

# Notes

## The Newsletter of Readifolk

Issue 32

Reading's folk song  
and music club

Winter 2016/17



*"Grass-roots folk singing at its best"*

**Damien Barber & Mike Wilson** will be at  
Readifolk on **19th February**.

### Readifolk Contacts:

**Una** for bookings  
and coming events

[una@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:una@readifolk.org.uk)

**Colin** for publicity, coming  
events and the mailing list

[colin@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:colin@readifolk.org.uk)

**Stewart** about the  
newsletter

[stewart@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:stewart@readifolk.org.uk)

**Alison** about the website

[ali@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:ali@readifolk.org.uk)

**Ian** about the radio show

[radiofolk@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:radiofolk@readifolk.org.uk)



## News snippets, information and nonsense.

This is the time of year when Ian Freedman and his team of co-presenters try to decide what have been their personal favourite albums of the year. The results of their agonising can be heard on a special edition of the *Readifolk Radio Show* on [bluesandrootsradio.com](http://bluesandrootsradio.com) on Tuesday 20th December at 10.00pm, repeated on Friday at 8.00pm. It should also be streamed by student radio [blast1386.com](http://blast1386.com) on Wednesday 21st at 7.00pm, repeated on Friday at 5.00pm. As usual, the show will also be available on [mixcloud.com](http://mixcloud.com) from Saturday 24th.

There are many ways you can join in to make folk music locally. As well as weekly floorspots and singers nights every Sunday at Readifolk, you can also express yourself at any of the following:

**Global Café, London Street, Folk-At-The-Global,** 2nd Wednesday every month. Also, *Pickin' Lunchtime*, 1st Sunday of the month.

**Crown pub in Theale.** Mike Tierney runs a session on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Beeham Club,** a session, normally on the 3rd Saturday of each month (although for December it's on Friday 16th).

**Metropolitan pub, Wokingham,** Graham Swannell runs a session on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

**Flowing Spring, Playhatch,** Mike Tuffery runs his *Quirky Corner* session on the 1st Tuesday every month.

**Jolly Anglers, Kennetside,** Mike Tuffery runs his *Jolly Acoustic Jam* on the 3rd Monday each month. Tony Fowler runs the *Canal Folk Night* on the 1st Thursday each month (although this is suspended until after Christmas).

**Butcher's Arms,** Eek (Martyn Cooper) was trying to launch a tunes session on the 3rd Thursday of the month, but we're unsure if this continues.

**Grosvenor, Kidmore Road, Caversham,** Terry Page runs a session on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Allied Arms, St Mary's Butts,** Jen Bottom runs a session (predominantly group tune-playing but some songs also) on the last Monday of each month.

**Black Lion, Woodcote,** 1st Monday of the month.

**Peppard Unplugged,** at the Memorial Hall on the 1st Saturday each month hopes to be back in the new year.

Thanks to Danny for compiling this list. There may be others - let us know of any that we've missed.

## Shows Worth Seeing

Previewing the new season of guest nights coming to Readifolk.

On 8th January we feature, by popular request, **Dave Ellis & Boo Howard**.

### What they say:

Dave and Boo are a London-based duo with a musical partnership that began in 1979. Their songs are intelligently constructed, elegantly articulated and never less than entertaining. The mix is eclectic from folk to jazz to blues to bluegrass but the songs are at the heart of it all, served by imaginative and stylish arrangements and by the singing and playing of two seasoned, wholly in tune, musicians.

### What others say:

"One of the most engaging duos you will ever encounter!



Dave is a wondrous guitarist... a real find. He is also a great songwriter and a very effective singer. Boo has a lovely voice and she is a great bass-player! Together they are a quite unique act...warm, witty and welcoming. Fine

songs, impressive playing, first-class music" - *Raven Folk Club, Chester*. "With Boo's wonderful voice and Dave's stunning song writing and guitar playing, they are always classy, imaginative and engaging. A lot of superlatives, but they are that good" - *Chesham Folk Club*.

### What we say:

This is a long-awaited return visit to the club from this sublime duo.

### Hear more:

[www.daveandboo.com](http://www.daveandboo.com)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHTPWXDWbqY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHTPWXDWbqY)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIT3tE1mDSU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIT3tE1mDSU)



**Bob Wood** makes a welcome return visit to Readifolk on 22nd 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:

"Bob Wood is one of the deftest pickers and tastiest arrangers of songs it has been my pleasure to hear... a real delight!" - *Steve Tilston*. "An artiste with an eclectic and entertaining repertoire of songs which he accompanies

with an innovative and always sympathetic guitar style" - Archie Fisher.

**What we say:**

It is a couple of years since Bob last visited the club but we do remember what a superb performance he gave – we anticipate more of the same.

**Hear more:**

[www.bobwood.co.uk](http://www.bobwood.co.uk)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSvegZUHKb4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSvegZUHKb4)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb51Vw-LknQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb51Vw-LknQ)



**Jimmy Lee and the Edge of Chaos Orchestra** grace the stage at Readfolk on **5th February**.



**What they say:**

To bring his music to life Jimmy has put together some of the finest musicians that he knows to form The Edge of Chaos Orchestra combining classical and traditional instruments that sail through a challenging variety of genres. Jimmy acknowledges a huge debt of gratitude for their skill, perseverance and talent that shine on both albums and, more importantly, on stage!

**What others say:**

"The brilliant evenings with these talented musicians... NOT to be missed!" - Jackie Payne, Woodies Folk Club.  
"Not many artists get a standing ovation... Jimmy Lee did... twice! At the Wee Club, Edinburgh and The Sail Loft, Portway" - Pete Heywood, Living Tradition Magazine.

