

Chippenham Folk Festival 2017

Display Sides Information

Tickets - Booking details have been processed and will be forwarded to you separately. Tickets can be collected from the artist's ticket office by the festival office cabin. **Please bring your confirmation of ticket details.** Wristbands will need to be collected and put on each individual by office staff. We will be within the vicinity of the ticket office for most of Friday afternoon/evening to meet you all and help with any queries that may arise.

Souvenir Programme - Available from the ticket office. However the complete dance programme is on the busking schedule, which has been emailed.

Contact details - Becky Perry and Laura Southcoat are the main contacts for displays teams. We can be contacted over the weekend by mobile: **07508024727 (Becky) or 07876296816 (Laura).**

Health & Safety - If there are any incidents while dancing please take the correct emergency procedures suitable to the venue. Please let the festival team know of any incidents to be logged in the Health and Safety record in the Festival Office on Island Park. Any team feeling any animosity towards them should leave the situation and contact the Displays Managers immediately. First Aid can be found at the Emery Gate entrance to Island Park.

Wet weather - Please be sensible. Don't dance if the surface is too wet, slippery or dangerous. Dance displays at Big Top Arena Stage and Arena Stage 2 will continue.

Amplification - The dance spots at Arena Stage 2 and the Market Square will have boards and PA equipment for stepping sides. Please make sure all teams are off the boards at Market Square for the setup of the Buttercross Ceilidhs by 11.30am. Please ensure that the noise levels are reasonable.

Workshops - Please see the programme for the full range of workshops which start at 9.30am on Saturday. The dance displays workshops take place from 10am in St Andrew's Hall and the Constitutional Hall; the programme for which has been emailed.

Arena Spots - Please make sure you turn up 10 mins before your allotted time and keep to the times allocated so that we can showcase all of the brilliant dance teams. **Please enter via the backstage entrance to the right of the big top, see map 1.** Whilst on stage there are 3 microphones for your musicians to use but **if you require more than this please let us know well in advance before the festival.**

Parades - These start from outside St Andrew's on Saturday and Monday, please see map 2. Please form up in order from the gates and alongside St Andrew's Hall; the parade order has been emailed. As the festival no longer has name boards for displays teams it would be wonderful if you can **please bring any banners/plaques you may have to identify yourselves.** This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all the teams to the public, we therefore ask that all teams join in the parade, even if your tradition means that it cannot be danced.

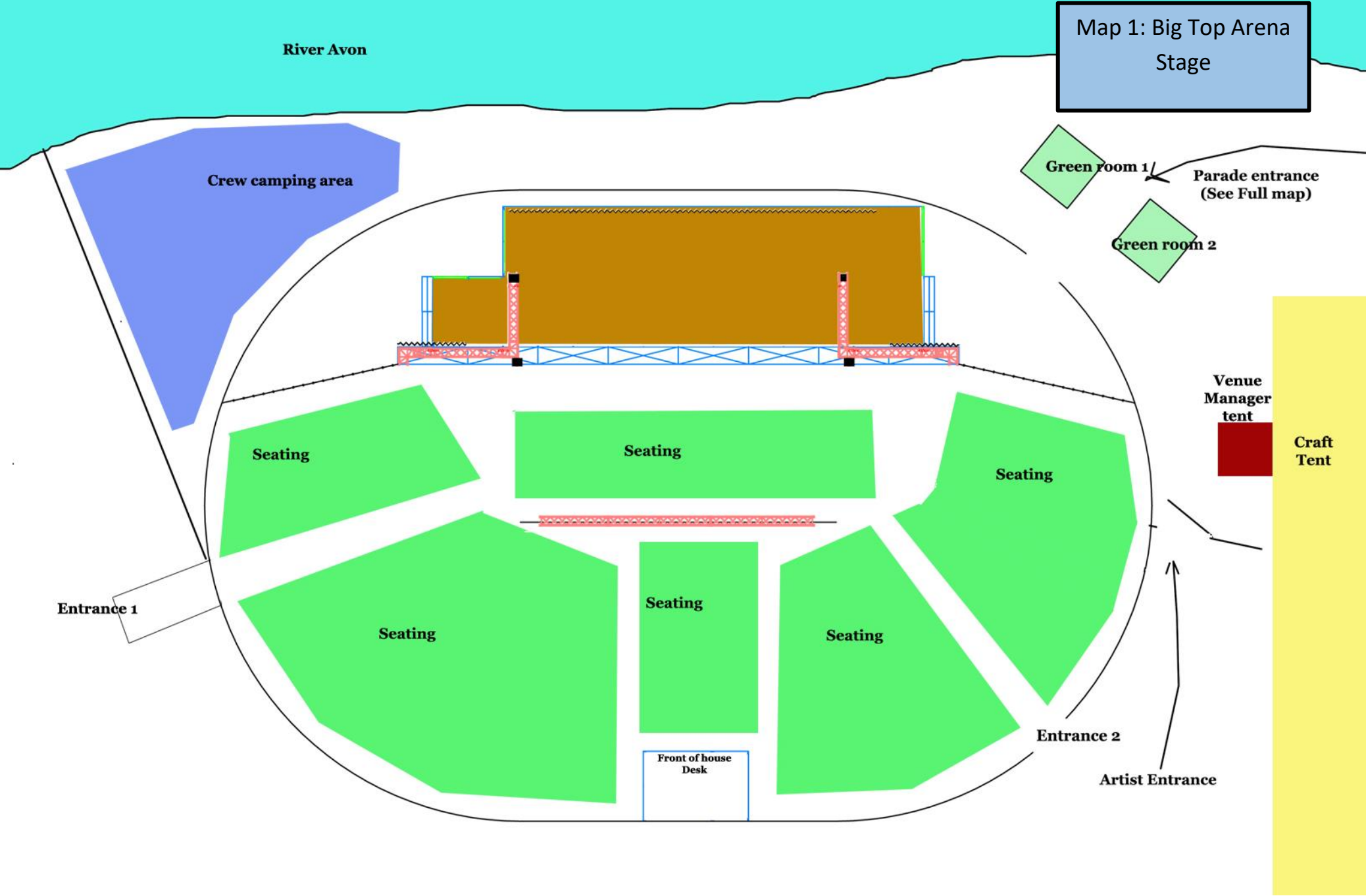
Collection Competition - This year for the very first time we will be hosting a Collection Competition. Each team will need to collect their tin from the festival office and return it by 5.30pm for counting: the team(s) who collects the most will receive some wonderful prizes!

