journey through time. Accompanied by two exceptionally talented musicians, Rob Harbron (concertina, guitar,

fiddle) and Sam Sweeney (fiddle, viola), the trio's arrangements are both intricate and stirring. Their music is a rich tapestry of the old and new, characterized by tight harmonies, compelling storytelling, and masterful instrumentation. With several albums that have received critical acclaim, their performance at Bromyard is eagerly anticipated by folk enthusiasts. The Fay Hield Trio is not just a musical act; it's a cultural experience that celebrates the storied landscapes of the British Isles through song.

**Wye Valley Concert: MAIN STAGE
Sunday 22:00**



O'HOOLEY & TIDOW

We are thrilled and proud to feature Belinda O'Hooley and Heidi Tidow as one of our acts this year. This Yorkshire-based singer-songwriter duo is renowned for their harmonious vocals, drawing favorable comparisons to the iconic folk pair, Kate & Anna McGarrigle. Belinda and Heidi are not only original and distinctive in their performances of self-penned songs but also excel in interpreting contemporary and traditional tunes. Their track

'Gentleman Jack' gained widespread recognition for its use in the closing credits of the BBC1 drama bearing the same title. The Guardian has praised their work, highlighting the "boundless songwriting and exquisite harmonies" that stand out in their music. Known for their originality and wit, their stage presence is captivating and a true delight, making them a highly anticipated addition to the festival.

DRM Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 21:35



Marilla is a versatile talent, excelling as a classically trained singer, teacher, and performer. She enjoys performing across various genres like folk, jazz, opera, and musical theatre, while also writing her own songs and creating vocal improvisations.

Concert: PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
Friday 20:00
Concert: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 12:00
Concert: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 13:00
Final Song: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 16:30

Rosie Hood, a former Future of Young Folk Award winner, is known for her powerful vocals and captivating performances that blend poetic writing with traditional songs. After relocating to Sheffield, she formed The Rosie Hood Band in 2022. The band, featuring Nicola Beazley, Robyn Wallace, and Rosie Butler-Hall, revitalises traditional English music, delivering dynamic, emotive performances.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Friday 20:15



Aaron Horlock and Nick Goode revitalize traditional tunes with a vibrant, timeless energy. Their performances blend seventeenth-century English dance tunes and American old-time fiddle music, creating a dynamic contrast with old and new folk songs. This mix of fiery interpretations and gentle melodies brings traditional music to life.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Friday 14:00
Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 14:00
Concert: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 13:50

Falcon Hotel



We at the Falcon Hotel on Broad Street welcome you to the 2024 Bromyard Folk Festival.

Come to the Lounge Bar and Patio for impromptu sessions, the Mews and Ballroom for formal ones.

Lunch 12.00 to 2.00pm Dinner 6.30 to 8.30pm

Thanks to John and Jayne for their continued support of the festival.



Returning to our stage again, Hot Club de Bret brings together the top musicians and patrons of the Fleece Inn, Bretforton, for your listening pleasure.

The prolific folk orchestra kicks off the weekend with lively, foot-tapping tunes on Friday afternoon, setting the perfect pace for the days ahead.

This is what happens when people have a bright idea in the pub after a couple of pints, and it goes big.

Concert: DANCE TENT
Friday 16:30

KC JONES, a husband and wife duo from Warwickshire, England, perform songs by Karen Killeen-Jones, with Colin Jones accompanying her on guitar. Their debut album, "Captive," was a sell-out, and their second album, "Roots," released on last year, earning great reviews.

Story Club: PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Saturday 21:00
Concert: PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Sunday 12:00



Graeme, a sixth-generation singer, has been deeply involved in folk music for about 40 years. He performed with "Landlocked" for six years and collaborated with Jim Mageean for over 15 years. Known for his shanties, his repertoire includes traditional and contemporary songs.

Big Sing: FOOTBALL CLUB
Friday 23:30

Shanty Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 13:00 & 19:00

Final Song: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 16:30

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Amy Leach and Alasdair Paul, a Scottish duo known for their deep passion for traditional ballads, will perform at the 2024 Bromyard Folk Festival. Amy, a singer from Edinburgh, and Alasdair, a guitarist from the Highlands, have created a minimalist yet expressive musical style.

Concert: FALCON MEWS
Saturday 15:05

Song Workshop: FALCON MEWS
Saturday 16:45

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Sunday 15:10



Tom McConville & Michael Biggins



Tom McConville and Michael Biggins, both acclaimed BBC Folk Musicians of the Year, bring together fiddle, piano, and vocals in a captivating collaboration. Tom, with over 50 years of experience, is celebrated for his humor and storytelling, while Michael, a versatile multi-instrumentalist and award-winning musician, adds his exceptional talent.

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 13:40

DRM Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 19:15

Jim Mageean is a renowned British shanty singer and folk musician, celebrated for his powerful voice and dedication to maritime music. Mageean's collaborations with other artists and his solo work have made him a prominent figure in the folk and maritime music communities.

Big Sing: FOOTBALL CLUB
Friday 23:30

Shanty Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 19:00

Final Song: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 16:30



OYSTERBAND

Oysterband, a legendary name in the folk music scene, headline with an eagerly anticipated performance on Friday evening. Renowned for their unique fusion of traditional folk and modern rock, Oysterband has captivated global audiences for over 40 years with their passionate shows, powerful lyrics, and memorable tunes.

Their appearance at Bromyard is part of the "A Long Long Goodbye" tour, marking one of the final stops in their illustrious career. This tour serves as a poignant farewell to their devoted fans, offering a last chance to experience the dynamic live energy that has defined their success.

Throughout their journey, Oysterband has earned critical acclaim, including multiple BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, and their music has become a voice for social and political issues, securing their place in the hearts of folk music lovers.

