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After one of the longest countdowns in history, Bestival 2009 - The Year of the Spectacular - is go! It may be just a small step out of your tent, but it's a giant leap into what promises to be the biggest and best Bestival yet.

For old friends, you'll have noticed by now that the site has been completely revamped, with a massive new Main Stage location, plus the brand new Magic Meadow, not to mention the Fire Field, home of the incredible Afterburner stage and also hosting Blastival - a truly spectacular story that will unfold every evening over the course of the weekend.

As always there's a stellar line-up to keep you entertained all weekend, and yet again Bestival has pulled out the stops to provide the most eclectic set of headliners you're likely to see on a festival stage, with



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trip-hop legends Massive Attack, dance music pioneers Kraftwerk and 2008 Mercury winners Elbow - who provide arguably the most inspirational and uplifting live show around. And then there's the hundreds and hundreds of other acts performing on no less than seventeen stages around the site.

But as you know, the music isn't even half the story. We've got old friends and new across the site, from the Inflatable Church to the W.I ladies, via the Heavenly Healing Area, the Pamper Lounge, and some of the best eats and drinkies available to mankind, so whether you're after tai chi or chai tea, it's all here and waiting for you. Jestival's back too, having wrung itself out after last year they return with over sixty top comedy acts to tickle your ribs, and you and your friends can even try your hand as the fab four, with X-Box hosting regular The Beatles: Rock Band sessions.

Of course, what really makes Bestival stand out from the crowd is, well, the crowd. Every year you've been that special ingredient, proving time and time again that the more you put in, the more you get out, and in The Year of the Spectacular we just know you'll rise to the occasion.

So there it is. Three days of out-of-this-world japery and hi-jinx to look forward to. Brace yourselves Bestival, because we have lift-off!

WE IS 5!

The Bestival Bugle is back once again, and this year celebrates five years of half-truths, damned lies, and regular nuggets of priceless info for your daily delectation.

The paperpeeps will be pounding the site with 7,000 hot-off-the-press copies from around 11am each morning, and there's Bugle notice boards dotted around this year too, so if you miss out on your own copy you can always check the ones pasted up around the site.

"It's amazing how the Bugle has developed over the years," said a spokesman for the paper, "you look back at the flimsy two page black-and-white free-sheet published in 2005, then compare it to the glorious double-sided effort today, in stark, arty monotone and luxurious greyscale."

"Innovation is integral to the Bugle, so we make sure we're up to date with all the latest technological advancements"

he continued, before popping off to set the video and make himself a Sodastream.

As always, full line-ups, artist info and a whole bunch more can be found in the Bestival programme, put together by the good folk at FACT magazine and available from vendors across the site.



INCOMING...

MASSIVE ATTACK EXPECTED AT BESTIVAL

Organisers are warning Bestivalgoers to be on high alert today, with trip-hop pioneers Massive Attack due to unleash a seismic performance as Main Stage headliners.

The Bristol outfit first formed in 1988 as a production project, but within three years had released the seminal *Blue Lines* to universal acclaim and propelled themselves into both the charts and

the conscience of a generation. The album also spawned the single *Unfinished Sympathy*, a ubiquitous inhabitator of the top ten whenever the 'best ever songs...' lists are published.

The media scrum following the success of *Blue Lines* placed the band (despite their protestations) firmly at the vanguard of what was coined the Bristol scene, which later saw the likes of Tricky and Portishead producing groundbreaking debuts of their own.

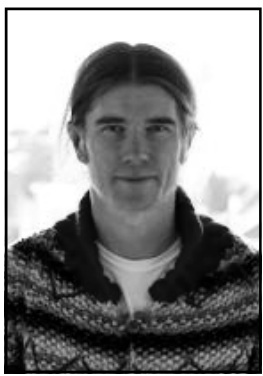
The easy-going chill of *Protection* (1994) was followed in 1998 by the darker, brooding *Mezzanine* which, although initially receiving mixed reviews, promptly went straight to the top of the album charts, as did 2002s *100th Window*.

Robert Del Naja (3D) and Grant Marshall (Daddy G) release their first EP for two years this October and *Splitting the Atom* has already been Zane Lowe's single of the week, despite still being over a month away. Their much anticipated fifth, as-yet untitled studio album is due out at the start of 2010. Critically lauded, musically inspired and here at Bestival for your listening pleasure. Ladies and gentlemen, we give you, Massive Attack.

PREVIEW

ROBBY RECOMMENDS...

Perfect Pointers for Party People



MUSIC: It's always amazing, but the Main Stage today is something special. Arcade Eden, The Acorn, 65 Days of Static, Passion Pit, Friendly Fires, Florence and the Machine, Soulwax, MGMT and Massive Attack. In that order. Whoa.

