

## Thursday, 5th of August.

07:21:07 My 'Who to follow' list is just a list of people I used to follow and then unfollowed.

07:35:54 Hot news. Lily Allen is pregnant.

07:36:24 Perhaps now she'll go on maternity and never release another fucking song again.

08:14:23 Is there anyone at the Big Chill who can tell me what the ground is like?

08:17:03 Turns out the weather isn't going to be as bad as we thought.  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/weather/forecast/331>

09:58:34 OK. Will now probably only tweet when drunk. So, see you in a few hours. Bye!

12:30:18 I'm not drunk, but the idiots on the train are making me wish I was.

13:53:55 Tempted to lie in a field and listen to 'Does it look like I'm here?' all weekend.

14:23:12 Gobby girl on train shouts, "Hello! Has anyone got any mixer for my vodka?" Stupid cunt.

14:28:19 It's as if there's no buffet carriage for her sugary needs. But there is.

14:30:43 It's quite possible I'm not entering into the festival spirit just yet. But that's because I'M ON A TRAIN.

14:32:15 Incidentally, I'm at Evesham.

14:38:22 Stuck at Evesham and someone is playing 'Beat It' on their phone. People run for a fag break to escape the noise in Evesham.

15:21:48 Drunk girl says, "Are you going to the festival?" Yes, I say. "How do you keep it under your seat?" Ummm.

15:39:13 I'd totally forgotten what a pain it is getting to a festival.

15:42:27 I also appear to be one of the oldest people in a queue I didn't even need to be in.

15:48:03 Dear Big Chill organisers, please supply more coaches. Thanks.

15:51:45 Ironically, this isn't an especially chilled experience. They should call it the big fucking nightmare.

15:54:20 So this is why none of you wanted to come. <http://twitpic.com/2bugqt>

16:01:15 The queuing system broke down and there was mild mannered chaos. I am on the coach.

16:08:08 'Malvern Teacher Sex Case Verdict' shouts the local paper. So this is what it's like to be Dorothy.

16:11:02 Girl next to me just crossed herself three times. She has had her face painted to resemble a cat.

16:11:53 Malvern is quite beautiful, though. It's like New Zealand, but bigger.

16:21:31 Coach driver says, "You know Nigel Mansell?" Yes. He gestures to a bungalow: "His brother lives there."

16:23:15 "The Big Chill's getting as big as Glastonbury," he continues. Big chill capacity, 30,000. Glastonbury, 130,000. (\*Actually 177,000)

16:24:24 I wish I was making this up.

16:38:50 Brilliant. Guest list entrance is 25 minutes from where we get dropped off. THIS IS LONG!

16:45:06 So far on my hike, I have passed a dead hedgehog and dead rabbit.

16:54:33 Feel like Paddy Considine in 'Dead Man's Shoes'. Look like a sweaty Asian walking up a hill.

17:14:31 A six mile walk! Thanks Big Chill.

17:17:24 Well, the big chill so far is tiring and dangerous. Even the police agree.

18:32:14 I'VE ARRIVED! FUCK YOU BIG CHILL! I FUCKING MADE IT YOU CUNTS! YOU FUCKING CUNTS!

19:30:29 Set my tent up in the wrong area. This is not how I planned my 'holiday'.

19:32:59 In future, I'll just go to ATP festivals like all the best music snobs do.

20:01:42 I can haz tent. <http://twitpic.com/2bwm64>

20:04:55 Right. I'll shut up now. Thanks for sharing my grief.

21:16:54 Have found myself at a place where they play Juggy D.

21:17:50 Shame they just switched it to Fiddy. Rubbish.

21:23:14 Yo, just seen a two seater mobility scooter with blue neon lights under the carriage. Bad!

23:19:16 Hi. I'm drunk and walking around a quite lovely site. No dubstep yet like...

