

THE NETTLEBED FOLK CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the Nettlebed Folk Club Newsletter – There are some great new acts for you to enjoy this season as well as regular favourites – Here are some highlights - We look forward to seeing you soon.

September 17 - DAPHNE'S FLIGHT - Christine Collister, Chris While, Julie Matthews, Helen Watson and Melanie Harrold - This is the last chance to see them live until May 2020.

Daphne's Flight are all contemporary songwriters who cross a huge range of topics and genres, blending folk, blues, jazz and pop whilst also dipping into new and vibrant arrangements of classic covers such as 'God Only Knows' by the Beach Boys and Elvis Costello's 'Ship Building'. All are woven together with striking harmonies and supported by a range of instrumentation and percussion. An evening with Daphne's Flight will be filled with energy, humour, passion and a power house of vocals. In the two decades since Daphne's Flight were together, **Christine Collister** has released 11 albums, a DVD celebrating 20 years of performance and continues to tour the globe. **Melanie Harrold**, as well as being a vocal therapist, now runs and arranges two celebrated London choirs. She released a live CD of her own music in 2013. **Chris While and Julie Matthews** have been a duo for 24 years receiving 10 BBC Folk Award nominations and winning in the best duo category in 2009. As well as their extensive tours which take them around the world, they have released 10 studio albums and are members of the celebrated Christmas band, **St Agnes Fountain**. **Helen Watson** has released several solo albums as well as recordings with The Love Notes, a respected all female a cappella group and Burden of Paradise, which features the mighty Snake Davis.

November 5 - FRIGG - hot fiddles from cool Finland.

Songlines' Top Of The World choices 2017 & 2014, Ethno Gala 2017 International Act of the Year. *'Scandinavian sultans of string'* Tony Hillier - *The Weekend Australian*, *'The playing is spectacular'* Living Tradition, *'Great fun!'* Mark Radcliffe, *'You can put me down as a fan'* Simon Nicol, *'High-energy full force fiddle attack to pastoral chamber-folk ... a thrilling performance from start to Finnish and the audience Lapped it up!'* Fatea Magazine, *'Really hot'* Spencer Leigh - *BBC Radio Merseyside*, *'One of the most vibrant and exciting instrumental bands anywhere on the planet'* Bruce MacGregor - *BBC Radio Scotland's Travelling Folk*, *'That fabulous Nordic band'* Genevieve Tudor's *Sunday Folk*, *'Boy, do they swing!'* Paul Burgess - *Living Tradition*, *'Five-star'* Fiona Talkington.

A leading act on the Nordic music scene, Frigg has dazzled Rainforest World Music Festival, WOMADelaide, Celtic Connections, The Scots Fiddle Festival, Fiddles On Fire, Cambridge Folk Festival, Orkney Folk Festival & many more. There's an enthusiastic appreciation of their fiddle-founded Nordgrass sound - a mix of Nordic folk and bluegrass. Possibly the most exciting, uplifting, gut-wrenching & hip-twitching band in the Northern Hemisphere. Don't miss this swirling blizzard of jigs, reels, polskas & bluegrass inventions. Scandomusic as good as it gets! New album is *Frost on Fiddles*.

'Embracing everything from Nashville to Nordkapp, Salzburg to Stornoway, this Helsinki septet manages to sound like a polka band, a rock group, or a Riverdance ensemble, while remaining purely acoustic and firmly string-powered. Four fiddles, an upright bass, guitars and mandos: that's all there is, but Frigg fill the air, live or on CD.' Alex Monaghan, *Folkworld*.

You don't have to be a member of the Village Club to attend the Folk Club. However membership gives access to the members private bar before and during the concerts plus priority entry to ticket holders on most evenings. The cost for the rest of 2018 is £10 and annual renewals will be due on 1st Jan 2019 at £20. (You may renew from 1st Nov). To guarantee the future of Nettlebed Folk Club we ask our **regular** Monday night attendees to be members of the Village Club. Details are on the booking form.

After **Belshazzar's Feast** on December 17th we break until the new year – re-opening with **The Bully Wee Band** on January 21st and **Seth Lakeman** on January 28th – don't miss out!

A reminder that the season at **Norden Farm Centre for the Arts** in Maidenhead continues on Sunday 30th September with BBC Folk Awards nominee **Dan Walsh** in a duo with legendary English concertina player **Alistair Anderson**. Other shows include two Nedron's Jig Ceilidhs, Fairport Convention, Faustus & Cara Dillon's Christmas Show.

Finally - Shows for 2019 are already on the Advance Booking Form & **You can now book all shows by bank transfer as well as the usual booking form route. Just call 01628 636620 for details.**

All the best for the new season and we hope to see you soon.