



Nailsea Folk Club

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*W*elcome. It has been a very exciting summer with a huge amount of activity at the Tithe Barn. The mediaeval timbers have been revealed and the walls taken back to stone. It will be a beautiful building which we hope to officially open next May during the festival. Do come along to the AGM (which will be short) followed by presentations and pictures of the restoration. 7.30pm Tuesday 7th Sept at Holy Trinity.

This year's festival was a great success, all the better for including so many local performers and artists. It also raised £3500 towards the Tithe Barn renovation. A huge thank you to all of those who helped.

Sadly one of our great supporters and Irish musicians Bob Warwick died just before the festival. We are holding a special Irish night on Sunday 12th September in his memory.

This autumn's programme has some great musicians and new faces. It should be a lot of fun we do look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

David

What's On

• Club Events •

Sun 12th Sept

Bob Warwick Memorial Night
Irish Session Night
with the Sessioneers and
Hibernia Society

Fri 17th Sept

Alan Burke

Fri 24th Sept

Hannah James
and Sam Sweeney

Fri 8th Oct

Megson

Fri 22nd Oct

Reg Meuross
and Bethany Porter

Fri 19th Nov

KAN: The Finnegan
O'Rourke Quartet

Fri 3rd Dec

Fay Hield Trio

Fri 17th Dec

DIY Christmas!

• Seasonal Event •

Sat 18th Dec

Christmas Barn Dance

Doors open at 7.30pm for all performances unless otherwise stated

Tickets are available from the club, Nailsea Music Shop or by sending a cheque + SAE to:
 Nailsea Folk Club, PO Box 1109, Nailsea, BS48 4WA

Please visit our website for more up to date news - www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk

Ring O' Bells

Sun 12th September - The Bob Warwick Memorial Night

Irish session night with members of the Sessioneers and Hibernia Society. Free - collection in aid of British Heart Foundation.

Fri 17th September - Alan Burke - £10

Alan is a brilliant, charismatic performer. He performs Irish songs with rich vocals and exquisite guitar accompaniments. He has a great sense of humour and is well loved at Nailsea. He first came to prominence in one of the best ever Irish groups, Afterhours. He currently lives in Dublin and tours internationally with At First Light.

Support from Finnegan's Chin, with jigs and reels in abundance.

The reason the programme starts with a cluster of concerts is that Alan asked to change the date we had in mind ... he's been booked to play with the Royal Philharmonic in Liverpool!

<http://www.myspace.com/alanburkesings>

Fri 24th September - Hannah James and Sam Sweeney - £10

Recently nominated for the Horizon Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Hannah James and Sam Sweeney are clearly a duo on the rise. But they are no strangers to each other having performed together since their teens in the four-piece Kerfuffle. In 2009 they quickly cemented their reputation as rising stars with debut album "Catches and Glees".



Hannah has a superb voice and is a step dancer in the award winning act The Demon Barber Roadshow. Sam plays fiddle and



Northumbrian pipes and is a member of Bellowhead. As a duo they have great energy and an infectious spontaneity.

'Hannah and Sam enthralled a packed house with their playing, singing and dancing – all performed with a disarming wit and charm.'

<http://www.hannahandsam.co.uk/>

Ring O' Bells

Fri 8th Oct - Megson - £10

Someone in our audience suggested that Megson were a "must book". Stu and Debbie Hanna hail from Teeside. Having now heard them I am really excited about having them at Nailsea. A young, fresh and highly acclaimed duo, who perform live with great energy and musicality. Superb arrangements and stunning harmonies. Given Debbie has a degree in music and postgraduate distinction as a soprano and Stu has produced albums for Seth Lakeman and Show of Hands it is not surprising they are so good.



<http://www.megsonmusic.co.uk/>



Fri 22nd Oct - Reg Meuross with Bethany Porter on Cello - £10

"Reg tells it with soul" "One of Britain finest singer song writers"

In recent years Reg has gained the recognition he clearly deserves. He's a performer with great integrity, a true delight to spend the evening with. His album "Dragonfly" received critical acclaim and this autumn is releasing a new

compilation. People raved about his performance at Priddy this year.

<http://www.regmeuross.com/>



Tues 14th Sept - Blagovest at Holy Trinity Church - 7:30pm

For those who were disappointed, this great Russian ensemble from St Petersburg has finally got permission to come to the UK. They will be performing a collection of sacred and traditional Russian music. Entry on the door. Retiring collection.

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Fri 19th Nov - Kan: The Finnegan O'Rourke Quartet - £12

This group includes two of the biggest names on the folk scene, Brian Finnegan on flute and whistles, leading member of FLOOK and Aidan O'Rourke the Scottish fiddle player and founding member of Blazin' fiddles, Lau and Tabache. Accompanied by Ian Stephenson on guitar/double bass and Jim Goodwin drums.



This will be a very popular night and will feature music of the very highest calibre. Not to be missed

<http://www.myspace.com/aidanorourke>

<http://www.myspace.com/briantfinnegan>

Fri 3rd Dec - Fay Hield Trio - £10

Fay came to fame with the Witches of Elswick and then took time out to complete her PhD and discover motherhood. Now she is returning with Ron Harbron (concertina: English acoustic collective) and Sam Sweeney (fiddle: Kerfuffle and Bellowhead). They serve a spicy stew of songs!