DANCE: We take over their beautiful island for a few days, so today the cream of the Isle of Wight's DJs take over the Hidden Disco. Well worth hunting out!

NEW BIT!: The Magic Meadow! Take a stroll round the new home to Jestival, the Insect Circus and all kinds of other treats. And, it's got amazing views of the Main Stage. Love it.

FANCY MAKING AN EXHIBITION OF YOURSELF AT BESTIVAL?

I know the chances of finding outgoing, exhibitionist types at Bestival seem remote, but esteemed photographers Kent Mathews and Dan Smith have teamed up to shoot all you Bestivalgoers for a forthcoming exhibition & possibly an arty coffee table book, too.

They're looking to capture all the madness, magic, colour and fun that is Bestival, and will have their studio in the Restival area open from midday to midnight today and (same times) Saturday for fancy-dress and artist portraits. So, if you fancy a bit of a pose, head down to the Restival tent between these times and you never know, you could end up part of the exhibition.

"We want to create a real high-end exhibition," explains Dan. "We'll be shooting super-high-res 100MB pictures so we can get enormous prints done."

"We did think of doing it by invitation, but then we thought 'where's the fun in that? Let's get everyone in'. We'll also be nipping off round the site to capture the beard & moustache competition and the like."

** Keep an eye out on www.bestival.net for details of the exhibition **

SHHH! The Silent Disco is back! Head down to the Jestival comedy tent tonight and tomorrow night (10.30pm-2.30am) for that strange, strange experience!

WIN THE CHANCE TO SWIM TO BESTIVAL

Fancy taking a dip next year in aid of some excellent causes? How about swimming to Bestival - making the crossing from Gosport to Ryde in the company of 11 other intrepid Bestivalites - and earning yourself free entry to Bestival to boot?

And how do you win, you ask? Well, we'd like you to compose a limerick about swimming to Bestival. The best one received before 2pm tomorrow wins this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - Simple as that!

We want funny limericks from serious contenders, but don't worry, Swim To Bestival honcho Colin reckons "A year is easily long enough time for a decent limerickist to become a competent Bestival swimmer."

Post your entry in the box inside the Sunday Best shop, and make sure you include your full name and a contact number for you at Bestival. Entry is open until 2pm Saturday, and the winner will be contacted later that afternoon, so if you enter, keep your phone on or you might miss out.

And just for good measure, here's the Bestival Bugle's entry to help inspire you (please please please don't let me win):

*There once was a chap with a notion,
To partake of a dip in the ocean,
He arrived soaking wet
For the Seasick Steve set,
Now that isn't just keen, that's devotion.*

** See tomorrow's Bugle for full details of this year's swim **

BESTIVAL WEATHER

CLOUDY START BUT
TURNING FAIR

Max. day 20°C
Min. night 12°C

No wellies today!



CUBANS MISS ISLE: CRISIS

A Bestival crisis was narrowly averted yesterday after the Cuban Brothers overshot the Isle of Wight as they arrived for the event on their custom-built tour rocket.

The missile, constructed from the very latest state-of-the-art 1950's American automobile spares, streaked across the Island skies before ditching in the sea several miles east of the Bestival site.

Event organisers frantically arranged a rescue mission and the Bestival house band were safely plucked from the sea by a local RNLI crew.

"Thankfully, as honourable sons of the Cuban nation, we are most experienced with handling the attentions of coastguards," said Miguel Mantovani yesterday, "and we repaid their favour with some excellent advice on making their uniforms that little more sexy and alluring. You know, even when we take, we also love to give a little."



IMPRESSIVE BOOSTERS: The Cuban Brothers

"I knew it was a mistake allowing my nephew Archerio to drive," continued the relieved Cubans frontman, "although I have to admit, this is not the first time someone has underestimated the power of the boosters on my rocket, heh heh."

EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD

No. 1 - Matt the Hat - Bestival's Cupid (Inflatable church curator)



Bestivals attended: All of them!

How did you get involved?: I drove to the I.W. from Wales on a Thursday for the first Bestival Battle of the Bands in Ryde, to meet Robby face-to-face and let him know about my inflatable church. I thought he would be the only person to realise the vision in my bonkers idea! And he did.

What are you most looking forward to?: The secret A-list White Wedding DJ sets in the Wedding Disco next to the Church, seeing all my festival friends, and the sun!

Best Bestival moment?: Has to be dancing to *Purple Rain* with my good friend Kaptain at Rob Da Bank's closing set at the first ever Bestival, it was a truly Balearic moment

Describe a typical day for you at Bestival: Ouch, sunlight, clean teeth, ding dong, wedding, wedding, wedding, love is in the air, ding dong, wedding, wedding, wedding, disco, yeah, friends, magic, fireworks, oooohhhh, night-time, campfire, whisky, fall over, stumble, mumble, lost, found, sleep, ZZZZZzzzz

Complete this sentence: You know it's been a good Bestival when.... You make new friends for life.