Rapper Tour - Saturday night Northgate Rapper will be hosting this year's rapper tour around the town. The evening starts at

Stick & Bucket Competition - Now being run by the Old Road Tavern, from 18:15 on Sunday. **Those wanting to join in must register at the pub before 5pm Sunday.** The rules are simple dance with a stick and a bucket.

Thank you to all our displays teams, we hope you enjoy the festival.

Dates for next year: 25th-28th May 2018



Map 2: Dance sites in Chippenham

Big Top Arena Stage

Constitutional Hall

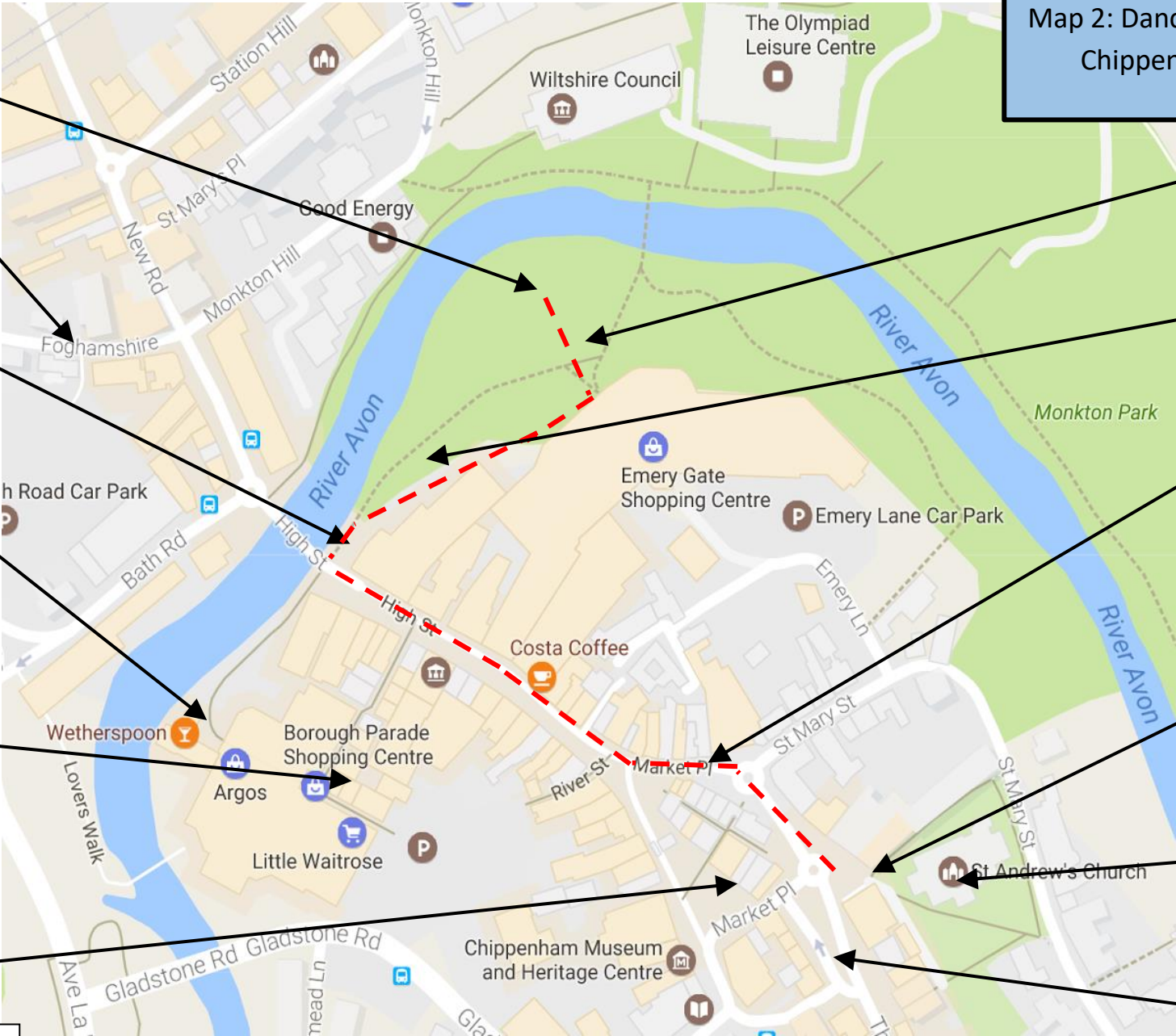
Lower High Street

Wetherspoons

Borough Parade

Market Square

Route of Parade



Arena Stage 2

Festival Office Cabins

Upper High Street

Start of the Parade

St Andrew's Hall

Rose and Crown