

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.

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