This concert is not just a performance but a celebration of Oysterband's enduring legacy and a final tribute to their fans. The 2024 Bromyard Folk Festival is proud to host this iconic act, ensuring their farewell is as unforgettable as their music..

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Friday 22:45



Previous appearances:
The Oyster Band 1982
Oyster Band 1983
Oyster Band 1985
Oyster Band 1986
The Oyster Band 1988
The Oyster Band 1990
The Oyster Band 1993
Oysterband 2014
Oysterband 2016
Oysterband 2018

Ruth and Sadie, sisters known for their spine-tingling harmonies, regularly perform together and will be joined by harpist Lisa Oliver. Ruth resides in Whitby, while Sadie remains in West Yorkshire. Both are also members of She Shanties, the UK's top women's shanty crew.

Concert: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 11:00

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 14:45



The Ross Folk Choir are a community choir who sing 3 and 4 part arrangements of traditional and contemporary folk songs.

Expect well-known and lesser-known traditional songs as well as more contemporary ones by the likes of Richard Thompson, Show of Hands, Kate Rusby, Karine Polwart, Nancy Kerr, Martin Simpson, Gillian Welch and Dick Gaughan.

Concert: FALCON MEWS
Saturday 12:00
Concert: DANCE TENT
Saturday 15:45

Now commemorating over two decades, Rapsquillion, a celebrated and seasoned collaboration of veterans within the folk music realm of Shropshire and mid-Wales, has, in its diverse forms, consistently generated its distinctive style of harmonious melodies, often a cappella and typically rooted in traditional melodies and lyrics

Concert: FALCON MEWS
Saturday 13:00

Shanty Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 19:00

Service: ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Sunday 10:30



Saul Rose & James Delarre



James and Saul met at Sidmouth Folk Week in 2007. They were brought together to play music for Morris Offspring. After a punishing week of morning workshops and all day and evening performances with the troupe they had become firm friends. They continued to play for Morris Offspring for a couple of years and shared the stage with Jim Moray. Every time they meet the music flows so the duo is here.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Friday 19:15
Concert: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 15:40

Sherburn Bartley Sanders, known as "The Voice of the Moors," combines Chris Sherburn's concertina, Denny Bartley's vocals and guitar, and Emily Sanders' fiddle and harmonies. Since 1993, they've captivated audiences worldwide with their soulful songs, lively tunes, and dynamic performances.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Friday 21:25
Concert: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 15:50



SHERBURN · BARTLEY SANDERS



Nigel Smith, the master of the festival bar, not only satisfies festival-goers' thirst but also uplifts their spirits with his soulful renditions of traditional folk songs. Having charmed audiences at the Fleece Inn's folk nights and made his festival debut last year, he returns this year to continue delighting all.

Concert: PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
Friday 19:30

Martin Simpson

Martin Simpson, a virtuoso of the acoustic guitar, has been captivating audiences with his exceptional musical talent since he first laid hands on a guitar at the age of 12. From that momentous Christmas gift, Martin embarked on a lifelong journey of musical exploration, dedication, and mastery.

Martin's passion for music is matched only by his desire to connect with others through it. His journey has been enriched by the many friendships he has forged along the way, with fellow musicians, fans, and students alike.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Thursday 21:15

Renowned for his emotive performances and intricate fingerstyle guitar work, Martin Simpson has become a beloved figure in the folk music scene and beyond. His ability to blend traditional music with contemporary flair has earned him widespread acclaim and a loyal fan base. Throughout his illustrious career, Martin has not only shone on stage through countless gigs and festivals but has also made significant contributions to the world of music through his recordings, workshops, and a genuine enthusiasm for musical instruments.





Lauren South is a haunting talent in the folk music world, celebrated for her soulful voice and masterful guitar work. Her music blends traditional folk with modern storytelling, captivating listeners with its emotional depth.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Donnelly & South - Thursday 20:00

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Friday 20:30

PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE

Fiddle Workshop: Saturday 11:00

Music Hall: CLUB STAGE

Saturday 18:30

Concert: MAIN STAGE Sunday 13:00

Donnelly & South - Sunday 21:15

Seb was the 2022 winner of Bromyard Folk Festival's Future of Young Folk Award. The emerging folk vocalist hails from Sheffield, providing both vocals and self-accompaniment on the uilleann pipes and whistle.

Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Friday 23:30

Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 16:30

15 Years of Granny's Attic: CLUB STAGE
Saturday 21:00

Final Song: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 16:30



Shady has been part of the English folk scene since before she was born, and first sang in public aged five. She can often be found leading rowsing, late night chorus songs with tankard in hand.

Shanty Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 13:00

Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 16:30



Spiers & Boden

Since their debut in 2001, John Spiers and Jon Boden, known as the dynamic duo Spiers & Boden, have left a lasting impact on the folk music world. Hailed by The Guardian as "the finest instrumental duo on the traditional scene," they have enjoyed widespread recognition, including a successful period with the acclaimed folk band Bellowhead. After taking a break, they made a strong comeback in 2021 with their album 'Fallow Ground,' created during the challenging times of the pandemic and recorded between lockdowns.

Their latest music focuses on lively, joyful songs, moving away from the more somber themes often found in traditional folk, which brings a playful energy to their music. This approach perfectly suits their upcoming headline performance at the Bromyard Folk Festival, where they will deliver an engaging mix of spirited traditional tunes and their unique style.

DRM Concert: MAIN STAGE
Saturday 22:45





Tarren, a dynamic New-Folk trio rooted in English tradition, blends original and traditional material with a fresh and innovative approach. The group, consisting of Sid Goldsmith, Alex Garden, and Danny Pedler, hails from Bristol and creates a distinctive sound with instruments like the cittern, concertina, fiddle, and accordion. Tarren's compelling performances and innovative style have earned them significant acclaim in the folk music scene.

