



Peace Tent 14 - 18 at



22nd to 25th September 2014



This venue will be sited in a tranquil location close to the river. It seemed right to bring the Peace Tent to Shrewsbury Folk Festival as we mark 100 years since the start of World War I.

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Peace Tent is more than just a highly flexible self sufficient venue, it is more than just a show, it is a resource which will be a living, evolving entity, responding to the challenge of telling one of the greatest and most tragic human stories honestly, commemorating that which has happened and most importantly celebrating peace, fellowship and reconciliation through folk music and the performing arts.

Peace Tent 14 -18 performances will mainly be song and music based but also may include, drama, poems, narrative, dance, film, stills and sound and light effects - anything is possible.

The Venue

Inspired by the Field Hospitals of the Great war **Peace Tent** is a 40' x 40' traditional single pole marquee fitted with a wooden floor, capacity 200. An unusual shape which provides great acoustics

The kit

Horse shoe seating around a simple stage lit by basic house and stage lights. The PA is designed to lift and enhance the natural acoustics without intruding in essentially acoustic performances.

The Company

Peace Tent was developed by *Peace Through Folk* at their annual Manifold Folk Gathering at Alstonefield in the Peak National Park which takes place on the third weekend in September. We are honoured and excited to be given the opportunity to bring **Peace Tent** to Shrewsbury Folk Festival.

Organisers -

Malcolm Hawksworth, Lorna Davies, Wal Davies

Resident performers at Shrewsbury will include -

Bird Scarers - Jane Rushton, Rosie Rushton, Val Williamson, - [three generations in harmony](#)

Rick Ford - [singer song writer - half Armenian half cheshire, all blues](#)

Poacher - Kevin Green, Dave Robertson, June Thaine - [great harmonies from 3 Norkies](#)

Pete Shirley - [singer song writer whose dulcet voice leaves few birds in the trees.](#)

Nine Tenths Below - Barbara Hindley, Andy Hindley, Peter Hopkins, Len Devey, Tom Perry - [Sea Shanties and chorus singers with passion humour and gusto.](#)

The Laners - Derek Wheeler, Dave Tarry, Clive Brooks - [three gents from the Black Country - a cappella with attitude!](#)
John Morris and Denise Smith - [great voices in every sense of the word \(the volume knob broke on 11 when they made them\).](#)

PIVA - Eric Moulder, Jane Moulder, Tony Millyard, Anne Wride, Jude Rees [Taking late 16th century dance and ballad tunes, Piva make them ring out in the early 21st century. It's music of the past played for today!](#)

Tom Hughes - [of the Chester Town Pipers, medieval story teller and education officer for the Bagpipe Society.](#)

Maureen Cunningham [the pocket rocket singer song writer from Dundee with a unique delivery of traditional and home spun ballads.](#)

Daisy Jaks - [a talented band of musicians, who between them play Guitar, Ukelele, Cello, Violin, Clarinet, Flute, Keyboards, Bass Guitar and great four part harmonies](#)

Wal Davies - [Singer and Staffordshire folk club organiser with more than a trace of his Black Country stock.](#)

Brian Bull (MC) - [great singer, concertina player, ceilidh caller, Mc - and an all round good bloke.](#)

Ken Hall (MC) - [Highly respected Folk Festival MC and radio and recording producer](#)

Will Morgan (MC) [and singer of humorous and traditional songs, monologues and tall stories](#)

Dawn Powell - [story teller extraordinaire.](#)

Ray Johnson MBE - [documentary film producer](#)

Venue Manager Tony Cutler

Stewards - Ian Wilson, Jan & Dave Whalley, Janet Blackburn, Darren Blackburn, Dave Littlehales, Val Littlehales
Luke Bridges, Paul Alexander, Peter Green, Darren Fleming.



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Format and content



Mornings in the **Peace Tent** will be filled with workshops of all sorts, Peace song entry sessions and film, drama and dance if possible.

Much of each afternoon and evening **Peace through Folk** club concerts will comprise performances from our residents and some of their nominated floor spots performers. The concerts may also feature scheduled performances and surprise 'drop ins' from headline main festival acts.

Singing in chorus and harmony will figure largely across much of the **Peace Tent** programme as befits a celebration of peace and reconciliation. Look out for the regular 'Walls of Sound' and make sure your tonsils are well oiled! The nature of our venue and our open, acoustic sound system means that there will be few if any sound checks and there will be speedy change overs between acts - just like a folk club! This not only provides for a more natural sound and an intimate relationship with the audience, it also greatly increases the capacity of the programme.

