

# Nettlebed Folk Club

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MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023

**SOLD OUT**

**St Agnes Fountain – The Corn Exchange, Place, Wallingford, OX10 0EG.**

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024

**Show Of Hands Full Circle Part ii – Benson Parish Hall, Sunnyside, Benson, nr. Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6LZ.**

After thirty remarkable years of non-stop touring Show of Hands, comprising Steve Knightley and Phil Beer, have announced that they will no longer tour together as Show of Hands for the foreseeable future, the duo has decided to prioritise their well-being, creativity, and longevity above the demands of the road.

This final 'Full Circle' tour is a chance for Show of Hands to say goodbye and celebrate the music they love so much. They are excited to take this opportunity to reflect on their incredible journey and share their music with fans old and new, and hope you can all join them to make it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Our show is in the second part of the 'Full Circle' tour - a chance for Show of Hands to return to their roots, performing where they began their musical journey.

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY

**McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle – The Corn Exchange, Market Place, Wallingford, OX10 0EG.**

Folk music's legendary triumvirate of musical magpies Mike McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle are on tour again in 2024, bringing you their own blend of top-class folk songs, tunes and charming bonhomie.

All three musicians have won global acclaim and are musicians in The Transatlantic Sessions: John Doyle (Dublin – vocals, guitar, bouzouki, mandola) is an Irish music linchpin and a founder member of acclaimed group Solas, who has worked with Joan Baez, Linda Thompson and Mary Chapin Carpenter. BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Winner John McCusker (Glasgow – fiddle, whistles, harmonium) has played with The Battlefield Band, Mark Knopfler and Bob Dylan, recorded with Paul Weller, and recently produced albums for Eddi Reader, Heidi Talbot and Kris Drever. Mike McGoldrick (Manchester – flute, whistles, Uilleann pipes, bodhran, clarinet, congas) is a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner, founding member of Lúnasa, and current member of Capercaillie, who has worked with

Mark Knopfler, Eddi Reader, John Cale. And that's just for starters.

With their vast repertoire, this will be an evening to remember. Described as the masters of flute, fiddle, song and guitar they have worked with the biggest and brightest and bring you a night of beautifully crafted music. Having shared stages and recording studios with everyone from Bob Dylan and Mark Knopfler to Paul Weller, Joan Baez and Linda Thompson, Mike, John & John are a rare musical treat you'll savour for a very long time.

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

**Feast of Fiddles – Benson Parish Hall, Sunnyside, Benson, nr. Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6LZ.**

The Feast of Fiddles set out on their Spring Tour once again in 2024 following a very successful return to the road last year after the pandemic. Born in Nettlebed on Valentine's Day 1994 as a one-off special concert, Feast of Fiddles has done 28 spring tours, 26 festivals and has 7 CDs to its name. Not bad for a bunch of old folk-rockers! This is a band of friends that puts on a show of huge dynamic range performed with passion, joy and a liberal dose of fun. The 6 fiddlers bring a large range of fiddle playing styles to the rock back-line – all held together by legendary drummer Dave Mattacks. As this is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the band you might hear a past member special guest as well. This is a live music entertainment like no other on the circuit which is guaranteed to be enjoyed by even the most doubting of friends dragged along!

*“Britain's fiddling supergroup” –  
Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2*

THURSDAY 30 MAY

**The Pitman Poets – Benson Parish Hall, Sunnyside, Benson, nr. Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6LZ.**

Be enthralled and entertained by the re-union of The Pitman Poets – A night of songs and stories, laced with North East humour and humanity.

They are: Lindsifarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, Warhorse Songman Bob Fox, Master of Tyneside song Benny Graham, and Award winning songwriter Jez Lowe.

*“Whoever's idea it was to bring these four together for a show should be awarded a gold medal for services to music.” – Ed Waugh, Theatre Critic*

To buy NFC tickets call 01628 636620 or 603670 [10am–8pm]