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SATURDAY

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	Time	Event	venue	Artists
ſ	08:25	Park Run	Ticket Office	Put your best foot forward and be a Park Run tourist! Meet guides Allan and Trudie by
				the ticket office who'll escort you to Shrewsbury's Quarry park for the 09:00 start.

08:30-09:30	Laughter Workshop	Sabrina	Start your day with a Laughter workshop guaranteed to put a smile on your face and help you connect with fellow festivalgoers! Developed by an Indian doctor, join Lyn Cavaghan as she guides you through this fun workshop to brighten your mood and your day. Suitable for all ages, no equipment needed (if you would like to use a chair/mat please bring one).
08:30-09:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Mandolin led by Diana Buckle.
08:30-09:30	Yoga	Hobson's Dance Tent	Morning yoga with Faith Page : Why not start your festival day with yoga? Some stretching and smooth moves to set you up for the day ahead: Bring a mat if you have one, don't worry if you haven't. All abilities welcome, including beginners.
09:00	Walk	Ticket Office	Festival Footsteps: Join experienced walk leader Bob McFall for a gentle 4 to 5-mile ramble from the festival site. Meet at the ticket office for a 09:00 departure – suitable footwear and weatherproof clothing required! Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.
09:30-10:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Irish Fiddle led by Karen Lacy-Roberts.
09:30-12:15	Ukulele Workshops	The Snug (Salopian Berwick Bar)	 09:30-10:45 Workshop I: This Shropshire Ukulele Massive workshop is aimed at beginners and is for everyone who ever wanted to make music but thought it was just too difficult. Chords and songs worked into easy arrangements. 11:00-12:15 Workshop 2: This improvers workshop is suitable for musicians who are at an intermediate level. Workshops culminate in a 45-minute performance on the Purity Village Stage on Monday from 14:35-15:20.
09:45-11:00	Shane's Singo Bingo	Sabrina	Roll up, roll up! Eyes down for Shane's Singo Bingo – the love child of a game of bingo and a good old-fashioned piano sing along! Hear the songs, played and sung by one-of-a- kind international performer, Shane Durrant , cross them off your bingo card and win prizes. It's fun, fast and family friendly – take a seat and get ready to play.
09:45-10:45	Dance Workshop	Hobson's Dance Tent	Movement in Dance with Bryan Hatt and Isobel Bloomfield. See Dance Teams pages for more details.
10:00-10:45	Foot Tapping Workshop	Salopian Berwick Bar	Learn to tap your feet Québec-style in a lively masterclass with Arthur Coates . Covering 2/4 single, 2/4 double, and 6/8 rhythms, this workshop is open to all ages. Bring hard-soled shoes and get ready to make some noise!
10:00-11:00	Pilates	The Hub (upstairs)	With Rosie Clegg. Since becoming an exercise instructor nearly 40 years ago, she now concentrates on a gentler, but effective way to stay fit - Pilates . Classes will be multi-level, catering for beginners to advanced. Please bring along a mat.
10:00-11:30	Crafty Catch Up	The Hub (downstairs)	An informal get together for crafters. Bring along your latest crochet, sewing or knitting project for some company and chat while you craft and share your tips and tricks with others. Help will be on hand for anyone wanting support with basic crochet or knitting skills – some needles, hooks and yarn will be available for a donation to Hope House – with an easy craft activity for children too.
10:30-12:00	Folk Choir	Siskin Folk Club	Come and join our inaugural Shrewsbury Folk Festival Choir led by Sue Harris . Sue plays hammered dulcimer and is a choir leader and folk artist. She has played with numerous folk acts, worked extensively in theatre and written music for a number of radio plays. She writes and arranges music for her community band and leads several community choirs. If you're interested in having a great communal sing at Shrewsbury, this is the place to be!
10:30-11:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Flute and Whistle led by Mark Priestley.
11:20-12:30	Dance Workshop	Purity Village Stage	Cotswold Morris with Golden Star Morris. See Dance Teams pages for more details.
11:30-12:30	Dance Workshop	Dance Spot	Northwest Clog Morris with Chiltern Hundreds.
11:30-12:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Delicious Duets led by Kitty Greenwood.
11:30-12:30	Songwriting Clinic	The Hub (upstairs)	With Penni McLaren Walker and Bryan Causton from Tin Giants . Do you have a song in progress that you need help to finish? Bring along an unfinished piece to get tips and support from experienced fellow songwriters. They'll look at lyrics, dynamics and help with structure, chord progressions, melody and rhythm. If there's time, you might get the chance to perform your song at the end!
11:45-13:00	Dulcimer Workshop	The Hub (downstairs)	Explore the Appalachian or Mountain Dulcimer with Geoff Black and Shirley Warbrick from the UK Nonsuch Dulcimer Club. Learn dulcimer basics from simple melody lines to chording; explore different styles from folk to old time, with a little rock thrown in and finally practise your new skills in a group context, with some standard session tunes, taken at a leisurely pace (other instruments welcome to join in). Workshop 1: Introduction to the Mountain Dulcimer – Join the Nonsuch Dulcimer Club in getting the feel of the instrument and playing some straightforward tunes, using single string and simple chord techniques. We provide up to 30 instruments, first come, first served.
12:30-13:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Cajun Accordion (D/G welcome) led by Gavin Lewery.
12:30-13:45	Melodeon Workshop	Siskin Folk Club	Absolute Beginners Melodeon Workshop with Squeezebox from Scratch. Accessible sessions to get new box players off to a flying start, leading you step-by-step from first principles to playing your first tunes. Workshops are taught using an intuitive tab system so there's no music reading required. 20+ hiqh-quality loan instruments available for participants.
13:15-14:30	Vocal Workshop	The Hub (downstairs)	Vocal Confidence with We Mavericks . Always wanted to sing but don't feel like you're a "singer"? Leave your ideas about "proper" singing behind and come along to explore your voice in a different way. This is your opportunity to make some crazy noises with your face, answer questions about your singing struggles and radically expand your understanding of the instrument that everybody can play!

