



## Welcome

When it's spring again  
We'll bring again  
A Festival from Stains-by  
With a heart that's true  
We'll give to you  
A Fest.....



*(Hold up, what's all this sub Max Bygraves stuff? Ed)*

Well, here we are, it's April, it's spring again and we'll be bringing another superb festival loaded with goodies in July. In fact it'll be festival number 45. It's something to sing about. And, of course, it's a reminder that tickets are now on sale for our 45<sup>th</sup> festival. Get some in!

## Check Out the Latest:

[www.stainsbyfestival.org.uk](http://www.stainsbyfestival.org.uk)

## Who, What, Where, When?

When's easy. Starting, as ever, third Friday in July until the Sunday evening. That's the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> this year. Where's even easier, or you've not been paying attention all these years. The clue's in the festival name. As for who and what, it's a sign of the times that there's not much we can tell you about the line up right now because negotiations are still going on with agents and performers and we're sticking to our maximum and minimum fee policy.

This is welcomed by some as a sign of our commitment to social justice\*\* – by others just as a sign of our need to be committed (*the straitjacket's at the ready!* – Ed).

Whatever the outcome, you know we'll be serving up our usual eclectic mix of some of the greatest folk and world music around with some surprising up and coming performers that you'll never have heard of – yet! Remember, when you think they're the greatest thing since sliced whasit, you heard about them here first. We'll keep you posted (*don't you mean emailed in this day and age?* – Ed) as the line up evolves.



## The Folding Stuff

OK, so what's the damage? How much more of the folding stuff will I have to part with? Well, in these times of rising inflation, costs going up everywhere, the national debt spiralling out of sight and George Osborne disappearing up his own...(Steady! – Ed)... absolutely no more at all! Ticket prices held rock steady at last year's new reduced price. How do we do it?

## Ticket Prices 2013

EarlyBird (before June 1st)	£50
Weekend (after June 1st)	£60
Friday Eve	£20
Saturday Afternoon	£20
Saturday Evening	£25
All Day Sunday	£25
Youth Weekend	£25
Youth Any Session	£15

Quick before we get over this rush of blood to the head, book some tickets now – and if you get them in before June 1<sup>st</sup> you'll save yourself a tenner into the bargain. Result – or what?!

## Hearts and Flowers Interlude (*cue violins* – Ed)

Just a reminder that everyone involved in running Stainsby Festival is an unpaid volunteer. We're a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation run by people who do it for the love of it and for the love of music. So when you see stewards, box office staff, backstage crew, welfare teams, riggers, toilet cleaners and all the rest of us in orange jackets from Army Surplus, just remember, we don't make a penny from any of this. All the money you give us goes into putting on the event or spreading the word for live music. Period.



This means you're our audience. We make this festival for you, not so that we can sell you as fodder to some large corporation pushing its latest stuff from cheap electronics, to horsemeat ready meals or even lethal fizzy sugar water (© Steve Jobs 1983. *Don't want to get sued!* – Ed).



We've always taken the view that sponsorship from giant companies means bending to their marketing department's need to sell to you – until they get bored and want to move onto the next big thing.

### Stamp of Approval

So Stainsby has no corporate entertainment, no VIP suites, no branded messages, *(and not a trace of horsemeat! - Ed)*, just the best festival we know how to make for people like ourselves – people just like you. That's why we've added this stamp to all our publicity. When so many events are concealed advertising, we need to shout about our volunteer credentials and about the Spirit of 68 - when this festival was first formed and how it's still run, 45 festivals later.



### Stuck in the Tramlines?

Talking of large corporate festivals, some of you asked why we clash with Tramlines. We don't. They clash with us. Two years ago, they simply turned up on the same weekend. We could be miffed that they didn't bother to check but, hey, there are at least 20 other festivals around the country that week-end – and on every other week-end throughout the summer. Who don't we clash with? Though if you want to go to both Stainsby and Tramlines, you could always ask Tramlines to move.

*This Year's Festival is from .....*

Otherwise you have to ask yourself: do I want a weekend away at a beautiful, relaxed greenfield festival with great music and views across to Hardwick Hall or do I want to be part of the throng of a street festival in a big city. Choices, choices. We think there's room for both.



### Giving a Bit without giving a bit

Want to support us without it costing a penny? Then here's how - and it doesn't include a dodgy John Bull printing press and fake fivers, honest! Whenever you're going to buy something online, log in first to [www.givingabit.com](http://www.givingabit.com). If you go through their website, you'll still buy directly from your usual online shops, but we get a donation from the retailer without it costing you a penny more. What's not to like!?

We're registered in the name of our parent charity Stainsby Folk Group, so before buying that fridge, carpet, exotic holiday, or even your weekly supermarket shop, drop in to givingabit first, and we'll get a bit. Every little helps *(arghh, look out! Tesco lawyers! - Ed)*.

Registered Charity 509610

### Playing Keepie-Uppy

There's lots of ways to keep tabs on us as we build up to yet another stonking festival. You can:

- ♦ Watch the website at [www.stainsbyfestival.org.uk](http://www.stainsbyfestival.org.uk), where all the latest developments can be found on the news tab and you can book tickets online.
- ♦ Sign up for our email alerts at [news@stainsbyfestival.org.uk](mailto:news@stainsbyfestival.org.uk). If you swap this newsletter for the email version at the same time, we save a quid for every one. Don't forget to include your postal address. We promise not to swamp your inbox
- ♦ Check in on our Facebook page and join in the conversation.

Alternatively you can buy a ticket, think, "It'll be bloody great anyway", and just rock up on the 19th. Job done.



### You Never Phone You Never Write

As ever we'd love to hear your comments:

- ✉ Stainsby Schoolhouse, Heath  
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- ✉ [info@stainsbyfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@stainsbyfestival.org.uk)

*.....the 19th to the 21st of July*