

Fairport NEWS

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DEAR FAIRPORTERS...

Welcome to Fairport 2003. We have just finished a most enjoyable Winter Tour and had a really great time playing lots of new material.

Hope you all enjoyed it and thanks to all of you who turned out. Sorry we missed the last gig in Newport due to cancellation. We hope to go back to the area and do it another time.

CROPREDY FESTIVAL INFO

We are absolutely delighted with the acts we have booked. These are some of our favourite musicians and bands. We know you are going to enjoy them as much as we do. The weather owes us a good festival as well after the last couple of years. Hope to see you there.

The campsite will open at around 9.00am on THURSDAY 7th AUGUST. There is no camping on any of the Festival campsites on Wednesday 6th August.

THURSDAY 7th AUGUST

Music kicks off at 4.30pm with COLVIN QUARMBY who some of you may have seen performing in the Cropredy pubs at previous festivals. They are a great band so do check them out. Following them will be MEET ON THE LEDGE who will be on between 5.50pm and 6.50pm. They are a very original folk rock band from the Stratford on Avon area. They will be followed at 7.10pm to 8.35pm by the TREVOR BURTON BAND playing some real hot R & B for you. Trevor is an old friend of ours from The Move and is a superb singer and guitarist. From 9.00pm to 11.00pm we have our mates from the North East, LINDISFARNE making their second Cropredy appearance. They always put on a wonderful show and it's going to be a fun filled Thursday night. The compere for the evening will be JOHNNY JONES.

FRIDAY 8th AUGUST

Kicks off at 12.30pm with MARK GILLESPIE, an English singer now residing in Germany. He is bringing along some fantastic German musicians. KEITH DONNELLY will follow Mark from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. Keith is going to do a spot on his own this year and will also be compere for the day. 3.15pm to 4.45pm we have EQUATION with the lovely Kathryn Roberts. We did a lot of concerts in America with Equation last year and figured it would be a wonderful way to spend a hopefully sunny Friday afternoon in their capable hands. Our old friend DAVID HUGHES will be playing some of his favourites and some new material, along with Gerry Conway on percussion and Jacqui McShee on vocals, between 5.00pm and 6.10pm. We have a great band on at 6.30pm called THE BUCKET BOYS who hail from Cornwall and feature two astounding guitar players in Steve Turner and a man you will be very familiar with from his work with Eric Clapton, Elton John and Pink Floyd - the one and only Tim Renwick. The band is completed by Willi Wilson from The Sutherland Brothers on drums and vocals and Rick Worthy on guitar and vocals. Mr. Pegg senior will be joining them on bass for some of their set. 8.00pm to 9.35pm we have BLUE TAPESTRY, a wonderful band fronted by Chris While and Julie Matthews and also involving Pete Zorn, Maartin Allcock and Neil Marshall. They will be playing the music of Carole King and Joni Mitchell. This is going to be such good fun and hopefully we can all sing along to some of our favourite songs. To finish off the evening PROCOL HARUM will play from 10.00pm to 12 midnight. The Procols are back and proud with a new album 'The Well's On Fire' featuring Gary Brooker on piano/vocals, Matthew Fisher on organ, Geoff Whitehorn on guitar, Mark Brzezicki on drums/percussion and Matt Pegg on bass.

SATURDAY 9th AUGUST

The compere for today will be BOB FOX. We will start off as last year at 12.30pm with the wonderful RICHARD DIGANCE who went down an absolute storm and created a most amusing start to the day. Richard will

play for an hour. He will be followed by BIG AL AND THE MECHANICS, a trio from Cornwall playing some really spirited R & B for you. At 3.00pm THE HUSH, Bob Fox's new band, will entertain us.

At 4.35pm OLD BLIND DOGS will take the stage. We played with them at some festivals in California last year and they are sensational. We are also really looking forward to ALBERT LEE and his band HOGAN'S HEROES who will be on from 6.10pm to 7.35pm. Albert has wanted to do Cropredy for many years and he is literally one of the best guitarists in the world, playing his superb blend of country rock. Can't wait to see him. A real delight for us is that at 7.45pm we have DENNIS LOCORRIERE. We saw Dennis recently at The Swan in High Wycombe and although we had already booked all the acts for Cropredy he really blew us away. You will remember him as being the voice of Dr. Hook. At 9.00pm FAIRPORT will take the stage for the last three hours and we hope to have some surprise guests. DAVE SWARBRICK will do a special set with us to premier some music from his 'Swarbrick Plays Swarbrick' classical album which will be out soon on Naxos. This will feature the current Fairport line-up with MARTIN CARTHY, JOHN KIRKPATRICK, MAARTIN ALLCOCK, BERYL MARRIOTT, KEVIN DEMPSEY and MIKE BURNHAM.