3:30- 4:30	Fairy Tale	The Hub	Into the Other World. Author Kate Innes will provide lots of resources to get your
	Writing Workshop	(upstairs)	narrative started and a framework to build exciting adventures for your characters, leading to a satisfying, and possibly surprising, ending! Suitable for ages 8+ and every level of experience, this workshop will be a safe creative space to share your own fantastic tales. Kate is the author of the medieval <i>Arrowsmith Trilogy</i> – and historical fantasies for young people.
13:30-14:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Breton Tunes led by James McLaughlin.
14:00-15:45	Tunes Session	Siskin Folk Club	Tunes session led by Five Speed Box. Five Speed Box are one of Shropshire's longest established and most highly regarded ceilidh dance bands. With many decades of experience, mainly in the English country dance genre, their lively sessions have become a fixture in the Siskin Folk Club.
14:30-16:00	Tuneworks Session	Goldfinch	Improvers session.
16:00-17:00	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Welsh Tunes led by Jem Hammond.
16:00-17:30	Harmony Singing Workshop	Siskin Folk Club	Rapsquillion Harmony Workshop. Rapsquillion are one of Shropshire's leading folk bands, performing regularly at festivals and folk clubs the length and breadth of the country. They reckon that they can have groups singing in harmony, making a fairly acceptable noise and having a load of fun, within about 20 minutes. So if you've ever fancied singing along with a few other people, a Rapsquillion workshop is for you.
17:00-18:00	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Beginners Flute and Whistle led by Amy Hardy.
17:30-18:30	Socially Solo	The Snug (Salopian Berwick Bar)	An informal gathering for solo visitors to Shrewsbury to meet up with new festival friends.
17:45-19:15	Tunes Session	Siskin Folk Club	Tunes Session led by Eclecticos. Fiddlers Lisa Sture and Paul Burgess come with a wealth of experience in top ceilidh bands and running sessions. They have recently formed the ceilidh band 'Eclecticos', ably supported by John Hextall and Jane Burgess (baritone sax and melodeon). In their sessions they offer a space to play the best of English, whilst dipping in to an eclectic range of tunes from 'beyond'.
18:00-19:00	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Playing for Ceilidhs led by This Way Up!
18:00-20:00	Welsh Tunes Session	Salopian Berwick Bar	Led by Jem Hammond . Join us for a relaxed and joyful evening of Welsh tunes in the welcoming surroundings of the Salopian Berwick Bar. This session celebrates the rich musical traditions of Wales — a fitting tribute to our festival's close connection with its borderland roots. We are fortunate to attract many skilled players of Welsh repertoire, making this a vibrant and well-supported gathering. If you are new to Welsh tunes or want to build your confidence, why not attend the Welsh tune workshops earlier in the weekend? Then bring what you have learned along to this friendly evening session.
19:00-20:00	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Bodhran led by Conor Nellis and Steve Bentley.
19:30-21:00	Singaround	Siskin Folk Club	Singaround led by Liz Padgett & Martin Browne. Liz and Martin are stalwarts of the Spalding Folk Club and have been leading singarounds at Shrewsbury and other festivals for many years.
20:00-22:00	Tuneworks Session	Beer Tent	Irish Tune Session led by Tuneworks tutors.
21:30-23:00	Tunes Session	Siskin Folk Club	Tunes session led by Moira Bracknell & Friends. Expect a variety of English, Welsh, American and European tunes.
22:00 onwards	Tuneworks Session	The Hub	Late night Irish Tune Session led by Tuneworks tutors.

