



THE HORSES MOUTH

Autumn 2010 Part 1

1st Sept - Ric Sanders & Vo Fletcher www.ricsanders.co.uk

Special Guest Night - Admission £8 (Cons. £6)

Supported by Linda Watkins

We have been trying to persuade Ric to play at the club for ages and what better way to start off the season! At a Ric Sanders and Vo Fletcher concert the audience can expect the unexpected. These world-class instrumentalists draw their repertoire from the greatest contemporary composers of popular music, crossing all boundaries and defying categorization. Sharing a common thread of great melodic strength, works by jazz masters such as Duke Ellington, Stephane Grapelli, Miles Davis and Joe Zawinul are juxtaposed with the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Wonder and The Beatles. Original compositions, folk tunes and some re-worked Fairport Convention favorites are also found in the eclectic mix. Vo and Ric embarked upon their first collaboration when they were barely out of their teens, playing pieces by Grapelli and Django Reinhardt around the jazz and folk clubs of their native Birmingham. Vo went on to become a prolific composer for British television. He has recorded and performed with such notable artists as Nigel Kennedy, Touch and Go, Rik Mayall, Dave Swarbrick, Andrew Cronshaw, Martin Simpson, Chris Leslie, Simon Nicol, Donovan and many others.

Support Linda Watkins, is a Singer/Songwriter and guitarist - but it doesn't end there. She also enjoys playing mandolin and bodhran and owns an assortment of more unusual instruments including Portuguese Guitar, Puerto Rican Cuatro, Greek Bouzouki, Cittern and Dulcimer which sometimes sneak their way into her performances! Linda's songs reflect a very varied set of musical influences from traditional folk and classical composers to heavy rock and popular writers from a host of nations - the list is almost as endless as her love of music in all its forms. She is well known at the club often playing floor spots or guesting in her own right as a soloist or with other like minded local artists.

8th Sept - Sing, Say, Listen and Play

Open session led by Sheena & Davey McCormack (Donations min £2)

Open sessions in our programme are to encourage everyone to have a go in a less formal setting. A chance to try something new, join up with other performers, join in the singing or just have a good old jam! We are inviting local artists to lead these sessions. We know you will be in good hands with Sheena and Davey, regulars at the Bell Folk Session at Adderbury and well known to the club for their sparkling performances in One Night Stand.

15th Sept - Sea Songs and Shanties with a Fish 'n' Chip Supper at 8.00 p.m.

Book your meal in advance 01295 709881 or by e-mail

Fish & Chips £5 large/£4 medium/£2 small or Sausage & Chips £3

With 'Sharp as Razors' and Club Members - Admission £6 (Cons. £5)

To get you into the spirit for the Sea Songs and Shanties night at the Festival, we welcome back 'Sharp as Razors' who led us in some rousing choruses at a recent Open Stage Night. There will also be opportunities for Folk Club members to do floor spots. Please book these with Mary. All spots must have a nautical connection and no doubt there will be a few Salty Dog tales as well! Not to mention Pirate jokes! Aargh!

22nd Sept - Open Stage Night with guest MC Mike Moyes

Please pre-book your spot

Our open stage nights have proved very successful over the past few years. They are usually fully booked a month in advance! At the last one we were delighted to a wide variety of acts. Many of these acts will almost certainly have a future booking either at the club or the festival so by coming along to our Open stage nights,

not only as performers, but as a listening audience gives you the chance to preview the acts first. There are only six spots, so if you want to perform in one of them, please book it well in advance on 01295 709881.

**29th Sept - Mick Ryan & Paul Downes www.wildgoose.co.uk
Special Guest Night- Admission £8 (Cons. £6)
Supported by Mark Pidgeon**

MICK RYAN is well known on the folk scene as a fine singer of traditional and original songs. He was described by "Folk Roots" as 'definitely the most underrated singer in the country.' Having written both comic and serious material for the very popular band "Crows" in the 1980's, he has since written for radio and a series of highly successful folk musicals: 'A Tolpuddle Man' (with Graham Moore); 'A Day's Work' ; 'The Voyage'; 'Tanks for the Memory' and, recently, 'The Navy's Wife.'

PAUL DOWNES has a sensitive, yet fun approach to live performances which puts him among the most respected artists on the British acoustic music scene today. He has been introduced (to his embarrassment) as one of the greatest acoustic guitarists in the world. It is easy to see why when you see the dazzling array of styles he performs with effortless brilliance, but, at the same time, considers himself a singer of songs rather than a guitar technician.

Paul has a rich musical background that has progressed through working with Phil Beer, The Arizona Smoke Revue, Pete Seeger and, currently, The Joyce Gang, who appeared at the club in our early days! Together, then, Mick and Paul provide singing, music and entertainment of the very highest quality.

Supporting Mick and Paul is singer/guitarist Mark Pidgeon - Mark is no stranger to the club, giving us some exciting performances at our Open Stage Nights and at the Acousticana Night. He also was well received by our audience at the Songwriting Competition this year and his thought provoking songs certainly hit home. He does some feisty arrangements of Steve Knightley numbers too and will be the perfect compliment to our main guests.

6th Oct - Club Closed pre Festival

8th-10th Oct Banbury Folk Festival www.banburyfolkfestival.co.uk

**13th Oct Post Festival Sing, Say, Listen and Play
Open session led by Bill Bates (Donations min £2)**

The annual wind-down session after the Festival while Derek and Mary take a few days off to recover! Though with Bill Bates running this it might be more of a wind-up than a wind-down!

**20th Oct Putting on the Ritz - Admission £6 (Cons. £5)
A touch of glamour in these times of austerity!**

Putting on the Ritz- an evening of music and song from the fabulous forties and thereabouts brought to you by **The Ritz Crackers** aka Paula and Stuart Tindall, Linda Watkins, Chris Tobin, Mike Moyes and Sue Halls. Listen and sing along to classics from the first half of the last century.

They'll be dressing up for the occasion, posh frocks and DJ's and hope you will too!!!

27th Oct The wRants- Admission £6 (Cons. £5) www.wrants.com

They went down a storm at the Summer BBQ/Fundraiser, so we just had to have them back! wRants is a five piece instrumental band based in Banbury, Oxfordshire. The band has existed through various guises for around seven years, in which time the musicians have built up considerable playing experience including Fairport's Cropredy Convention. Starting out as a folk orientated band wRants have since developed their own unique sound, combining influences from dance music, classic rock, disco and traditional folk just to name a few to create really exciting and really good music. In seven years wRants has become a great live band, delivering a show that is full of energy and outstanding musicianship.

***Floor Spots - You are welcome to book in for a floor spot, usually two to three numbers, on club guest nights apart from Special Guest nights. Just have a word with us at the club, phone and leave a message on 01295 709881 or e-mail us!
Derek & Mary***