



47th Festival 18th -19th July 2015

Welcome

What's this, the Stainsby Newsletter appearing in May! Well since we usually quote some song or other at this point, spring has been a little late this year. What with all the stuff we've been doing to get together a great festival, plus of course running an appeal to try and buy the fields, it's been one hell of a winter (*I blame climate change myself - Ed*). And of course we're all unpaid volunteers (*cue violins - Ed*), writing this stuff on top of the day job - BUT here we are now with some great things to tell you about. Like? - Read on inside and see.....



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First Things First

Well first off this year's festival is from the 17th to the 19th of July and it's going to be great. Why? Well, second off, because it's Stainsby. Lots of you tell us that you don't really look to see who's on because you just know it'll be a fantastic festival. (*Remember to put in bragging box with quotes! - Ed*)

"I don't think it matters much who's on at Stainsby .. it's as good as Glastonbury but unlike glasto it showcases new acts as well as old friends. Long may it run!! "

Dave McCrory (FOS Brothers)

"Who cares who's on. It's Stainsby"

Richard Murawski

And third off, for those of you of the...how shall we say... more sceptical turn of mind, we are already building a fantastic line up. Well we know that, we hear you cry, but...give us a clue! OK. OK here we go.

Next Things Next

First up is the super group *Brass Monkey*. You all know the one - featuring such fantastic folk heroes as *Martin Carthy* and *John Kirkpatrick*, an exotic array of weird instruments and half the brass section of the Royal Philharmonic. Can't wait, can't wait. (*Calm down! Don't exaggerate - Ed*). Ahem, yes... then second up (*..and no more numbers, please! - Ed*) there's *Apple of My Eye* bringing it's own rival assortment of exotic instruments. Thir....sorry... next, *Robin Williamson*, who was incredible last year (*Does anyone ever use any other word about him? Thought not. - Ed*) is back by popular request, plus appearances by our very own *Chris Ellis & Rosie Toll* in a new version of *Love, Life & Liberty*, sponsored by the TCPA. On Sunday night *Artisan* will be in pole position on the main stage (*That's the main marquee pole, I assume - Ed*).

With *Gilmore & Roberts* and former Bolsover lad made good *Pete Davies* rounding off the line up so far, without even mentioning *Left Hand Drive*, you can see why we're so keen to get the word out.

Third Things No Longer Third Things

Our Poetry/Film/Art/Philosophy/Theatre/Debate Space from last year is becoming a permanent feature.

Some of last year's Artist-in-Residence work by Mik Godley will be on display accompanied by a track from Tomorrow's Ancestor recorded at last year's do.

(*You're not calling it The Third Thing again, are you? - Ed*).

Oh, and we're going to be calling it the **Theatre of Memory** this year - mainly because we're going to be generating some great memories in there. Fair enough?



Later Things Later

And we're not done yet. Sign up for our NewsFlashes and be the first to know as the line up develops. We always keep some space at Stainsby for the unusual, the upcoming or the last minute coup. Why? Because that's what we're for. It's part of our DNA (*Doesn't that stand for Do Not Approach?? - Ed*)



So, if you're looking for a fantastic weekend this summer then this is the one. Get those tickets in now. And if you do, you can save yourselves some dosh with our EarlyBird bookings right now. Yeah, you say, that's fine but what's the damage?



Going Up Things Go Up

Well, we're not going to beat about the bush. We're just going to come clean and say that after four years holding prices steady since we put them down in 2011, we've had to give in to unbearable financial pressure and put them up by a fiver. That still means a weekend ticket is cheaper than it was in 2010.

Ticket Prices 2015

EarlyBird (before June 1st)	£55
Weekend (after June 1st)	£65
Weekend On the Gate	£70
Sessions	£25 & £30
Youth Weekend (12-17)	£30
Youth Sessions	£20

What's more if you add up the separate sessions prices, it means, if our maths is right (*which I doubt – Ed*), that an EarlyBird ticket gets you a hundred and ten quid's worth of weekend for only fifty five oncers. Can't be bad. One word of warning though. The EarlyBird rate only lasts until May 31st and since spring is a little late this year you need to be quick off the mark to get some in.



Dream of Fields Appeal

Now most of you'll know that we've been running the Dream of Fields Appeal to realise the chance to own our own site and so far it's going well.....

Registered Charity 509610

We're already up to nearly eleven grand but we're not resting on our laurels (*Has anyone ever tried resting on them? All I get is bits of twig sticking up my jumper – Ed*). There's going to be lots more activity to keep up the momentum and the cash flowing. So what's more appropriate for drumming up the wherewithal than a...



Dear Paul Dear

Drum Trek

Dear Paul Dear, our drum circle leader is being a real dear (*give it a rest, dear – Ed*) and organising a DrumTrek marathon from John O'Groats to Land's End to support Stainsby's Dream of Fields Appeal. You can sign up via JustGiving to support his marathon and you can track his progress on the Trek at www.facebook.com/drumtrekodysey.

Lots of people have said that our chance to own our own site would be fantastic karma for all the volunteer community effort that's gone into running this fantastic event over the years. Ah Karma, eh? A light bulb went on in our fevered imagination, so that's why over the summer we're going to be flogging tickets for our...

Llama Karma Lottery

(*A what lottery? – Ed*) No, you heard right, a Llama Karma Lottery. It's pretty simple and pretty neat, though we say so ourselves. We've gridded up the field into 4,000 squares (thanks, Ben). Each lottery ticket represents a square. Tickets are £5 each. When the lottery closes in September we're going to hold a ceremony on the field to find the winner. A Llama will walk round the field and when Karma strikes the Llama, we will GPS the result to see which grid square it's landed in.

This is a variation on the old Taoist principle of Shit Happens. If you're the holder of the lucky ticket you can win a lifetime's weekend ticket for two at Stainsby OR a thousand quid in cash. The choice is yours! Though there is a catch – you do need to buy a ticket first, only a fiver, all in a good cause, honest guv, going like hot cakes, get 'em while you can squire, roll up, roll up (*Stop being that desperate! Where's your dignity – Ed*). Err...right, well, yes. We're also arranging that you can buy tickets in a calm and civilised fashion on line as well as from those of us desperately waving wads of little white slips at you, hollow eyed. Have pity!

Benefit Concerts

We've been offered a couple of venues locally that want to support us. Watch out for more news on the website or in our NewsFlashes as we get them organised.

Finally of course we could just make an old fashioned pitch for your cash. If you'd like to make a straight gift aid donation you can do it via our website on the [appeals page](#). Heartfelt thanks to all the numerous, generous people who already have - not forgetting HMRC for the extra 25% bung from the gift aid. What a fine marvellous upstanding institution it is!

One Last Thing

Arnold Bax once said "*You should try everything once - except incest and folk dancing*". So we're organising a ceilidh for Sunday afternoon. Enough! Is that the time? We've got a festival to organise..... see you in July.

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