

# Nettlebed Folk Club

7:30pm • The Village Club, High Street, Nettlebed RG9 5DD  
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MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

**Steve Knightley** – Folk legend, singer-songwriter and former Show of Hands frontman Steve Knightley is back with us for a unique new solo show. For this evening Steve will be revisiting some of his most iconic songs in a completely fresh performance. As well as featuring songs from his latest album. Known for his “powerful narratives and captivating stage presence” (Rock and Reel), Steve promises us an unforgettable evening of music and stories. ‘A craftsman at the peak of his powers’ Tony Hall (BBC Director- General 2013–20)

MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026

**Cara Dillon** – Cara, an extraordinary, multiple award-winning Irish folk singer will captivate us once again with her exquisite and enthralling live performance. Every note and word sung with passion and confidence earned through a lifetime of experience singing traditional songs. She will be accompanied tonight by acclaimed musician and producer, **Sam Lakeman**. Join Cara and Sam for an intimate evening full of exceptional music and warmth that they bring to the stage.

MONDAY 11 MAY

**Oysterband's John Jones with Ray Cooper and Al Scott** – **John Jones** is best known as the powerful and charismatic singer with **Oysterband**, veterans of the folk and roots scene since the 1980s. They started as **The Whitstable Oyster Company Ceilidh Band**, one of the best ceilidh bands in the business, which then evolved into **Oysterband**, releasing over 20 albums and playing every major festival in the UK, Europe and Canada. Now, with Oysterband saying farewell, **John** is about to embark on his next chapter, enlisting the help of his two long-standing friends and fellow musicians: **Ray Cooper a.k.a. Chopper and Al Scott**. Ray joined Oysterband in 1990 and brought in the cello sound alongside his bass and backing vocals before leaving in 2013 to go solo. Al has been associated with Oysterband for over 30 years and joined the band in 2013. Between them, the trio play a variety of instruments and will be performing a range of songs and tunes from over the years, from each of their back catalogues, alongside new songs and traditional numbers.

MONDAY 8 JUNE

**John McCusker, Sam Kelly & Toby Shaer** – **John McCusker** is one of the most revered and decorated traditional musicians of his generation. A multi award-winning fiddle player, producer and composer, John has been at the heart of the UK folk scene for over three decades. His distinctive, emotionally charged playing and

masterful compositions have made him a linchpin of contemporary Celtic music.

He is joined tonight by two of the most sought-after talents on the UK folk circuit. **Sam Kelly**, winner of the Horizon Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and finalist on Britain's Got Talent, has built a devoted following as frontman of Sam Kelly & The Lost Boys. His spellbinding voice, effortless charisma, and genre-blending approach have seen him perform at major festivals such as Cambridge Folk Festival and Glastonbury.

Completing the trio is **Toby Shaer**, a virtuoso multi-instrumentalist whose stunning command of flutes, whistles and guitars has made him a go-to touring musician. Toby has performed in some of the UK's most prestigious venues earning a reputation for his dynamic, expressive playing.

Together they bring a thrilling combination of instrumental brilliance, heartfelt songs and unforgettable live energy. A rich tapestry of original compositions, traditional melodies, and contemporary songs with warmth, humour, and sheer musical class. This trio delivers a rare experience, deeply rooted in tradition, yet bursting with innovation.

MONDAY 22 JUNE

**Phil Beer & Edwina Hayes** – With a professional career of over 35+ years, our patron Phil has a great deal of material to draw on, including an eclectic mix of traditional tunes, covers of Springsteen or The Hollies, traditional songs, his own compositions and songs from his contemporaries. All are sung in the subtle and melodic **Phil Beer** style and interjected with musings and amusings. It is a treat of past and current favourites from one of the most popular musicians on the acoustic circuit.

Tonight Phil is performing with **Edwina Hayes**, one of the finest female singer/songwriters this country has produced in years. Edwina brings together English folk, Americana and the rich Northern singer/songwriter tradition to create a sound that's truly her own. Highly accomplished she's toured with such notable performers as Jools Holland, Van Morrison, Nanci Griffith and Loudon Wainwright III to name just a few. The title track of her album *Pour Me A Drink* was covered by Nanci Griffith who calls her "the sweetest voice in England" and her cover of the Randy Newman song *Feels Like Home* was featured in the Cameron Diaz film *My Sister's Keeper* and has since had over twenty million plays on Spotify. Tonight they'll be doing a set each as well as performing together.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Monday 28 September – **Fara**

Monday 12 October – **Breabach**

Monday 19 October – **Chris While  
& Julie Matthews**

Monday 2 November – **Ímar**

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