

Notes

Coming Events at Readifolk

Reading's folk song
and music club

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The talented trio **Reunion Lane** make their Readifolk debut on **7th October**.

What they say:

David and Alison Fenner and Simon Diegan first played together in 1981 in a music and dance project touring the UK and Scandinavia. Now known as Reunion Lane they have continued to play together across the years presenting their folk inspired fusion of acoustic music and stunning vocal harmonies at festivals and clubs across the region.

What others say:

"Reunion Lane played a great set at the Towersey Festival. Their musicianship and vocal harmony brought both laughter and tears to a very appreciative audience. Top band" - *Jim Greenhough, Thame Club Organiser*. "Always popular at MFC, this trio are skilled and engaging performers who delight audiences with their well-chosen songs complemented by subtle arrangements and rich vocal harmonies" - *Mary, Maidenhead Folk Club*.

What we say:

David & Alison are frequent visitors to Readifolk and have performed as a duo and with the band Common Ground. Here performing as a trio with Simon we anticipate another memorable evening.

Hear more:

<http://reunion-lane.co.uk>
www.youtube.com/watch?v=srvfP_KhzX4
www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTYsJUpyNoU



Steve Turner makes a welcome return to Readifolk on **28th October**.

What he says:

Steve Turner is known as a pioneer of highly sophisticated English concertina song accompaniments, stretching the boundaries of traditional forms, with one of the best voices in the business. He is a multi-instrumentalist, who also accompanies himself on the cittern, and also plays mandolin and banjo.

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Readifolk website www.readifolk.org.uk

What others say:

"A shining example of the music the British folk scene is capable of producing" - *Folk Roots*. "His interpretive power with narrative ballads reigns supreme – a mature and accomplished folk talent" - *Properganda*.

What we say:

Steve is an all-time favourite at Readifolk. We can guarantee another stupendous evening.

Hear more:

www.steve-turner.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1LNbPu3AEF
www.youtube.com/watch?v=65GwvPqRUbs



On **4th November** we welcome the return of **Damien Barber and Mike Wilson**.

What they say:

Mike and Damien have a rich shared repertoire of traditional songs plus the work of modern folk writers such as Peter Bellamy, Ewan McColl and Mike Waterson.

What others say:

"Nothing but great songs brilliantly sung" - *Mike Harding*. "They entertained us with depth, humour and tons of chat" - *Readifolk newsletter, Notes 10*.

What we say:

We know what to expect from this highly talented duo and are looking forward enormously to hearing them again at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.damienandmike.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJPScXv_4PU
www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuiP-LP5Zyw



Steve Hicks & Lynn Goulbourn return to entertain us on **18th November**.

What they say:

Hicks and Goulbourn – quintessential acoustic music. Fingerstyle guitar virtuoso Steve Hicks and singer songwriter Lynn Goulbourn met at a gig in 2007. With a mutual love of folk, jazz, roots and acoustic genres, their musical partnership has flourished and taken them to all corners of the UK, to Germany, France, The Netherlands and the USA. They thrive on the creative process of stretching established boundaries and perform mesmeric arrangements of traditional, contemporary and self-penned songs and music. Expect the unexpected.

What others say:

"Last night at the club we had the long awaited visit of Steve Hicks and Lynn Goulbourn and they were well worth the wait. What a great night was had by a very appreciative audience who were treated to a virtuoso performance by two of the best artists on the circuit today. Lynn's soulful vocals and her spot on rhythm guitar playing were complemented by some truly dazzling guitar playing by Steve who is a great singer himself. With an eclectic set covering everything from original folk inspired songs to ragtime/blues to Led Zeppelin-esque classical instrumentals the evening was waaaaay too short!!" - *Carlisle Folk and Blues Club*. "Blown away last evening at the Beamish Mary Inn Folk and Acoustic night by Steve Hicks and Lynn Goulbourn. It was a privilege to be at their show in such convivial surroundings. Cracking repertoire from the two of them, some top-drawer original songs and Steve Hicks is easily the most outstanding acoustic guitarist regularly working the folk club circuit at the moment. Total musical entertainment not to be missed!" - *Eddie Walker*.

What we say:

This is a show that you really should not miss. Beautiful singing, fantastic guitar playing and lots of fun.

Hear more:

www.hicksandgoulbourn.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=evX0J8aU9RU
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR97v-mvaJ0



On **2nd December** we welcome back Readifolk favourites **Martyn Wyndham-Read & Iris Bishop**.