SUNDAY

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08:30-09:30	Laughter Workshop	Sabrina	Start your day with a Laughter workshop guaranteed to put a smile on your face and help you connect with fellow festivalgoers! Developed by an Indian doctor, join Lyn Cavaghan as she guides you through this fun workshop to brighten your mood and your day. Suitable for all ages, no equipment needed (if you would like to use a chair/mat please bring one).
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09:00	Walk	Ticket Office	Festival Footsteps : join experienced walk leader Bob McFall for a gentle 4 to 5-mile ramble from the festival site. Meet at the ticket office for a 09:00 departure – suitable footwear and weatherproof clothing required! Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.
09:00-10:00	Sunday's Song	Siskin Folk Club	A time of meditation, reflection and spiritual nourishment for those who are searching for meaning in life as well as those who have faith. Hosted by Churches Together in Shrewsbury and led by Rev MacNeill Cooper (Methodist) and Rev Sam Mann (Anglican). Bring your own chair.
09:30-10:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Irish Fiddle led by Karen Lacy-Roberts.
09:30-11:00	Dance Workshop	Hobson's Dance Tent	Tudor Dance with Ruth and Mark Goodman . See Dance Teams pages for more details.

09:30-12:15	Ukulele Workshops	The Snug (Salopian Berwick Bar)	09:30-10:45 Workshop 3: This Shropshire Ukulele Massive workshop is aimed at beginners and is for everyone who ever wanted to make music but thought it was just too difficult. Chords and songs worked into easy arrangements. 11:00-12:15 Workshop 4: This improvers workshop is suitable for musicians who are at an intermediate level. Workshops culminate in a 45-minute performance on the Purity Village Stage on Monday from 14:35-15:20.
09:45-10.45	Singing Workshop	Sabrina	Singers of all ages and experience are welcome to raise your voice with Melrose Quartet! As part of this one-of-a-kind workshop, the much-loved harmony quartet will share specially selected local materials from AHRC-supported project Music, Heritage, Place. The project explores a wide variety of music 1550-1850 held in county archives across England, reworking archival discoveries for 21st century audiences and music- makers – come and be a part of this unique experience, helping us to bring 300 years of song to life!
10:00-11:00	Pilates	The Hub (upstairs)	With Rosie Clegg. Since becoming an exercise instructor nearly 40 years ago, she now concentrates on a gentler, but effective way to stay fit - Pilates . Both classes will be multi-level, catering for beginners to advanced. Please bring along a mat.
10:00-11:30	Crafty Catch Up	The Hub (downstairs)	An informal get together for crafters. Bring along your latest crochet, sewing or knitting project for some company and chat while you craft and share your tips and tricks with others. Help will be on hand for anyone wanting support with basic crochet or knitting skills – some needles, hooks and yarn will be available for a donation to Hope House – with an easy craft activity for children too.
10:30-11:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Flute and Whistle led by Mark Priestley.
10:30-11:30	Music Workshop	Salopian Berwick Bar	Playing for Dancing (all instruments) with Sophy Ball. Open to melody and rhythm players - bring your own instruments - notation will be available. The workshop will look at how to create lively, dynamic music which makes everybody want to dance while celebrating the wonderful melodies, both old and new, which enliven the traditional dances of these islands and beyond.
