

April 2021

Hi all,

**Morris sides and dance display teams**  
**You are invited to join us at**  
**the Covid Safe**  
**Tenterden Folk Festival 2021**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

We are pleased to announce that we are going to endeavour to go ahead with a **Covid Safe** Tenterden Folk Festival 2021. The Festival will take place from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The main days for dancing will still be Saturday and Sunday but for those sides able to arrive early there will also be opportunities for dancing on Thursday and Friday. We would like to see as many sides on Sunday as are normally present on Saturday so do not worry if you can only come for part of the weekend. We welcome sides that are first time visitors to Tenterden as well those who have supported the festival year after year.

***Covid Safety***

*It is difficult for us, and for you all, to make long term plans at present as Government advise and rules are fluid and can change unexpectedly at short notice, but we will do everything we can to make the festival happen and happen in a Covid Safe way. To this ends we are liaising with the local Safety Advisory Group, which includes Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council as well as the NHS and police to ensure they are all happy with our plans. Once the details are more certain we will of course let you know what extra measures we are putting in place and what changes from the normal there might have to be so please keep in touch and check out our social media especially Twitter [@tenterdenfolk](#).*

**Free tickets:**

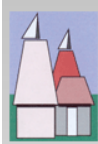
We will still be offering free Weekend Tickets to dance sides and their musicians on a first come first served basis. These Weekend Tickets cover most events from Thursday to Sunday except the Thursday evening concert which is a special fund raising event. Due to demand we may have to limit these free tickets so please book early.

**Covid Safe Camping:**

The camp site will be available from Thursday to Monday with added toilets and water tank and is very close to the town centre. Please help us by booking and paying for camping well in advance. This not only helps us with the administration but also helps our campsite stewards, ***avoids us all handling cash*** and avoids delays on arrival. Dancers and musicians only pay the Early Bird prices for camping. ***Numbers on the campsite may have to be limited for Covid safety.***

**Indoor camping:**

We also expect to be able to continue to offer limited indoor camping to dancers taking part in the Festival. Space is always limited (***and may have to be more restricted this year for Covid safety***) so you will need to book well in advance.



Tenterden  
*folk festival*  
"Tenterden the Jewel of the Weald"



**Up to 50 sides:**

We normally set a limit of around 50 Morris sides and dance display teams for the extended weekend *but will be limiting this number further this year due to social distancing*, so if your side is wants to come, please let us know **as soon as possible**. *We know your plans may change due to Covid or other unforeseen problems but we would like to know how many sides are interested to help with our plans*. If you know of any other sides that you would like us to invite let us know.

Reply to [dance@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](mailto:dance@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk), phone Spud Jones from Loose Women on 07944 499 937 or Alan Castle on 01233 626805.

**RSVP:** We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all again.

*Alan*

**Alan Castle**  
Trustee and Festival Director

***Please help us by ensuring that you:***

- Pass this letter on to the correct person if you are no longer the correct representative of your side
- *Read this letter and pass on the information to all the members of your side as soon as possible*
- *Tell us which days you are coming for*
- **Prior to the Festival** let us know what free Full Weekend Tickets your side would like (A list of their names please)
- **Prior to the Festival** book and pay for any camping you need, including indoor camping
- *To sign up for our occasional newsletters for dance sides follow this Mail Chimp link <http://eepurl.com/eUuJY>*

