

Nettlebed Folk Club

Mondays 8–11pm • www.nettlebedfolkclub.co.uk

Patron: Phil Beer Residents: Terry Page, Bruce Gomersall & Jackie Oates

At The Village Club • High Street • Nettlebed Nr. Henley RG9 5DD

JUNE

13 The Churchfitters – This flamboyant band is unique and energetic! They present a fast-paced infectious show with fresh, original songwriting as well as rearranged songs & tunes from the British Isles. Outstanding vocals and an astonishing array of acoustic instruments including fiddles, bass, flute, saxophone, guitar, banjo, dulcimer, whistle, mandolin and musical saw!

Chris from the band says ...

Why "Churchfitters"? Nobody knows! They're not fitters and have absolutely nothing to do with churches. The name's origin is lost in the mists of time but there is one aspect that suits them perfectly – its quirkiness. When your array of instruments includes a motorcycle petrol tank, a musical saw and a Mercedes Benzouki made from hubcaps there's little point worrying if the name makes sense! Saucepan dulcimer, glass harp, Bing-Bong machine and magic boots all join some more conventional instruments (fiddle, banjo, sax and whistle to name a few) to back Rosie Short's sublime voice.

These four flamboyant characters present their uplifting and entertaining show with a unique dynamism and describe their music as "Folk Unlimited". Mike Harding calls it "Brilliant and beautiful" while Dave Pegg from Fairport Convention says they are "The most musically inventive group I've seen in decades".

20 – CLOSED

27 – P.I.G. – Pretty Interesting Group!! with special guests from Feast of Fiddles Originals including Simon Swarbrick and also a set from Megan Henwood.

P.I.G. is our own Feast of Fiddles back line band led by Hugh Crabtree who will be playing old favourites plus songs and tunes, from their recently launched new album – No Fiddlin' (including 'Home Is Where The Heart Is', 'Peat Bog Soldiers' & 'When My Ship Comes In'.

There might be some other names to add to this show!

JULY

4 Paul Downes & Phil Beer (from Show of Hands)

– A another special night – this time to mark over 40 years since Paul & Phil first played as a duo at Nettlebed and 50 years of playing together!! – this show will have a slightly American slant due to the date!

Paul's sensitive and yet fun approach to his live performances puts him among the most respected artists on the British

acoustic music scene today. He has been introduced (much to his embarrassment) as one of the greatest acoustic guitarists in the world. It is easy to see why when you see the dazzling array of styles he performs with effortless brilliance, but at the same time he considers himself as a singer of songs, rather than a guitar technician. Paul has a rich musical background that has progressed through working with Phil Beer, The Arizona Smoke Revue, Pete Seeger and The Joyce Gang. Eight albums with bands, three highly acclaimed solo albums and over one hundred and fifty session credits have still left time for Paul to tour every concert venue, theatre and festival in Britain, plus many tours in the USA and Europe. Cabaret in the West Indies and newsreading on US radio are but two other strings to his guitar.

Most people know Phil for being a member of 'Show of Hands' but he is also one of the most popular ambassadors for acoustic roots music. A dazzling instrumentalist and a top flight fiddler, he also finds time to play in the all-star line-up, Feast of Fiddles. But his skills don't stop there; he also plays slide, Spanish and tenor guitar, mandocello, viola, mandolin and South American cuatro, not to mention contributing rich vocals. He is also the Patron of our Folk Club!

11 – tbc

ADVANCE DATES

SEPTEMBER

12 Chris & Kellie While – The world class vocals of Chris from St Agnes Fountain & the uncannily similar quality of daughter, Kellie from the Albion Christmas Band, combine for this special evening. As a duo it's easy to lose sight of who is who, even if they have their own distinctive style and sound.

19 The Jackie Oates Trio

26 Miranda Sykes & Hannah Martin

OCTOBER

3 Andy Irvine

10 Chris While & Julie Matthews

17 Faustus

24 John McCusker Band 30th Anniversary

31 The Pitmen Poets

For November and beyond dates

See the Booking Form

To book Nettlebed Folk Club tickets see Booking Form or call 01628 636620

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NFC Programme – Summer 2022-2 – 10 June