

Folkestone Music Town Meeting Notes - 24/04/23 at The Tasting Rooms

Another great venue – and with a sea view too (even if the weather was rubbish 😊)!

Sophia Stuchbury from FMT – “Music in May (MIM)”

- Last meeting before the big event.
- Banners now around the town – spare flyers etc at The Chambers and Seaview Studio.
 - Any ideas for locations for other banners? Cinema, Punch and Judy (food deliveries > Folkestone Eats).
- 4 page programmes now printed for 150 separate events – **for circulation!**
- Opening parties of **Friday 28th** (Jazzy B at the Chambers – nearly sold out) and.....
- **Saturday 29th** “Big Beer Band” at the Quarter House– one pager flyers also **to circulate!** We want to sell as many tickets as possible to set the tone for the month.
- Folkestone “Big Busk Out” flyers too. Support received from the council and the Creative Foundation Festivals Fund. Aimed at younger musicians starting out in music.
 - 6 busking kits with people co-ordinating the activity (still need to cover May 26th). We can re-use the kit for later events post MiM.
 - Hourly slots each Saturday (but probably not the 6th) that can be booked online.
 - May be a “best busker” competition.
 - 22 people already signed up.
 - Possible locations: outside Chambers, Payers’ Park, Leas Bandstand (both need Council permission – **Conor will check**), Big Boys’ Burgers, in front of Folca, outside Lloyds bank, behind Market Square, outside the Town Hall, opposite the Pilot Bar (needs permission from Creative Foundation), behind Chummies. (The Leas and Harbour Arm are off limits).
 - Could we use the council’s branded gazebos that are currently in storage under Asda? **Conor will check for us (thanks Conor!).**
 - If anyone sees any buskers in town, please let them know.
- **May 1st** – Stripes Bar at Invicta event to raise money for strikers who may be struggling financially. Live music and a barbecue – tickets are £5. **Please spread the word!**
- **May 4th** health and wellbeing symposium – Julia Jones, Sophia / Tim / Adam all presenting.
 - At the Grand (Green Room) – it’s free but it is ticketed.
 - Celebrates 20 years of work in this space.
- **May 5th** – Flo Glen’s old piano going into Bouverie Place so that anyone can play it.
 - Seeking volunteers to play from 10AM on the day – so that it can be filmed.
 - **Who can play piano on the day?**
- **May 14th** “CHOIRoke”! 4 Folkestone choirs joining 4PM-6PM on Sunday 14th at Leas Cliff Hall. Rock Choir, Shepway Voices + Singers and Showtime Choir (possibly a Ukrainian group too).
 - Each choir will showcase their own sets, then the final songs will be together with the audience.
 - Need to register tickets in advance at folkestonemusic.co.uk
- **May 18th** Sacconi Quartet playing at The Chambers – unusual gig!
- Free workshops – supported by District Council. Several in May – one page flyer in addition to the main MIM programme. Need to register your place as space is limited: info@folkestonemusic.co.uk
 - * May 6th – 4-6pm – Social Media for Musicians – Liam Gomez and Tim Smith – Seaview Studio
 - May 7th 11AM-1PM-Song writing with Lorraine Lucas / Neil Bob Herd at the Glassworks – aimed at intermediate players pre the song-writing events in October.
 - May 7th 12-2PM – Introduction to Singing Professionally - Sophia Stuchbury at Seaview Studio.
 - May 7th 3PM-5PM – Home recording with Tim Smith – Seaview Studio
 - May 17th – 3-5pm Inclusive Singing Workshop – Nina Clark – Seaview Studio
 - May 20th – 3-5pm - Music Theory for Songwriters – Flo Glen – Seaview Studio
 - May 21st – 12-2pm - Drum Workshop for Beginners – Harry Arnold – Seaview Studio

- May 21st – 3-5pm – Drum Mic Workshop – Harry Arnold and Tim Smith – Seaview Studio
- May 27th – 3-5pm – Blues Harmonica Workshop – Katie Bradley

Effect Music

- Started September 2022 – events across Folkestone and Ashford – extending to Maidstone / Canterbury.
- Focus on House music – point of difference to transform the room (as well as the music).
- 270 people have attended events at the Quarter House.
- Demographic wider than expected.

Folkestone Music Town website – folkestonemusic.co.uk

- Liam has revamped the website. Easier to use – especially for venues.
- Feedback section added if issues arise.
- Able now to upload Youtube and/or Spotify.
- Post May – will build accounts per venue, and make it more community based with logins etc.
- 4,622 unique visitors viewing 120K pages in March and growing quickly.

Next meeting Monday 19th June at The Chambers 7PM to 9PM.

Tell your friends and networks about Music and May – see you at the Quarterhouse on Sat 29th 😊.

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