



Friday, 20th March 2020

**Press Release from the Directors of the
Chippenham Folk Festival CIC.**

Due to the current situation, the Directors of the Chippenham Folk Festival CIC have regretfully taken the decision that it would be unsafe and irresponsible to stage the folk festival this year.

The 49th festival is therefore postponed until Friday, 28th May 2021 to Monday, 31st May 2021.

The Directors would particularly like to thank all the volunteers who have given up so much time already to make the festival a success. However, for a variety of reasons arising from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we cannot guarantee people's safety and be able to produce an event of the scope and quality we expect to deliver. In addition Chippenham Town Council has closed their facilities which house a major part of the festival.

If you have bought festival tickets for 2020 and/or souvenir programmes, they will be valid for the new date. There is no need to apply for a refund and re-book for next year. We had a great line-up of artists for this year and we will endeavour to book as many of them as we can for 2021.

We will hold the current price until the end of the year, and the festival tickets will go up to the full price from the 1st January 2021.

If you have bought festival tickets for 2020, but cannot attend on Friday, 28th May 2021 to Monday, 31st May 2021, please let us know by 31st October 2020 via e-mail or post and we will process a refund of your tickets.

Please accept our apologies for the disappointment, but thank you for your continued support and understanding.

We hope you stay safe and well in these uncertain times.

The Festival Team