

THE HORSES MOUTH

Summer 2010 (Part 2)

7th July - Austin Allegro Country Dance Consortium

If you were at Derek's Surprise Birthday Concert on 21st April, you will have had a taste of what is in store for you tonight!

Like a special phoenix rising from the ashes of The Boxhedge Clippers, The Austin Allegro Country Dance Consortium (featuring the Austin Allegro Owners Amateur Operatic Society) or AACDC (fAAOAOS) for short, will be providing tonight's entertainment. Compared by many as a band never easily forgotten and less favourably as merely a joke, the AACDC (fAAOAOS) perform a variety of songs and tunes that celebrate mediocrity and the proudly British "make do and mend" attitude. Though country dancing may not figure highly in this evening's performance (due to budget cuts) the band is entirely recession proof and may provide a satisfactory level of enjoyment for the evening. There will also be a quiz about cheese.

Admission £6/ Concessions £5

14th July- Open Stage Night

With Guest MC Jules the Apprentice Storyteller

Our Open Stage nights are a real opportunity for artists to strut their stuff on stage in front of an appreciative audience. They are always popular so if you want to have a go, you'd better contact Derek or Mary very quickly on **01295 709881** (24 hour answer-phone – Please leave details!) At the last one we were delighted by 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. You can show your appreciation by putting your particular favourite into our suggestion box, which will be reviewed when we plan the next programme.

Admission £6/ Concessions £5

21st July- Fraser Winterbottom and Friends

Fraser last played at the club with the Rag'n'Roll Band which will be featured this October at **Banbury Canal Day** and at **Banbury Folk Festival**.

Fraser, friends and fiends promises to be an evening of much fun with Fraser Winterbottom hosting and arranging all the guests. Expect many instrument changes and some great music including contemporary acoustic songs, folk, and a little jump jive from the 1950's. Fraser is well known around the area playing both with his Rag'n'roll band and local ceilidh bands; tonight he'll be singing his own songs on topics from morris dancing, to drink, love, politics, banks and all points in between. His collection of musical friends will be joining on saxophone, fiddle, accordion, bass, clarinet and more.... The evening which will also feature sets from Poacher's Blend - a new four piece featuring Matt Morton's songwriting; Dave & Sarah Horne who are travelling up from Kent to perform. Dave is a fine folk singer/guitarist and Sarah a songwriter/piano player and past winner of the Castlebar song contest; and Mike Moyses will be performing as well as guesting on bass. Be prepared for a prompt start, the challenge will be fitting all the music in! Fraser's website can be found at <http://www.fraserw.com>

Admission £6/ Concessions £5

28th July- Annual BBQ and Festival Fundraiser Concert
At Drayton Leisure Golf Centre
Warwick Road (B4100) Banbury OX17 1HJ
With wRants, Scarecrow and The Tindalls

BBQ starts at 7.00 pm, followed by the Concert at 8.00 pm.

Due to the great support we have received from Nick and Lesley at Drayton Leisure Golf Centre for the Festival and the Song & Ale weekend we are moving our Summer BBQ/Festival Fundraiser to Drayton Leisure Golf Centre. As well as the BBQ there will be games and a raffle, all in aid of this year's Festival.

We are pleased to have the **wRants** back again - **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. (Is it really 7 years? D&M) www.wrants.com

Scarecrow last played the club on 2nd June. They are always very popular with our audience. The band consists of original "Ravens Taunt" member, Dave Moore (whistle, flute and hummelchen bagpipes), Gordon Raitt (guitar and bouzouki) and Rey Lear (bass guitar, flute and whistle). A fantastic combination of instruments which makes for great sounding haunting tunes and a good repertoire of songs which have also been built into their sets. www.scarecrowband.co.uk

This will be a chance for **The Tindalls** to perform for us in the run up to their big break at Cropredy Festival, where they will be opening on Friday. They recently did a cracking set supporting Miranda Sykes at the club. This well-loved local family band has a repertoire of contemporary as well as traditional folk/acoustic music, including a number of songs written by Stuart, regularly performed by the band. Whilst Stuart plays guitar & Paula plays percussion, Sarah plays bass guitar, keyboards & treble recorder, Kathryn plays flute, recorder, keyboards & rhythm guitar and all take turns in singing lead and backing vocals, resulting in a varied mix of music on their CDs and at gigs. www.mmyspace.com/thetindallfamily

We would like to thank all the Artists who have given their services free for this Festival Fundraiser.

A great chance to wind down for the Club Summer Break!

Admission £6/ Concessions £5 + a small charge for BBQ food!

AUGUST - CLUB CLOSED

Advance Notice of Special Guest night in the Autumn **1st September - Ric Sanders and Vo Fletcher**

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 & Go, Rik Mayall, Dave Swarbrick, Andrew Cronshaw, Martin Simpson, Chris Leslie, Simon Nicol, Donovan and many others. www.ricsanders.co.uk

Admission £8.00 (Cons. £6.00)