

Nettlebed Folk Club

7:30pm • The Village Club, High Street, Nettlebed RG9 5DD
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MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Fara – A powerhouse in Scottish folk music, igniting stages with their magnetic blend of spellbinding vocals, intricate harmonies, and driving fiddle tunes rooted in rich tradition of the Orkney Islands. With three award-winning fiddlers, Kristan Harvey, Jeana Leslie, & Catriona Price, joined by the sensational Rory Matheson on piano, they deliver a sound that is bold, passionate, and unmistakably their own. Their signature style weaves fiery fiddle sets with lyrical songwriting and harmonies that soar with emotional intensity, creating performances that are as stirring as they are unforgettable.

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Breabach – 20 years on from winning an award at Celtic Connections, Breabach are at the forefront of a burgeoning traditional music scene and are amongst Scotland's most skilled & imaginative folk acts. The band unite deep roots in Highland and Island Gaelic tradition with progressive musical influences and have cultivated a unique sound, anchoring double bagpipes, fiddle, step dance and vocals with energetic double bass and guitar accompaniment. From the Sydney Opera House and Central Park NY to Nettlebed Breabach's journey shows no sign of slowing!

MONDAY 19 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, over 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 and their audience is boundless. They are also part of the amazing St Agnes Fountain Christmas show.

First class songs delivered with to die for harmonies, immaculate musicianship and melodies that lodge themselves in your brain **The Guardian**

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Imar – No strangers to Nettlebed they are current and former members of Mánran, Mec Lir, RURA and Talisk, whose collectively crammed trophy-cabinet includes several BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and All-Britain/All-Ireland titles. The line up is Ryan Murphy (uilleann pipes, flute and whistle), Adam Brown (bodhran), Tomás Callister (Fiddle), Adam Rhodes (bouzouki) and Mohsen Amini (duet concertina). Imar have a wide reaching fanbase throughout the UK, Europe, USA and Canada. The quintet have fast become one of the trad scene's most talked about group.

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Bob Fox & Stu Luckley – They took the folk world by storm when they began playing together in the late 1970s, winning Melody Maker's 'Folk Album Of The Year' award. After tickets sold out very quickly for a special re-union concert at the annual Morpeth Gathering in April 2025 they decided to do a very short and selected series of re-union concerts this year. Playing guitars, acoustic bass, dulcimer, and bouzouki, this show will be made up of a selection of songs from *Nowt So Good!!* Pass and their second album *Wish We Never Had Parted* as well as a few songs that never made it onto either of the albums!

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Peter Knight's Gigsanner – Since his inaugural performance with the fledgling Steeleye Span in 1970, Peter has been a mainstay of the British folk scene. The Gigsanner Trio is loved by many for the intimacy and joy manifest in their virtuosic performances. Audiences revel in the opportunity to witness 'up close and personal' the almost telepathic communication that exists between Peter, guitarist Roger Flack and hand percussionist, Sacha Trochet. They take self-penned material along with music rooted in the British Isles & beyond, and with the flick of a bow, a finely chosen chord or slip of a beat, produce richly atmospheric arrangements.

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

Jackie Oates & John Spiers – Two of the most recognised performers on the British folk scene invite you into their captivating world of English carols, wassails and other historical traditions, festive songs and tunes from the British Isles and far beyond. Original music and selected covers with a host of instruments being played – fiddle, melodeon, percussion, recorders and stomp box – creating a richly textured sound. By sharing insights into their own family traditions, the duo provide inspiration for a simpler and wholesome Christmas – one where tradition, family, ritual and celebration are the beating heart.

MONDAY 14 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 starts with ... St Agnes Fountain ... Falalala!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2027

- Tuesday 16 February **Special Show *Keep the date!***
Monday 1 March **Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman**
Monday 15 March **McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle**

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