Peace Song Competition -

One class - quite simply a song embracing aspects of peace, fellowship and reconciliation, written and to be performed live by the entrant. The judges will be Peace Tent comperes, Ken Hall, Brian Bull and Will Morgan. The prize will be a trophy and bookings to appear at Shrewsbury Folk Festival 2015 and the Peace through Folk Gathering.

Entries to be performed during any of the three occasions -

- 17.00 to 18.00 Friday,
- 09.00 to 09.45 on Saturday
- 09.00 to 10.00 on Sunday .
- Results will be announced at 14.00hrs on Sunday.

'My Dearest Girls' - Helen's Story a play with 3 performances on Sunday.

A short play written and performed by Francesca Millican-Slater, in association with Arts Alive, commissioned by Shropshire Archives, Produced by Pippa Frith.

Based upon a Round Robin letters book from Shropshire Archives which tell the stories of women living and working during World War I. **Helen's Story** is a solo piece focussing on one of the girls' letters, Helen of Brockton, Much Wenlock This will draw on agricultural themes, women working on the land, the impact of the war on family and farm, locality and Helen's wait for news from The Front.

Live music and films

We plan to be presenting at least two shows specially produced for Peace Tent in which films have been produced as backgrounds to live performances -

'JOURNEYS' - scenes in songs, images and film - by Rick Ford and Ray Johnson MBE

Rick Ford's new show Travels from the wilderness of the Staffordshire Moorlands to Africa, Eastern Europe, Russia and Turkey.

'Journeys' features 12 original songs by Rick Ford which he performs live to the backdrop of Ray's film which comprises archive film, scenes and images relating true stories and exploring themes as varied as the Aboriginal Dreamtime, the Armenian genocide, the random nature of fate and one man's love for his dog.

'It'll all be over by Christmas' . A preview of the Peace Concert to be performed at the Manifold Gathering on UN international day of Peace 21st September. The theme this year is Reconciliation and the impending centenary of the Christmas Truce.

The general belief amongst the British public in August 100 years ago was that the war would be over by Christmas - the reality was that the 150,000 strong BEF was decimated and sustained losses of 90,000 casualties .

A month before the Christmas Truce of 1914, **Winston Churchill stated, 'What would happen, I wonder, if the armies suddenly and simultaneously went on strike, and said some other method must be found of settling this dispute?'**

Now there was a thought Winston!



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Getting involved



We will be commemorating the centenary of the First War by celebrating peace, reconciliation and goodwill so expect not only songs of memorial and reflection on the futility of war but also fun and fellowship and lots of opportunities to join in.

Come and sing - lots of the content of the concerts will be chorus songs and artists are always delighted when everyone joins in.

Floor singers - our resident artists will be looking out for good floorspot guests to involve as many performers as possible in their **Peace Tent** Folk Club Spots.

Take part in PIVA's early music singing and playing workshops, even have a go at bagpipes or learn some of the fun songs, catches and rounds so popular with the cheeky Tudors

(with Henry VIII achieving a chopping average of 120 executions per month people had to find things to laugh at!)

The Bagpipe Society will present and demonstrate a wide selection of pipes and also provide the opportunity to have a go! There will be a number of sets available for you to try - no ear defenders required as these are Small Pipes.

Enjoy especially taking part and helping to create the superb harmonies that are always the hallmark of a Janet Russell Singing workshop.

Enter and sing your own song in the **Peace Tent** Singer/Songwriter competition.

Join Tom and Sue Hughes to discover Shropshire's very own Mary Webb - novelist and poet oft described as Shropshire's Thomas Hardy.

Who was Helen of Brockton

- find out on Sunday with Francesca Millican-Slater in her one woman play.

The programme for **Peace Tent** will be planned to be as full as possible and we will endeavour to stick as closely as possible to the published timings. However we are also conscious that **Peace Tent** is a new venue and an exciting development for Shrewsbury Folk Festival. With this in mind we will be listening and learning and we plan to be as flexible as possible to grasp good ideas and opportunities as they emerge.

This programme is as accurate as can be possible on 17th July but may well be subject to changes.

