

Notes

Coming Events at Readifolk

Reading's folk song
and music club

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5th
January



Award-winning young duo **Roswell** make their Readifolk debut on **5th January**.

What they say:

We are Jasmine Watkiss and Zoë Wren, two harmony-obsessed singer-songwriters and multi-instrumentalists who accidentally formed a duo at a gig in Ely in 2018 and haven't looked back since. We won Purbeck Valley Folk Festival's Purbeck Rising 2018 competition, which led to a busy summer festival tour, during which we were also invited to Switzerland to play at the Geneva Fête de la Musique. We had our debut single **Heaven Knows** selected for Fatea's Winter Showcase, and released our first EP **Remedy**, recorded in the Roundhouse studios.

What others say:

"A seamless flow of rich, harmonic beauty" - *Americana UK*. "Roswell are making huge strides, impressing a lot of people in the process" - *FATEA* magazine.

What we say:

Jasmine and Zoe came and did a short set at one of our Singers Nights. We were mightily impressed and are delighted to welcome them back as our guest performers.

Hear more:

www.roswellband.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhqombCRS3A



Hold on to your hats! **The Salts** are coming to Readifolk on **12th January**.

What they say:

The Salts have developed their own unique sound, mixing well-written original compositions alongside traditional tunes we all know and love. Their live shows are guaranteed to get you dancing and singing along. Their debut album **She Rises** and now their second album **BRAVE** are receiving rave reviews across the board.

What others say:

"Good band, The Salts. Great folk rock" - *Phil Beer*. "Unafraid to blend, develop and move folk forward while still retaining an abiding and healthy respect for tradition" - *Folkwords*. "Their swashbuckling singing and fire-cracked enthusiasm make a riveting addition to the folk scene" - *Living Tradition*.

What we say:

This promises to be a really lively and entertaining evening – Nautical but nice!

Hear more:

www.thesalts.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXYfaZjp7Mk

Fine Scottish singer & guitarist **Bob Wood** comes to Readifolk to present a *Burns Night Special* on **26th January**.

What he says:

Bob Wood, from the west of Scotland, is a warm and engaging solo singer and performer with an easy-going sense of humour. He is a highly accomplished finger-style guitarist. Exploring a range of open tunings, his playing and song interpretations have been described as displaying a rare sensitivity, lightness of touch and great technique

What others say:

"An artiste with an eclectic and entertaining repertoire of song which he accompanies with an innovative and always sympathetic guitar style" - *Archie Fisher*. "Bob Wood is one of the deffest pickers and tastiest arrangers of songs it has been my pleasure to hear. A real delight!" - *Steve Tilston*.

What we say:

It's a couple of years since Bob last appeared at Readifolk but we do remember what a superb performance he gave – we anticipate more of the same.

Hear more:

www.bobwood.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb51Vw-LknQ



Firm Readifolk favourites, **Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner** make a welcome return visit on **2nd February**.

What they say:

Individually and in combination with a variety of well-known singers and bands, Lynne and Pat have both served long apprenticeships on the shop-floor of folk music. A unique blend of stunning song and harmony, and a humour which takes their audience on a roller-coaster ride - everything from high tragedy to ingenious smut in glorious vocal harmony.

What others say:

"Two of the most experienced and established harmony singers on the folk scene. Their interpretation of both contemporary and traditional material is sensitive, moving and has plenty of humour" - *Broadstairs Folk*.

What we say:

Lynne and Pat will certainly brighten up your evening.

Hear more:

www.lynneandpat.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfzQv5QVjTs

On **16th February** we have a welcome return of the fabulous Scottish band **North Sea Gas**.

What they say:

North Sea Gas is one of Scotland's most popular folk bands with great vocals and tremendous three-part harmonies. Guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki, harmonica, whistles, bodhrans, banjo and good humour are all part of the entertainment.

What others say:

"The band displays an attachment and a reverence for their roots from the very start. The music feels genuine, unpretentious and spontaneous, with a fondness for storytelling and beautiful harmonies" - *Celtic Radio, Boston*. "No airs and graces just fantastic music" - *EdinburghGuide.com (Edin/Festival)*.

What we say:

They have been to Readifolk several times so we know what to expect. Be sure that you are there.

Hear more:

www.northseagas.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmxjWHJD274



We are delighted to present the fantastic **Chris Cleverley Trio** on **1st March**.

What they say:

Chris Cleverley, Kim Lowings (Kim Lowings and The Greenwood) and Kathy Pilkinton (Said the Maiden) join forces in this exceptional trio. Underpinned by Chris's revered fingerstyle guitar, intricately arranged vocal harmonies and expert musicianship, The Chris Cleverley Trio offer a live experience for enthusiasts of contemporary and traditional folk music alike.

