



FESTIVAL NEWSLETTER

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

Well, Festival goes, it's nearly time to meet up again. Where has that year gone?

As we try to make things run smoothly, here are just a few reminders to get you all on and off site as quickly and safely as possible.

As you know from your booking forms, **the gates to the camp site do not open until 10am on Friday, 19th August**. If you were at MFFF 2021 you will remember that we directed any early arrivals to queue on the Moira Miners Welfare site until the gates opened. Not only is this to prevent traffic jams on the surrounding roads but also to allow access to the businesses within Moira Furnace itself. There will be plenty of signage and stewards to direct you to the relative waiting area. At 10am vehicles will be sent across to the Furnace camp site to check in and pick up your festival pack. Once the queue has subsided you will be able to drive straight to the camp site. Last year the queue had gone by about 11am.

As we rent the site and camping area from Moira Furnace Trust, **all campers should be off site by 12 noon on Monday, 22nd August**. It has been noted that some people try to delay leaving but, sorry, this is not acceptable. The breakdown crews, clearing stewards and committee have to make sure the site is handed back to the Furnace in a clean and tidy state and stragglers on the campsite just delay this.

On a lighter note, we are delighted to welcome back Morris Dancing in 2022. Unfortunately, though, there will be no Civil War re-enactment this year as age and Covid has taken its toll and some of the performers are either still recovering themselves or looking after relatives who are still struggling.

We do feed back your comments to our various suppliers; the caterer has made changes which we hope will accommodate the vegetarians and vegans amongst you with more variety and a separate cooking and serving area. There will also be the addition of a coffee and cake stall.

Whilst Covid restrictions have been lifted by the Government, as a courtesy to everyone who will be at the festival this year, if you feel unwell or test positive before the festival, we ask that you do not attend.

Moira Furnace Folk Festival Committee, both past and present, have always tried to keep the festival prices within a certain level which would appeal to a wide audience. However, as with most things, the fees for artists and hiring equipment will increase in 2023, and whilst the committee members responsible for negotiating the rates work tirelessly, there are times when it is just impossible to keep the prices as low as in the past. It is therefore with regret that we must increase the weekend adult ticket prices for 2023. Early Bird tickets, which will be available until 28th February 2023 will be £60, and after that date the price will be £70. Programmes paid for in advance will cost £3 and if bought at the festival will cost £3.50. Even with these increases, we think you will agree that MFFF is still good value for money.

We look forward to seeing you all in August.

The Committee