WE HOPE YOU'LL tell all your friends about Cropredy this year as we are really happy with the line up and think it will be one of our best years.

THE BAR! WADWORTHS will supply the bar and the staff will be the usual smiling, cheerful lot, under Neil Cutts' supervision.

MOJO will once again be flying the flag of quality music journalism at this year's festival with a number of exclusive subscription offers available at their tent. Free gifts will be offered for both new and renewing subscribers, but if you can't wait till then simply call 01858 438806 to subscribe now.

TICKET PRICES & CAMPING

Please note: Ticket prices have increased slightly and we believe that our camping prices are the cheapest at any festival in UK. The other advantage of Cropredy camping is that you can park your vehicle next to your tent.

Ticket prices for the concerts and camping are given below and are available separately. HOWEVER you must have a concert ticket for the day you arrive to camp or caravan - so if you plan to arrive on Thursday this means you'll need a three day concert ticket. Backpackers and motorcyclists are still allowed to camp free but the same applies - they must have a concert ticket for the day of arrival.

► Space on the campsites is for concert goers only. If you wish to camp with friends or family you must meet up somewhere off site and arrive together as spaces cannot be saved.

TICKET PRICES:

Before June 15th	3 day £55.00	2 day £45.00	1 day £28.00
June 15th - July 31st	3 day £58.00	2 day £48.00	1 day £30.00
August 1st / pay at gate	3 day £60.00	2 day £50.00	1 day £32.00

3 day = Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2 day = Friday and Saturday, 1 day = Saturday (no Thursday only or Friday only tickets are available).

Ticket prices are on a three tier scale so that substantial savings can be made by booking early. After August 1st tickets will only be sent by mail order if they are paid for by cash, postal order or credit card. Tickets are available from May 1st, allow 21 days for delivery. A self addressed envelope MUST be included with your order. Children UNDER 12 admitted FREE with paying adult. Well behaved dogs are welcome but MUST be kept on a lead. FREE WINDOW STICKERS will be sent with the first 2000 orders received for two or more 3-day tickets.

Camping. no Wednesday camping. Tickets are available in advance with concert tickets or on the gate. Tents and caravans are the same price. Backpackers and motorcyclists camp FREE.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday	£15.00 per vehicle
Friday and Saturday	£10.00 per vehicle
Saturday only	FREE

Accommodation. Most of this gets booked well in advance, so it's best to call the local tourist information centres for current availability. Banbury 01295 259855, Bicester 01869 369055 and Cherwell Valley 01869 345888.

Sorry, Eurocheques are no longer accepted by our bank. Orders with credit cards, guaranteed Building Society cheques, cash or postal orders are dealt with almost on a next day basis. Personal cheques take 10 days to clear. HOWEVER, if you have not received your order within 21 days please check with your bank or credit card company the date payment was cleared and then contact us by post, fax or email with these details. LOST, MISSING or INCORRECT tickets sent cannot be dealt with on the gate, so please check your order on receipt. Refunds are only available on unwanted tickets received back by Woodworm Records Ltd BEFORE the event.

For festival enquiries we now have an email address you can use for most often asked questions: faircrop@aol.com

FAIRPORT GOODIES

We are fast running out of the Cropredy 2002 live double CD, with 'Fairport - The Early Years' from the Friday evening and the Saturday show on a second CD. There are only a few hundred left, featuring Richard, Ashley, Swarb, Vikki, Iain and guests - PLEASE ORDER NOW to ensure that you get a copy

NEW DVD: 'The Thirtyfifth Anniversary Concert' from Basingstoke Anvil is available from us now for £16.00. On general release in June on Secret Films, catalogue number SECDVD103.

2003 WINTER TOUR PROGRAMMES (£3.00)

THE DYLAN PROJECT (£12.00) *The studio album featuring Steve Gibbons, Dave Pegg, Simon Nicol, P.J. Wright and Gerry Conway is back on sale with us. It has been re-released by demand.*

CROPREDY 2002 double CD (£22.00)

FAIRPORT UNCONVENTIONAL 4 CD BOX SET (£40.00)

XXXV (£12.00) *The latest studio CD*

THE WOOD & THE WIRE CD (£12.00)

FAIRPORT SONGBOOK 2: 58 songs and tunes carefully transcribed by Martin Allcock with the correct chords! A must for all budding musicians - now £12.00

2003 WINTER TOUR T-SHIRTS (£12.00)

XXXV DVD (£16.00)

(Add £3.00 per order for overseas)

WOODWORM STUDIOS can now offer our clients 'The Ledge', a self-contained cottage adjoining the studio, offering accommodation for up to six people, at £15.00 a head per day. We have 24 track Soundscape hard disk digital, 24 track analogue and 16 track adat digital facilities. If you have a recording project in mind, do consider us.

