

Detailed Programme

This is the detailed programme of individual shows, workshops and events that will take place over the festival weekend. For details and photos of the Performers, please refer to the website.

Saturday Evening 19th July 2025

Marquees:

Purple Marquee

6.45 - 7.45pm Concert *Tom Kitching and Marit Fält* (Age F)

A welcome return for Tom Kitching and Marit Fält. Tom burst onto the folk scene with his debut album 'Interloper', reaching number 6 in the Sunday Express Folk album of the year (2015). He is a gifted writer (author) and musician and is a phenomenal fiddle player with Mike Harding commenting, "The lad is one of the best fiddlers I've ever heard - he breathes life into the tunes". Tom has now teamed up with fabulous mandola player, Marit, to entertain you with some truly magnificent tunes. This concert will be full of heart, with music to make you laugh and cry – but especially laugh.

8.00 – 9.00pm *Handful of Pebbles – Nick Hennessey* (Age 12+)

Stories are like stones picked up on the beach. Nick's been telling and singing for 30 years and he's picked up a few here and there. They've kept him company all this time, rubbing together, smoothing off their edges in his pocket. It's a joy to take them out now and then to show them, to hold them up gleaming in the light, otherwise they're little more than a pocket full of stones and a handful of years.

9.30 – 11.00 pm Concert – *Merry Hell* (Age F)

Multi-award winning Merry Hell offer joyful, uplifting folk-rock, with a message for troubled times. Native to the North-West of England, the 8-piece musical charabanc was fuelled from the embers of the much-loved folk-punk band The Tansads, before developing a life and feel all of its own. Their energy and passion are complemented by their love of what they do and desire to share hope and togetherness with as many people as are willing to listen. Through 7 well-received albums and hundreds

of gigs, they've offered voices of hope and beacons of light to anyone valuing spirit, energy, melody and positive humanity.

Red Marquee

7.15 – 8.15pm *Songs and Poetry* – Kate Green (Age F / B)

Kate Green is an accomplished musician and poet. Her storytelling is positively lyrical, and she combines this with folk, music hall, apocalypse humour, and even karaoke re-appropriation.

It is hard to describe the genre ... no subject is too bizarre! We know FatE audiences embrace the unusual, the curious and quirky - so, we're sure you're in for a real treat!

8.30 - 9.15pm *The Uncollected Verse* – Paul Elwell (Age F)

Having dabbled at writing poetry for many years, almost exclusively for his own amusement, about ten years ago, Paul Elwell got the opportunity to meet a community of local writers who perform poetry in a variety of public spaces. In his poetry he writes about growing up in the Black Country and offers some personal reflections on various aspects of modern life - hopefully with a humorous twist.

9.30 - 10.30pm *Folk Horror!* – Daniel Morden (Age E, 16+ - **Strictly Adults Only!**)

Ancient folklore meets modern anxiety ... dive into the eerie and unsettling world of Folk Horror. The old folktales of our ancestors are bound with the traces of old superstition, ritual and archaic customs. Expect shapeshifters, foolhardy pacts, and unquiet graves. Don't expect happily ever after!

TRIGGER WARNING!! Contains distressing and disturbing images including violence, death and coercive control. **Strictly Adults only!!**

Family Marquee

7.00 - 7.45pm *Bedtime Stories* – Dave Tonge (Age A)

Dave Tonge is a storyteller and historian who specialises in costumed, and historical, storytelling of period, rich, and often cheeky, folk tales of the past. He often tells stories in schools, museums and heritage centres, and has written two books for

children: 'Norfolk Folk Tales for Children' and 'Medieval Folk Tales for Children'. Who better to entertain our younger festival-goers after an exciting day?

Other Venues:

Orangery

9.00 - 10.30pm Story Round – *Uncanny Tales led by Jon Buckeridge* (Age 14+).

Late night ghost stories have become a bit of a tradition at FatE, this year we're opening up the theme slightly to include wider spooky tales. For those of you who enjoy having your spines tingled, this story round is for you. Come along with your tale (max. 15 minutes), and Jon will do his best to enable as many people to share their stories as possible.

Bar

10.45pm till late The Midnight Sessions Jam Away! With Adam Beresford-Browne and Friends. (Age 16+)

Join in with these great musicians. Bring your instrument, voice or presence and bathe in the late-night FatE vibe.

The Birchwood

11.00pm – midnight Firepit Stories and Songs – *Andy Harrop Smith, Kate Green and Colin Urwin* (Age 16+)

Settle down with the warmth and glow of the firepit and 'chill out' listening to these three brilliant performers.

Note: If weather conditions are not suitable (either too dry creating a fire hazard, or too wet), these sessions will move to the Family Marquee.