

## Weyfest 2017 Press Release

WEYFEST Rural Life Centre, Tilford, Surrey  
Friday 18th – Sunday 20th AUGUST 2017

**JOOLS HOLLAND, ALISON MOYET, BUZZCOCKS, STEREO MC'S, DUB PISTOLS,  
RALPH McTELL, INGLORIOUS, EDDIE & THE HOT RODS, ATOMIC ROOSTER,  
HAYSEED DIXIE AND MANY MORE .....**

Weyfest, the increasingly popular family-friendly festival set in the beautiful surrounds of The Rural Life Centre in Tilford, Surrey, returns for its 11th year with yet another fabulous array of musical talent that brings something for everyone.

Blues, rock, pop, reggae country, Americana, folk, soul, funk, electronic – it's all there! And with over 50 bands and artists appearing across the four stages, there will definitely be something for everybody to enjoy!

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Weyfest 2017 kicks off on the main 'Beekeepers' stage with Manchester based **Jeremiah Ferrari** who return to bring you their own exciting and unique brand of dancing reggae ska. We also welcome back the incredible and much loved **Mike Sanchez**, one of the most exciting and charismatic performers of Rhythm & Blues and Rock 'n' Roll in the world today.

To complete our Friday evening line-up and make their Weyfest debut, punk rock legends **Buzzcocks** are set to get everyone in festival mood for the weekend the only way they know how – full on!

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Weyfest opens its doors at 11am on Saturday morning and there will be many great acts performing on the four stages throughout the day. There are far too many to mention here, but they include **Eddie & The Hot Rods, Leatherat, Inglorious, Brother Strut, Stereo MC's** and our main stage headline act **Alison Moyet**.

Regulars **Leatherat** will set the pace for the afternoon on the main stage with their fast & loud folk rock, followed by the ever popular **Eddie & The Hot Rods** who return to Weyfest and are sure to deliver their energetic blast of good old Rock 'n' Roll! We are also delighted that new rock marvels **Inglorious** will make their long-awaited Weyfest debut after their highly acclaimed album 'Inglorious II' entered the UK Rock Charts at a staggering No.1!

Weyfest has never been shy of bringing variety to its audiences and this year is no exception. We are proud to present the sensational **Brother Strut**, composed of some of the finest and funkiest musicians around and headlining our second 'Village Green' stage, the incredible **Stereo MC's** will demonstrate why they are still considered one of the greatest live indie / dance shows on the circuit today.

For our main headline act of the evening, we are thrilled to welcome the outstanding vocal talents of **Alison Moyet**, with eight studio albums already to her credit and a new album 'Other' due for release on 16<sup>th</sup> June this year. Alison has sold over 20 million albums in the UK alone and is proving to be one of our most eagerly awaited headliners.

In addition to all the great music, the museum exhibits are also open along with all the great attractions like the KidZone – offering many arts and crafts activities; the Sci-Fi Zone with its Daleks and Star Wars characters; and the fabulous Racing Bug and Outdoor Laser Quest.

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Doors open at 11am on Sunday and many more acts set to grace the Weyfest stages, including the **Stevie Nimmo Trio**, **Broken Witt Rebels**, **Hayseed Dixie**, **Atomic Rooster**, **Dub Pistols**, **Ralph McTell** and **Jools Holland & his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra** with special guests.

The excellent **Stevie Nimmo Trio** can be seen on the main stage. Voted male vocalist of the year at the 2016 British Blues Awards, we are delighted to see Stevie and his band make their Weyfest debut. We also see the return of incredible rockers **Broken Witt Rebels** who many will remember stepped in at short notice last year and blew our audience away. We just had to have them back!

It has become Weyfest tradition to have an afternoon artist that delivers a fun-filled set sure to have the audience singing and stomping. Previous acts have included Chas n Dave and the Wurzels. So we are elated that the fabulous **Hayseed Dixie** from the USA will fill that slot this year!

Later in the day the legendary sounds of prog rockers **Atomic Rooster** will be heard on the Village Green stage and closing that stage will be headliners **Dub Pistols** delivering their unique reggae-driven sound system music.

