

# STAINSBY 2011

## 22nd - 24th July

### FRIENDS OF STAINSBY *Festival* NEWSLETTER

April 2011

#### Welcome

Here we are April already. The poet TS Eliot said "April is the cruellest month" (*stop showing off - Ed*) but April this year brings you a very special Friends of Stainsby newsletter, with the opportunity for you to join our 'Save Some Notes' time limited offer.

"Oh to be in England now that April's there" said Robert Browning (*I've warned you! - Ed*), but we say "Oh to be at Stainsby when July's here - especially when you can 'Save Some Notes'

How? Read on.....

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#### Some First Things

First things first though. Who's on? OK, first up, *Chris Wood*, fresh from winning not one but two Radio 2 Folk Awards - for Song of the Year and Singer of the Year. How cool is that? Catch him live at Stainsby and make up your own mind.

*Rory McLeod* is an ex circus clown and sometime fire eater. How hot is that? (*that's enough temperatures - Ed*). Describing himself as "a modern travelling troubadour", he performs with tap shoes, acappella, harmonica, guitar, spoons, trombone, finger cymbals, bandorea, djembe and assorted percussion! This is one not to miss. (*Hey! they're all not to be missed -Ed*).

*Edwina Hayes*, "the sweetest voice in Britain" is making a welcome return bringing songs from her just released album "Good Things Happen over Coffee". Good things also happen over Stainsby's Festival Ale. Make sure you catch this one! (*Health & Safety nightmare! - don't get them trying to catch ale - Ed*). And that's without mentioning *The Top Shelalas*, - so we won't.

#### Local Things

Local lad *David Gibb* came to us 3 years ago fresh from storming Glastonbury. We were lucky to get him. We're even luckier to get him now not only as a solo act but with his band *The Pony Club* galloping into action. Support your local talent. He was a finalist in this year's Radio 2 Young Folk Artist Awards (*Has the BBC paid you to write this Radio 2 guff or what? - Ed*) But then supporting local talent is a lot of what Stainsby's about. We'll be featuring long time Wirksworth resident *Brian Boothby* of Tomorrow's Ancestor playing alongside our very own *Ben Darglish* from Loscoe State Opera with the iconic bass of *Dave Sturt* fresh from his international tour with Gong.



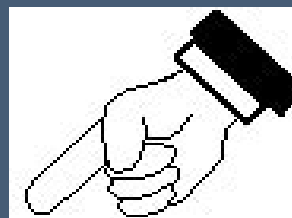
#### Long Lasting Things

This, by the way, for those of you who like to keep score on these things, will be our 43rd festival so naturally we'll be featuring an artist whose career is even longer than ours. And that of course is Vin Garbutt. Always a hero, always welcome, there's no better way to round off the festival on Sunday.

With so many more acts still in the pipeline, you can't put a price on this kind of thing. Mind you we've tried.....

#### Putting a Price on Things

"Right so what's this going to take out of my wad?" you. Well with VAT going up to 20% and inflation running at 5% (*though some put it much higher!*), what's your best guess? Well, prepare to be stunned. This year's increase is Zero. That's right Zip, Zilch, Nada! (*What! couldn't you think of another Z to carry on the snappy alliteration? - Ed*). Using our special getting blood from a stone formula, there is no increase to prices this year - and if you're reading this as a Friend of Stainsby **and** it's not yet April 30th - see our very special offer in the middle column: 'Save Some Notes'



### Hurry! Hurry!

### Offer closes April 30th

So get out your plastic, get on the website and flash the cash - or better still send us a cheque (*Dad, what are they?* - Ed). It costs you less to pay by cheque, cos there's no handling charge and we get the money sooner which is magical financial viagra for our cash flow! (*Steady!* - Ed)

## Word Things

Some of you may have noticed, because that's the sort of people you are, that we've been developing our spoken word and stand up poetry over the last few years. This has proved very popular, starting when we had *Marvin Cheeseman* doing his stand up poetry between gigs. Last year *Liv Torc* proved a real hit with her astonishing "wondermentalist" routines (*I think I'm in love!* - Ed). So much so that, by popular demand, we had to ask her back this year. Prepare to be amazed all over again. We think you'll like this departure at Stainsby and we hope to develop it some more at future festivals.

## Things in Residence

Last year we had our first artist in residence – if you can call a 2 man tent a residence – in the shape of *Mark Allsopp*. Mark took pictures like a man possessed to turn into large scale paintings. This year he's coming back with some of the results and to run workshops on painting with found objects (*at least that'll be a use for the usual mountain of lost property* – Ed). We'll also have a new artist in residence, *Nick Potter*. We won't spoil it by telling you what he's up to. You'll find out soon enough.

## SAVE SOME NOTES (and we don't mean crotchets!)

\*\*\*\*SPECIAL OFFER\*\*\*\*

Thanks for being a Friend of Stainsby. It's a difficult time for festivals right now, the economy in recession, people fearful for the future and inflation rising. Sadly some festivals have gone under and that's a cause for concern. That's why we're really grateful for your continued support. We're still a charity, run entirely by volunteers and a not-for-profit organisation. Any money we make goes straight back into the music and to cover those years when the heavens open on us.

Sometimes it makes life hard. At the moment we can't run Sunday nights which grieves us as much as it grieves you. We simply don't have enough qualified volunteers willing to take on all the responsibilities we need (and believe it they're pretty tough). The way we look at it, better a three day two night festival than a no night festival. What's more we promise the line up will be just as good as it ever was, just squashed up a bit tighter.

So, to all you Friends who've supported us all these years, here's a special thank you. Use the special booking form that comes with this newsletter before April 30th and you can get an FoS weekend ticket for only £50.

That's a full tenner below the earlybird price and twenty whole notes off the regular weekender. This is only available to registered Friends, only by post and only using the special booking form. So do it now, 'cos before you know it, it'll be May, you'll be kicking yourself and we wouldn't want that now, would we?

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## Last Things

And that's it. Got to run. Got a Festival to organise, calls to make, letters to write! Which reminds us....

## You Never Phone You Never Write

As ever we'd love to hear from you with any comments:

- ✉ Stainsby Schoolhouse Heath  
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And of course if you're one of these modern social media type gurus you can always friend us on facebook or follow us on twitter (*What's that, son?* – Ed). Enough. Buy now, see you in July!

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