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LEARNING WITH A DIFFERENCE AT GREEN SCYTHE FAIR

For the second year running, Yeovil College Music students are running the Music tent at this year's Green Scythe Fair, held at Thorney Lakes, Muchelney on Sunday 13 June 2010.

The Green Scythe Festival is an annual event aimed at raising awareness of environmental issues through creative activities, promoting sustainable communities in South Somerset and engaging the community in green issues.

The music tent is a popular feature of this event and the students have booked a range of professional and up-and-coming regional bands, such as Bag O' Rats, the Mendip String Band and Dolman. The tent will open at 2 pm with singer-songwriters before moving to bands later in the day. The music will include a variety of genres, such as folk, country, blue grass and boogie-woogie.

As well as arranging the acts, the students will be managing the tent on the day and working with a solar powered PA system.

Music lecturer Simon Squire said "*Working on the Green Scythe Event certainly adds an extra dimension to the students' learning. They've had to do everything to do with the music tent this year, including budgeting, negotiating with the bands and deciding the line up. This really is valuable, real life experience for them which helps them understand that there's more to Music than just playing on stage. Yeovil College's Music Faculty prides itself on how many opportunities there are for students to get involved in events like this and actually do the things which make vocational courses relevant to the real world.*"

The Green Scythe Fair is on Sunday 13 June 2010 at Thorney Lakes, Muchelney, Langport. Gates open at 11 am and tickets are £5 (free for accompanied children). For more information, visit <http://www.greenfair.org.uk/>.

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