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Dear FOAOTMAD member

You would normally be getting your spring issue of Old Time News about now but unfortunately Judy, who produces the magazine for us, is unwell and therefore has been unable to carry out the extensive work that goes into its production. We have looked at several other options including outsourcing but feel that the cost and time needed to transfer the work are too high to justify and so have decided we should skip this quarter and concentrate on the summer issue.

There are several items that we do want to mention that are time critical so have detailed them below. We will also put the full details on our website should you wish to learn more.

### **AGM**

Due to the cancellation of the Gainsborough Festival the AGM took place on line on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The minutes are provided alongside this message, along with two sets of accounts. The reason for the two sets is that as we incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee in March 2021 we are legally obliged to provide you with a set that covered from the time of incorporation to the year end. The second set of accounts covers the full calendar year and is therefore a more accurate account of our performance and financial standing for 2021. All subsequent years will cover the full year as we have done in the past.

### **Online Workshops**

At the AGM we agreed to provide some more online workshops and we are pleased to say that we have so far agreed two; both are free to members with a tip jar available. They will be subject to a maximum number so please book early.

- A banjo workshop with Evie Ladin titled "Beyond BumDitty" on 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- A fiddle workshop with Rachel Eddy on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

If you are interested in doing either or both of these workshops please fill in the form on the Workshop page of the website.

### **Camps**

This year's two camps are: - Spring Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Summer Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August at Croft Farm Water Park. Subject to weather and Covid both will have camp fires and in addition some concerts are being arranged for Summer Camp. Details of members discount prices and booking arrangements are on the Camp's page of the website.

### **November Residential Workshop**

This year's residential workshop will be at Dunfield House over the weekend of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We plan to repeat the format of the cancelled 2021 workshop details and booking forms will be added to the Workshop page of the website as soon as all the details are finalised.

Our apologies for having to take this decision - on the back of the having cancelled Gainsborough it is a double blow. However we assure you that we will be putting every effort into producing the summer issue and in providing old-time activities during the spring and summer.

Alan Pridgeon

Chairman