

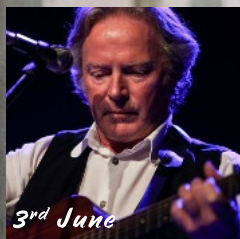
Notes

Coming Events at Readifolk

Reading's folk song
and music club

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29th April

The exciting young duo **The Drystones** make their Readifolk debut on **8th April**.

What they say:

Still in their early twenties, Drystones from Somerset play a lively mix of their own interpretations of traditional folk songs and tunes and original compositions. They are very accomplished on violin, guitar and whistle. At Glastonbury Festival 2013 they were Steve Lamacq's "recommendation of the day". For a duo they make a lot of sound!

What others say:

"Absolutely blown away by their energy" - *Will Lang, Halsway Manor Centre for Folk Arts*. "The Drystones demonstrate a sophisticated musical maturity that is far beyond their ages" - *Roy Spencer, Folk Radio UK*. "To describe their instrumental style as spirited and animated would be akin to asserting that Bellowhead can be quite an energetic band" - *Clive Pownceby, Living Tradition*.

What we say:

This is a duo clearly heading for stardom - they are nominated for the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2018! See them at Readifolk to judge for yourself.

Hear more:

www.thedrystones.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=h414Dm_GUnI
www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeMAp6qxhWQ



Folklaw make a welcome return to Readifolk on **22nd April**.

What they say:

Described as *Stylish passionate folk rock* by R2 magazine, Folklaw's songs and music guarantee to get feet tapping, minds thinking and festival-feet jumping. Folklaw's acrobatic fiddling and earthy vocals have reached the airwaves of radio stations around the world from the BBC to Radio Caroline, and their energized and engaging stage performance has led Folklaw to be described as *one of the most exciting acts to grace the stage*.

What others say:

"One of the highlights of the festival, get along and enjoy this band when you can" - *Bob Ford, Wessex Folk Festival*. "An exciting and provoking upbeat Celtic style of folk" - *M@C Festival*. "Heartfelt conviction, tight harmonies and well-crafted arrangements" - *Readifolk Radio Show*.

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What we say:

Since their last visit to Readifolk, Folklaw have continued to wow audiences throughout the UK and Europe. Don't miss this opportunity of seeing this exciting band.

Hear More:

www.folklaw.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI-hhM_apa0
www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LizYFVwAn8



The exciting young duo **Harbottle & Jonas** make their first appearance at Readifolk on **29th April**.

What they say:

Harbottle & Jonas are a stunning young folk duo based in Totnes. Their music is eclectic and is always accompanied with a great story. They have received plaudits from folk royalty including Seth & Geoff Lakeman, Jon Boden, Rod Clements, Declan Sinnott and BBC Introducing. Playing up to 200 gigs a year, these troubadours are to be found far and wide across our beautiful island.

What others say:

"Disarmingly honest and spine-tingling moments" - *R2 Magazine*. "Stunning songwriting and heart-rending arrangements" - *Americana UK*.

What we say:

We predict a bright future for this duo. See if you agree.

Hear more:

www.harbottleandjonas.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iG87A4jOpY
www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_GmU22smWQ



One of our all-time favourites, **Jez Lowe**, returns on **13th May**.

What he says:

A double nomination in the 2015 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards - for best singer and best new song - was a timely reminder of Jez Lowe's standing in the UK Folk & Acoustic music scene. Not only is he one of the busiest live performers in the country, but his songs are among the most widely sung by other performers.

What others say:

"Lowe is a singular talent you don't have to come from the northeast to enjoy" - *Robin Denslow, BBC review*. "The Woodman were entertained by a songwriter of rare quality and a consummate performer with a hearty Geordie sense of humour" - *The Woodman Folk Club*.

What we say:

Jez is a firm favourite at Readifolk. We are looking forward to another spellbinding evening.

Hear more:

www.jezlowe.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=S71vvfWVtK
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hC_URRaZPzc

On **20th May** we are delighted to welcome back **The Foxglove Trio**.

What they say:

The Foxglove Trio is a group of multi-instrumentalists who perform mostly traditional songs from around the British Isles in English and Welsh. Gathering material from sessions, song collections and contemporary artists, these talented musicians are making a name for themselves on the UK folk scene for their beautiful harmonies, creative new arrangements and engaging performances.

What others say:

"The Foxglove Trio were fantastic; a beautiful blend of fabulous vocals, guitar, cello, concertina and bodhran. Their music was gorgeous and they were witty and charming as a group" - *Watford Folk Club*. "Ffion sings with a power and clarity I have not heard in folk music since Maddy Prior first sent shivers through me. Her low notes are disturbingly good, the high notes thrilling, and all sung with sufficient decoration to establish her as one of the finest singers around" - *John Timpany, Woburn Sands Folk Festival*.

What we say:

We look forward to another wonderful evening of music and song from this superb group.

Hear more:

www.thefoxglovetrio.co.uk
www.youtube.com/user/TheFoxgloveTrio
www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQIsP7tBbZQ
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD15-L8weKk



The renowned singer/songwriter **Reg Meuross** is back to entertain us on **3rd June**.

