

Notes

Coming Events at Readifolk

Reading's folk song
and music club

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13th January

Acclaimed Scottish singer **Jim McLean** returns to Readifolk on **6th January**.

What he says:

I am a musician, singer-songwriter and performer. My music contains a rich blend of British and American traditional material, self-penned songs and covers from some of my favourite artists. I gig wherever people want me to play and use my 6 and 12 string guitars either acoustically or through a small PA.

What others say:

"His relaxed singing style and wonderful guitar accompaniment to songs from a wide range of sources, old, new, and self-penned, have made Jim one of our most popular guests" - *Poppy's Folk Club*. "Had us enthralled. He has a fine voice, a unique guitar style and an engaging stage presentation. We think he could be a name to watch for the future!" - *Chesham Folk Club*.

What we say:

Some performers can possess a crowd just by walking onto the stage, and Jim is one of these. Add to the mix his skilful use of dynamics and you have one of the most interesting artists we have seen.

Hear more:

www.acousticvillage.co.uk
www.acousticvillage.co.uk/jim_mclean_videos.html
www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbqlbBoQczw



Local Blues & Roots trio **John Cee Stannard & Blues Horizon** head back to Readifolk on **13th January**.

What they say:

John Cee Stannard - acoustic and resonator guitars, vocals and writer of most of the material. Howard Birchmore supports on harmonica, and long time friend Mike Baker on acoustic guitar. Both Howard and Mike have been active in bands and solo work for over 50 years. Blues Horizon was formed in 2013 to take John Cee's first solo album to live audiences. Blues-based music with a country blues feel drawing on 1930s 40s feel with a rag and folk influence.

What others say:

"A very English nod to the blues" - *R2 magazine*. "Exceptional class. Enormously original lyrics and music. These British musicians breathe music" - *Country Jukebox, Germany*. "Proof the blues really can make you happy. Superbly played, elegant jazzy blues, foot tapping, thoroughly English" - *John Bottomly, Blues in the North West*.

What we say:

This trio has gone from strength to strength since their last appearance at Readifolk. Don't miss this opportunity of seeing this top class band.

Hear More:

www.johnceestannard.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT6NL4DNGdI
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvmw8eloOVA



On **27th January** we welcome the lively trio **Fife & Strum** to the club.

What they say:

Fife and Strum play enchanting Celtic folk melodies, with a pulsating rhythmic beat. The soaring sound of flutes, whistles and crystalline vocals, rides above the energy of a driving acoustic guitar and double bass.

What we say:

We have heard great things about this Bristol-based trio. Don't miss the opportunity of seeing them live at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.fifeandstrum.com
<https://soundcloud.com/fifeandstrum>



The superb 5-piece band **The Jigantics** make another welcome appearance on **10th February**.

What they say:

The Jigantics is a 5-piece Americana-influenced folk and roots band. Between them the band members play, and on occasions swap, a whole range of musical instruments – fiddle, mandolin, slide and acoustic guitars and together with stunning five-part harmonies create a sound uniquely their own. It's a potent mix played by musicians with a formula and chemistry that brings their performance alive.

What others say:

"Fantastic music. The Jigantics were a highlight act" - *Daily Telegraph*. "A fabulous fusion of blues, rock, folk and Americana that blew the socks off our audience. Absolute class" - *Steve Shaldon*.

What we say:

Don't miss this opportunity of seeing this truly amazing band.

Hear more:

www.thejigantics.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih24OJkb32I
www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC6uu55mlZI



Newcomers to the club **Mitchell & Vincent** entertain us on **24th February**.

What they say:

David Mitchell and Graham Vincent are a folk duo from Dorset and Somerset who play a lively mix of

traditional tunes, which they have arranged for Fiddle and Classical Guitar, alongside songs from around the British Isles. They play at a wide variety of festivals, concerts and events all over the South West as well as around the UK and abroad.

What others say:

"At all times, the interplay between David Mitchell's guitar and Graham Vincent's fiddle is quite stunning" - *Acoustic magazine*. "Without doubt an extremely accomplished and entertaining duo. Definitely a must see!" - *Bridport Folk Festival*.

What we say:

David and Graham were spotted by our ever-vigilant 'scouts' at the Oxford Folk Weekend. We are delighted that they have agreed to perform for us at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.mitchellandvincent.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XqA4AqFUaU
www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxWZ-kzQTKs



Folk trio **Alden, Patterson & Dashwood** make their Readifolk debut on **3rd March**.

