

Notes

Coming Events at Readifolk

Reading's folk song
and music club

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Kelly Oliver makes her Readifolk debut on **7th April**.

What she says:

Kelly Oliver is a singer-songwriter, guitarist and harmonicaist. Kelly was awarded the Best Female Solo Artist and Breakout Artist in the 2015/16 NMG Awards, as well as winning the Best Female Artist 2016 in the FATEA Awards.

What others say:

"A fantastic new talent" - *Chris Hawkins, BBC6 Music*. "Crystal voice, confident harmonica, intricate guitar" - *Folk Radio UK*. "A canny mix of the traditional and contemporary. Sleek but spirited arrangements" - *The Sunday Times*.

What we say:

We have seen Kelly perform and agree with all the plaudits that she has received. Don't miss this opportunity of seeing her at your local folk club.

Hear more:

kellyoliver.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ketGPeFKPrw
www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCZQZRoSnlM



The fantastic duo **Daria Kulesh with Jonny Dyer** come to entertain us on **14th April**.

What they say:

Daria Kulesh is a rising star and a unique character on the UK folk scene. Daria is joined by the spectacular multi-instrumentalist Jonny Dyer (of Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer fame). When Jonny's wonderful instrumental skills are combined with Daria's stunning voice and dramatic stage presence, the audience is taken on a very special journey.

What others say:

"A spellbinding night with the amazing Daria Kulesh and Jonny Dyer. Some fascinating stories and songs. Daria's powerful voice was complemented expertly by Jonny's wonderful accompaniments" - *Henry Wilson, Stirling Folk Club*. "Her voice was simply magnificent, just stunning. The accompaniment was seriously high quality" - *Cornwallis, The Nettle, Scotland*.

What we say:

We have seen them both before at the club but not performing together. This promises to be one of those very special nights.

Hear More:

www.daria-kulesh.co.uk/with-jonny-dyer
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToX1LWXZaoY
www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhYGm4NLRg



On **28th April** we welcome **Hickory Signals** to Readifolk.

What they say:

Multi-instrumentalists Laura Ward and Adam Ronchetti, a.k.a. Hickory Signals, are a folk duo from Brighton. The duo's sound is based around Ward's powerful leading vocal and Ronchetti's vibrant acoustic guitar and pulsing cajon to

which they add flute, percussion and shruti drones, building each song to rousing effect. Their set combines re-interpretations of traditional folk songs with original, self-penned material.

What others say:

"Direct, atmospheric and deeply affecting; Folk Album of the Month" - *The Guardian*. "Laura's impressive voice is strong, clear and unadorned" - *RnR Magazine*. "Clear, direct and honest" - *Songlines Magazine*.

What we say:

We have heard great reports of this duo and are really looking forward to seeing them perform at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.hickorysignals.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=FueDKKZbDeg
www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2ZLJyUzBe4



One of our all-time favourite duos **Na-Mara** return to delight us again on **12th May**.

What they say:

In recent years, na-mara have built an enviable reputation for fine story-telling and musicianship, performing in venues and festivals across the UK, at events in France, Spain and Germany and on BBC Radio 4 and a plethora of internet and local radio stations. They consistently deliver new and exciting material to folk audiences with their own provocative material in traditional style on contemporary and historical topics; their English translations of songs from Breton, French and Quebecois traditions; and their take on traditional tunes from Brittany, France and the Spanish Celtic regions of Asturias and Galicia.

What others say:

"They are elegant and skilled musicians on guitars, mandolins, mandola, and bandurria. This is powerful and well-performed stuff" - *Folk London*. "Their musical skills are superb and their songs are of the highest quality" - *Milkmaid Folk Club, Bury St Edmunds*. "Musical dexterity and superb vocals" - *Uxbridge Folk Club*.

What we say:

They have appeared at the club many times and never fail to entrance us with their heartfelt songs and superb musicianship.

Hear more:

www.na-mara.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5gECElBqTc
www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpn1Sy6MvPg



On **19th May** we welcome the highly talented **Odetta Michell** to the club.