If you stay with the main Beekeepers stage, you will have time to grab a Pimms before finding yourself soothed by the legend that is **Ralph McTell**, the world renowned singer-songwriter who brought us '*Streets of London*' and is also an incredible acoustic guitarist. You can then settle down for our final headline act, **Jools Holland & his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra**. They will be joined by ex-Squeeze compatriots **Gilson Lavis** (drums) and special guest **Chris Difford**, along with the wonderful vocalists **Ruby Turner** and **Louise Marshall**, promising an incredible performance and the only way to end the weekend!

### More than just a Music Festival

Of course Weyfest is about so much more than simply music. Voted one of the UK's top festivals by Planet Rock listeners and the Daily Telegraph, it is the wonderfully friendly atmosphere of Weyfest that wins so many new friends year on year.

Weyfest can boast several truly unique features. The venue is actually an open air museum of rural life in the last century, and the exhibits are all open to the festival audience. There is also a working light steam and diesel railway that runs around the perimeter of the venue. The compact nature of the venue ensures that everything is nearby; no long walks between stages and the parking is next to the campsite which itself is very close to the venue. There are showers on the campsite and posh loos throughout the festival.

Weyfest is more like a mini-holiday in the country than a music festival. Meet new friends in the friendliest of audiences, walk amongst daleks, cybermen and stormtroopers, choose from a fine selection of real ales, ciders and lagers or indulge yourself a little with a cocktail or glass of Champagne, eat from a wide variety of quality food vendors, play Laserquest, play an instrument, have a massage, drop the kids at the kidzone or browse the fascinating stalls, and much, much more at the annual spectacle that is Weyfest.

Parking is free and camping, glamping and motorhome spaces are also available along with a limited number of electrical hook-ups.

For full details of line-up, tickets and everything else please see [www.weyfest.co.uk](http://www.weyfest.co.uk). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Weyfest](http://www.facebook.com/Weyfest) and on Twitter @Weyfest

## The Magic of Weyfest

Weyfest is now in its eleventh year at the Rural Life Centre and each year is attracting more people who “*don’t do festivals or camping*”. You will find many of them amongst the 2,000+ campers who look upon the event as a mini-holiday each year. “*..... what about all that mud, smelly toilets, no showers, drunken and rowdy behavior, rip-off prices at the bar, expensive but terrible food, miles to walk from the campsite - or indeed to anywhere. No thanks!*”

Well Weyfest is none of those. Here’s why .....

**The Toilets.** All our toilets are posh. Ok, you’ll find the occasional blue thunder-box here and there for convenience, but they are mainly posh trailers. We even have a **ladies-only block, with vanity units**. We have two maintenance crews on duty full-time throughout the festival. They continually clean and re-stock and can easily be contacted by any of our stewards in an emergency.

**The Venue.** The Old Kiln Museum and Rural Life Centre is unique. How many festivals have a steam train! Located in 10 acres of woodland the museum has over 40,000 artefacts, including whole buildings, and with established roads and walkways there’s no mud here! Well, except under the grass in the arenas, but welly’s may only be needed to keep out the rain (yep, we can’t do anything about that stuff) rather than mud.

**The Camping.** The camping field is immediately adjacent to the festival site, so even if you were camped at the far end it would be a pleasant 5 minute stroll! There are plenty of posh loos and a comfortable shower block with lovely hot water to start your day – and the breakfast trader is located in the middle of the camping field in case you can’t be bothered to cook yourself!

**The Arenas.** We have three outdoor arenas. Sadly, there are no mosh pits – but you’re right there in front of the main stage action. Even at the bar or queuing for food you won’t miss a thing!

**The Bars.** We have two bars selling real ales, ciders and lager - all at pub prices. We have a champagne & wine bar also selling Pimms, plus a cocktail bar. What more do you need!

**The Food.** We have chosen our food traders carefully and many have been with us for years. You will find a good variety, all freshly prepared – from oven-baked pizza to a real Nepalese curry tent.

And finally ..... “*..... you never have anyone playing that I’ve ever heard of...*”

**The Music.** With over 50 acts to see, there is something for everyone. Ok, you may not find the latest chart topping acts – because we simply cannot afford them! – but every year we feature legendary headliners who are still household names (Jools Holland, Alison Moyet, 10cc, UB40, Level 42, The Waterboys, The Stranglers ... to name but a few) and plenty of hand-picked new and upcoming artists for both young and old to discover.

**So, if you “don’t do festivals or camping” Weyfest is the perfect place for you. See you there!**