



PONTARDAWE FESTIVAL IS 30 YEARS OLD
The celebrations begin now!

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Pontardawe Festival was established in 1978 and has been the focal point of the summer celebrations for people across the UK. The festival remains to this day an International Music Festival with its roots still firmly in Celtic roots music.

The next Pontardawe Festival will be held on the 15th to the 17th of August 2008, at its home on Parc Ynysderw behind Pontardawe's Leisure Centre.

It is hoped that many artists that have played over the past 30 years will come back once more to entertain the crowds, and some new unseen acts as well - which is what Pontardawe is well known for, "You saw it first at Ponty!"

To kick off the celebrations a Cajun Cookin' meal has been organised at the Pontardawe Inn on Wednesday the 7th of November.

"It will be a chance to meet with festival friends old and new and enjoy a four course Cajun meal, followed by the opportunity to join in the Acoustic Club session in the bar", says Festival chairman David Hammond-Williams.

Details and menu can be found at www.ponty2008.com

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BACKGROUND INFO FOR EDITORS

Pontardawe Inn - Landlords *Hywel and Beth Roberts* have just celebrated their first anniversary at the pub which is known locally as '*Y Gwachel*' - an old *Welsh* word for a *hiding place*. They have worked hard to bring the pub back to a standard that was once enjoyed in the past, with vast improvements made in the kitchen especially! www.pontardaweinn.co.uk

Ponty Acoustic Club - The acoustic club *meets weekly on Wednesday nights* at the Pontardawe Inn at 9pm for sessions. It is regularly attended by 20 plus musicians who bring with them all manner of acoustic instruments. They also organise *monthly guest evenings*. www.pontyacoustic.org.uk

Pontardawe Festival - A *volunteer run, not for profit International Music Festival* held annually in Pontardawe that attracts up to 10,000 visitors to Pontardawe each August. Pontardawe Festival is *proud of its green credentials*. The organisers were dismayed in 2004 when all the litter went into landfill and vowed to change its practices. For the last two years *almost all the litter is recycled*. The Festival tries to *source* where possible *locally* or from South Wales the resources that is required to stage the event. It is an invaluable contributor to the local economy every summer. www.ponty2008.com, 01792 830200

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