

Nettlebed Folk Club

7:30pm ● The Village Club, High Street, Nettlebed RG9 5DD
www.nettlebedfolkclub.co.uk

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Seth Lakeman – Seth returns to Nettlebed again to start our Autumn season of shows. He was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in 2005 for 'Kitty Jay'. Multiple albums, tours and high-profile collaborations later, this acclaimed folk artist released his latest studio album *The Granite Way* in February on his own label, Honour Oak Records. It's a collection of songs staying true to his roots and referring to ancient stories that inspired early West Country storytelling. Seth says: 'Each song feels strongly connected through history to the moors and the sea.' In recent years Seth was asked to record on Van Morrison's album 'Moving On Skiffle' and he also previously worked, and toured extensively, with Robert Plant. We are also pleased to announce that **Benji Kirkpatrick** will be joining **Seth** on stage and that **Steve Knightley** is doing a support spot on this evening.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

John Tams – John's work has spanned six decades in every performance medium. His performance backstory includes *Muckram Wakes*, *The Albion Band*, *Home Service* and his duo with **Barry Coope**.

John is a recognised authority on vernacular music – a seven times winner at the **BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards**. At the National Theatre, he has worked as actor and musical director/composer on over 30 productions, including *Lark Rise to Candleford*. He played Daniel Hagman in the TV series *Sharpe*, for which he was script associate, co-writing the score. For radio, he was executive music director of the **Radio Ballads**, winning Gold at the Sony Radio Academy Awards. As an original member of the creative team that brought *War Horse* to the stage, John has since toured the world as a production executive. His performance of *Only Remembered* before the late Queen Elizabeth at *The Festival of Remembrance* has been viewed by over 70 million viewers worldwide. John has made over 60 albums, and continues to tour festival and concert stages.

'One of the ultimate British songwriters.' MOJO

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Chris While & Julie Matthews – Chris (vocals, guitar, banjo, dulcimer, bodhran and percussion) and Julie (vocals, piano, guitar, mandolin and bouzouki) have played more than 3,000 gigs, appeared on over 100 albums, written hundreds of original songs and reached millions of people around the world. Now, 30 years after their debut, they sound as fresh and vital as ever. They are

renowned for their seamless harmonies and affinity for each other on stage, they are stunning singers, songwriters, musicians and performers whose energy and commitment to their craft & their audience is boundless. We are also pleased to announce that **Megan Henwood** will be doing a support spot on this evening. They are also part of the amazing St Agnes Fountain Christmas show.

"The undisputed queens of British folk duos continue to come up with the goods. 1st class songs delivered with to die for harmonies, immaculate musicianship and melodies that lodge themselves in your brain"

The Guardian

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Feast of Fiddles Originals – It's been a while since we put on a line up featuring fiddlers that were in the original Feast of Fiddles first line up on Valentines day in 1994 so we thought that it would be good to do this show again. Sadly it now cannot include Ian Cutler as he passed away in June but we're sure that he will be there in spirit to encourage Phil Beer, Simon Swarbrick & Tom Leary and the back line boys!

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Phil Beer & Paul Downes – Our patron Phil Beer is back again, this time with his original duo partner – Paul Downes. First appearing as Downes & Beer at Nettlebed in the late 70's and reforming for a part in our 50th anniversary show, we thought that they should have another evening for themselves. Their last album was actually 'Live at Nettlebed'.

To quote Phil "This is a set of recordings from a reunion gig which took place at the Nettlebed Village Club one dark and stormy Monday night at the beginning of 2007. There was a capacity crowd, a well stocked bar of local ales, and a good time was had by all".

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

St Agnes Fountain – Affectionately known as 'The Aggies', they have played at Nettlebed every year since 2001 and Chris While, Julie Matthews and Chris Leslie (from Fairport Convention) are treading the tinsel boards once more, bringing Christmas to all!

*Christmas, as they say, starts with ...
St Agnes Fountain ... Falalalalalalalala!*

DATE FOR THE DIARY – 2026

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