Concert: MAIN STAGE
Friday 15:00

John is a talented artist returning to us from Coventry, performing traditional banjo tunes and singing some old time classics, who will be topping off the Friday evening concert in Pete Geoghegan's Song House.

PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
Friday 21:30



Lindsay Martin's masterful strings and vocal meets songstress Victoria Vigenser's magnificent voice and driving rhythms in a connection that is hard to describe. Originally from the New South Wales and New Zealand respectively, they're travelling troubadours with uniquely gritty, evocative songs and echoes of their love for Americana and Celtic traditional music amongst the harmonies.

Concert: CLUB STAGE
Friday 22:40

Dave and Anni joined forces in 1985 after spending numerous years within the folk club circuit, Anni has cultivated a specialised repertoire of songs from her native North East region, while Dave has been composing songs in a traditional style.

Session: FOOTBALL CLUB
Friday 17:00
Concert: FALCON MEWS
Saturday 15:55
Final Song: CLUB STAGE
Sunday 16:30



Rowan, a Worcestershire-based singer with a choral background, won the festival's Future of Young Folk Award. His passion for folk music blossomed while studying in the Outer Hebrides, where he learned traditional songs from South Uist. Now a Folk and Traditional Music student at Newcastle University, Rowan blends his classical roots with folk influences, shaping his unique vocal style.

Concert: PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
Friday 20:50
Future of Young Folk Award: FALCON MEWS
Sunday 12:00

Returning once again to entertain you at the bar with their classics, Worcester Ukulele Club will be strumming to get you humming. They are also running a beginners' Ukulele Workshop early on Saturday evening so bring your mini guitars!

Session: DAVE JONES' BAR
Saturday 14:30

Workshop:
PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
Saturday 18:15

Session: DAVE JONES' BAR
Saturday 21:00



Family Entertainment



Dan The Hat is a seasoned performer with 20 years of global experience, known for his diverse talents in comedy, juggling, and outrageous stunts. He has entertained audiences worldwide, from the UK to Australia and beyond. In addition to Circus Skills Workshops, you can expect a lively, interactive show, where Dan's blend of humor, improvisation, and skill guarantees plenty of laughs and surprises.



SITE ARENA STAGE

Show: Saturday 15:00 Sunday 16:15

Circus Skills: Saturday/Sunday 10:00-13:00



Wyld Thyngz is back, offering diverse craft workshops and charcoal making. Their woodland workshops aim to spark a lifelong love for nature in children, encouraging them to explore the natural world's possibilities. Kids will learn woodland skills while being inspired to respect and appreciate the environment in a fun, nurturing setting.

MARKETPLACE

Find their flag to see the workshop times

Entertaining and engaging with activities for the children to enjoy. There's a rich source of crafty activities to make, paint, and draw.

If you are lucky, you might even get a bedtime story! Come and take part in parachute games, craft workshops and general messiness.

Expect a range of low impact and recycled crafts including T shirt bags and bottle-holders, Papier-maché lanterns and decorations, plus some smashing fun hammering! Children need to be accompanied by an adult. See Shed noticeboard for timings.

For toddlers we have a free play zone including Duplo, trains and ball-pool fun. Grown ups can have a sit down and relax while their little ones play.

Come and have a go at the Family Morris Workshop on Saturday!



THE SHED

Welcome!: Friday 19:00

Crafts: Saturday 10-16:00 Sunday 10-15:00

Family Morris Workshop: Saturday 16:00

Parachute Fun: Saturday 19:00 Sunday 15:00

A perfect show for children to come along and shout at their favourite comedian to their hearts' content.

Keith will entertain the young ones with songs, stories and improvisation that will paint smiles on everyone's faces.

This is one for kids of all ages who want to see someone with truly funny bones.

Keith Donnelly's Family Show: DANCE TENT
Sunday 16:15



Future of Young Folk Award



Festival Director, Lynne Barker, presenting last year's winner, Rowan Woodhouse with the coveted award.

If you are under 25, come and have a go at singing/playing in our prestigious open competition

This could be your big chance!

The Future of Young Folk Award has been running since 2002 and many past winners and competitors are now among the leading performers on the current folk scene.

It is open to singers aged under 25 (on September 1st) and is for unaccompanied singing in the traditional style. Singers will be invited to sing either 1 or 2 songs depending on the time available and while it is not essential that the songs themselves are strictly traditional the style of singing should reflect a traditional approach.

The main elements the judges are looking for include:

- To put the song before the performance.
- A feel for traditional song (especially from the British Isles).
- The ability to put across the story and emotion behind the song and to engage the audience.
- To respect the tune and lyrics as highly as the tune.

Clear diction is a key to good performance and the ability to introduce a song and explain its context is valuable. Above all – if possible enjoy singing!

The competition takes place on Sunday in Falcon Mews (a great acoustic venue), from 12 until 1.30pm.

If you would like to join this illustrious hall of fame, pick up an application form from the Information Office on the festival site and submit it by 6pm on Saturday. The winner will receive a handsome trophy and be booked to appear at next year's Bromyard and Warwick Folk Festivals.

Future of Young Folk Award:
FALCON MEWS
Sunday 12:00

Past Winners

2023 Rowan Woodhouse
2022 Seb Stone
2021 Cathy Bennett
2019 Jon Doran
2018 Sam Baxter
2017 Molly Pipe
2016 Rowan Piggott
2015 Georgia Lewis
2014 Cohen Braithwaite Kilcoyne
2013 Jo Moore and Cuthbert Noble
2012 Rosie Hood
2011 Lydia Noble
2010 Kirsty Bromley
2009 Niamh Boadle
2008 Ffion Thomas and Kate Holland
2007 Maz O'Connor
2006 Elizabeth Hearn
2005 Tina Taylor
2004 Fiona Dunne
2003 Fiona Bradshaw
2002 Katrina Turner and Jim Moray

See last year's winner Rowan Woodhouse

Concert:
PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
Friday 20:50

Future of Young Folk Award: FALCON MEWS
Sunday 12:00

Storytelling



Enchanting storytellers from the West Midlands captivate crowds with their frequently raw narratives, seamlessly weaving elements of both amusement and dread within the same story. Chris Lowe and Ron Plant will additionally be overseeing a storytelling session, eagerly anticipating the inclusion of your own tales.

