

# The Great British Folk Festival: Folk Music – With A Twist!

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Butlins is famous for offering great family holidays and music festivals such as the forthcoming Street Dance Festival and All Tomorrow's Parties at the Minehead Resort. Now its beachside Resort in Skegness is getting in on the act with \*The Great British Folk Festival. This is a truly top class event featuring live performances from The Legends of Folk Rock, the Gathering, including current and former member of Lindisfarne, Steeleye Span, Jethro Tull, Fairport Convention and Magna Carta. Also appearing live on stage are Acoustic Strawbs, still led by Dave Cousins, Sandi Thom, Kate Rusby and Richard Digance plus lots more.

The town of Skegness has a long and proud tradition of Folk music, in fact folk-rock legends Steeleye Span were named after a character in a local song, 'Horkstow Grange'. Steeleye were one of the first bands to expand folk music beyond the folk clubs and into the singles and album charts

Folk music fans have always been open to new talent as well as hearing the infusion of other influences in the music; Celtic, Blues, Country, Rock.... even comedy - and many aspiring artists and bands were drawn to the folk clubs during the sixties and early seventies, knowing that their music would be listened to and allowed to develop.

Many of those artists continued that musical experimentation throughout a decades-long career.

The Great British Folk Festival aims to reflect this light and shade of Folk music, with the familiar, the not so familiar, the new and the 'hang on, didn't he used to play with....?'. In the latter capacity, the festival boasts performers who are former or current members of such bands as - Lindisfarne, Fairport Convention, Dire Straits, The Blues Band, Strawbs, Boomtown Rats, Cat Stevens band, Jethro Tull, Rory Gallagher band, Smokie

and ...Steeleye Span.

Welcome to The Great British Folk Festival; Folk music – with a twist.

Prices for this amazing festival start at just £72pp for the entire weekend break including accommodation, access to most of the Resort facilities and all live entertainment. To book a Butlins break call 0845 070 4730 or visit [www.bigweekends.com/folk](http://www.bigweekends.com/folk)

\* All guests must be aged 18+ years

Editor's Notes

### **Confirmed Line-Up To Date:**

Kate Rusby  
Acoustic Strawbs  
Sandi Thom  
John Renbourn & Jacqui Mcshee  
Oyster Band  
Hunter Muskett  
Deborah Bonham Acoustic  
Richard Digance  
Gary Fletcher Band  
Phil Cool  
The Dylan Project  
Gordon Giltrap  
Jiggerypipery  
Shinjig  
Away With The Faeries  
Legends Of Folk Rock – The Gathering  
(Inc Current Of Former Members Of – Lindisfarne, Steeleye Span, Jethro Tull, Fairport, Magna Carta)  
Rod Clements  
Stackridge  
Nine Below Zero Unplugged....

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