What they say:

Norwich-based folk trio Alden, Patterson and Dashwood weave rich vocal harmonies, fiddle, dobro, guitar and mandolin around beautifully written original songs and melodies. Their music takes influence from folk traditions from both sides of the Atlantic with uplifting instrumentals and self-penned songs depicting tales of young travellers, sleepy seas and their affection for home.

What others say:

"It's lovely stuff" – *Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2 Folk Show*. Album Of The Year Editor's Choice – *fROOTS Magazine 2016*.

What we say:

This is a group that is rapidly making a name for itself on the folk scene. Don't miss their performance at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.aldenpattersonanddashwood.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbncGMmCy_A
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEZxvdfV0ZY



An impressive newcomer to the folk scene, **Dom Prag** entertains us on **17th March**.

What he says:

Dom's music knits together British and European folk tradition, classical guitar, mining songs, poems set to music (Keats, Larkin), compositions influenced by Schubert and Shostakovich, bluesy riffs and raw vocals.

What others say:

"Dom Prag takes the place by storm with his energy, wonderful singing and beautiful Spanish guitar playing - he's a seriously talented young folk singer on the way to great things" - *Mike Peach, The Anchor Folk Club*. "We have seen the future of folk music and it is in good hands" - *Steve West, Lymington Folk and Blues Club*.

What we say:

We were mightily impressed when Dom came and did a floor spot at the club. We are delighted to have him back as our Guest tonight.

Hear more:

www.domprag.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8cEErmmoBE
www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZX2CUplHgg



The highly-rated duo **Elizabeth & Jameson** appear at Readifolk on **24th March**.

What they say:

Elizabeth & Jameson is a new duo that comprises Hannah Elizabeth of Said the Maiden and Griff Jameson from Fred's House. We are both so excited to bring the experience we have gained from our previous projects into this. Giving something new for our current followers as well as gaining new ones. Getting our teeth into a concept for writing is something I've always wanted to do. This project gives us the platform for that. We hope you come with us.

What others say:

"Voices that blend like a dream" - *John Kirkpatrick*. "Impressive talents – will shine bright into the future" - *FATEA Magazine*. "Fantastic - love the harmonies" - *Steve Jackson, BBC Radio*.

What we say:

We have heard Hannah's beautiful voice when Said the Maiden appeared at Readifolk. The combination with Griff is something very special.

Hear more:

www.elizabethandjameson.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiIVlw3mG9s
www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDI836B7Hgg

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READING'S FOLK SONG & MUSIC CLUB



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

The Community Hall, Watlington House,
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PROGRAMME: January - March 2019

JANUARY	6 th	Jim McLean www.acousticvillage.co.uk	Acclaimed Scottish singer performs traditional and self-penned songs - great vocals and distinctive and original guitar style.
	13 th	John Cee Stannard & Blues Horizon www.johnceestannard.co.uk	Local guitar supremo and singer/songwriter John Cee Stannard and superb duo of Mike Baker on guitar and Howard Birchmore on harmonica, bring you unforgettable blues and roots music.
	20 th	Singers Night	The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us.
	27 th	Fife & Strum www.fifeandstrum.com	This lively trio play enchanting folk melodies - beautiful vocals together with flutes, whistles and driving acoustic guitar and double bass.

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FEBRUARY	3 rd	Theme 'Weather or Not'	One of our favourite topics of conversation. Let's hear your songs on the subject.
	10 th	The Jigantics www.thejigantics.com	The Jigantics are a superb 5-piece band whom the British press have described as one of Roots music's super groups.
	17 th	Singers Night	Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.
	24 th	Mitchell & Vincent www.mitchellandvincent.com	This stunning duo bring rousing tunes, haunting melodies and songs with guitar, fiddle, mandola, whistles and recorder accompaniment.

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MARCH	3 rd	Alden, Patterson & Dashwood www.aldenpattersonanddashwood.com	Folk trio Alden, Patterson and Dashwood weave rich vocal harmonies, fiddle, dobro, guitar and mandolin around beautiful original songs and melodies.
	10 th	Theme 'My Word!'	Songs of surprise? Or maybe self-penned? You decide.
	17 th	Dom Prag www.domprag.com	British and European folk tradition, classical guitar: mining songs, poems set to music (Keats, Larkin), compositions influenced by Schubert and Shostakovich, bluesy riffs and raw vocals.
	24 th	Elizabeth & Jameson www.elizabethandjameson.co.uk	Offering the best of their combined folk, pop & rock backgrounds, this duo produce a stripped-back, harmony-driven sound with guitar, violin and exquisite vocals.
	31 st	Singers Night	Last chance this quarter to exercise your vocal chords.

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

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