10:30-12:00	Folk Choir	Siskin Folk Club	Come and join our inaugural Shrewsbury Folk Festival Choir led by Sue Harris . Sue plays hammered dulcimer and is a choir leader and folk artist. She has played with numerous folk acts, worked extensively in theatre and written music for a number of radio plays. She writes and arranges music for her community band and leads several community choirs. If you're interested in having a great communal sing at Shrewsbury, this is the place to be!
11:20-12:30	Dance Workshop	Purity Village Stage	Rapper sword dancing with Star & Shadow. See Dance Teams pages for more details.
11:30-12:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Delicious Duets led by Kitty Greenwood.
11:45-13:00	Dulcimer Workshop	The Hub (downstairs)	Workshop 2: Different Mountain Dulcimer Styles - A follow-on to Workshop I but also suitable for experienced fretted instrument players. We'll play Appalachian tunes through to more modern rock music. Again, up to 30 instruments provided on a first come, first served basis.
12:30-13:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Backing traditional tunes with DADGAD guitar led by Izzy MacLachlan.
12:45-14:00	Singaround	Siskin Folk Club	Singaround led by Stitherum . Stitherum are Mike and Sue Dewsbury , originally from Nottingham but now proud to be Lincolnshire Yellowbellies. Returning as session leaders to Shrewsbury after a break of a couple of years, they will be glad to host a singaround with something silly, something sublime, something soppy and probably something slightly saucy!
13:30-14:30	Tunes Workshop	The Hub (downstairs)	Tunes of Northumbrian Shepherd Musicians with Alistair Anderson . Open to any melodic instrument. Fiddler Will Taylor, button box and harmonica wizz Will Atkinson and the amazing Northumbrian piper Billy Pigg all wrote tunes which have passed into the tradition of the area. All three spent much of their working life as shepherds. They played for dances and concerts within their own community and beyond. Bring an instrument and learn some great tunes. Notation will be available.
13:30-14:30	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Session Survival Skills led by Izzy MacLachlan and Mel Biggs.
4: 5- 5:30	Tunes	Siskin Folk Club	Tunes session led by Moira Bracknell & Friends. Expect a variety of English, Welsh,
14:30-16:00	Session Tuneworks	Folk Club Goldfinch	American and European tunes. Beginners Session.
16:00-17:00	Session Tuneworks	Goldfinch	Bodhran led by Conor Nellis and Steve Bentley.
16:00-17:30	Workshop Singaround	Siskin	Singaround with Paul Frowen and Paul Hayes. Two excellent musicians who are
17:00-18:00	Tuneworks	Folk Club Goldfinch	active in the South and West Wales festival and folk club circuit. Beginners Flute and Whistle led by Amy Hardy.
17:30-18:30	Workshop Socially Solo	The Snug	An informal gathering for solo visitors to Shrewsbury – meet and make new festival and
	,	(Salopian Berwick Bar)	friends.
7:45- 9: 5	English Session	Siskin Folk Club	English music session led by Chris Bartram, John Percy, Simon Woods, Tony Weatherall and Neil Brookes.
18:00-19:00	Tuneworks Workshop	Goldfinch	Playing for Ceilidhs led by This Way Up!
18:00-20:00	Tunes Session	Salopian Berwick Bar	Come and join members of PolkaWorks in a great music session. Their starting place is the English tune tradition but they can easily be persuaded off to other UK genres, via Quebec, and sometimes with tunes penned by their very own Sue Harris . And Jeannie Harris and Katie Howson will often launch into Norfolk tunes that are a mystery to most of us but a joy to listen to!
	Tuneworks	Goldfinch	Irish session prep led by Izzy and Rory MacLachlan, Adam Tunnicliffe and Steve

