

Peace through Folk News April/May 2021

We had a whole new programme that we planned to roll out in March 2020 but we all know what happened to that!!

However, our motto is 'Whatever you do do - Don't do Nowt !' - so why let a Pandemic get in the way? We thought - if we can't organise live events then maybe we can learn new tricks. So, we have been busy up in the hills and we have done some song writing.

Music Videos

Have a look and listen –

Here are two new music videos written and performed by Rick Ford, filmed, and edited by Malc.

The magic piece of kit that we discovered which has made this possible is a **Zoom Q2n 4k Video Recorder** which can be safely used off grid, inside or out of doors. (Even Malc can use it!)

(see a brief intro. video about to this incredible piece of kit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0CqG0VXB0Q>)

We have 6 more videos in the can awaiting postproduction (we are getting the jargon!).

If anyone wants to know how to do it yourself, or if you have a song that you would like the Peace through Folk video treatment do get in touch.



'Colin's song'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCawEC1nGbg>
and



'The Tree'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_Zq3EuZ-6w

*A set of three songs
produced by Peace through Folk
dedicated to Jo Cox*

'Jo Cox- More in Common'

Lyrics—Malc Hawksworth music arranged by Lester Simpson
(from the original song 'Jo Hill' By Alfred Hayes and Earl Robinson)

'United'
written by Sue Harris, sung by the Leek Peace Choir

'The Gathering'
written and sung by Tom Reid

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'Jo Cox - More in Common' an ensemble performance featuring the voices of Lester Simpson (3 parts), Moose Rosser (3 Parts), Janet Russell (2 parts) Pete Morton, Rick Ford, Rich Heady, and Virginia Meir.

'United' written by Sue Harris and performed by The Leek Peace Choir, and

'The Gathering' written and sung by Tom Reid.

reminding us of the message of Jo Cox –"We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."–

'Jo Cox - More in Common' the Song came to mind on 16th June 2020, the fourth anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox MP and at a time when we would have otherwise been organising our 'Great Get Together' event to mark the occasion as we have each year since 2016.

Since then, the song has been recorded in different styles by Pete Morton, Phoebe Rees, Moose Rosser, Rich Heady, Rick Ford and Lester Simpson who also produced an excellent three-part arrangement.

We now appeal to all singers, be they solo, duets, bands, choirs and in all genre - Folk, Blues, Rock. Country, Jazz and in all languages.

Please sing 'Jo Cox – More in Common' – and help to spread Jo's message.

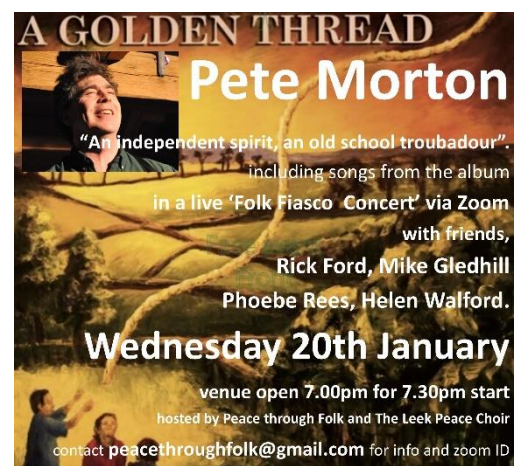
Do your own thing. If you decide to join the project do send us your recording to be added into the collection.

If you would like the 'tool kit' which contains full details including words, chords, a three part musical arrangement etc. — email - peacethroughfolk@gmail.com or call 07494 738 939 for details

Concert news –

On 20th January 2021 we organised the live, streamed concert for Pete Morton's 'A Golden Thread' album launch, which went rather well with a big audience that came from all over the UK, and Germany, The Netherlands and the USA

(<https://www.petemorton.com/>)



Next At The Maude ---

More In Common Music Spring Concert

to be streamed via zoom to the four corners of
the world

live from the stage of

The Maude,

Staffordshire's new venue on

Saturday May 22nd

7.00pm ('zoom doors' open 6.30)

featuring a great line up



PRIZEFIGHTER



For jpg

Tom Reid

and the Reidettes!! (Hazel Richings & Christine Connolley)

celebrating Tom's new album 'Prizefighter' -

And

Phoebe Rees

supported by

Rick Ford

with

Steve Giddings,

Kath Ord

Jake Jones

supported by -

CHaS

(Christine Connolley, Hazel Richings and Steve Last)

Join the concert from anywhere in the world.

To book your ticket go to www.peacethroughfolk.org

or Email peacethroughfolk@gmail.com

or phone 07494 738 939

Suggested minimum donation £5 per household

but you can choose how much you want to donate.

All profits will be shared amongst
those of the artists featured who have been out of work .

Please follow this link for more details about this concert –and to book tickets
<http://www.peacethroughfolk.org/events.html>

As Covid permits we plan to develop our programme of live events.

Keep 20th June in your diary for a live Great Get Together Day at The Maude –

Our headline 'wish list' for the future will include the many names listed on our website that we know so well and have worked with over the years. Also, artists such as 'Simply Dylan', 'Merry Hell', Reg Meuross, Chris Wood, Sound Tradition, Robb Johnson, The Wilsons, Beans on Toast.

We will also continue to collaborate with Leek Peace Choir, see <https://leekpeacechoir.uk/>

Good news. It looks like the Moira Furnace Folk Festival is on (covid permitting) .

Our renowned acoustic PA system which will be provided for the Folk Club Tent by the Wizard of Sound Jim Rolley and his equally talented Becky Carr. <https://www.moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk>

The Peace through Folk event kit, (PA, lights etc) is available to support affiliated events, artists and organisations So, all in all we are quite busy - but in a steady way and with a wider profile.

Our grateful thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers who we have been blessed with over the years. A special thanks to Lorna and Wal Davies who have retired as Directors. Lorna played a crucial role as our administrator and head of precision bean counting.

Do come back to us with any suggestions that you might have and please let us know if you would like to join the team to help as we come out of our Lockdown burrows and face the brave new world.

Keep safe and happy

Malc , Pat and Rick

Directors

Peace through Folk

Through the widest possible cross-genre creative forms of music and performing arts Celebrating and promoting Peace, Friendship, Reconciliation, and the preservation of a sustainable Planet Earth for all creatures by working together, and recognising that we have more in common than that which divides us.

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