

East Anglian Traditional Music Trust

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Dear Ticket Holder

Firstly thank you for your understanding regarding the enforced cancellation of our Traditional Music Events that were due to take place over this weekend just gone. The heart of the event was created within the Church grounds and with 75% of the booked venues being state run or run by organisations where the Queen's support was of great significance. There were also lots of events open to the public thus classing the event as a partially civic event. Whilst we made the decision early on to cancel to prevent unnecessary travel for our ticketholders, within 24 hours it was confirmed that most of our events would not be permitted to go ahead at the majority of locations booked.

Many of you will know what a huge blow this will be to our charity which has spent several years planning the return of this event in and around the town.

We have secured some venues already for 2nd September 2023 and this brings the date back in line with its "traditional" placing in the national folk festival/music calendar and having things already partly in place means that all guests/performers have been invited back to recreate what we had hoped to create at the weekend. It's a positive starting point!

We would like to offer you a variety of options regarding your advanced ticket purchases – with absolutely no pressure either way. We appreciate the country is heading deeper into recession with hikes in energy and food bills on the cards. But we also appreciate that many of our supporters will want to do their bit to ensure the Trust is supported over the next year.

To this end we are giving 3 options. Whichever option you take, **you are asked to make contact in one of several ways:**

- email info@eatmt.org.uk
- Facebook messenger **@East Trust**
- ring **07495 054669**
- write to Alex Bartholomew, EATMT, Red Gables, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket IP14 1BE

1. **Full refund** – please indicate clearly your bank details to include:

- a. Your name as it appears on your bank account
- b. Whether or not this is a Business or Personal account
- c. Sort code (xx-xx-xx)
- d. Bank account (8 digits)

2. **Roll over to 2023**

If you would like us to roll over your booking to next year's event, please let us know. There will be no price increase for rolled over booked tickets. Some people have already indicated this but if you did so verbally when speaking to you in haste on Friday, I can't remember who said what so please get in touch to confirm!

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3. Donate

If you are in a position to consider donating the cost of your ticket to the funds then we of course would be extremely grateful. You might alternatively consider donating £15 per person (annual payment) to join our Friends Membership scheme. The ticket prices for Traditional Music Day offered a good discount to our regular Friends' members so if you weren't previously a Friend, you would get the benefit when purchasing next year's tickets.

In any communication regarding your wishes, please be as clear as possible indicating your wishes.

Thank you once again for your support. We hope to see you all on 2nd September 2023.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – FREE EVENTS – Vaughan Williams' Folk

One of the events taking place on the Saturday 10th September at Traditional Music Day was the launch of EATMT's National Lottery Heritage Fund project – Vaughan Williams' Folk. **Vaughan Williams' Folk** is a brand new 18 month project to celebrate the folk song collections of Ralph Vaughan Williams across East Anglia. EATMT has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to run a variety of events throughout the next year to celebrate 150 years since the birth of the collector and composer.

The **free of charge** project launch was due to be part of East Anglian Traditional Music Day in the town. Following the postponement of the event we are pleased to announce that this will now take place at **Redwoods Library** at Red Gables in Stowmarket on **Saturday 15th October 2022** from **12-2pm**. You will be able to find out all about what the project entails and hear an illustrated talk by folk band Potiphar's Apprentices, who will perform material that Vaughan Williams' collected in Essex.

One of our main project aims is to engage with young people. From now until **31st October** young musicians will have the opportunity to apply to be part of our **Young Musicians' Showcase**. This will recreate Vaughan Williams' East Anglian Manuscripts in performances at **FolkEast 2023** and **East Anglian Traditional Music Day 2023**, following a series of workshops and mentorship in collaboration with **FolkEast Youth Moot**, led by musician **Finn Collinson**. For further details of how to apply please see our website <https://www.eatmt.org.uk/vaughan-williams-folk/> or call 07495 054669.

If you are interested in finding out more about the folk song collections there will be a conference entitled **Vaughan Williams In East Anglia**. This will be held on **Saturday 26th November** at **Redwoods Library**, Red Gables in Stowmarket. **Free** tickets will be available from the East Anglian Traditional Music Trust by the end of September.

In early 2023 we'll be looking for schools and community groups from across East Anglia to perform some of the material and we will be creating resources to accompany this, please get in touch if you want to be involved.

We are always looking for volunteers, especially stewards for our events, photographers and people interesting in filming the performances. If you'd like to get involved please get in touch: vaughanwilliamsfolk@yahoo.com/info@eatmt.org.uk.

Best wishes

Alex Bartholomew, Administrator