

### Permanent Music Festival Licence obtained for Hop Farm

After a heavily contested hearing the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council granted a permanent premises licence with a capacity for 50,000 persons for a music festival at the Hop Farm Country Park in Kent. It paved the way for the a Bob Dylan concert in July and now negotiations are underway for an exciting line up in 2011. ( See picture below))

Residents objected to the grant of the licence on the ground of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder. There were so many objectors in attendance that the hearing had to be held at the Riverside Centre, Tonbridge.

Stephen Thomas said that the licence that much needed income would be brought into the economy as a result of the grant of the licence and put forward a suite of conditions that would deal with concerns raised.

After careful consideration a licence operational until 2.00 a.m. daily was approved.