Music Hall: CLUB STAGE

Saturday 18:30

Story Club:

PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE

Saturday 21:00

Concert:

PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE

Sunday 12:00

Our resident teller of tall tales and singer of succinct songs returns to Bromyard on Saturday and Sunday, in our new Storyteller's Tent where might also share a wise word with you and a tale of great wisdom beyond the ages and before time.

Workshop: STORYTELLER'S TENT

Saturday & Sunday 10:00-17:00

Story Club:

PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG CLUB

Saturday 21:00



Mark Fraser is a dynamic storyteller who crafts original tales and adapts classic folk stories and songs. He travels across the UK, engaging audiences of all ages with his energetic performances that go beyond the traditional "stick and stool" approach. Using puppets, props, and handmade costumes, Mark's storytelling carries a charmingly fragile, homemade feel, which he wholeheartedly embraces.

Workshop: STORYTELLER'S TENT

Saturday & Sunday 10:00-17:00

Thursday Evening

**MAIN
STAGE**

**FOOTBALL
CLUB**

Concert

20:00

Donnelly & South

21:15

Martin Simpson

Music & Song

20:00-23:00

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Friday Afternoon

**MAIN
STAGE**

**DANCE
TENT**

**FOOTBALL
CLUB**

**THE
BURROW**

Concert

14:00

Aaron Horlock
& Nick Goode

15:00

Tarren

Session

15:00-16:30

**Music
OPEN**

Workshop

14:00-16:00

**Whittling
Demonstration**

Concert

16:30-17:30

**Hot Club
de Bret**

Session

17:00-18:00

**Song
Dave & Anni**

Friday Evening

Friday Evening

MAIN STAGE **DANCE TENT** **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE**

CLUB STAGE **BROMYARD** **THE SHED** **FALCON BALLROOM**

Concert

19:15
Saul Rose
& James Delarre

20:15
Rosie Hood Band

21:25
Sherburn, Bartley
& Sanders

22:45
Oysterband

Ceilidh
20:00-23:00
Powerhouse
Ceilidh Band
Ian Nichols

Concert
19:30 Nigel Smith

20:00
Marilla Homes

20:50
Rowan Woodhouse

21:30
John Wainwright

Concert
19:30

Cobblers
Child

20:30
Lauren South

21:40
Heather
Cartwright &
Sam Mabbett

22:40
We Mavericks

Procession
20:30-21:30

Morris Sides

FOOTBALL CLUB

Big Sing
23:30-01:00

Seb Stone
Jim Mageean
Graeme Knights

Welcome!
19:00-21:00

Crafts &
Storytelling

FALCON BALLROOM

Dancing at the Falcon
19:30-22:30

Contras &
Squares

The Falconers
Rhodri Davies

Saturday Morning

DANCE TENT **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE** **CLUB STAGE**

Yoga
08:30-09:30
Hannah Wright

Workshop
09:45-10:45
Longsword

Workshop
11:00-12:00
Ceilidh Tunes
Urban Folk Theory

Workshop
11:00-12:30
English Fiddle
Masterclass
Lauren South
Rosie Butler-Hall
Nick Goode
Rowan Piggott
Will Allen
James Delarre

Workshop
12:30-13:30
Contra

Concert
12:30

Saturday Morning

FOOTBALL CLUB **THE SHED** **SITE ARENA** **CRAFT MARKET**

Crafts
10:00-16:00
Making Crafts

Workshop
10:00-13:00
Circus Skills
Dan the Hat

Craft Market
10:00-18:30

Concert
11:00
Ruth & Sadie
Price with
Lisa Oliver

Dance Display
11:00-12:00
Dance Teams

12:00
Marilla Homes

Saturday Morning

THE BURROW	STORYTELLER'S TENT	DAVE JONES' BAR	FESTIVAL CAR PARK
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Saturday Morning

FALCON MEWS	FALCON BAR	FALCON BALLROOM
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	Workshop 10:00-17:00 Storytelling John Row Mark Fraser	Workshop 10:00-11:30 Beginners: Tuneworks	Walk 10:00-12:00 Discovering Bromyard Downs Tom Fisher		Dancing at the Falcon 10:00-11:15 The Ancient Dances The Falconers Victoria Yeomans
Workshop 10:30-12:30 Whittling					
				Concert 12:00 Ross Folk Choir	Dancing at the Falcon 11:45-13:00 The Modern Dances Shane and Julia Day Victoria Yeomans
				Session 12:00-15:30 English Music: Friends of Flos	

Saturday Afternoon

SITE ARENA	DAVE JONES' BAR	STORYTELLER'S TENT	THE BURROW
10:00-13:00 Circus Skills Dan the Hat			
		Workshop 10:00-17:00	Workshop 13:00-14:30
		Storytelling John Row Mark Fraser	Lino Cutting (Youth) Lizzie Watts
Dance Display 14:00-14:30			
Soft Option	Session 14:30-15:30		
Show 15:00-16:00	Worcester Ukulele Club		Workshop 15:15-17:00
Dan the Hat			Whittling
Dance Display 16:15-17:15			
Dance Teams			