## Friday, 6th of August.

00:10:24 Not enough of u r awake.  
00:22:19 I tell u this. I am cold, and drunk.  
00:27:01 Drinking partners. <http://twitpic.com/2by6vk>  
00:55:20 Feminists. <http://twitpic.com/2byfjm>  
01:07:19 I'm all alone now. Should prolly try and sleep. Tis difficult when The Strokes are being played.  
07:37:46 The average cocaine user is not funny.  
07:39:43 "Do you want some coke? It's got some k in it."  
07:40:52 How to spot a cocaine user: they're the ones shouting about how much they've done.  
07:43:37 So, thanks to the coke fiends from Blackpool, I've not slept. Tempted to go over and stab them with a tent peg.  
07:44:21 I could be at home now; getting ready for work. Camping is rubbish.  
07:50:58 Aged 35, this is absolutely the last camping festival for me.  
08:02:24 I must have something's flesh.  
11:59:19 £8 for a lanyard. Would've thought it'd be included with the £150 ticket price.  
12:19:52 About to watch Akala. Then Ty after.  
13:45:23 Full band for Ty. May prove more interesting than an MC and DJ. Or not.  
13:47:01 Very much looking forward to Tinariwen after this though.  
14:28:43 Ty is a rare rapper in that he works better live than on record.  
14:49:21 Ty was good. But now it's time for some rebel Tuareg blues.  
15:43:36 Tinariwen were wonderful. Gave me chills (no pun). Phenomenal Handclap Band now.  
15:49:32 Just met Ty. He gives good badge. <http://twitpic.com/2c53wq>  
15:55:20 Who is the female singer in the band? I think I love her.  
16:01:42 Whatever this song is, it's based on Spinal Tap's 'Hell Hole'.  
16:02:32 Also, with battery issues, I can't reply or see all your tweets, but Hi.  
16:33:04 Well they were really rather good. Now, Martyn.  
16:56:13 Whoever Little Dragon are, they packed out the Paradiso tent.  
17:13:01 Martyn didn't really do anything for me. Good excuse to see Mondo Cane, though.  
17:33:55 Mike Patton is starting to resemble Vito Corleone (the De Niro version).  
17:44:20 Patton is fucking nuts.  
18:02:26 Patton says "I get the feeling you guys are a bit too chilled. Any more chilled and this place'd be a fucking mortuary!"  
18:07:15 The drunkest man in the field. <http://twitpic.com/2c68ms>  
18:23:47 Mondo Cane show was only marred by a teen continually bleating, "This is amazing!" He was right tho.  
18:51:38 Walking with a mild gangsta limp because of the sheer amount of walking I've had to do.  
18:52:55 I should start charging each mug taking a sly picture of of feeling my horned helmet.  
18:56:23 Regardless, I'll be seeing Thom Yorke shortly. I wonder if he remembers the doughnut incident.  
18:58:26 My self respect is almost at an end.  
19:00:43 As if I had any to start with. What little I had is being whittled away by a lack of sleep and preponderance of rum.  
19:06:36 The Big Chill is no place for the unemployed, yet many of them are here.  
19:12:06 Sometimes, I despise 'art'. <http://twitpic.com/2c6r1x>  
19:17:49 Just found the guest bar. Mike Patton's in it. As are cocktails and steak. FFS.  
19:23:33 Yes, in case someone is telling me, I KNOW I'm an idiot.  
19:26:39 I JUST MET MIKE PATTON! HE LIKED MY HAT. I MET MIKE PATTON!  
19:28:28 It was all worth it in the end. #big chill  
19:35:46 I'm so utterly fucking chuffed. Mike motherfucking Patton. Epic. TRUST.  
19:42:35 Not washing my right hand ever again.  
20:09:39 I am watching Thom Yorke. He is wearing a hat and singing "Oooooo wooooh oooooh."  
20:10:27 He has now taken off his hat to reveal a lovely haircut.  
20:18:53 This may seem crude to Radiohead fans, but Thom solo is pretty dull.  
20:28:26 I am no longer watching Thom Yorke.

20:34:05 Back in the guest bar where there are heaters and '50s rock n' roll. And sofas!  
20:36:35 Y'know when Danny turns up in Withnail? That's happened. Sadly, I can't partake.  
20:39:19 People on MDMA scare me. Danny did too.  
20:40:21 Anyway, soon I will go and see Kruder and Dorfmeister. That's exciting.  
21:10:10 K and D's light show is cool.  
21:32:25 Ban tall people from festivals.  
22:31:39 Must save legs for Magnetic Man.

