

HOUSE RULES FOR NEWPORT FOLK CLUB 2021

RISK FROM COVID.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO MINIMISE RISK.

Club to follow all Welsh Assembly Government guidelines and those stipulated by the Fugitives including:-

- Room to be kept ventilated where practicable.
- Individuals reminded to limit close face to face interaction and contact.
- Individuals reminded to practice appropriate hygiene
- Club to maintain a list of those attending
- Club to limit the number of attendees at their discretion
- Individuals are asked to report if they test positive for COVID within 2 weeks

of attending the Club.

- Club to ask people who might be displaying symptoms of COVID or have tested positive, to stay away from the club until they have tested negative for the virus.
- Club to remind people that the Government advises individuals to have a COVID vaccination.
- The wearing of face masks is at the discretion of the individual member.

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS OF NEWPORT FOLK CLUB (November 2021)

01: CLUB START TIME REVISION:

In response to feedback from members of the club, the NFC Committee has decided that the starting time for club nights will change from 7:30pm to 8:00pm for a trial period. This trial period will extend for 6 weeks from the 18th November to the 30th December 2021.

02: FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

TERRY HISCOCK (Thursday 18th November)

When he's not touring with Hunter Muskett, Terry performs acoustic songs from the band's repertoire both old and new and has acquired a well-deserved reputation as a soloist in his own right. Playing up and down the land in countless clubs, concert halls and festivals, he has accumulated a wealth of stories and

anecdotes to delight his audiences, but it is the performances of his own songs which stay long in the memory.

'Falling More Slowly (solo album) is as good as anything you'll hear in the acoustic singer songwriter genre this year.' R & R Magazine

'An album of gems to be treasured, confirming Terry Hiscock as one of the best singer/songwriters on either side of the Atlantic' FATEA magazine

'A musical tour-de-force.' Folk Radio UK

'An impressive and long overdue debut.' Northern Sky

'Terry's sublime acoustic guitar ...' The Living Tradition magazine

TREDEGAR HOUSE FOLK FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER (Thursday 16th December)

Newport Folk Club will be hosting a fund-raising event for the Tredegar House Folk Festival on Thursday 16th December 2021. These bi-annual events have proved to be very popular nights at the club and have featured some outstanding performers.

This year the THFF fundraiser will include performances by the winners of the songwriter competition, which was the brainchild of Greg & Lindsay Rowlands, who also sponsored this new initiative to help promote the THFF. The competition proved to be very successful and attracted over 60 top quality submissions from all over the UK.

[Please click on the following weblink for further relevant details: [Songwriters](#)

The performers who have qualified to be invited to perform on the 16th December are: -

Mair Thomas • Andrew Clode • Maya

This special concert will also feature Greg Rowlands and Roy Zeal.

Please visit the **GUESTS PAGE** of the NFC website for more specific details about the performers.

[Newport Folk Club Website: www.newportfolkclub.co.uk]

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS OF NEWPORT FOLK CLUB August 2021

As life is starting to return to some semblance of normality, this newsletter is an update on how we take the club forward; commencing 2nd September 2021 when we will be launching a 'grand indoor reopening'.

Your committee members are aware that Coronavirus is still, and probably will always be with us, so we need to be vigilant and manage any associated risks as best we can.

To this end, we have maintained a close working relationship with the Fugitives' Management, who have already conducted their own Risk Assessment in compliance with Welsh Assembly Governments guidelines. Newport Folk Club will also be carrying out their own risk assessment and operating guidelines which will be ratified by the committee on 26th August and come into force on 2nd September 2021. Until that night, we will continue with outdoor club nights; going indoors should we be 'rained' off.

01: RETURNING TO NORMAL CLUB OPERATIONS:

1.1 Grand re-opening night (indoors), on **2nd September**, commencing at the earlier time of 7.30 pm and closing at 10.30pm at the latest.

1.2 Huw Williams and Paul Nicholas will have guest spots with the some slots open to members at the discretion of the MC for the night.

1.3 The maximum seating capacity operational in the club will set at **a limit of 35** in the first instance.

1.4 The raffle will be reinstated on all club dates but prizes will be limited to bottles of wine and port only.

1.5 The Club secretary will prepare the Master of Ceremonies and a Door Rota to start **from the 2nd September**. This will be for NFC Committee members in the first instance until additional volunteers can be recruited.

1.6 Entrance fees for club nights will continue **at £2.50 from the 2nd September**.

0.2 ADDITIONAL CLUB NIGHT AT THE RUPERRA INN.

1.2 These acoustic 'sing around' sessions will resume on the first Sunday of every month starting at **8:00pm on Sunday the 5th September 2021**.

03: THE TREDEGAR HOUSE FOLK FESTIVAL FUND RAISING EVENT:

3.1 We will host this fundraising event on **Thursday the 16th December 2021** It will be managed by Sue Oates and will include performances from the winners of a song writing competition that was sponsored by Greg Rowlands.

04: CHRISTMAS 2021:

4.1 NFC Christmas Dinner: A provisional date of **Friday the 17th December** has been booked for the NFC Christmas Dinner at the Rhiwderin Inn . More details will be provided in due course.

4.2 NFC Christmas Party at The Fugitives: Will be held in the Function Room at the Fugitives Club on **Thursday 23rdDecember 2021** (starting time to be confirmed).

Malcolm Charnley
[On behalf of the NFC Committee]

ANNEX 01: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEWPORT FOLK CLUB MEMBERS & GUESTS

Dear Members & Guests,
The Newport Folk Club committee has been asked the following question:

"Will you be asking those who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID 19, to avoid coming to club nights when they resume?"

We have debated the pros and cons of this matter at length and since we aren't virologists or experts in COVID 19 and there is no legal requirement on this issue, we have decided that upon our return to normal club nights, all will be welcome even if they haven't been vaccinated.

We know this decision might divide opinion but we can only advise individuals to determine their own level of risk and for us all to be considerate towards the health issues of others during this transition period. It won't last forever and hopefully we will eventually achieve herd immunity, so that all visitors and members will feel confident in visiting the club.

Please be assured that when we re-start the club, the committee alongside the management of the Fugitives, will endeavour to follow all the guidelines issued by the Welsh Assembly Government. This will include: ventilation within the room; social distancing within the club and around the Fugitives generally and a maximum of 30 people in the function room. We won't be using any amplification for the time being but we have purchased a 4 ft wide x 6ft 6" protective screen to separate the performers from the audience. Members and visitors, other than those who are exempt, will be asked to use face masks when moving around the club but not when seated.

For those who do not feel ready to return to the club just yet, we will be continuing the fortnightly zoom sessions on a Monday night and the outdoor sessions on Thursday nights, weather permitting. Please follow us on Facebook and the new website for further information as it arises.

Many thanks from the Newport Folk Club Committee.

Bryn Millichip (Chair)
Cris Bartlett (Treasurer) Malc Charnley (Secretary) Phil Millichip (Bookings) Cynthia Charnley
Steve Wride
Mick Pearson