

Dear Friends

It is with great regret that the Gower Festival Committee have decided that this year's festival will not be able to go ahead. The latest government guidance is that 'Social Distancing' may have to last twelve months, and this ends any lingering hope that the virus might be conquered quickly with restrictions ended by July. We have never had to cancel before, and we hope that we never have to again.

The Grand Theatre will automatically refund any credit card payments for tickets already bought, and that should start to happen next week. For tickets purchased by any other payment method, the Box Office team will call you personally to arrange a refund.

On a positive note, Gordon Back, our musical director, will try to organise the 2021 Festival with exactly the same artists and the same venues, as far as possible. Obviously, some artists may already be booked elsewhere for July 2021. The dates for the 2021 Festival will be 5-17 July.

We have also heard a whisper that, if at all possible, we might hold a weekend of concerts in the autumn. This will obviously be dependent on how things go over the next six months or so. However, once I have any definite news, I will let you all know.

In the meantime, may I thank you all for your continued support of the Gower Festival. We really appreciate the fact that so many of you bought tickets. Please continue to support us and we look forward to brighter days and to seeing you all in 2021 - and hopefully before that!

Best wishes to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Bill Anderson

Gower Festival Chairman