Saturday Afternoon

CRAFT MARKET	FALCON BAR	FALCON MEWS	FALCON BALLROOM
Craft Market 10:00-18:30	Session 12:00-15:30	Concert 13:00	
	English Music: Friends of Flos	Rapsquillion	
			Dancing at the Falcon 14:00-15:30
		Concert 14:30	Some more
		Cobblers Child	Challenging Contras Shane and Julia Day
		15:05	Rhodri Davies
		Amy Leach & Alasdair Paul	
			Dancing at the Falcon 15:45-17:15
		15:55 Dave & Anni	Tea Dance
		Workshop 16:45-17:45	Shane and Julia Day Victoria Yeomans
		Song Workshop Amy Leach & Alasdair Paul	

Saturday Evening

Saturday Evening

MAIN STAGE	DANCE TENT	PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE	CLUB STAGE	FOOTBALL CLUB	DAVE JONES' BAR	THE SHED
		Workshop 18:15-19:15 Beginners Ukulele: Worcester Ukulele Club	Music Hall 18:30-20:00 Lauren South Lowe & Plant Keith Donnelly			
DRM Concert 19:15 Tom McConville & Michael Biggins	Contra Dance 19:30-21:30 Definitely Contraband Rhodri Davies			Shanty Session 19:00-21:00 Jim Mageean Graeme Knights Rapsquillion		Games 19:00-20:00 Fun Parachute Games
20:25 Banter						
		Story Club 21:00-23:00 John Row Lowe & Plant KC Jones	Special Concert 21:00-22:30 Celebrating 15 yrs of Granny's Attic Seb Stone Granny's Attic	Session 21:00-23:00 Music & Song: OPEN	Session 21:00-22:00 Ukulele: Worcester Ukulele Club	
21:35 O'Hooley & Tidow	Dance Display 21:30-21:45 Dance Team Ceilidh 21:50-00:00 Cock & Bull Band Michael Catovsky					
22:45 Spiers & Boden						
			An Hour With 00:00-01:00 Keith Donnelly			

Sunday Morning

Sunday Morning

DANCE TENT **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE** **THE SHED**

THE BURROW **STORYTELLER'S TENT** **DAVE JONES' BAR** **FALCON BAR**

Yoga
08:30-09:30
Hannah Wright

Workshop
09:45-10:45
Border Morris

Workshop
11:00-12:00
Ceilidh Tunes:
Urban Folk Theory

Concert
12:00-14:00
Lowe & Plant
KC Jones

Crafts
10:00-15:00
Fun for all the family

Workshop
10:30-12:30
Whittling

Workshop
10:00-17:00
Storytelling
John Row
Mark Fraser

Session
10:00-11:30
Beginners:
Tuneworks

Session
12:00-15:00
English Music:
Friends of Flos

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Sunday Morning

**SITE
ARENA**

**CRAFT
MARKET**

**ST PETER'S
CHURCH**

Workshop

Craft Market

10:00-13:00

10:00-16:30

Circus Skills
Dan the Hat

Service

10:30-11:30

Rapsquillion

Dance Display

11:00-12:00

Dance Teams

**FALCON
MEWS**

Competition

12:00-13:30

Future of Young
Folk Award

Rowan Woodhouse

Sunday Afternoon

MAIN STAGE	DANCE TENT	PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE
		Concert 12:00-14:00
Concert 13:00 Lauren South		Lowe & Plant KC Jones
14:00 Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne	Ceilidh 14:00-16:00 Banter Cate Haynes	
15:10 Amy Leach & Alasdair Paul		Workshop 15:00-16:00 Guitar: Richard Chaff
	Family Show 16:15-17:30 Keith Donnelly	
16:30 Gnoss		

Sunday Afternoon

CLUB STAGE	FOOTBALL CLUB	THE SHED
		Crafts 10:00-15:00
Concert 13:00 Marilla Homes		Fun for all the family
13:50 Aaron Horlock & Nick Goode		
14:45 Ruth & Sadie Price with Lisa Oliver	Session 14:00-15:00	
15:40 Saul Rose & James Delarre	Improvers: Tuneworks	Parachute Games 15:00-16:00
	Session 15:30-17:00 Music & Song OPEN	Exploding Popcorn
Final Song 16:30-18:00 Dave & Anni Graeme Knights Jim Mageean Marilla Homes Seb Stone		

Sunday Afternoon

SITE ARENA	THE BURROW	STORYTELLER'S TENT
10:00-13:00 Circus Skills Dan the Hat		
	Workshop 13:00-14:30 Youth Lino Cutting	Workshop 10:00-17:00 Storytelling John Row Mark Fraser
Dance Display 14:00-14:30		
Soft Option		
Dance Display 15:15-16:15 Dance Teams	Workshop 15:15-17:00 Whittling	
Show 16:15-17:15 Dan The Hat		

Sunday Afternoon

CRAFT MARKET	FALCON BAR	FALCON MEWS
Craft Market 10:00-16:30		Competition 12:00-13:30 Future of Young Folk Award
	Session 12:00-15:00 English Music: Friends of Flos	



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MAIN STAGE

Wye Valley Concert

19:15

Janice Burns & Jon Doran

20:25

Granny's Attic

21:15

Donnelly & South

22:00

Fay Hield Trio

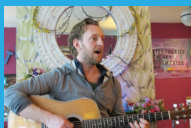
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Festival Merchandise



Take home a piece of the event's spirit with a diverse range of festival merchandise.

Whether you're searching for a keepsake to remember the festival or simply want to embrace the folk atmosphere, there's something here for everyone. The merchandise offers a variety of t-shirts in a vibrant spectrum of colors and sizes, ensuring a perfect fit for all. Emphasizing environmental

responsibility, the festival is also debuting new super-eco green drinking goblets. Made from recycled materials and designed with sustainability in mind, these goblets are not only a fashionable festival accessory but also contribute to a greener future, being fully recyclable. This initiative reflects the festival's dedication to both celebrating music and protecting the environment, offering attendees a meaningful and eco-friendly option.