First thing you do when you get back to the real world: Get in a hot bubble bath, relax and cook a meal for my friends.

CASTLE CAPERS

After winning the 'Best New Festival' prize at the 2008 Festival Awards, Camp Bestival was back bigger and brighter for a second outing in July, and fifteen-thousand mums, dads and nippers headed down to Lulworth Castle in Dorset to join in on the party.

Highlights included a show-stopping set from Florence and The Machine (left), and a mesmerising one-off outing from Polly Harvey, who packed the Big Top for her exclusive Saturday performance.

Controversy of the weekend came at Howard Marks' Saturday storytelling session, when a giddy mix of fairy stories and too much pop prompted a stage invasion by dozens of enthusiastic tykes. Marks - not one for getting flustered when the pressure's on - was completely swamped and the show delayed for several minutes while the stage was cleared. Very surreal, very funny, and absolutely true.

We had jousting, Folk Idol (Pop Idol gone all brown and beardy) and Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall making all sorts of things yummy look ridiculously easy in his River Cottage Cafe.

The weekend was rounded off in truly spectacular fashion, as the English National Ballet performed to Rob da Bank's Main Stage soundtrack, before an enormous fireworks display in front of the castle sent everyone home with very, very big grins on their faces.

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PROGRAMME CORRECTION... PROGRAMME CORRECTION...

Clare Nicolson will be performing on the Bandstand at 12 midday, not Canned Laughter as stated, although she will be performing songs from her new album, *Canned Laughter*.

Tommy Sparks will now be playing the Jim Beam & Cola Bar on Saturday, not Friday. See tomorrow's Bugle and red LED screens around the site for further details

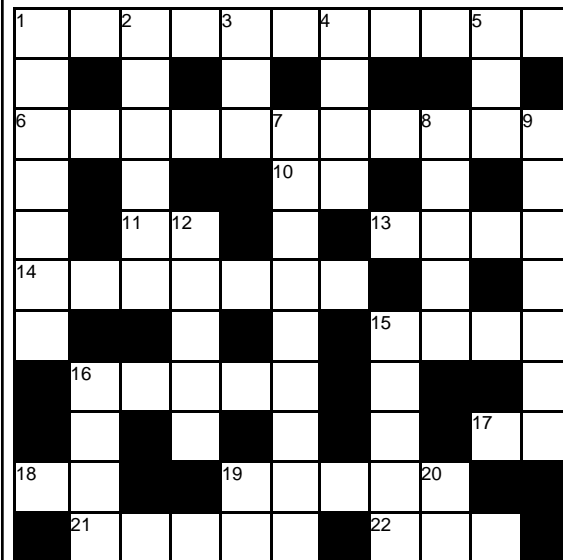
SUNDAY BEST COMPETITION

CROSSWORD

Here we go again with the Sunday Best competition. Yep, each day, pit your wits against the Bugle to have a chance of picking up some splendid prizes from Sunday Best.

Today it's crossword day - the first five 100% correctly completed crosswords to be handed in at the Sunday Best shop win a goodie bag including The A-Z of Bestival CDs from 2007 and 2008, the latest albums from Dub Pistols and Kitty, Daisy and Lewis, badges, balloons, and your choice from recent Sunday Best releases, including Bastila's self-titled LP and Lemonade's awesome debut on the label.

© The Sunday Best Shop has been transformed into a Christmas grotto this year (why?, erm, why not?), so get on down there for mince pies, sherry, carols, and all your essential Sunday Best Christmas shopping. ©



ACROSS

- Polly, (Jim Beam, Sun, 17:00) (11)
- New stage this year is really hot stuff (11)
- Former beau marks the spot (2)
- Riva Starr (Bollywood, Sunday 20:30), initially (1,1)
- Hot _____, Bestival regulars (4)
- You have to wait a hundred years for each new one (7)
- ____ Roses (Big Top, Sun, 11:30) (4)
- Peters, of Halifax Hospital Radio, or Ashworth of Dub Pistols (5)
- Kitty, Daisy & Lew__ (2)
- Man Like __ (Red Bull, Sat, 23:00) (2)
- Digital timepiece? (5)
- ____ Hill, where it's at! (5)
- ____ Carpet (Red Bull, Saturday, 22:50) (3)