19:30-21:00	Singaround	Siskin Folk Club	Singaround led by Pat Smith & Ned Clamp . Pat and Ned are veterans of the South Wales music scene, playing and singing an energetic mix of mostly Welsh tunes and songs - in English and Welsh, sometimes both at the same time! Their singaround sessions are as hilarious as they are skilfully run.
20:00-22:00	Tuneworks Session	Beer Tent	Irish Tune Session led by Tuneworks tutors.
21:15-23:00	Tunes Session	Siskin Folk Club	Ceilidh and session tunes, not necessarily English! Led by musicians from the South Lincolnshire Sessions, Pete Redman with Steve Youngman, Mark Johnson, Lucy Creasey and Tim Clayton.
22:00 onwards	Tuneworks Session	The Hub	Late night Irish Tune Session led by Tuneworks tutors.

MONDAY

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09:30-10:30	Dance	Purity Village	Clog with Newcastle Kingsmen Clog. See Dance Teams pages for more details.
	Workshop	Stage	
 09:30-12:15	Ukulele	The Snug	09:30-10:45 Workshop 5: This Shropshire Ukulele Massive workshop is aimed at
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			Village Stage on Monday from 14:35-15:20.
09:45-11:00	Dance	Hobson's Dance	Border Morris with The Witchmen. See Dance Teams pages for more details
	Workshop	Tent	
10:00-10:45	Folk Choir	Dance Spot	The inaugural performance of the Shrewsbury Folk Festival Folk Choir!
 10:00-11:00	Musical	Cabular	An interneting musical computing as with Many Frances and Michael Lashy
10:00-11:00	Musical	Sabrina	An interactive musical experience with Mary Frances and Michael Leahy
	Experience		dissecting the Celtic style and exploring its evolution and integration into the music of
			today.
10:00-11:30	Crafty Catch Up	The Hub	An informal get together for crafters. Bring along your latest crochet, sewing or
		(downstairs)	knitting project for some company and chat while you craft and share your tips and tricks
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10:30-11:30	Tuneworks	Goldfinch	Flute and Whistle led by Mark Priestley.
	Workshop		
11:00-12:30	English Session	Siskin	English music session led by Chris Bartram, John Percy, Simon Woods, Tony
	0	Folk Club	Weatherall and Neil Brookes.
11:30-12:30	Tuneworks	Goldfinch	Theory for Folkies led by Neil Browning.
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11:45-15:00			Workshop 3: Mountain Dulcimer Slow Jam – An opportunity to practise the skills
	Dulcimer	(downstairs)	learnt in WI & W2 and play with others (banjos, mandolins, fiddles, guitars, dancers etc
	Workshop		welcome!).You'll also get some tips for joining in with new tunes at a jam/session.Again
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		Folk Club	Martin Browne and Stitherum.
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20:00 onwards	Music and Song Session	The Salopian Berwick Bar	Last chance for those final tunes and songs in the Salopian Berwick Bar . Let's give the festival a great send-off. It'll be the most fun you can have on a Monday night