What others say:

"Chris Cleverley is in the van of young, modern writers who do things their way whilst maintaining the folk tradition of speaking out for those who need a voice" - *Tony Birch, FATEA*. "Sheer Stylishness" - *fRoots*.

What we say:

We have heard great reports of this young trio and are looking forward greatly to seeing them live at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.chriscleverley.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1v6lFpOxZs



The highly-respected singer, and multi-instrumentalist **Jack Rutter** performs on **15th March**.

What he says:

Jack Rutter grew up in the Holme Valley area of West Yorkshire, a place steeped in a wealth of traditional song, and following a degree in Countryside Management at Newcastle University he has forged a highly successful career playing music across the UK and Europe. In addition to his acclaimed solo work, he has become a highly sought-after collaborator for a host of the biggest names in folk music such as Seth Lakeman, Sam Sweeney and Jackie Oates, as well as playing in the celebrated instrumental trio Moore Moss Rutter.

What others say:

"Among Britain's finest traditional singers" - *Folk Radio UK*. "An outstanding performer" - *The Independent*. "In the spirit of the old traditional singers, Jack Rutter takes a song, shapes it, lives with it and brings out something unique. This album makes my heart sing" - *Kathryn Tickell*.

What we say:

We are fortunate to have Jack perform at Readifolk and are really looking forward to seeing this rising star of the folk scene.

Hear more:

www.jackruttermusic.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqDHdkg3Zww



Jimmy Lee brings *The Runaway Show* to Readifolk on **29th March**.

What he says:

Jimmy, his guitar, wonderful songs, narrative and projected images give an insight into one of the most extraordinary and entertaining life stories you are ever likely to hear. Jimmy had a start in life few would have survived. Taken into care at 4 years old, by the age of 11 he'd had 10 homes and 9 schools. At the age of 14 he ran away... then his troubles really began!

What others say:

"Absolutely brilliant, one of our best shows ever, unusual, uplifting and highly entertaining" - *Underground Theatre, Eastbourne*. "I can honestly say it is a true masterpiece suited to large or small venues. Great stories, projected images and wonderful music" - *Pete Heywood, Traditional Arts Development*.

What we say:

We have heard Jimmy's wonderful songs in his previous appearances at Readifolk with his full orchestra. We look forward to hearing the background to many of his songs in this his one man show.

Hear more:

www.jimmyleemusic.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn4H2DKScY4



READIFOLK

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: January - March 2020

JANUARY	5 th	Roswell www.roswellband.co.uk	<i>Rising stars on the folk scene, Jasmine Watkiss & Zoe Wren are an award-winning young duo playing traditional and self-penned material.</i>
	12 th	The Salts www.thesalts.co.uk	<i>The Salts are one of the most exciting and energetic concept bands around, performing original material alongside their own interpretations of traditional songs.</i>
	19 th	Singers Night	<i>The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us.</i>
	26 th	Bob Wood www.bobwood.co.uk	<i>A fine Scottish singer and guitarist Bob returns to delight us in a 'Burns Night' special.</i>

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FEBRUARY	2 nd	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>
	9 th	Theme 'All at Sea'	<i>There are lots of nautical songs to fit this theme.</i>
	16 th	North Sea Gas www.northseagas.co.uk	<i>One of Scotland's most popular folk bands with great vocals and tremendous three-part harmonies.</i>
	23 rd	Singers Night	<i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i>

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MARCH	1 st	The Chris Cleverley Trio www.chriscleverley.com	<i>Chris, joined by renowned vocalists Kim Lowings and Kathy Pilkinton, perform intricately-arranged vocal harmonies and expert musicianship.</i>
	8 th	Theme 'Well I'm Blowed'	<i>It's March, so songs about wind would suit or perhaps songs of surprise or exasperation? You decide.</i>
	15 th	Jack Rutter www.jackruttermusic.com	<i>Jack Rutter (Moore Moss Rutter; Seth Lakeman band, Jackie Oates band) is a highly respected singer, guitarist and multi-instrumentalist within the British folk tradition.</i>
	22 nd	Singers Night	<i>It's your turn again. Come and entertain us or just be entertained by others.</i>
	29 th	Jimmy Lee presents 'The Runaway Show' www.jimmyleemusic.co.uk	<i>A remarkable one-man show in which Jimmy guides us through his extraordinary life with songs, dialogue and visual presentations.</i>

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

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Blues & Roots Radio: www.bluesandrootsradio.com Tue 10pm, Fri 8pm and Sat 6pm.
Redwall Radio: www.redwallstudios.net/redwall-radio.html Sun 7pm.
Podcasts: www.mixcloud.com/ianfreedman18