Workshops

Friday

Whittling

At The End Of The Garden

Workshop: **THE BURROW**
Friday 14:00

Saturday

Yoga

Hannah Wright

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Saturday 08:30**

Longsword

Suitable for all ages.

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Saturday 09:45**

Circus Skills

Dan the Hat

Workshop: **SITE ARENA Saturday 10-13:00**

Session (Beginners)

Tuneworks

Workshop: **DAVE JONES' BAR Saturday 10:00**

Storytelling

John Row, Mark Fraser

Workshop: **STORYTELLER'S TENT Saturday 10:00-17:00**

Whittling

At The End Of The Garden

Workshop: **THE BURROW Saturday 10:30**

English Fiddle Masterclass

Lauren South +

Workshop: **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Saturday 11:00**

Ceilidh Tunes

Urban Folk Theory

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Saturday 11:00**

Saturday (Continued)

Contra

Definitely Contraband

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Saturday 12:30**

Instruments from Around The Globe

Jonathan Day (Instruments supplied)

Workshop: **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Saturday 13:00**

Lino Cutting (Youth)

Lizzie Watts

Workshop: **THE BURROW Saturday 13:00**

Medieval Ceilidh

Tim Walker

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Saturday 14:00**

Guitar

Richard Chaff

Workshop: **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Saturday 15:00**

Session (Improvers)

Tuneworks

Workshop: **FOOTBALL CLUB Saturday 15:00**

Whittling

At The End Of The Garden

Workshop: **THE BURROW Friday 15:15**

Family Morris Dance

Kathy Bland

Workshop: **THE SHED Saturday 16:00**

Song

Amy Leach & Alasdair Paul

Workshop: **FALCON MEWS Saturday 16:45**

Ukulele (Beginner)

Worcester Ukulele Club

Workshop: **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Saturday 18:15**

Sunday

Yoga

Hannah Wright

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Sunday 08:30**

Border Morris

Leadbury Morris - Suitable for beginners.

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Sunday 09:45**

Storytelling

John Row, Mark Fraser

Workshop: **STORYTELLER'S TENT Sunday 10:00-17:00**

Session (Beginners)

Tuneworks

Workshop: **DAVE JONES' BAR Sunday 10:00**

Circus Skills

Dan the Hat

Workshop: **SITE ARENA Sunday 10-13:00**

Whittling

At The End Of The Garden

Workshop: **THE BURROW Saturday 10:30 & 15:15**

Ceilidh Tunes

Urban Folk Theory

Workshop: **DANCE TENT Sunday 11:00**

Lino Cutting (Youth)

Lizzie Watts

Workshop: **THE BURROW Sunday 13:00**

Session (Improvers)

Tuneworks

Workshop: **FOOTBALL CLUB Sunday 14:00**

Guitar

Richard Chaff

Workshop: **PETE GEOGHEGAN'S SONG HOUSE Sunday 15:00**

Whittling

At The End Of The Garden

Workshop: **THE BURROW Sunday 15:15**

Dance Tent



Banter are: Simon Care on melodeon, Nina Zella on keyboards and vocals, Tim Walker on drums, percussion, brass and Mark Jolley on bass. They are rooted in English traditional music but incorporate influences of pop, jazz, soul and big band sounds. Although just four people, they create a huge sound and have been described as the world's smallest big band.

Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Sunday 14:00



Brace yourselves as Sheffield-based nerd ensemble, Powerhouse, descend on Bromyard for the first time to turn your folk metal! They smash traditional tunes together with enough pop-culture musical references to send your memory into meltdown, and enough searing riffs to have you headbanging through every hopstep!

Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Friday 20:00

Storming onto the dance scene for Bromyard 2024, the fiery fiddling force of Martin Clarke and Nicky McConkey, are joined by Ben Filmer-Sankey on guitar and banjo and Tom Evans on bass. Their high-energy dance grooves and boundless enthusiasm make for an intoxicating evening.

Contra Workshop: DANCE TENT
Saturday 12:30
Contra Dance: DANCE TENT
Saturday 19:30



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Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Saturday 21:50



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Callers



Ian Nichols

Ian is an experienced ceilidh caller, equally at home calling for family parties and local dances, or on the biggest festival stages, catering for novice and experienced dancers, alike. His choice of dances and enthusiasm is driven by his own fanatical desire to dance.

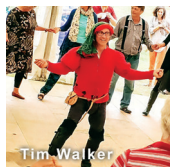
Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Friday 20:00

Rhodri Davies is a caller with over 30 years experience of calling dances for dance clubs, private events and festivals. He works in a variety of styles including contras, squares, ceilidh, English country dance and Playford. This year he will be calling for our Saturday evening contra dance as well as running our contra dance workshop on Saturday afternoon.

Dance at the Falcon: FALCON BALLROOM Friday 19.30 Saturday 14:00
Contra Dance: DANCE TENT Saturday 19:30



Rhodri Davies



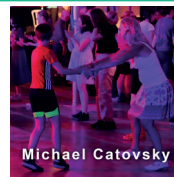
Tim Walker

On the success of our previous Medieval Dance Workshops and the many requests to do it again, Tim will be returning to Bromyard this year to perform and teach more medieval dances. Do not worry if you missed it before, Tim will recap and then take you deeper in the mysteries of the dances that brought us to where we are today.

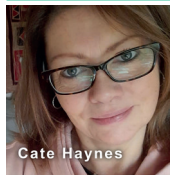
Medieval Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Saturday 14:00

Michael Catovsky is a highly esteemed caller known for his mastery of contra-ceilidh fusion, guiding you through electrifying dances that blend the structured patterns of contra with the spontaneous, lively spirit of ceilidh. His dynamic style brings together dancers of all levels.

Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Saturday 21:50



Michael Catovsky



Cate Haynes

Cate has over 25 years of ceilidh calling experience and has honed many dances to suit all occasions, as well as some that she has written herself. A commanding performer, she is never afraid to put herself into the dance as a truly interactive, passionate and able teacher for young and old, novice or professional dancer alike.

Ceilidh: DANCE TENT
Sunday 14:00

Save the date

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Dancing at the Falcon

Formerly the 'Day' of Dance, these are a series of dances and workshops taking place upstairs in The Falcon's Ballroom. 'Day' of Dance: **FALCON BALLROOM**

Contras and Squares

Friday 19:30

The Ancient Dances

Saturday 10:00

The Modern Dances

Saturday 11:45

Challenging Contras

Saturday 14:00

Tea Dance

Saturday 15:45



Bromyard Festivals Association

Festivals and events in 2024 and 2025

Bromyard Christmas Lights

16th November 2024

Christmas Tree Festival

29th November 2024

Party in the Park

4th May 2025

Round The Downs Race

TBA

Scarecrow

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BromyardMADshow

28th June 2025

Bromyard Pride

TBA

Bromyard Artwalk

23rd August - 1st September 2025

Bromyard Folk Festival

11th - 14th September 2025

Bromyard Speed Festival

Multiple Dates

Town Criers Festival

13th September 2025

Music Hall

Stroll down to a good old traditional Music Hall. Songs, comedy, tall tales and spectacles from Keith Donnelly,

Lauren South and the Chris Lowe and Ron Plant duo.

Music Hall: CLUB STAGE Saturday 18:30

Church Bells & Service

The festival will once again be rung in by the bells of St Peter's on Friday evening. There is a service open to all

on Sunday morning with Rapsquillion.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Bells: Friday 19:30

Service: Sunday 10:30

Festival Walk

You are invited to take a walk with the Leadon Vale Ramblers on Saturday morning.



Meet at the Folk Festival car park on the Stourport road at 10.00 and enjoy this five mile walk to the Downs, returning by Buckenhill to Bromyard. Take in the splendid panoramic views from the Teme Valley to the Brecon Beacons.

No need to book - or pay! Just turn up but bring a drink and a snack and wear some strong shoes or boots.

More information: Tom 07763 461221

Meet Up: FESTIVAL CAR PARK
Saturday 10:00

Sadly Missed



Paul Sheppard

"Shep" from Leominster will be missed as a key figure on security duties for the festival.



Ginny Ebdon

Regular visitor to the festival and well loved musician for Sweet Coppin.

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Food & Shopping

Throughout the festival there are plenty of things for you to see, buy, eat and drink.

Craft Market

One-off/handmade violins, shoes, leather belts, bags as well as vintage men's and women's clothing.

Collection of glass, semi precious stone and wooden jewellery, unique waist-coats and ties along with lovely items such as hand made wooden lamps/ bowls, and lovely ceramic pottery.

CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 10:00-18:30
Sunday 10:00-16:30

Marketplace

Next to the Site Arena Stage are a selection of festival traders selling folk goodies including a variety of instruments and music.

MARKETPLACE
Open every day all day

Food Outlets

Pandemonia, Gurkha Curry, El Pierogi, Thomasz The Coffee Bike, Moor and Coast, Lush Crepes, Greek Escape, Dean's Ice Cream.

MARKETPLACE
Open every day all day

Dave Jones' Bar

The bar is almost always full of song and a cosy atmosphere provided by Moongazing Hare. They have a veritable beer festival of a selection, including the delicious products from our supporters, Wye Valley Brewery and Celtic Marches ciders, plus a selection of gins.

DAVE JONES' BAR
Open every day all day



Dance Displays

Lively and spectacular guest and regular dance teams from across the country perform on site and throughout the town.

The dance displays start on Friday at 8.30pm with a torchlight procession through the town, from the King's Arms and along the High Street to the Market Square, accompanied by the Town Crier.

Performances

Procession:
KING'S ARMS to MARKET SQUARE
Friday 20:30

Dance Displays:
SITE ARENA STAGE
Saturday 11:00, 14:00, 16:15
Sunday 11:00, 14:00, 15:15

Saturday 11:00-17:00 & Sunday 11:00-16:00
MARKET SQUARE + QUEEN'S ARMS +
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Workshops:
Longword: DANCE TENT Saturday 09:45
Border: DANCE TENT Sunday 09:45

Guest Sides

Our guest sides have been invited to join us in celebrating the tradition of Morris Dancing that is deeply rooted with Bromyard Folk Festival; some for the first time this year.

Bedcote



A mixed-gender Cotswold Morris team from Stourbridge, performs various traditional dances. Founded in 1991, they aim to entertain and preserve diminishing English folk traditions.

Belles of London



The Belles of London City defy Morris dancing stereotypes with their vibrant energy and eccentricity. Since 2009, their red and white attire has delighted audiences nationwide.

Chelmsford Ladies



Chelmsford Ladies Clog Morris, founded in 1979 in North West England, are known for their green dresses and rainbow socks. Their ethos is "quality and fun – in equal measures."

Chipping Campden



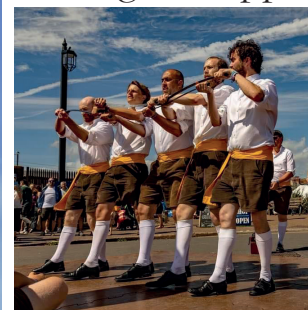
Chipping Campden Morris Dancers have performed their unique Cotswold dance since the 1700s, with family generations preserving this vibrant tradition into the 21st century.

Mary Rose & Royal George



Mary Rose and Royal George, a Portsmouth dancing team established in 2015, bring a lively, unique flair to morris dancing, inspired by Border, Cotswold, Molly, and Rapper traditions.