What they say:

Martyn Wyndham-Read has been involved with folk music for over 40 years. In his late teens he left his mother's farm in Sussex and headed off, with his guitar, to Australia where he worked on a sheep farm, Emu Springs, in South Australia. It was while he was there that he heard, first hand, the old songs sung by some of the station hands at Emu Springs, and became captivated by these songs and the need to know more of them and where they came from. He headed off to Melbourne and became part of the folk song revival there and throughout Australia during the early 1960s. Back in England in 1967 where he met up with the renowned singer and song collector Bert Lloyd, who himself had spent time in Australia. Martyn was asked by Bert Lloyd to be part of the album *Leviathan* on the Topic label and soon after he started recording for Bill Leader and touring extensively worldwide. In the early 1970s Martyn started the *Maypoles to*

Mistletoe concerts which portray the seasons of the year through song, music, dance and verse and illustration. Martyn is also the instigator of the well known **Song Links Project**.

What others say:

"Martyn is one of our best known and respected singers, with a laid-back, hypnotic style which never fails to relax and enthral his audiences. He is also an acknowledged expert on Australian song. A real craftsman, who sings from the heart" - *Living Tradition*. "How lucky we were to have Martyn Wyndham-Read as our guest on Friday evening. A superb interpreter of traditional and new songs, his lovely voice and gentle guitar had the full venue spellbound throughout" - *The Everyman Folk Club*.

What we say:

What more is there to say about this impressive duo? Martyn's unique vocal style is beautifully complemented by Iris's exquisite concertina backing. You cannot fail to be enthralled by this evening's entertainment.

Hear more:

www.dandadesign.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dzc1XaDLBHE
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i4K21P72RM



Jim Causley presents **A Causley Christmas** on **16th December**.

What he says:

Join Jim in celebrating the Christmas season as he entertains you with lesser known West Country carols, medieval and secular carols from around the British Isles, his own settings of moving Christmas poems by his relative, the late Cornish poet Charles Causley as well a gurt dollop of festive fun with songs of over-indulgence and even a spot of panto too! If you are feeling a little dismayed with the over-commercialisation of 'Christmas present' then join Jim for a journey through Christmas past that will be guaranteed to get you in the festive spirit!

What others say:

"The finest singer of his generation" - *Mojo Magazine*. "A voice in a million" - *Geoff Lakeman*.

What we say:

This is going to be a really entertaining pre-Christmas celebration. Don't miss it!

Hear more:

www.jimcausley.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uXX6XSYcso
www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1HV0MnYYE



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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: October - December 2018

OCTOBER	7 th	Reunion Lane reunion-lane.co.uk	<i>Experienced local performers Alison and David Fenner together with Simon Diegan are Reunion Lane. Their music includes English & American folk songs, spirituals and reworked popular songs.</i>
	14 th	Theme 'In Other Words'	<i>Familiar tune, different words? Perhaps a parody? It's up to you.</i>
	21 st	Singers Night	<i>The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us.</i>
	28 th	Steve Turner www.steve-turner.co.uk	<i>A superb performer with an engaging singing style and amazing concertina accompaniment.</i>



NOVEMBER	4 th	Damien Barber & Mike Wilson www.damienandmike.co.uk	<i>Powerful singing with guitar and button accordion accompaniment - delivered with a lively rapport with the audience.</i>
	11 th	Theme 'Remember, Remember'	<i>Don't forget tonight's theme! It is the month of Remembrance.</i>
	18 th	Steve Hicks & Lynne Goulbourn www.hicksandgoulbourn.com	<i>A refreshing fusion of soulful vocals and breathtaking finger-style guitar. Their repertoire includes traditional, contemporary and self-penned songs and music in a variety of styles.</i>
	25 th	Singers Night	<i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i>



DECEMBER	2 nd	Martyn Wyndham-Read & Iris Bishop www.dandadesign.co.uk	<i>A terrific combination of Martyn's vocals and Iris's sensitive concertina backing, performing songs often with an Australian connection.</i>
	9 th	Theme 'Just the Job'	<i>A song or tune that is 'fit for purpose' is tonight's theme.</i>
	16 th	Jim Causley presents 'A Causley Christmas' www.jimcausley.co.uk	<i>Join Jim in celebrating the Christmas season as he entertains you with lesser-known West Country carols, medieval and secular carols from around the British Isles.</i>
	23 rd	Christmas Party	<i>Continue the celebrations here. Come and enjoy the music and the festive fare.</i>
	30 th	Singers Night	<i>You know the format. Come and join in the fun-it's your last chance in 2018!</i>

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

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Podcasts of earlier shows are on www.mixcloud.com/ianfreedman18