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The Newsletter
of Readifolk

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Reading's folk song
and music club

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"A celebration of life: expertly crafted songs"

- Rock N' Reel Magazine

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Shows Worth Seeing

Previewing the new season of guest nights coming to Readifolk.

Highly respected singer/songwriter **Richard Grainger** makes his Readifolk debut on **2nd October**.

What he says:

Richard Grainger is a prolific and diverse artist performing on the British folk scene. His songs are widely performed by artists including The Wilson family, Flossie Malavialle, GU4, John Morris, Dick Miles, Monkeys Fist, Kimbers Men, Derek Gifford and many more.

What others say:

"Richard is more than purely entertaining, he leaves you with a greater appreciation of the world around us" - *Graham Searle*. "... a dynamic performer ... wonderful songs" - *Nanaimo Folk Connection, BC Canada*.

What we say:

We are delighted to feature this renowned songwriter at Readifolk. We have heard many of his songs performed at the club by other artists and have even heard him mentioned in a Les Barker poem! This should be a really memorable night.

Hear more:

www.richard-grainger.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBuxrq3EkEE
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXSI06uO7U4



On **16th October** fine guitarist, fiddle player and singer **Darren Black** makes his first visit to the club.

What he says:

Darren is a musician and writer who has gained a reputation for his thoughtful and poetic lyrics, often born of an awareness to what is happening around him, both socially and ecologically. Welsh born, but now based in Hampshire UK, he is a guitarist, singer and fiddle player who has headlined his own shows at folk clubs, art centres and other venues, played main stages at notable folk festivals, and

supported artists including Buffy Sainte-Marie, Karine Polwart and Martin Simpson.

What others say:

"Black possesses everything you need in a great folk musician and has produced an album worthy of that status" - *Folking.com*. "Both delivery and content prove very persuasive" - *fRoots magazine*.

What we say:

Darren was first spotted by club 'scouts' at a local gig. We



were mightily impressed with his debut album **Lord Abergavenny's Hills** and we look forward to hearing him live at the club.

Hear more:

www.darrenblack.net
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADBisGagloU
www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJvR9hWD_rA



Firm favourites at Readifolk, **Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner**, return to entertain us on **23rd October**.

What they say:

Lynne and Pat are two of the most experienced and established harmony singers on the folk scene. They have a leaning towards traditional English material, but occasionally diversify and perform their own material and Victorian/Edwardian songs. Their interpretations of contemporary and traditional material are sensitive and moving, and have plenty of humour.



What others say:

"Everything from high tragedy to ingenious smut – in glorious vocal harmony" - *Valmai Goodyear, Lewes Folk Club*. "Stunning harmonies", "ingenious", "outrageous" - *Everyman Folk Club*.

What we say:

After their many appearances at the club we know what to expect, or do we? An entertaining evening is guaranteed.

Hear more:

www.lynneandpat.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUf9FwO91gk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=U16QT7wLMJU



The wonderful **Moirai Trio** bring their unique blend of folk music and songs on **6th November**.

What they say:

We are three women who manage to create an orchestra and a choir of sounds and yet there are only three of us. Throw away your preconceptions about what constitutes folk music and open your minds to a colourful pallet of sounds and songs. We will take you on a roller-coaster ride through beautiful



traditional tunes, haunting and buoyant compositions and songs that will pluck at your heartstrings as well as having you hold your sides to prevent bursting with laughter.

What others say:

"Melodic, engaging and beautifully crafted music with a skip in its step. It reaches out and grabs your attention with a sense of just-rightness about it" - *Bothy Folk Club*. "Moirai were a brilliant success last night. Don't remember so many people remarking, on the way out, what an enjoyable evening it had been" - *Uxbridge Folk Club*.

What we say:

Three well known musicians, Jo Freya, Sarah Matthews and Mel Biggs combine with a magical mix of songs and music which we are sure will delight you.

Hear more:

www.moiraitrio.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Klmi6CC1Lg
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSdK9wVW-nE



Expect something a bit different on **13th November** when **The Powerfolk Quartet** come to Readifolk.



What they say:

The PowerFolk Quartet is a collaboration of music-makers on a folk, acoustic and roots-led musical adventure.

Singer/songwriters

Lisa Fitzgibbon & Jon Fletcher power the band with original songs from a combined back-catalogue of over seven original albums. Fiddle/viola player Jane Griffiths is the ethereal entity in this unique combination of musical pioneers. Bassist/guitarist Colin Fletcher holds it all together as the bottom-line grace master. Highly acclaimed multi-instrumentalist Jon Fletcher plays guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, and harmonica.

What others say:

"Raw... real... powerful!" - *Metro, SMH: AUS*. "Lisa Fitzgibbon tears herself open with each song, vulnerable but powerfully gutsy - and I fall for her and her plight, along with the rest of the crowd." - *Wight Vibe UK*.