Call Mark Tucker on 07876 596606, fax 01869 337142, or write to PO Box 37, Banbury OX16 8YN for current equipment list and prices.

Check out the studio tour on woodwormrecords.co.uk

Check out the Fairport website for all the latest:
www.fairportconvention.com

We really hope you can make it to Cropredy this year. Thank you very much for supporting us. Many thanks,
Peggy, Chris and Tracey at Woodworm and Simon, Ric, Chris and Gerry

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FAIRPORT 2003 DATES:

Electric line-up

Fri 04 Apr	Exeter Phoenix	01392 667 080
Sat 03 May	BELGIUM Labadoux Festival	0032 51 31 00 74
Sun 04 May	+ The Dylan Project	
Fri 09 May	Fowey Du Maurier Festival	01726 77477
Sat 10 May	Putney Half Moon SOLD OUT	01736 365 520
Sun 11 May	Cromer Pavilion Theatre	01263 512 495
	USA	
Fri 30 May	Alexandria VA Birchmere	703 549 7500
Sat 31 May	Hightstown NJ Grace Morton School Theatre	609 259 5764
Sun 01 Jun	Oxford NY Night Eagle Café	607 843 7378
Mon 02 Jun	South Easton MA Blackthorne Tavern	508 238 4068
Tue 03 Jun	Northampton MA Iron Horse	413 586 8686
Wed 04 Jun	Unity ME Performing Arts	207 948 7469
Thur 05 Jun	Boston MA Sculler's Jazz Club	617 562 4111
Fri 6 Jun	Amagansett NY Stephen Talkhouse	631 267 3117
Sat 07 Jun	Arden DE Gild Hall Arden Club Concerts	302 475 3126
Sun 08 Jun	Cumberland RI Blackstone River Theatre	401 725 9272
Tue 10 Jun	Annapolis MD Ram's Head Tavern	410 295 9761
Thur 12 Jun	New York City Bottom Line	212 228 6300
Fri 13 Jun	Chester NY Bodles Opera House	845 469 4595
Sat 14 Jun	Philadelphia PA Tin Angel	215 928 0978
Mon 16 Jun	Ann Arbor MI The Ark	734 761 1800
Tue 17 Jun	Milwaukee WI Shank Hall	414 276 7288
Wed 18 Jun	Berwyn IL Fitzgerald's	708 788 6670
Thu 19 Jun	Kent OH Concert Series, The Kent Stage	330 677 5005
Fri 20 Jun	Cincinnati OH Century Theater	513 281 9195
Sat 21 Jun	Columbus OH Thirsty Ear Tavern	614 299 4987
Mon 23 Jun	Lexington KY Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour	
Thu 26 Jun	Rochester NY Milestones	585 325 6490
Fri 27 Jun	Pawling NY Towne Crier	845 855 1300
Sat 28 Jun	Altamont NY Old Songs	518 765 2815
Sun 29 Jun	Music Festival	

ITALY

Wed 9 Jul	Parma/Castello Torrechiera	
Thu 10 Jul	Udine Folkest Festival	
Fri 11 Jul	Cremona/Rocca Ostiana Celtica Festival	
Sat 12 Jul	Bergamo/Villa Faccanoni Sarnico Andar per Musica 2003	
Sun 13 Jul	Mantova Alberti Piazza Leonbattista	

18-20 Jul	NORWAY festival - see website for details	
4/5 Aug	Banbury The Mill (Cropredy warm-ups)	01295 252 050

Fairport Acoustic

Thur 03 Apr	Penzance Acorn Theatre	01736 365 520
Sat 05 Apr	Banbury St. Mary's Church	01295 259 855
Sun 06 Apr	Dartford Mick Jagger Centre	01736 365 520
Wed 07 May	Southsea South Parade Pier	023 9286 3911
Mon 12 May	Nettlebed The Village Club	01628 636 620
Thu 22 May	Worcester Huntingdon Hall	01905 611 427
Fri 23 May	Leek The Swan	01538 373 471
Sat 24 May	Birkenhead Pacific Road Arts Centre	0151 647 0752
Sun 25 May	Manchester The Lowry	0161 876 2000
Mon 26 May	Baumaris Bulkeley Hotel	01248 810 415

The Dylan Project will be touring the UK in the first two weeks of December. Check www.fairportconvention.com for details.