

NEW FOREST FESTIVAL 2010: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Announcing the launch of The New Forest Festival!

SEPTEMBER 23 - 25, 2010

<http://www.newforestfestival.com>

An eclectic and enthusiastic group of local residents have come together to create an annual celebration of film, storytelling, music and food.

Through a lively programme of events, the Festival aims to serve both the people who live in or visit the Forest, and the natural environment that sustains them – with an absolute commitment to high standards of environmental sustainability and education.

For this inaugural year three events are planned:

The New Forest Film Festival Launch - Popcorn and movies in the New Forest's first bicycle powered cinema!

Friday September 24th, 7.30pm

A screening of the 1928 silent movie classic *Beggars of Life*, starring Louise Brooks, with live musical accompaniment by The Dodge Brothers and the renowned silent film pianist Neil Brand. One of The Dodge Brothers is festival organiser and BBC film critic Mark Kermode, who is available for interview.

The power for both the projector and the band's amplification will be provided by bicycle, with Magnificent Revolution providing the technology that will enable the audience to take a turn at powering the show with their own legs.

The main feature is supported by a selection of shorts from the New Forest Film Archive about life in the Forest.

Brockenhurst College (Main Hall), Brockenhurst, SO42 7ZE.

The New Forest Transition Day of Festivities and Live Music for all ages Saturday September 25th, 10.00am - 10.30pm

In the heart of the New Forest at the renowned and beautiful Minstead Environmental Centre, the New Forest Transition Celebration Group with the New Forest Storytellers host a day of Storytelling, Music, Craft Workshops, Food & Drink.

Daytime, 10.00am-5.30pm: live music in the New Forest Unplugged music tent with local musicians; storytelling in the Tepee and Roundhouse; pottery, bush craft, wool-weaving, cider-making; cookery workshops and sales; yoga sessions in the herb garden; gardening, bee keeping; produce sales and lots more....

Evening, 5.30pm-10.30pm: the session tent “plugs-in” to an evening of live music from one of Britain’s top acoustic guitarists, Lee Collinson, plus local folk & jazz favourites Owl in the Sun and the Modern Fighting Vehicles.

Food & Drink are available all day, lead by local chef Simon Woodhouse from TV’s Floating Kitchen.

Minstead Study Centre, Minstead, SO43 7GJ.

These ticketed events will be preceded by our first free ‘fringe’ event, at which we hope anyone who’s interested in the future of the festival will come along with their ideas:

The Opening Shindig, Thursday September 23rd, 8.00pm

Jon Burdge, a long-time supporter of local music and landlord of the Thomas Tripp in Lymington, is hosting the New Forest Festival Fringe, with a free evening of live music. The festival organisers will be available throughout the evening to talk to anyone and everyone with ideas about the direction of the festival in future years. We welcome new enthusiasts to help make the 2011 festival something really special.

The Thomas Tripp, Lymington, SO41 9GF.

For tickets and more details go to: www.newforestfestival.com

To become part of the team of volunteers who will making the Festival happen contact us via the New Forest Festival website <http://www.newforestfestival.com/about/>), our Facebook page, or come and see us at The Thomas Tripp on Thursday 23rd September.

MEDIA CONTACTS

BBC Film Critic Mark Kermode is available for interview, as are any of the Festival organisers.

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1ST ANNUAL
23 - 25 SEP 2010

THU 23RD
THE THOMAS TRIPP, LYMINGTON
FREE OPENING SHINDIG
MUSIC FROM 8:00PM

FRI 24TH
BROCKENHURST COLLEGE
SILENT FILM
"BEGGARS OF LIFE" THE *Dodge* BROTHERS
WITH MUSIC BY *Dodge* BROTHERS
POPCORN 7:30, FILM 8:15PM

SAT 25TH
MINSTEAD STUDY CENTRE
DAY OF FESTIVITIES
STORYTELLING, CRAFT WORKSHOPS & LIVE MUSIC
DELICIOUS FOOD ALL DAY FEAT. LOCAL CELEBRITY CHEF, SIMON WOODHOUSE
10:00AM TO 5:30PM

EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC
FEATURING **LEE COLLINSON**
owl in the sun 5:30PM TO 10:30PM

POWERED BY BICYCLE!!!!


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