What we say:

We have previously featured The Jon Fletcher Band at the club, and we loved them. Tonight they join forces with the fabulous Australian singer/songwriter Lisa Fitzgibbon. We think that you will love this combination.

Hear more:

www.lisafitzgibbon.com/the-powerfolk-quartet
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Jq8UdRbPNw
www.youtube.com/watch?v=49ZiBAoebG8



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What he says:

As the composer of *Huddersfield Town*, *Brighouse on a Saturday Night*, *Peter Brooks Paintings*, *The Beerbelly Blues*, *The Ghost of Lily Fogg* and *Into the Sun*, Yorkshire musician Roger Davies is making a name for himself as one of today's most entertaining contemporary acoustic singer/songwriters.

What others say:

"Roger has crafted his skills as a songwriter, singer and guitarist into something impressive, direct and uncluttered" - *Living Tradition Magazine*. "The best thing I've seen in 20 years. If I had a torch I'd throw it to him" - *Harvey Andrews*.

What we say:

Since his last appearance at Readifolk, Roger has gained wider recognition, having completed a nationwide tour supporting Fairport Convention. We look forward to another fantastic evening with this brilliant songwriter.

Hear more:

www.rogerdaviesmusic.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Al5YWeBpDw
www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6oX6upLYe8



On **11th December** we present **Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer's Winter Warmer** show – a Victorian Music Hall Christmas celebration.

What they say:

Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer have created a show that celebrates the Victorian Christmas carol by bringing together some of the best known (and less well known) carols and presenting them in a sensitive, beautiful and honest way reminiscent of the West Gallery Singers of the time. All interspersed with infectious and well known music halls songs from the late 1800s.

What others say:

"...Refreshing, uplifting and enthralling. A must have for all the family" - *EDS*. "Forget tinselly, greedy commercial Christmas; Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer have been singing traditional carols for a long time, from *I Saw Three Ships* through the rare and beautiful *Essex Wassail* to the 160-year-old *Jingle Bells* enhanced by Vicki's luscious nyckelharpa and Johnny's rippling guitar and accordion" - *Folk Wales*.



What we say:

Performed in Victorian costume this is a show that will appeal to everyone young and old with audience participation throughout.

Hear more:

www.christmas.swan-dyer.co.uk
www.swan-dyer.co.uk/media/album/a-sound-of-christmas-past
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7Y4ZkvtkNI



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READING'S FOLK SONG & MUSIC CLUB



Every Sunday 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

The Community Hall, Watlington House,
44, Watlington Street, Reading, RG1 4RJ

PROGRAMME October - December 2016

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| 2nd Oct | Richard Grainger www.richard-grainger.com | <i>Richard is a well - respected songwriter and guitarist with a clear and captivating vocal style. His songs are performed widely.</i> |
| 9th Oct | Singers Night | <i>The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us. All welcome.</i> |
| 16th Oct | Darren Black www.darrenblack.net | <i>Darren is a guitarist, singer and fiddle player who has gained a reputation for his thoughtful and poetic lyrics.</i> |
| 23rd Oct | Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner www.lynneandpat.co.uk | <i>Lynne & Pat offer a wide range of musical material - traditional, Victorian, Edwardian, contemporary, rude, silly and self-penned.</i> |
| 30th Oct | Theme 'Altogether' | <i>We are participating in the Reading International Festival (14 - 31 October). The theme of this year's festival is 'Human Rights for Human Dignity and Survival'. Appropriate songs please!</i> |

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| 6th Nov | Moirai Trio www.moiraitrio.co.uk | <i>Three beautiful voices, plus a plethora of instruments, performing traditional and contemporary material with a dose of humour.</i> |
| 13th Nov | The Powerfolk Quartet www.lisafitzgibbon.com/the-powerfolk-quartet | <i>A fantastic combination of the Jon Fletcher Band and Australian singer/songwriter Lisa Fitzgibbon.</i> |
| 20th Nov | Singers Night | <i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i> |
| 27th Nov | Roger Davies www.rogerdaviesmusic.com | <i>Yorkshire musician Roger Davies is making a name for himself as one of today's most entertaining contemporary acoustic folk singer/songwriters.</i> |

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| 4th Dec | Theme 'Eat, Drink and be Merry' | <i>We are approaching the festive season, so let's get in the mood with some appropriate songs etc.</i> |
| 11th Dec | Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer's 'Winter Warmer' www.christmas.swan-dyer.co.uk | <i>A festive celebration of Christmas Carols and Music Hall. Performed in Victorian costume this event will appeal to everyone young and old.</i> |
| 18th Dec | Christmas Party | <i>The celebrations start here. Come and enjoy the music and the festive fare.</i> |
| 25th Dec | CLUB CLOSED | <i>A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all. We are open next week!</i> |

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| 1st Jan | Theme 'Season's Greetings' | <i>Let's start the New Year with an evening of seasonal songs, tunes etc.</i> |
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Admission: £6 Guest nights; £2 Singers & Theme nights

More information from our web site www.readifolk.org.uk

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