TIME	PEACE TENT	MC
12:00	SOUND CHECKS	Will Morgan
	13.00 Peace Tent Folk Club 17.00 MC - Will Morgan	
13:00	Rick Ford	
13:30	Maureen Cunningham	
14:00	Pete Hopkins	
14:30	The Laners	
15:00	Poacher	
15:30	Pete Shirley	
16:00	Daisy Jaks	
16:30	Bird Scarers	
17:00		
17:30	17.00 Peace Song 18.00 entries competition	WM, BB & KH
18:00		
18:30	18.00 Catches and Rounds 19.30 Tudor singing workshop with Jude Rees and PIVA	Ken Hall
19:00		
19:30	19.45 Wall of Sound Welcome 20.00 Bird Scarers, Peter Hopkins, Pete Shirley, Poacher, Laners, Maureen Cunningham , Wal Davies, PIVA & others	KH
20:00	20.00 Peace Tent Folk Club 23.30 MC - Ken Hall Peter Shirley	KH
20:30	Maureen Cunningham	
21:00	Daisy Jaks	
21:30	Bird Scarers	
22:00	Poacher	
22:30	PIVA	
23:00	The Laners	
23:30		

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8:30	sound check	Ken Hall
9:00	09.00 Peace Song 09.45	KH, BB, WM
9:30	competiton entries	
10:00	10.00 Pipes for Peace 11.00 There are hundreds of different types of bagpipes across the world but all pipers share a common bond of fellowship & goodwill	Brian Bull
10:30	The Bagpipe Society present and demonstrate a wide selection of pipes and also provide the opportunity to have a go! but be aware that there is no word for 'bagpipe phobia' --- you could get hooked!	
11:00	11.00 Medieval story teller 11.30 Tom Hughes	
12:00	11.30 Singing in harmony 13.15 workshop with Janet Russell	
12:30		
13:00	13.15 'It'll all be over by Christmas' Peace Concert 2014 14.30 20 items by many artists in 75 minutes with many chorus belters and stories & poems from Dawn Powell & others	Ken Hall
13:30		
14:00		
14:30	14.45 Peace Tent Folk Club 18.00 MC Ken Hall	
15:00	The Laners	
15:30	John Morris & Denise Smith	
16:00	Nine Tenths Below	
16:30	Poacher	
17:00	Daisy Jaks	
17:30	Bird Scarers	
18:00	Janet Russell	
18:15	18.15 'Journeys' 19.30 - scenes in songs', images and film - Rick Ford's new show featuring his own songs performed live to a back drop of specially edited film. Travelling from the wilderness of the Staffordshire Moorlands to Africa, Eastern Europe, Russia and Turkey, 'Journeys' features 12 original songs by Rick Ford which he performs live to the backdrop of Ray's film which comprises archive film, scenes and images relating true stories and exploring themes as varied as the Aboriginal Dreamtime, the Armenian genocide, the random nature of fate and one man's love for his dog.	Will Morgan
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19:45	19.45 Peace Tent Folk Club 21.30 MC Will Morgan	
20:00	Daisy Jaks	
20:15	PIVA	
20:45	Maureen Cunningham	
21:10	Pete Shirley	
21:30	Janet Russell Leads	Ken Hall
22:00	The Big Sing with	
22:30		
23:00	John Morris, Denise Smith, Nine Tenths Below, Bird Scarers, The Laners, Poacher, Brian Bull, Wal Davies, Will Morgan, Pete Shirley, Rick Ford and others	KH
23:30		

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8:30	SOUND CHECKS	8:30	WM
9:00	9.00 Peace Song 10.00	9:00	WM, KH, BB,
10:00	competition entries	10:00	
10:30	10.30 Sunday Sing 11.30	10:30	Will Morgan
11:00	with Pete Shirley, Wal and Lorna Davies and friends	11:00	
11:30	11.45 My Dearest Girls- Helen's story 12.30 a play performed by Francesca Millican-Slater based on the letters of Shropshire women during WW1	11:30	
12:00	12.45 The Tudors and their Music 13.45	12:00	
12:30	PIVA and friends	12:30	
13:00	14.00 Peace Song Results 14.30 with presentations	13:00	WM, KH, BB,
13:30	14.45 My Dearest Girls- Helen's story 15.30 a play performed by Francesca Millican-Slater based on the letters of Shropshire women during WW1	13:30	Brian Bull
14:00	15.45 Wall of Sound 17.15 featuring - John Morris & Denise Smith, Poacher, Nine Tenths Below, Bird Scarers, The Laners, Rick Ford, Pete Shirley, Wal Davies and others with the theme of Peace, reconciliation and goodwill	14:00	
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22:00	John Morris & Denise Smith	22:00	
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	SOUND CHECKS	8:30	Ken Hall
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	and Song Writing workshop led by ?TBA	10:00	
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14:00	Laners	14:00	
14:30	John Morris & Denise Smith	14:30	
15:00	PIVA	15:00	
15:30	Bird Scarers	15:30	
16:00	? TBA ?	16:00	
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17:00	17.00 - -until when ever ? Parting songs	17:00	KH,WM BB
17:30	- the Final sing	17:30	
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