### **Saturday, 7th of August.**

00:36:33 Magnetic Man! Amazing.  
00:38:05 I've not danced like that in years. Many years.  
00:51:35 Helluva day.  
00:55:58 I fucking love dubstep. Well done, England. Pioneer shit.  
01:01:19 I've no idea how to write up something as crushingly brutal as that. That'll do. 'Crushingly brutal'. Like Slayer.  
01:14:58 Apparently Thom Yorke was dancing around us at the guest site. Missed that.  
01:35:59 Now watching Don Letts. Innit!  
01:56:00 Mr Letts is playing a reggae cover of 'Fix You'. It's obviously awful.  
08:58:51 Awake. So I must have slept.  
11:11:11 It's raining. Dub classics are playing. I'm in my tent drinking rum. um  
11:13:09 @HallockHill I've gone thru 2 t shirts already.  
11:16:38 It's stopped raining. Nothing else has changed.  
11:51:48 Poor Sanjay Tailor. Playing a main tent to about 20 people.  
12:01:59 Now watching yet another novelty covers ukulele band. Ukes are not novelties.  
12:35:38 Just had a bowl of chilli in the rain. Was nicer than it sounds.  
12:41:35 More thrilling news from the big chill as it happens. Touch your dials.  
13:39:49 Just had a little sleep in the guest area. I have my own chair. I am quite relaxed.  
13:47:22 It's a shame I never see people dressed as characters from Street Fighter at festivals.  
13:48:50 Just once: a Blanka, Ryu or Chun Li. Is that too much to ask?  
13:49:20 No Kens though. Ken's whack.  
13:54:20 Dressing like an Oxfam volunteer is very popular, though.  
14:06:23 Incidentally, I've now spent all my money, so can someone start paying me to do this? Thanks.  
14:37:45 About to watch Easy Star All Stars. I, or someone very near me, smells pretty bad.  
15:49:30 ESAS continue to murder The Beatles. Radiodread & Dub Side we're just a bit flat.  
16:04:25 Nothing says 'I'm a Guardian reader' like reading The Guardian at a festival.  
16:13:21 Thanks for the well wishes. It's nice and sunny here.  
16:22:47 Pathaan makes me feel good about my DJ career. He has one person dancing.  
17:56:09 Enjoyed Keyboard Choir. Gonna try and catch N-Type before Mr Manuva.  
18:34:16 Missed N-Type for a shower. None of the eight showers had hot water. Really  
19:12:24 Talkin bout Dj SS and Dj Die. Old. Skool.  
19:17:43 Thought I'd try the Joe Elliott look. <http://twitpic.com/2cjm4r>  
19:49:26 "Plan B or Roots Manuva?" Hahahahahahaha! Not a joke, apparently.  
19:59:23 Mount Kimbie get a 30 minute set? Ummm...  
20:24:49 Mr Manuva's bass is threatening to kill everything. No-one seems to care.  
20:28:17 'Witness' killing Deer Park stage.  
20:37:10 There is such a thing as too much bass. This is new to me.  
20:41:42 Actually, this isn't very good.  
21:16:35 Here's a tip. Don't eat steak cooked by topless men with nipple tassles on ecstasy.  
21:28:09 Plan B is so so awful. Anyone that gave his album more than two stars should resign.  
21:28:54 It's been a slow day today.  
21:33:33 Lots of drugs are being ingested at the big chill. None by me obvs. (Pls see epilepsy blog if you don't believe me).  
21:39:39 Review of today won't be very good. Personal highlight was eating a Double Decker.  
21:59:10 Was on my way to see Kimbie, but DJ Woody SMASHING the Igloo tent. Solid Steel styles!  
22:19:19 Ok. On to kimbie.

22:26:43 Came via MIA. No gingers were killed.  
22:28:57 Made it. They sound good, especially overlooking the lake.  
22:33:34 Overheard: "You guys have been very stoic in getting some weed."  
22:37:08 Mount Kimbie putting in the work K&D should have last night.  
22:41:21 Listening to this and thinking back to Ninja Tune's 'X', it's incredible how far music has come in a decade.  
23:03:53 Very good, Kimbie boys. Plastician now? Yeah.

