

STAINSBY 2010

16th - 18th July

FRIENDS OF STAINSBY *Festival* NEWSLETTER

April 2010

Welcome

Here we are April already, the snow hardly off the ground and another summer gradually creaking into view. But another summer means.... another festival! In fact it will be number 42. It may not give you the answer to life, the universe ...and everything but it will give you the strength to keep looking - a little Joy for the Journey in July. The festival is on from Noon on Friday the 16th to 6pm on Sunday 18th to be precise. More on those new times inside.

OK so who's on our radar already? Read on.....

The Lowdown on the Rundown

Well there's *Dick Gaughan* for a start, that legendary Celtic performer who also cites Karl Marx and Groucho Marx amongst his greatest influences (*I like his style - Ed*). Going from one seasoned campaigner to another, we'll also have the current line up of *Seize the Day*, who've been such a hit for their forthright championing of social justice, backed up by some stonking tunes. They're not appearing at many gigs this year so make sure you catch'em.

Also in the mix is *Steve Tilston* with his unique singer/songwriter set and the exciting *Maghribibeat* featuring the one and only *Paul Dear*, who many will remember from some classic drumming circle sessions of old. Throw in *Shelanagig*, making their first Stainsby appearance and local superstars *Tomorrow's Ancestor* making a rare reunion outing on the Friday, with *Praying for The Rain* (*hopefully praying to keep it away - Ed*) winding up on Sunday.

That's already one of a hell of a line up without mentioning *The Lost Padres* (*I though we weren't going to men....oh never mind -Ed*). And that's by no means the final line up. More artists will be up on the website as we reel'em in. It's not over till it's over! And if that sounds like a pitch for the money.... You're right.

The Funny Money Stuff

You'll find a booking form in with this newsletter. Just get out your chequebook and just do it (*Just hope NIKE's lawyers aren't reading this - Ed*).

Ticket Prices 2010

Early Bird Weekend	£60
Weekend (after June 1st)	£70
Friday Eve	£20
Saturday Aft	£15
Saturday Eve	£25
Sunday	£20
Young People Weekend	£20
Young People All Sessions	£15

If you want to use one of those new fangled, flashy plastic thingummies then log on to the website and use the blue clicky thing on the words wegottickets. Simples! (*how many more brands can we offend? - Ed*).

All the prices are in the panel above. Can't miss'em. If you want to save money book for the weekend. If you want to save even more, be an Earlybird and do it now! This offer only last until the end of May. And if you're wondering about the new youth prices read on, because it's ...

Change We Can Put Up With

Perhaps not as catchy as Obama but we're being honest and telling it like it is. There are lots of changes this year. Some of them we hope you'll like a lot, some of them we hope you'll live with.

Stainsby InfoLine
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Festival Dates 2010
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Stainsby Website:
www.stainsbyfestival.org.uk

The Secret is in the Timing

The first is the timing of the festival. With schools not usually breaking up until a least a week after the festival many people have complained that they can't stay for Sunday night and we've noticed that numbers are often down in the evening. We also have to have a full crew on to staff them and volunteers are increasingly hard to come by. Other festivallers like the event to run late on Friday and Saturday nights when staffing is again an issue.

So we've decided to scrunch everything up a bit. The festival will run later sessions into Friday and Saturday night (*take a bow The Lost Padres and others - Ed*) and finish earlier on the Sunday at 6pm with a closing ceremony. Same great quality of performers it's always been, same great music, shorter timespan. We hope you'll like the new format.

Let's Play Hunt the Bar

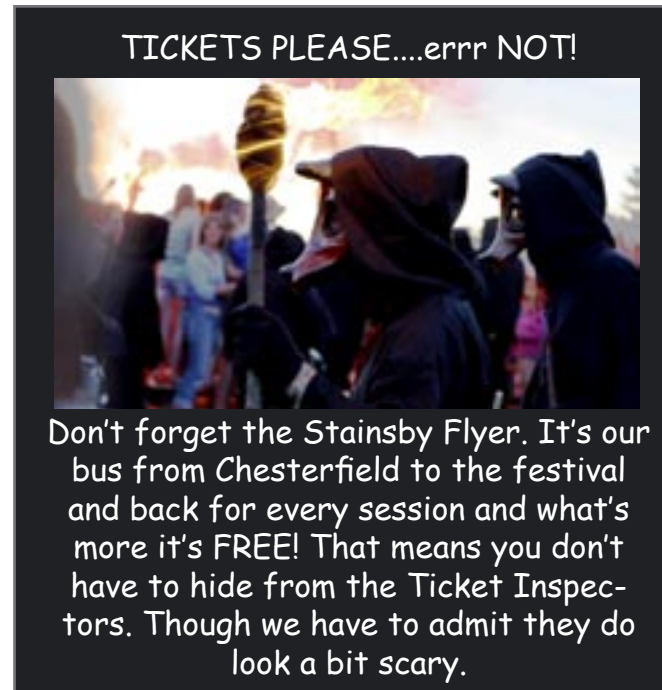
While we're at it we're taking the opportunity to re-organise the field a bit too. The Main Marquee is going to be up at the top of the arena and the Bar and the Space are going to be down at the bottom. This means it's easier to get performers on to the main stage without crossing the arena, and in the event of wet weather (*what do you mean? There won't be any! - Ed*) we can still get all the acts and their kit in and out. So don't get confused, the bar isn't where you think it is. But the ale will be just as good. Let us know what you think – and, of course, to be fair you'll have to try them all! Happy hunting.

Keeping the Vibe

The next change is one of those we've put off and put off for ages but, alas, no longer. For many years we've operated a kids come free policy, and it's worked well until recently.



Lately we've had trouble with underage drinking at the festival, as well as with one or two adults who were bringing a whole host of children, because they got in free, and then failing to look after them. So, what do we do?



Don't forget the Stainsby Flyer. It's our bus from Chesterfield to the festival and back for every session and what's more it's FREE! That means you don't have to hide from the Ticket Inspectors. Though we have to admit they do look a bit scary.

Our aim at Stainsby is to run a friendly music festival, with lots to do in a great atmosphere. Each year we try different ways to address any problems that come up to see if we can still keep the vibe, so we're going to do several things.

The Two Step Approach

First, obviously underage children will be asked not to drink on the festival site and alcohol will be confiscated from minors. Second, and regrettably, we're going to introduce a charge for children over the age of 11.

Always Look On the Bright Side

But all is not lost. At present 16 & 17 year olds have to pay the full whack. Not any more. The new 12-17 wristband will apply to them too. Of course it'll mean that anyone wearing such a wristband will not get served in the bar - but then you can't have everything (*where would you put it? - Ed*)

You Never Phone You Never Write

As ever we'd love to hear from you and find out what you think. We don't guarantee to like it, to agree with it or even do anything about it (*How's that for honesty? - Ed*) – but we really do want to know. Drop us a line, send us an email, give us a call, or have some friend time with us on facebook. Here's what you need to know:

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Keep it comin'. And keep on comin'. See you in July (*remember you're on our mailing list, we know where you live! -Ed*)

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