Northgate Rapper



Northgate Rapper, the lively boys from Bath, will showcase a dynamic dance with swift footwork and stylish swordplay, all set to the delightful music of their talented musicians.

Five Rivers



Founded in 2008, Five Rivers Morris, a Sheffield-based team, performs Cotswold Morris traditions and creates Sheffield dances named after the city's five rivers.

Handsworth



The Handsworth Traditional Sword Dancers, in their distinctive Dragoon-style uniforms, have performed Yorkshire longsword for over 150 years. A fast, furious, and innovative tradition.

Saddleworth



Celebrating 50 years, the Saddleworth Morris Men, dressed in bells, waistcoats, and flowered bowler hats, will perform North West style dances in Bromyard after their Rushcart event.

The Witchmen



Vibrant, energetic dancing at festivals nationwide, blending drum-led music with black and amber hues for a primal performance. Last seen at Bromyard Festival in 2018, excited for 2024.

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TWINNED WITH



Regular Sides

Our (more) regular sides include teams that have been performing at the festival for many years, and newer local teams who celebrate the border tradition borne from Herefordshire and neighbouring Gloucestershire, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

Earlsdon



A top North West clog Morris group from Coventry, founded in 1971, known for vibrant costumes and lively dances, will stand out at this year's festival with their large, youthful ensemble.

Faithful City



From The Talbot at Knightwick, they perform traditional dances wearing distinctive costumes with Worcester-themed designs, celebrating 50 years of Cotswold and Welsh Border dances.

Jockey



Formed in 1949, performing Cotswold dances in Birmingham, across the UK, and in Europe, wearing traditional straw hats, white attire, and blue baldrics with colorful flashes and rosettes.

Ledbury



Ledbury Morris, a mixed side formed in 2018 near Ledbury, Herefordshire, blends local tradition and vibrant hedgerows, performing traditional Border and Not for Joe dances.

Shakespeare



Performing Cotswold dances in the Bidford tradition, and proudly wearing John Shakespeare's coat of arms, featuring a gold and black shield with a left-leaning spear.

Silurian



Founded by folk legend Dave Jones, they started dancing in 1969 in Ledbury, preserving traditional Border dances. They have fans and bans. Their motto: "50 years and still going wrong!"

Leominster



Founded in 1983, performing traditional and reinterpreted Border dances, with occasional Cotswold dances. Colourful outfits, with seasonal hats and shirts, and using green face-paint in winter.

Lord Conyers



Lord Conyers Morris, founded in 1974 in Sheffield, perform Cotswold and Pershore Border dances. They dance at pubs, events, and festivals locally and internationally during summer.

White Hart

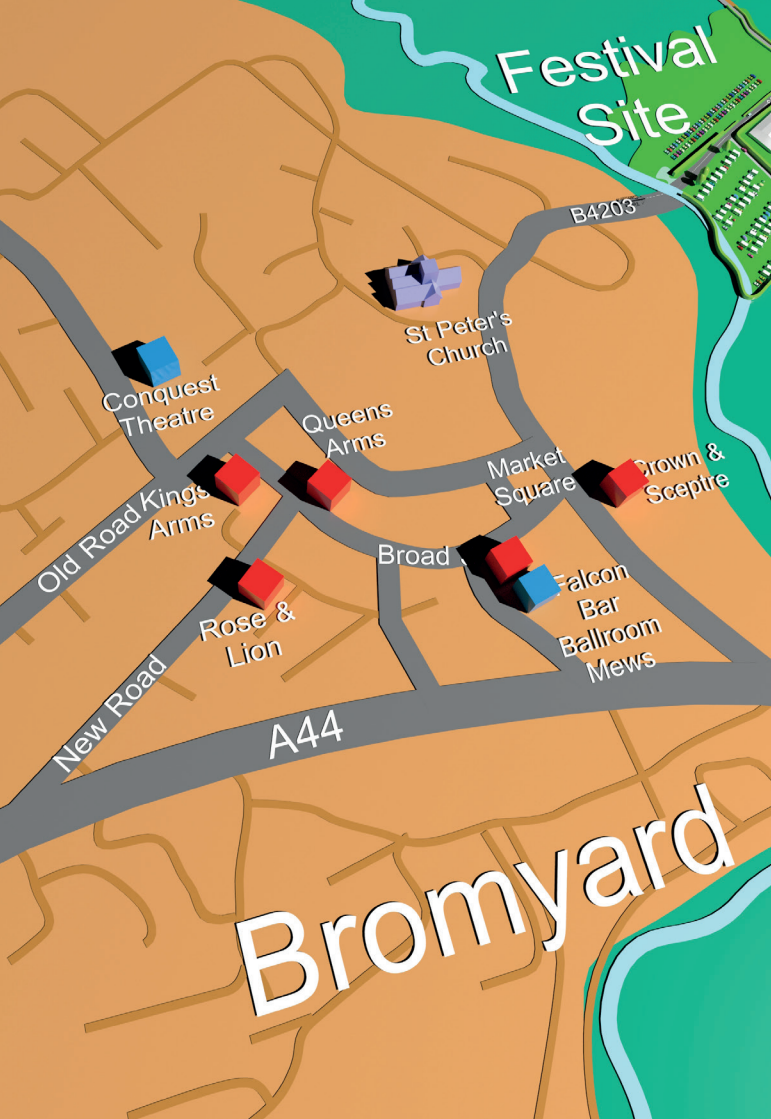


Formed in the 1970's and based in Alcester, White Hart perform a number of Cotswold Traditions and their own distinctive Headless Cross style of dance.

Soft Option



Worcestershire group performing energetic Appalachian dances, with their band 'No Option,' featuring the rhythmic sounds of violin, mandolin, guitar, banjo, and double bass.



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Fleecey Folk in Broadway, Lifford Hall -Melrose Quartet - Sat 5 Oct 2024, 8pm, £18

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