



# FolkStation



## Welcome to 'THE COALBOX' FolkStation's official Newsletter!

In this edition we will be bringing you the latest on what will be happening at FolkStation 2012, the Isle of Wight's only Folk Festival, and more!! But before we get onto that, the name 'Coalbox' originates from an old Isle of Wight word used for describing the chorus to a folk song .... We just thought you'd like to know! FolkStation originally started in 2008 by a small group of local folk enthusiasts who were keen to see a major folk event on the Isle of Wight, where there is already a great music scene and a busy programme of summer festivals which cater to all tastes. FolkStation feature music, song and dance as its programme offering a great family friendly and relaxed festival with great camping and something for everyone to enjoy. Have a look around our website for more details of what will be happening at FolkStation 2012.

### Great News!

## Early Bird Tickets are now available!

Adult weekend ticket £40  
(excluding camping)

Child £10

Camping £10 per pitch



For the booking form go to the website:

[www.folkstation.co.uk](http://www.folkstation.co.uk)

**Go on! Treat yourself or someone equally special to some tickets for Christmas!**

## A Change of Venue for the Folkstation Festival

The organising team of FolkStation are very excited to announce the new venue for the 2012 event at Forest Farm, in 'The Green Barn Field' near Porchfield, following the festival's move from Havenstreet. The farm is situated on the outskirts of Newport, the Isle of Wight's County town; the festival will be set in green fields and will offer a larger site with more flexibility. Preparations are already well under way for 2012 which continues to offer one of the best family festival experiences during the Isle of Wight's busy festival season. Mike Butler, one of the event's directors, has more to tell: "We are really excited about the new venue as it will be able to offer even more for this great festival. We are always really keen to see this event offer great music, song and dance for all of those interested in folk music and there will be something for everyone at this year's event."

# Line Up

Whilst most of us have been busy with wrapping paper and sticky tape, Mike has been hard at work organising the line up for July's festival and we are pleased to announce that the programme is already looking like it's about to burst at the seams with some super acts from both the Isle of Wight and around the UK. As well as the line up for this year's festival, FolkStation will be boasting great workshops, dance and plenty of activities for the whole family. But we know for now you are just keen to hear what acts you are going to be able to see and hear so here are some of the things you can expect...



## Headlining on Saturday:

We are immensely proud to say that **Anthony John Clarke** will be headlining our Saturday evening concert in 2012, supported by members of his backing band. Anthony has played on the Island before when he supported Fairport Convention. Recently returned from a tour of New Zealand, Anthony has a very busy schedule and we were lucky to get him after a slight mix up over dates. Typically of Anthony, he had given me his mobile

phone number at the Moira Furnace festival, so things were quickly sorted out. His shows are funny, challenging and extremely popular; Anthony John Clarke is one of the music scene's real gentlemen. He is no ordinary songwriter, and the warm feeling that you experience when leaving one of his shows will stay with you forever. As well as headlining on the Saturday, Anthony will be running a workshop during Sunday - an opportunity not to be missed!! His songs include the legendary: Broken Years, The Only Life Gloria Knows, Tuesday Night Is Always Karaoke, Irish Eyes, Between Midnight and Blue and the sensational Two People.

## Other Acts

**Patti & Ned** are back! Our favourite Welsh duo (well, Patti is Welsh, Ned comes from the other side of the Atlantic!) are coming and promise to organise another spectacular performance by the Spoons Orchestra, as well as their delightful stage performances.



**Scarecrow:** A versatile and well-established trio from the Banbury area playing whistle, pipes, guitar, bass. Traditional material, good stage presence, interesting musical backgrounds (Folk, jazz, etc). This acoustic band plays folk music but offers something a bit different: some instrumental music, some songs and occasionally a bit of jazz or blues. Some tracks are well known and others more obscure but all have been worked on to produce tight and unusual arrangements.

**Walsh & Pound:** Dan Walsh is a banjoist, guitarist, and singer; Will Pound is one of the most accomplished young Chromatic and Diatonic Harmonica players around on the music scene today. Will has been involved in many high profile projects over the past twelve months. Most notable of these was The Goldie Band: By Royal Appointment, a three part series - broadcast on BBC television earlier in 2011 - following the drum and bass pioneer's mission to discover young people whose talent and passion for music sat at the centre of their lives.



After a whirlwind year for Will, he has been rewarded with a highly coveted Folk Musician Of The Year Award nomination as part of the 2012 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Will is certainly the only Folk Awards nominee who can say that he has been invited to play at Buckingham Palace twice within a six month period!

Further line up include; Second Time Around, Steve Jackson, Swing 'em Fair, Tim & Julia, the Sail Pattern and Folk On - check out our website for more details: [www.folkstation.co.uk](http://www.folkstation.co.uk)

## Keep it green!

With this year's festival being on a farm we are working hard to make it as green and eco friendly as possible. Details will follow on the website to keep you informed about any camping guidelines as we want everyone to enjoy their time not only at the festival but on the Isle of Wight as a whole. Why not stay a little longer than the festival and enjoy some of the Isle of Wight's area of outstanding natural beauty, great pubs for dining and other great locations around the coast or inland! Ssshhhhhh - don't tell anyone but we think the Isle of Wight is the best kept treasure in the UK.

## Coming Up

There will be different fundraising events for the 2012 FolkStation, the first being a music event being held at the Dairyman's Daughter in Arreton on Sunday 26th Feb. This will be a great chance for you to check out some of the local music scene so watch this space - details to follow in the next newsletter.

If you can't wait until the next newsletter in January you can find us on Twitter and Facebook, so why not let us know what you think about the festival if you have already been or if you are looking forward to your first year - we say first year because once you been you'll want to keep coming back!

## Christmas Wishes

The FolkStation posse would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year! We look forward to hearing from you soon or seeing you at FolkStation 2012.