DOWN

- Headliner Steve sounds green around the gills (7)
- With a following of 8, they were dayglo rave pioneers (6)
- The Hot Rats (Big Top, Saturday, 14:45), for starters (1,1,1)
- LA woman sounds Bulletproof (4)
- Penultimate number of rocket launch countdown (3)
- Bestival's favourite hirsute beatboxer? (9)
- Radio 1 chum of RdB (5)
- Ice T, Eazy E or Comfy C? (7)
- Plenty of these sparkling away this weekend, both on stage and off (5)
- ____ Acid (Red Bull, Fri, 22:45) (5)
- eg: Bestival (4)
- Start out with the tea and cake providers (1,1)
- Hello (as a kite) (2)

DUB (PISTOLS) BE GOOD TO ME

Dub Pistols have some very special guests lined up to help them showcase latest album *Rum & Coke* in the



Red Bull Music Academy tonight at 1.45am, with Lindy Layton from Beats International, Ashley Slater of Freak Power and Justin Robertson among those scheduled to make an appearance.

LOCAL HEROES



Arcade Eden (above) will kick the Main Stage off in impressive electro style at midday today, after emerging victorious from the annual Isle Of Wight Band and DJ competition final at Ryde Theatre earlier in the summer.

The Shanklin-based bro-sis pairing Larry and Clare Welling have gone from strength to strength since the competition, signing with indie label Ear Candy and supporting the likes of Enter Shikari and Iglu & Hartley. Remember, you saw them here first!

Meanwhile, winners of the DJ competition Jakey Chan and Willz of Steel take up residence in the Hidden Disco at 7.30pm this evening.

The judges were also so impressed with solo performer Flippington that they awarded him a Sunday Main Stage slot at 4.15pm. This is one not to miss. Trust us.

PROGRAMME UPDATE.... PROGRAMME UPDATE....

Due to unforeseen circumstances the following acts will now not be playing the Red Bull Music Academy today: Black Acid; Free Peace; The Ghost and The Mummies. Please check red LED screens for possible time changes for other bands on this stage.

BESTIVAL RADIO 87.7FM

Bestival FM has landed on planet Calypso for 2009, and is back broadcasting 24hrs a day across the site (and across the whole Island, too).

Tune in on 87.7FM for all the regulars plus loads of special guests, giveaways and the legendary Jokers Masquerade fancy dress competitions.

FRIDAY / SATURDAY AM

- 10.00 Rev Milo's Breakfast Bonanza
- 12.00 Andrew Morrison / Dandelion Radio
- 13.00 Bastila
- 14.00 Tayo
- 15.00 Sunday Best
- 16.00 Heavenly Recordings
- 17.00 Nadia Ksabitia
- 18.00 Harry Sprout
- 19.00 Joe Ransom
- 20.00 Best of Bestival
- 21.00 Ou Est La Swimming Pool
- 22.00 Dublime with Appleblim
- 23.00 Throwback, with special guests
- 24.00 Girlcore
- 01.00 They Came From The Stars
- 03.00 Brothers of Love
- 05.00 Heavenly Recordings (repeat)
- 07.00 Best of Bestival (repeat)
- 08.00 Ou Est La Swimming Pool (repeat)
- 09.00 Tom & Ruben
- 10.00 Rev Milo's Breakfast Bonanza



BESTIVAL BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT*

■ **Horrors (Big Top, 4.30pm)** frontman Faris Rotter is allergic to sweetcorn, and complains it makes his hair 'flat and manageable'.

■ **During the 1970s** a large group of wallabies escaped from Robin Hill country park, and a number continue to live wild in the Isle of Wight countryside.

■ **MGMT (Main Stage, 8.30pm)** recently fell out with Nicolas Sarkozy after the French president used the song *KIDS* in political broadcasts without asking permission or paying royalties.

■ **Beardyman (everywhere, all weekend)** recently adopted three penguins at London Zoo, and has named them Jello, Timothy and Aphex.

IT'S A SIGN...(ING TENT)

Fresh for 2009, Firetrap have brought their artist signing lounge - the Firetrap Lock In - to Bestival, so you can get up close and personal with some of galaxy of stars on parade this year.

Today you can drop by for photos and signed stuff with no less than Dan le Sac Vs Scroobius Pip, Bat for Lashes, American electro-rock legends Passion Pit, and the unofficial champs of Camp Bestival, Florence and The Machine.

Situated next to Bestival FM in the Outer Space field, Firetrap will be throwing open the doors for exclusive signings, pub quizzes (with prizes!), and all manner of music and entertainment all day and night. Everyone loves a Lock In, so you might want to get there early because the secret's out now.

FRIDAY SIGNINGS

- 3.00pm** Dan le Sac Vs Scroobius Pip
- 4.00pm** Bat for Lashes
- 5.30pm** Passion Pit
- 7.30pm (TBC)** Florence & The Machine

