

## 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. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### January/Early February 2019.

We re-open with **The Bully Wee Band** on January 21<sup>st</sup> – They are a really dynamic 4 piece featuring **Ian Cutler from Feast of Fiddles** and a great way to start the season especially as our patron **Phil Beer** is doing the warm up for them this year!

On the 28<sup>th</sup> we are sold out for **Seth Lakeman's** solo show but **Phil Beer** is back again on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> to present his Patron's Evening. This year he has an amazing line up – he is bringing the award winning singer **Kelly Oliver** as well as **Hannah Martin (from Edgelarks)**, **Geoff Lakeman** and **Miranda Sykes**.

### Other highlights.

The rest of February looks like being very busy too with performances from **Breabach**, **Steve Knightley** (with more of his songs & stories from the road) and **McGoldrick McCusker & Doyle**. In March **Peter Knight** teams up again with **John Spiers** for a duo concert, **Craobh Rua** and **Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham** return - That's to say nothing of the usual 2 **Feast of Fiddles** shows this year celebrating 25 years since they started at Nettlebed. Phil Beer is also guesting with them at the Club this year.

### The Village Club.

**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. Village Club membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019. To guarantee the future of Nettlebed Folk Club we need our **regular** Monday night attendees to be members of the Village Club. If you have not already renewed or wish to join please follow the details on the booking form. Any questions please call 01628 636620.

### Norden Farm Maidenhead.

The new season starts at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in Maidenhead on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January with **Barry Coope & Lester Simpson** from 'Coope, Boyes & Simpson' teaming up with **Jo Freya & Fi Fraser** to form the group **Narthen**. They describe this as 'Life after Coope, Boyes & Simpson' so as well as superb harmonies they now add multi-instrumentalism! The programme continues on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February with folk icon **John Kirkpatrick** in a solo show and on Wednesday 20 March **Megan Henwood** introduces her new duo with Scottish singer/songwriter **Findlay Napier**. There is a Family Ceilidh on the afternoon of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April and the usual evening Spring Ceilidh on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, both these with **Nedron's Jig**.

### Village Club AGM – Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March - Attention all Village Club Members.

The AGM of Nettlebed Village Club takes place in the Club Hall on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm prompt. We ask that, if possible, you attend this meeting and to ensure, that if it comes to a vote, you support the Folk Club & that our two Committee Members are re-elected. They are Mike Sanderson & Roy Kirkum. We must have a good turnout at this meeting to continue to guarantee the success of our Folk Club. So if you can come please call 01628 636620 & let us know. If you have any questions please get in touch.

### Finally.

We are still raising money through our raffles to replace our stage lighting with an up to date LED system but if anyone would like to donate please contact us on 01628 636620.

Look out for the double header in April with the trio **Banter** and 'The Beginnings of Fairport Convention' presented by **Ashley Hutchings & Becky Mills**. While we're talking about Fairport Convention they are in concert in May and tickets are moving quickly as usual.

The following shows are now already starting to get very booked up - Steve Knightley, Feast of Fiddles, McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle & Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham. Don't miss out!

*You can do a bank transfer as well as the usual booking form route. Just call 01628 636620 to book.*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make the club run smoothly and to all of you for supporting folk music at Nettlebed.

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