

The Folk Gathering September 15th to 17th 2017

Feedback

What a fantastic weekend!!!!

Big thank you to you & the team for staging another brilliant festival.

Best wishes

Sue & Steve XX

What an amazing weekend! Mary and I kept waiting for the bubble to burst but it never did!!! One wonderful event after the other! It did us both the world of good and was fully supported by our excellent accommodation. Gatherings as good as yours do not happen by chance and require a tremendous effort over a long period to achieve such a high standard and a careful selection of guests. You had it all and my thanks go to you both, Malcolm and the hardworking committee.

It was very thoughtful and generous of you to invite us and we do really appreciate it if only the rest of the world could be like the folk world !!

Hope you are having a good rest after your hectic time and Wally is feeling better.

Once again. many thanks and much love

Judith xx

*(My rating *****!!)*

Thanks for a very pleasant weekend.

I wondered if you'd pass my apologies on to Annie Bonsall. When pulling away I noticed some extra resistance and thought that the caravan wheels must have sunk in a bit so applied a bit more power. However, the resistance turned out to be that I'd forgotten to release the caravan brake and I left two nasty skid marks as I pulled the van forward with the wheels locked. Oh Rodney etc! I've made a note to self to engage brain before engaging gear another time.

I hope she's not upset about it, perhaps I could send her a couple of jars of my (bees) honey by way of apology?

Regards.

John & Sue

Just word to say thanks for a lovely Gathering, and can you thank all the people that made it so enjoyable, and for all there hard work,

Our thanks to all,

We really enjoyed the gathering and appreciated all the background work involved. We hope you get the chance to relax now!

Love Ken and Mags xx

Just to say what a wonderful weekend. Everyone I spoke to felt the same. Brill!!!

Well done, wonderful line up. It could have snowed and we would still have enjoyed the w/e.

Bob and Pam

Fantastic weekend at the Alstonefield Folk Gathering. so honoured to have sung in the Peace Tent. What a moving afternoon. great people and an all round top time with red wine and tons of cakes.

Thank you for all your hard work, love and smiles that you put into this most amazing weekend. It was an honour to be part of it all and every time I saw you Lorna you were smiling. It was so very uplifting. We had a really special time. Lots of love. Anna XXX and Roy

Seeking harmony in song and in life...great to be part of this morning session at The Folk Gathering today with Janet Russell and Hazel Richings. Together with songs, stories and a great singing audience, voices and verses took us on a wonderful and uncharted journey! Thanks to all who came along and to all who make this great Gathering happen each year

... thanks for giving me the chance to be a part of such an inspirational event as The Gathering, I really enjoyed the spirit of the place and meeting so many great people there.

... long may it continue.

Colum Sands.

2 words ." Absolute magic " . Thank you to you and Malcolm, Lorna, Wally and the whole team .I can only imagine what hard work is involved while us lot swan about the place having a great time . My deepest gratitude to you all .

So much wonderfull music , so much good feeling . I wish I could bottle it and send it to all the places of conflict in the world.

And a thousand thanks to you all for giving us a weekend of pure magic.

Very best wishes .

Tom Reid.

it was our first time at the Gathering. We had a whale of a time and found the atmosphere and the people involved very special. Thank you so much. John and Di Cullen.

Yes, what a happy time it was. Felt quite deflated the day after. I have raffle ticket white 840 so am looking forwards to seeing what I have won! Pauline

I have feed back but I don't have the words to express it all.

I don't know how to thank you and Wally, Malcolm and Pat for such a wonderful, wonderful occasion. From the beginning to the end , Judy and I just couldn't believe how much we were enjoying it, we kept expecting to be disappointed by the next session but the joyful music just kept happening, even the most heart breaking moments in The Peace Concert were somehow joyful, no not joyful but full of love and the singing, wow.

And oh the love... Thank you all.

Mary Wilson.

***Thank you very much for a lovely weekend. Enjoyed every minute. Looking forward to next time.
Thanks again, and warm wishes***

Love, Eileen and Tony Doyle x

Thank you all for a wonderful weekend, everyone commented on how much they had enjoyed it. Lucky says thanks for the bisquits.

*Once again a sincere thankyou for the opportunity to be a thread of music woven into the wonderful tapestry which is the gathering...the music.. togetherness.. comradeship ..the humbling awe inspiring surroundings...
Cheers Pete..*

We have been meaning to say thank you to you and everyone involved with the Folk Gathering for a wonderful weekend. It was our first visit and we were very impressed. The calibre of guests and the singing was superb. The PA was a folkies dream. If only everyone could manage it that well?!

We certainly hope to be able to join you all next year.

Yours sincerely, Diane & Steve (Nevill)

.... it would take something REALLY special to better the incredible amount of love that was so evident at Alstonefield x

We loved the friendly laid back attitude that existed. It belied the hard work that had gone into organising such an event and we were surprised to find that, within about an hour of being with you all, we felt that we were definitely among friends. There are not many events that can offer this, so you should be patting yourselves on the back for achieving it. The music was some of the best we have experienced at any festival, even the singarounds were of a high standard, so you must be attracting a very high standard of ticket holder.

Thank you for inviting us to volunteer, this was our last festival (sorry gathering!) of the year and it means we finish our year with a lovely warm glow.

Yours,

Cheri and Richard

I would like to thank everyone, especially Wal, Lorna and you Malc for all the hard work you put into making the Gathering such a wonderful weekend for everyone. The artists were super, the concerts a joy, the singarounds a pleasure and as for the beer, the food, the stewards, the sound crew, the camp site, the setting, the people! Well, I could go on for ever.

We love coming to Alstonefield every year and we cannot begin to understand how much of your time, enthusiasm and patience you deploy in order to make it so successful.

Words are not enough to thank you all for the wonderful time we had at Alstonefield. The Gathering was superb and we know it couldn't have happened without the hard work, help and support of so many people - THANK YOU ALL!

God bless and may we all have peace in our time.

Des and Margaret

Thanks to ALL for a great weekend.

And for reminding me of the song Esther sang. (Hill of Little Shoes)

Remarkable.

Rich

Feedback: super event. The garden tent was new to me (hadn't attended for 2 years). Big plus for the likes of me that are keen to "do our own thing" rather than listen & join in with choruses. Anyway, I dodged the drips as best I could & spent whole w/e in there apart from Peace Concert, which was lovely, indeed quite moving at times. Great catering, maintenance, admin etc

Well done to you all: I appreciate the enormity of the task, especially with the lousy weather!

Hope to see you all at a session soon

Warm regards

Arnie