Instrumentation includes fiddles, concertina, nyckelharpa, symphonie and guitar. The sound is at once crafty and nimble, airy and graceful, full of zest and nuance, sensitive to the tradition yet utterly distinctive. Fay leads with a voice whose rough edges are still thrillingly intact, and which goes straight to the living heart of the songs.

The Trio's first outing, at the Oxford Festival in 2009, was flagged up approvingly by Acoustic Magazine as that mag's Gig of the Month:

"Fay's strong voice, with soft, comforting northern tones, delivered songs from the length and breadth of the country... Contained within a festival bursting at the seams with talent, this performance really stood out as one of the highlights." <http://www.fayhield.com>

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Fri 17th Dec - A 'Do-It-Yourself' Christmas!

Last year we had such fun before the main act came on I was asked by a number of people to organise an impromptu night of Christmas fun with community singing and audience participation. But don't be afraid; with the talent we can draw on it will be a great night.

So by way of an experiment here we go! No tickets, just a collection in aid of Shelter.

Special Event

Progressive Meal: Saturday 16th October

In aid of the Tithe Barn.

A great way of getting to know people and sharing a meal together.

For details ring Alison Boddy 855767 or email: alibod@blueyonder.co.uk

Seasonal Event

Sat 18th Dec - The Annual Christmas Barn Dance in aid of Macmillan.

Fougere Rouge and friends will be playing at Winscombe Village Hall.

Always a great night with a festive atmosphere and good food.

Adults £10, Families £25.

Fri 31st Dec - New Year's Eve Party at Grove School.

in aid of the Tithe Barn.. This year we are planning a Mexican theme.

Fajitas included. Adults £10, Families £25 9.00pm – 1.00am

Club Objectives

Concerts are only one dimension of the folk club. If you are interested we also have singers and musicians nights, Irish sessions, barn dances, the Acorns youth group and the Barley Rye community choir.

Indeed congratulations are due to Barley Rye who have now been singing for ten years. Formed in 1999 as a one year project to celebrate the millennium they've gone from strength to strength under the stewardship of their musical director Keith Burrows. He deserves a medal!

We also support and run 'Music and Memories' on Sunday afternoons for people with dementia and carers. Anyone can come; if you know someone who might benefit please do contact us.

Tithe Barn

The folk club looks to play an active role in the community and we have invested heavily in the redevelopment of the Tithe Barn.

Work on site commenced this spring which is really exciting. To celebrate the beginning of this monumental project we thought we'd include a spread of pictures... More details and regular updates can also be found at www.nailseatithebarn.co.uk



Images taken between May and August 2010. Project is due for completion early Summer 2011. New outbuildings will be occupied by Nailsea Town Council

Tithe Barn



If you have any old photographs of the Tithe Barn when it was a school we would love to see them. Please email them to clerk@nailseatowncouncil.gov.uk or drop them into the Town Council Offices.

Regular Events

Singers/Musicians nights: 2nd Tuesdays 8.30pm Free!

On the second Tuesday of the month we meet in the Grove Sports Centre opposite the Pub. This has a private lounge for those who like a quiet "space".

Also check out The Blue Flame at West End, 3rd Tuesdays.

Website

The Club has a great Website: www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk
Worth a look, it's linked to the websites of the guests appearing.
We're also on mspace: www.mspace.com/nailseafolkclub

Tickets

Although we often have a few on the door, we regularly sell out, so it is best to buy in advance! (Note: Unclaimed tickets will be sold from 8.30).

Tickets are available from the club, Nailsea Music Shop or by sending a cheque + SAE to: Nailsea Folk Club, PO Box 1109, Nailsea, BS48 4WA.

The ticket information line 01275 790915 gives details regarding availability.

Doors open at 7.30 ish on Fridays, depending on sound checks.

Disabled Access

The Ring o' Bells has easy, level, access although the toilet is not specially adapted. It is a similar situation at The Grove. If you need advice or assistance, please ring and let us know (tel: 540231) and we will do all we can to help.

Directions

The Ring o' Bells is to the south of Nailsea next to Holy Trinity Church and Grove Sports Centre which are both sign-posted from Queens Road, a major arterial road which runs the length of Nailsea, south of the town centre. From the A370 traffic lights at Backwell, take sign to Nailsea. After hill, left into Queens Road, second left into The Perrings, third right into Whiteoak Way. The Pub is 300m on the right. (BS48 4NQ)

Plugs!

Fine Ale and Food in a friendly pub at the Ring o' Bells 01275 790009

Nailsea Music Shop: High St. Local for all your needs 01275 855021

Fougere Rouge: Fun barn dance band. Ring David 01275 540231

Harry Browns: Salty Fun email: harrybrowns@btinternet.com Chris Fry: 01458 274407

Folkclub projects:

Acorns; Youth music group, meets Saturdays; Contact David 01275 540231

Barley Rye Choir: meets Sunday evenings. Contact Keith Burrows 0117 9248817

Music and memories; Sunday afternoons. Contact David 01275 540231

Irish sessions: Sunday evenings. Email Lindsay: lindsaymoore@btconnect.com

Singers / Musicians nights, second Tuesdays contact Rich 01275 857784

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