

## THE NETTLEBED FOLK CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the Nettlebed Folk Club Newsletter – There are some great new acts for you to enjoy this season as well as regular favourites. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### January 2018.

We re-open with **The Bully Wee Band** on January 22<sup>nd</sup> – They are a really dynamic 4 piece and a great way to start the season. Then on the 29<sup>th</sup> we are hosting **‘SWARB! It Suits Him Well’**. This is a special Dave Swarbrick Tribute concert with The Jason Wilson Band from Canada, Martin Carthy, John Kirkpatrick and Simon Swarbrick. Jill Swarbrick says – *‘This show will cover Dave’s long and colourful career. The music will be covering Swarb with Beryl Marriott’s Ceilidh Band, The Ian Campbell Folk Group, Martin Carthy, Fairport Convention, Alistair Hulett and the Jason Wilson Band. We are so excited that John Kirkpatrick and Swarb’s nephew and maestro fiddler Simon Swarbrick are joining us! We are absolutely thrilled to bring this tribute to our friends at Nettlebed Folk Club, as the club was truly one of Swarb’s most beloved of gigs. Bring a tissue!’*

### Other highlights.

February looks like being a very busy month with performances from **Martin Simpson, McGoldrick McCusker & Doyle, Cara Dillon & Breabach**. In March **Craobh Rua** return, **Peter Knight** teams up with **John Spiers** for a duo concert and our patron **Phil Beer** reforms the **Downes & Beer** duo with Paul. There is the launch of **Jackie Oates’s** new album in April with a whole host of performers including **Megan Henwood & Matt Allwright!** That’s to say nothing of the usual 2 **Feast of Fiddles** shows!

### The Village Club.

**You don’t have to be a member of the Village Club to attend the Folk Club.** However membership gives access to the members private bar before and during the concerts plus priority entry to ticket holders on most evenings. Village Club membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018. To guarantee the future of Nettlebed Folk Club we need our **regular** Monday night attendees to be members of the Village Club. If you have not already renewed or wish to join please follow the details on the booking form. Any questions please call 01628 636620. The Village Club is still urgently raising money to cover the gap in funding for the roof repairs so please contact us if you wish to donate.

### Norden Farm Maidenhead.

The new season starts at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in Maidenhead on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January with **John Spiers** from ‘Bellowhead’ teaming up with **Jackie Oates** for a special show. The programme continues on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February with the multi-award winning **Sam Kelly & Jamie Francis**. There is a Ceilidh with **Nedron’s Jig** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March and **Phillip Henry & Hannah Martin** will be performing on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March to launch themselves as ‘Edgelarks’ with a new album.

### Village Club AGM – Weds 14<sup>th</sup> March - Attention all Village Club Members.

The AGM of Nettlebed Village Club takes place in the Club Hall on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm prompt. We ask that, if possible, you attend this meeting and to ensure, that if it comes to a vote, you support the Folk Club & that our two Committee Members are re-elected. They are Mike Sanderson & Roy Kirkum. We must have a good turnout at this meeting to continue to guarantee the success of our Folk Club. So if you can come please call 01628 636620 & let us know. If you have any questions please get in touch.

### Finally.

Look out for the guys from **Lau** in 2 shows in April and in May the already hailed as a supergroup quintet - **Ímar** - They are Glasgow’s hottest new folk property including Mohsen from Talisk on concertina. They have a heavyweight collective haul of top prizes – including the 2016 BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year, a BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award, nine All-Ireland and eight All-Britain titles! They are already being likened to the amazing Bothy Band.

Also the following shows are already starting to get very booked up - McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle, Cara Dillon, Steve Knightley, & Feast of Fiddles. Don’t miss out!

***You can do a bank transfer as well as the usual booking form route. Just call 01628 636620 for details.***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make the club run smoothly and to all of you for supporting folk music at Nettlebed.

All the best for the new season and we hope to see you soon.