What he says:

Somerset singer-songwriter Reg Meuross represents contemporary folk writing at its best, with that rare gift of being able to touch people through his songs and performance, on a really human level. His words and music paint pictures that remain with the listener long after the song has been sung.

What others say:

"Time and again, Reg proves himself one of the key songwriters of our age" - *David Kidman*. "Every song from the gentle, enchanting genius is worth its weight in gold" - *Mick Tems, Folk Wales*. "Intelligent and thought-provoking songs, beautifully made and skilfully delivered" - *The Times*.

What we say:

We have featured Reg many times on the Readifolk Radio Show - don't miss this opportunity of seeing him live again at the club.

Hear more:

www.regmeuross.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7HGLm2_oso
www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdewAuU3nMc

On **10th June** we have the long-awaited return of **Dave Ellis & Boo Howard**.

What they say:

Dave Ellis and Boo Howard are an acoustic duo writing original material with a partnership going back 30 years. They still haven't peaked yet!

What others say:

"Dave Ellis and Boo Howard simply exude class. With Boo's wonderful voice and Dave's stunning song writing and guitar playing, they are always classy, imaginative and engaging. A lot of superlatives, but they are that good" - *Chesham Folk Club*. "Top class guitar, top class songs, top class harmonies. Top class" - *Tudor Folk Club*.

What we say:

Because of Dave's ill health, we had a couple of aborted appearances at Readifolk in 2017. Dave is now back to full health and raring to go. We look forward to some more of their sublime singing, playing and banter.

Hear more:

www.daveandboo.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_yogNiPexc
www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9yKTbZuxL4



The Mile Roses bring a wealth of musical experience to Readifolk on **24th June**.

What they say:

The Mile Roses are a three-piece touring collaboration of three respected solo songwriters, Edwina Hayes, Kate Bramley and Simon Haworth. Born out of a musical interest in both British folk and the transatlantic connections to new country and Americana, this trio are fast gaining a reputation across the UK folk scene. Original songs and close harmonies, accompanied by guitars, bass, cittern, mandola and fiddle. From toe tapping folk to haunting ballads this trio have toured worldwide as independent musicians but obviously have an infectious enjoyment for this new collaboration that is guaranteed to leave audiences with a smile on their faces.

What others say:

Kate: "Her earthy and honest approach as vocalist, and multi-instrumentalist gives a fresh outlook on the current crop of light-voiced whimsical female vocalists, with a deeper and more heart-felt style" - *Little Canaan album review, Amazon*. Edwina: "The sweetest voice in England" - *Nanci Griffiths*. Simon: "Subtle guitar accompaniments of quiet complexity" - *Living Tradition magazine*.

What we say:

We have heard great reports on this experienced trio and are delighted to have them perform to the Readifolk audience.

Hear more:

www.themileroses.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ3pN-xdn7Q
www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0HxZdjbwPY



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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
(entrance in South Street)



PROGRAMME: April - June 2018

A P R I L	1st	Theme 'Tales of the Unexpected'	<i>It's April Fool's day so let's hear your offerings on this theme.</i>
	8th	The Drystones www.thedrystones.co.uk	<i>Rising stars of the Folk world (nominated for the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2018), this duo bring breathtaking arrangements delivered with energy and enthusiasm.</i>
	15th	Singers Night	<i>The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us.</i>
	22nd	Folklaw www.folklaw.co.uk	<i>Exhilarating songs and music from this dynamic trio. "Show of Hands with a new wave ethic" - fRoots.</i>
	29th	Harbottle & Jonas www.harbottleandjonas.com	<i>A stunning young duo. Their music has received plaudits from folk 'royalty' including Jon Boden & Seth Lakeman.</i>

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M A Y	6th	Theme 'Flora & Fauna'	<i>The countryside is looking its best, so come and celebrate with appropriate songs, etc.</i>
	13th	Jez Lowe www.jezlowe.com	<i>A welcome return to Readifolk of this renowned singer/songwriter with an engaging Geordie wit.</i>
	20th	The Foxglove Trio www.thefoxglovetro.co.uk	<i>A very talented young trio playing traditional songs from Wales and other parts of the UK.</i>
	27th	Singers Night	<i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i>

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J U N E	3rd	Reg Meuross www.regmeuross.com	<i>Reg is a singer/songwriter of the highest quality. Thought-provoking stories set to wonderful melodies.</i>
	10th	Dave Ellis & Boo Howard www.daveandboo.com	<i>A long-standing musical partnership providing superb harmonies, terrific guitar and stunning songs.</i>
	17th	Theme 'O My Papa'	<i>It's Father's Day and time to sing in praise with your (or his?) favourite songs on the subject.</i>
	24th	The Mile Roses www.themileroses.com	<i>A collaboration of three respected solo songwriters Edwina Hayes, Kate Bramley and Simon Haworth. Original songs and close harmonies, accompanied by guitars, bass, cittern, mandola, mandolin and fiddle.</i>

Admission: £6 Guest nights; £2 Singers & Theme nights

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The Readifolk Radio Show is on the internet every week on www.blast1386.com Wed 7 - 9pm and Fri 5 - 7pm, and on www.bluesandrootsradio.com Tue 10 - 12pm, Fri 8 - 10pm and Sat 6 - 8pm.

Podcasts of earlier shows are on www.mixcloud.com/ianfreedman18