

Nettlebed Folk Club

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

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025

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'.

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025

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

Christmas starts with ... St Agnes Fountain ... Falalala!

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026

'An evening with Maddy Prior & Peter Knight'

As legends of British folk music, Maddy Prior & Peter Knight require absolutely no introduction and to list their achievements would fill an entire website. On this memorable night Maddy and Peter will revisit some special moments from their shared history with Steeleye Span, not only in music, but also in words, answering questions from you, the audience. The only word to describe this is "unmissable"!

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2026

Spiers & Boden – Multiple BBC Folk Award winners John & Jon have been at the forefront of the English traditional folk scene for 25 years both as a ground breaking duo and as founder members of folk phenomenon **Bellowhead**. After a seven year hiatus to concentrate on their Universal Records-signed big band Bellowhead they returned as a duo in 2021 and have been taking their brand of high octane, no nonsense acoustic folk song and music to packed UK venues ever since. They have become one of the best loved folk duos.

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026

SykesMartin – The exciting collaboration from two of British folk's finest voices. Miranda Sykes (Show of Hands) and Hannah Martin (Edgelarks & Gigspanner Big Band) join forces to present a set of songs that take them back to their shared roots. Having played together on numerous occasions, including in Steve Knightley's Wake the Union band, and at the Royal Albert Hall, they knew that they shared an instinctive ear for harmony and skilled instrumental improvisation. A sociable Devon winter evening led to an exchange of songs; which

proved to be so much fun that they soon arranged another musical get together. Swiftly these became rehearsal sessions, as a strong new sound emerged. Centred around their deep knowledge of roots music, and a love of harmony singing, SykesMartin brings together old songs with new ideas on double bass, fiddle, and banjo.

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026

McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle – Folk music's legendary triumvirate of musical magpies Mike McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle are back, bringing you their own blend of top – class folk songs, tunes and charming bonhomie. All three have won global acclaim and are musicians in The Transatlantic Sessions: **John Doyle** (Dublin – vocals, guitar, bouzouki, mandola) is an Irish music linchpin and a founder member of acclaimed group Solas, who has worked with Joan Baez, Linda Thompson and Mary Chapin Carpenter. BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Winner **John McCusker** (Glasgow – fiddle, whistles, harmonium) has played with The Battlefield Band, Mark Knopfler and Bob Dylan, recorded with Paul Weller and produced albums for Eddi Reader, Heidi Talbot and Kris Drever. **Mike McGoldrick** (Manchester – flute, whistles, Uilleann pipes, bodhran, clarinet, congas) is a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner, founding member of Lúnasa, and current member of Capercaille, who has worked with Mark Knopfler, Eddi Reader and John Cale. Described as the masters of flute, fiddle, song and guitar they'll bring you a night of beautifully crafted music. Mike, John & John are a rare musical treat you'll savour for a very long time.

MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026

Feast of Fiddles – Born in Nettlebed on Valentine's Day 1994 as a one-off special concert, Feast of Fiddles has done spring tours every year since. Have played numerous festivals and has seven CDs to its name. Not bad for a bunch of old folk- rockers! This is a band of friends that puts on a show of huge dynamic range performed with passion, joy and a liberal dose of fun. Six fiddlers, including **Phil Beer** from the 'Originals' lineup, bring a large range of fiddle playing styles to the rock back-line – all held together by legendary drummer Dave Mattacks. This is a live music entertainment like no other on the circuit which is guaranteed to be enjoyed by even the most doubting of friends dragged along!

*"Britain's fiddling supergroup" –
Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2*

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Monday 20 April – **Cara Dillon**

Monday 11 May – **John Jones Trio**

Monday 9 November – **Bob Fox & Stu Luckley**

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