**What we say:**

We know from their previous appearances at the club that this will be a memorable evening. Don't miss it!

**Hear more:**

[www.iimyleemusic.co.uk](http://www.iimyleemusic.co.uk)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC\\_3ig3WhGI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC_3ig3WhGI)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn4H2DKScY4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn4H2DKScY4)



**Damien Barber & Mike Wilson** make a welcome return visit on **19th February**.

**What they say:**

Two of the finest exponents of Traditional Song in the United Kingdom; it is difficult to accept that these relatively young men, have combined 40+ years experience of performing at Folk venues. Nominated Best Duo BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.



**What others say:**

"Damien, one of the most charismatic of solo singers around the scene, and Mike, a member of a famous singing family, combine to bring a powerful set of songs to my eager

ears. Good voices, good arrangements, good songs" - Living Tradition Magazine. "This is grass-roots folk singing at its best" - Dai Jeffries.

**What we say:**

We eagerly anticipate another rousing evening from this brilliant duo.

**Hear more:**

[www.damienandmike.co.uk](http://www.damienandmike.co.uk)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Psx6a\\_GwyHs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Psx6a_GwyHs)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuiP-LP5Zyw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuiP-LP5Zyw)



Old War Horse, **Bob Fox** returns to Readfolk on **5th March**.

**What he says:**

Bob Fox is an English folk guitarist and singer, specialising in traditional and contemporary songs of the north-east of England and in particular, the coal mining communities thereof.

**What others say:**

"As soon I heard Bob Fox sing I realised that he must have one of the best voices in England" - Ralph McTell.  
"One of the finest singers on the planet" - Pete Fyffe.



**What we say:**

Fresh from his highly acclaimed role as Songman in the stage production of War Horse, Bob returns to the Readfolk stage with his powerful and engaging singing.

**Hear more:**

[www.bobfoxmusic.com](http://www.bobfoxmusic.com)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFPSY8Kik3E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFPSY8Kik3E)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLWLFgVacts](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLWLFgVacts)



On a brief UK tour **Kieran Halpin** is our guest on **26th March**.

**What he says:**

Thought provoking traditional and self-penned songs delivered with humour. His musical ability has been compared to a young Van Morrison - one of Ireland's finest singer/songwriters.



**What others say:**

"Every song has a story and every lyric paints that story clearly" - Anon. "These songs made me think, laugh and cry - all in one evening" - Anon. "Great songs, great singing, great guitar playing and great stories" - Anon.

**What we say:**

An ever-popular performer at Readfolk, we look forward to hearing more of his wonderful songs and singing.

**Hear more:**

[www.kieranhalpin.com](http://www.kieranhalpin.com)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tDk60DxFtK](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tDk60DxFtK)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=g32rolpvZFs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g32rolpvZFs)



# 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 2017

<b>JANUARY</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Theme</b> <b>'Season's Greetings'</b>	<i>Let's start the New Year with an evening of seasonal songs, tunes etc.</i>
	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dave Ellis &amp; Boo Howard</b> <a href="http://www.daveandboo.com">www.daveandboo.com</a>	<i>A long-standing musical partnership providing superb harmony vocals, terrific guitar and stunning songs.</i>
	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Singers Night</b>	<i>The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us. All welcome.</i>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Bob Wood</b> <a href="http://www.bobwood.co.uk">www.bobwood.co.uk</a>	<i>A highly accomplished finger-style guitarist. His playing and songs display a rare sensitivity, lightness of touch and great technique.</i>
	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Theme</b> <b>'Murder on My Mind'</b>	<i>A popular folk song theme. Let's hear your songs - gruesome or otherwise.</i>

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jimmy Lee and the Edge of Chaos Orchestra</b> <a href="http://www.jimmyleemusic.co.uk">www.jimmyleemusic.co.uk</a>	<i>Bringing together musicians from the world of folk and classical music, this ensemble will delight and surprise you.</i>
	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Singers Night</b>	<i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i>
	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Damien Barber &amp; Mike Wilson</b> <a href="http://www.damienandmike.co.uk">www.damienandmike.co.uk</a>	<i>Powerful singing with guitar and button accordion accompaniment - delivered with a lively rapport with the audience.</i>
	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Theme</b> <b>'Airs &amp; Places'</b>	<i>Lots of possibilities with this theme. Interpret it as you wish.</i>

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

<b>MARCH</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bob Fox</b> <a href="http://www.bobfoxmusic.com">www.bobfoxmusic.com</a>	<i>On a break from his role as Songman in the stage production of War Horse, Bob returns to Readifolk to entertain with traditional songs mainly from his home territory of the North East of England.</i>
	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Singers Night</b>	<i>It's your turn to entertain us. Don't be shy - we want to hear you.</i>
	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Theme</b> <b>'Home &amp; Away'</b>	<i>Local songs? Songs from afar? Let's hear what you have to offer.</i>
	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kieran Halpin</b> <a href="http://www.kieranhalpin.com">www.kieranhalpin.com</a>	<i>One of Ireland's most respected singer/songwriters. His performance is both witty and passionate.</i>

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

More information from our web site [www.readifolk.org.uk](http://www.readifolk.org.uk)

Una - 0118 9483145 or Anne - 0118 9613586

[una@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:una@readifolk.org.uk)

[anne@readifolk.org.uk](mailto:anne@readifolk.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/readifolk](http://www.facebook.com/readifolk) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/readifolk](http://www.twitter.com/readifolk)

The Readifolk Radio Show is on the internet every Wednesday 7 - 9pm and Friday 5 - 7pm  
<http://blast1386.reading-college.ac.uk> click on 'Listen Live'. And now on [www.bluesandrootsradio.co.uk](http://www.bluesandrootsradio.co.uk)