

Report from the Producer April 2022-04-19

It has been almost 3 years since our last festival and they have been hard years with many losses, both close to home and from around the world of folk music. The loss of Bill Bourne last weekend magnifies what we have all been missing.

But there are better times ahead. Speaking of which, we have a great line-up of artists this year. We always have a very good line-up, but to make the move up to great, you need a bit of luck. This year some artists that we have wanted to book for over 10 years have come through. It is the line-up that I have wished for on our return.

We face many challenges, not the least of which is Covid. We have adopted a dynamic policy to Covid ie it can and likely will change. We are trying to predict the future which makes planning very difficult.

With inflation almost out of control we face our most challenging festival in the past 30 years. We are always on the lookout for sponsorship, especially in-kind sponsorships to help keep Site costs down.

However, in addition to our line-up, we will also be going into the festival with our finances in strong shape due to superb government support from all three levels and excellent work from our administrative staff. There will be a few staff changes this year but we will also benefit from a great history of continuity in our staffing.

So, fingers crossed for the kind of weather we used to almost take for granted.

With gratitude, Terry Wickham