### **Sunday, 8th of August.**

11:44:21 Alive. Jerk chicken. Paradiso tent. Dub. Dub. Dub.  
11:53:54 Wondering if it's possible to be wealthy and raise a kid that's not annoying.  
12:33:19 Real excited about seeing Joker and Kevin Martin later. I don't look it though.  
12:57:55 "I don't know why, but there is no justice." Oh, Natty, you really are wise.  
13:57:13 Still here.  
13:59:34 About to meet another person off Twitter.  
14:37:46 Kid walks up, "You selling any Ketamin?" Hahahahahahahahaa!  
14:41:11 Almost time for Mad Professor. I have new sunglasses to rep SW17.  
14:42:50 Sitting my fat arse on foam is some kind of twisted bliss.  
14:45:04 It is the last day of the big chill. Kate flies to Pakistan to help with the floods tomorrow. I love her.  
14:46:42 Gonna be a lonely couple of weeks. Still. I will have the cat for company.  
14:50:15 I'll not miss outdoor festivals though. Looking forward to Brainfeeder rave next week.  
14:51:08 Earlier I met some scantily clad teenage girls. I had nothing to say.  
14:56:40 I look forward to battling with you on the Northern Line tomorrow. I'll be the one that stinks.  
14:58:04 Were it sentient, my washing machine is about to hate me.  
15:09:54 Mad Professor wheeling everyting back and destroying the PA.  
16:05:23 Ketamin appears to be the most pointless drug ever. Teens zombified in front of rhythmic bass.  
16:40:03 I'm now listening to media types trying to outsell each other. Terrible.  
16:43:36 Dear Big Chill organisers, I know better DJs than you. Trust.  
16:43:41 I don't know what makes media types so awful. (I'm not a media type, but I am awful).  
17:36:35 Randomly met old friend. He was going to see, er, Paloma Faith. So yeah. Dam Funk time.  
  
17:54:40 I be watchin Dam Funk. Motherfucker be cooler than Keith.  
17:54:46 At Reading, they shout "Bollocks!" At The Big Chill, they shout "Alan!"  
19:09:57 Theo Parrish is playing some music. FFS it's day 4. What more do you want?  
19:34:46 Knackered. Just Joker and The Bug to hang on for.  
21:19:47 "Scuse me, mate. You got any MDMA?" Er...  
21:22:08 Joker was good. Nice dnb, but Magnetic Man was better.  
21:24:02 Time for Kevin.  
22:03:01 Bug is so disappointing. Tech problems hard to recover from. Sound shit. Flowdan nowt special.  
22:04:58 What a let down.  
22:06:12 Too many rewinds, no tunes from London Zoo. Boo.  
22:07:04 Well, they're playing Skeng and it sounds shit. Later.  
22:09:02 And every idiot thinks every bassline is amazing. Wankers.  
22:16:29 Now listening to some more shit music.

## Monday, 9th of August.

00:47:48 Cold!

01:07:43 I am literally in a room of sycophantic media types. If I was a suicide bomber, I'd go now.

01:40:27 Should any of you become moderately famous (Hi Tom), don't become a twat. Thanks.

01:42:34 I say these things partly because I shall never be a succesful media type. I'm the wrong type of knob.

01:42:40 There must and shall be chips.

02:57:52 It's late. I'm smoking apple shisha overlooking the festival site. We're nearly done.

02:58:49 Thanks for all your tweets, retweets and not unfollowing. Normal service will resume soon.

03:40:25 Here comes the sun.

07:24:46 Oh man. Air conditioning.

07:54:21 I'm in a queue for a platform. This is a first.

07:58:15 People are angry about the train situation. Not sure the Big Chill has not had its desired effect.

08:01:44 Just been told I'm guaranteed a seat on the train I've paid to be on. Ace.

08:02:09 On the bus to the station. Smells so bad being in such close proximity to people.

08:02:10 Cannot wait to be home. Operating on two hours sleep.

08:02:11 Recall watching 'One Night In Turin' last night. It was good.

08:03:54 New arrivals are attempting to jump the queue. People are idiots.

08:04:50 The music writer for the Independent (Simon?) is at the front of the queue looking scornful.

09:06:19 I am, like, so totally, literally not in, like, Great Malvern any more. Hurrah!

09:12:38 The only song I can remember from this weekend is Joker : Digidesign. So #nowplaying

09:36:09 #nowplaying Ital Tek - Midnight Colour.

10:13:06 Faded.

11:17:55 s-l-o-w-t-r-a-i-n-t-o-l-o-n-d-o-n

11:38:14 Hi London. You look great.

13:27:55 The first six seconds of this clip is precisely what happened at the : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaPepCVepCg>