



THE HORSES MOUTH

Banbury Folk Club

8.30 pm, Millers Bar, The Mill Arts Centre



Winter - Spring 2012 (Part 1)

4th Jan - Welcome in the New Year with the Sly Old Dogs

Distilled from a variety of Warwickshire folk bands and all ex-Oddsods at one time or another, the Sly Old Dogs provide vintage "music for a rare old time". With a style to suit most occasions, the Dogs are equally at home performing to audiences of all ages in pubs, clubs and festivals. Their high-energy renditions of mainly Irish and Scottish (with some English) traditional songs and airs bring joy and delight their enthusiastic listeners. The band's wide repertoire ranges from traditional favourites such as Whiskey in the Jar, Irish Rover, Leaving of Liverpool, to contemporary folk classics like The Fields of Athenry, Green Fields of France and Dirty Old Town, with plenty of high-energy jigs and reels thrown in. www.myspace.com/slyolddogs

11th Jan - Sing, Say, Listen and Play

Open session led by Sue Halls & Alan Maasz

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. As well as being loyal supporters of our club, Sue and Alan regularly perform at the Bell sessions in Adderbury and can be guaranteed to get us all joining in with the first SSLaP of the New Year!

Jug Collection - Donations- min £2

18th Jan - Mark Pidgeon & Friends

Launch of Mark's CD 'Sold down the River'

with Nick Holland, Tom Leary, Michael Harris & Simon Muggeridge

Mark Pidgeon is no stranger to Banbury Folk Club or Banbury Folk Festival, appearing in his own right or with his band Fagin's Gang. He has been well received by our audience in the Folk Club Songwriting Competition in the past, and his thought provoking songs certainly hit home. He does some feisty arrangements of Steve Knightley numbers too. We are very excited to be supporting Mark with the launch of his CD 'Sold Down The River' which is a gutsy album, drawing on life experiences, with songs written from the heart. On the album Mark writes "Throughout history the working man has given his life for his country. He is rewarded by forever being 'Sold down the river' by the ruling classes." Come along and give this album the support it deserves!

www.markpidgeon.com

Admission £6.00/Concessions £5.00

25th Jan "Burns" night with Selkie (Hector Gilchrist & Liz Thomson)

& a Haggis, Tatties & Neeps Supper - piped in by Steve Duffy

Hector Gilchrist, a great Scottish singer/guitarist from Ayrshire with a golden voice is well versed in the songs and poems of "Rabbie Burns". Hector will be once again joined by Liz Thomson from the Highlands, whose lovely voice and harmonies accompany him so well as the duo "Selkie". No better artists for celebration of "the man". A haggis, tatties 'n' neeps supper will be provided at a small extra charge. Hector will be addressing the haggis in true Burns style, plus this year we are very pleased to be joined by bagpiper, Steve Duffy, to set the scene for our best Burns Supper yet! Please don't eat a big dinner before you arrive! www.celticfolksongs.co.uk

Admission £7.00/Concessions £6.00 - Supper £4.50

*1st Feb. Special Guest Night with Tom Leary and PJ Wright
Support - Stevie Matt Cooper*

Once again we have invited this unique pair of outstanding and popular local musicians. PJ and Tom did their first gigs together in the 1990's with The Steve Gibbons Band and went on from there to form Little Johnny England in 1988. Over the next few years, Little Johnny England toured the concert and festival scene across the UK, Europe, USA and the Far East. PJ has continued to work with Steve Gibbons in the Dylan Project with Dave Pegg and Simon Nichol of Fairport Convention and also with Dave Pegg as the duo PJ & Peggy. Tom is well known for his fine fiddle playing in "Feast of Fiddles" for the past 17 years alongside the likes of Phil Beer, Dave Mattocks, Peter Knight and Chris Leslie. Another project is Tanna with Tom playing with Peter Knight and Kevin Dempsey who also joined Tom previously at the club. It is going to be another great outstanding night of music and song. Don't miss it!

Tom and PJ will be supported by local singer/songwriter Stevie Matt Cooper who is making quite a name for himself in the Banbury area, performing regularly at the Mill, most recently in his show, Acoustic Winter. Stevie went down a storm at our Open Stage night last November.

www.hedgeofsound.com

www.feastoffiddles.com/tomleary.htm

www.steviemattcooper.webs.com

Admission £8/Concessions £6

*8th Feb- Linda Watkins & Mike Moyse
The 'Behind the Clock' Album Tour*

Celebrating the release of Linda's latest album, 'Behind the Clock', tonight's gig forms part of a tour in which the album has so far been very well received. In December 2011, Linda & Mike played tracks live on Sue Merchant's show on BBC radio Cambridgeshire. Linda's songs reflect a very varied set of musical influences from traditional to contemporary. Born and raised in the Welsh valleys, Linda is somewhat of a musical chameleon - well known for her diverse sets incorporating many different genres of music. Her entertaining performances and on-stage warmth have kept the audiences coming back for many years. The music is delivered expertly on a selection of instruments, along with some fascinating anecdotes and stories in between. It was recently said that she is, 'One of the few artists around who can really say they capture an audience' Linda is accompanied by Lowestoft-born Mike Moyse, primarily on bass guitar and upright electric double bass but who is also equally at home providing backing vocals and second guitar. We had a taster of the new album when the duo supported Peggy and PJ at the beginning of December and are looking forward to hearing more!

www.myspace.com/lindawatkins

www.watkinsmoyses.co.uk

www.michaelmoyses.co.uk

Admission £6.00/Concessions £5.00

15th Feb - Valentine Special- 'Loving Pairs'

with Matt & Lorna Morton, Toots & Fraser, Sheena & Davey McCormack and Paula & Stuart Tindall.

Put a bit of romance into your lives with our Valentines Special 4 talented musical couples with very diverse styles performing for us on the theme of 'Love'!

Matt and Lorna Morton appeared recently at the club in their band 'Red Kite Rising' when the club was enchanted by Lorna's fiddle playing. As well as playing with the band, the club has enjoyed being entertained by Matt as a soloist. Matt has previously been a popular contender in the Folk Club Songwriting Competition and he supported Keith Donnelly with the Matt Morton Band in February last year. As a duo, Matt and Lorna tend to mainly do traditional Irish tunes, some of Matt's songs, and some Irish/Celtic covers.

www.myspace.com/redkiterising

Toots n' Fraser aka Suzanne & Fraser Winterbottom, have appeared at the club in various guises including Fat Freddy's Cat and Rag n' Roll Band and as a duo they supported Les Barker at the club last June. Fraser is a singer songwriter/guitarist from the Buckingham area and plays blues, jazz, folk, acoustic, ragtime and a smattering of unexpected arrangements of pop songs. Susanne plays accordion and keyboard. www.fraserw.com

Sheena & Davey McCormack can be regularly found at the Bell Folk Club sessions in Adderbury and also in the trio, One Night Stand, with melodeon player, Sandra Shallis. Sheena & Davey describe their music as unruly folk and country blues, drawing from such diverse sources as the Dixie Chicks, ahab, John Tams and Tchaikovsky. They are inspired by all of the greats; Fairport, Bellowhead, Chris While and Julie Mathews as well as by some new bands such as the Decemberists and the Old Crow Medicine Show. Sheena is a recovering Boxhedge Clipper and former member of the Hooky Band. And is well known in Oxfordshire as a ceilidh caller and fiddler, Davey plays bouzouki and is occasionally allowed to sing- but quietly! His background is in blues but he has become a 'full on folkie' since meeting Sheena.

Paula & Stuart Tindall have been playing at folk clubs since the early '80s & went on to form their family Band in 2005 when their daughters were just 13 and 10, with gigs at folk clubs and festivals across the Midlands and Home Counties. Regulars at our Club and Festival they have also featured at Upton, Warwick & Bromyard Folk Festivals; a highlight being opening the Main stage concert at Bromyard Festival supporting Seth Lakeman. 2010 saw them achieving their ambition of performing at Fairport's Cropredy Convention. Now that older daughter, Sarah is at university, Paula & Stuart have a chance to perform as a duo again and we are sure they will not disappoint! www.paula-and-stuart-tindall.co.uk

Admission £6.00/Concessions £5.00

*22nd Feb - Open Stage Night
Guest MC tbc*

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. To book a slot, either e-mail us or 'phone Derek and Mary on 01295 709881 and leave a message.

Admission £6.00/Concessions £5.00

*29th Feb - Sing, Say, Listen and Play
Open session led by John Leslie*

Round off February on this Leap Year evening with another SSLaP session! Anything can happen in these sessions, so who knows there might even be a few proposals! This is your chance to have a go in a less formal setting. (At performing, not proposing!) Why not 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. This time we are pleased to hand over to John Leslie, who currently leads a tune session at the Fox Hotel, Chipping Norton, on the fourth Monday of the month. We are hoping that some of John's fellow musicians will join him.

Jug Collection - Donations- min £2

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