What she says:

Odetta Michell is an English Folk Singer and Songwriter with a dynamic new take on the acoustic tradition and a voice capable of demonstrating the finer points of both folk and

traditional song with genuine craftsmanship. Her vocal style has been described as "warm, intelligent and sitting comfortably amidst folk guitar in a timeless songwriting style" - and has been compared in similarity to the likes of Sandy Denny, Lucinda Williams and Joni Mitchell.

What others say:

"As female folk voices go this one will stay with you. There's a warm sincerity to the interpretation of the songs, a heartfelt involvement that beckons the listener" - *Charlie Elland, FolkWorks*. "Odette Michell possesses one of the most remarkable voices you'll hear anywhere, and it's matched by a rare songwriting talent" - *Explorer Magazine*. "Odette Michell has placed herself firmly on the map" - *FATEA Magazine*.

What we say:

We had heard lots of complimentary reports on Odette before she came to do a floor spot at the club. We are sure that you will be enthralled by her fantastic voice and beautiful songs.

Hear more:

www.odettemichell.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gc5OXec5hM
www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdivoDSNJac



Pete Morton takes 'Another Train' to Readifolk on 2nd June.

What he says:

Pete Morton is a folk singer-songwriter with a wealth of great songs and a remarkable singing voice. A compelling and energetic performer whose songs have been described as an unruly mix of humour, politics, love and social comment wrapping their way around the folk tradition. Songs like 'Another Train' and 'When We Sing Together' have become folk club standards and his performance is a joy.

What others say:

"A writer who manages to express everything from the highly personal to the truly international" - *R2 Magazine*. "Not only impressive, but a revelation" - *The Guardian*. "One of the best the British roots scene has produced in living memory" - *fRoots*.

What we say:

We look forward to another memorable evening with this truly outstanding performer.

Hear more:

www.petemorton.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=711sPq3ZpDU
www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5I2Xeff5x0



The legendary Steve Ashley performs at Readifolk on 9th June.

What he says:

Steve Ashley has long been regarded as one of British folk's finest singer-songwriters. His reputation for writing contemporary songs inspired by the English Tradition was established in 1974 with his innovative debut album, *Stroll*.

On. Since then his songs have been recorded by many leading folk artists including Fairport Convention, Anne Briggs, Ralph McTell and Wizz Jones, O'Hooley & Tidow, Dave Pegg and PJ Wright, The Arizona Smoke Review, Martin and Jessica Simpson, Grace Notes, Phil Beer, Maggie Boyle, The Bushwackers, The Owl Service, Sproatly Smith and Hannah Sanders and Liz Simmons. He has also played a significant role in the development of British folk-rock, performing as a lead singer with the first Albion Country Band, then with his own Ragged Robin and various line-ups of The Steve Ashley Band. He has also performed occasionally with members of Fairport Convention.

What others say:

"This is praiseworthy modern folk music" - *Get Rhythm*. "The music of Steve Ashley exerts an ever-growing appeal to those looking for a certain grace, texture and modesty in their music" - *Folk on Tap*.

What we say:

We are proud to showcase this legendary figure of the folk scene.

Hear more:

www.steveashley.co.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4UW_HEJWPw
www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYq9p8K5xJ8



The fantastic 4-piece band **Two Coats Colder** come to warm us up on **23rd June**.

What they say:

This Superb four-piece, acoustic folk band have now well and truly arrived on the folk club/ festival scene and come very highly recommended. They are guaranteed to get you singing along with their melodic and lay-back mix of original and traditional songs featuring guitars, bass, mandolin and Indian Harmonium. The band enjoys an excellent reputation as headliners in their own right, but also have supported a wonderful array of popular performers including Bob Fox, Emily McGuire, Jim Moray, John Conolly, Elbow Jane, Rory McLeod, Sara Grey & Kieron Means, Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer, Winter Wilson, The Bounty Hounds, and others.

What others say:

"They have a distinctive sound of their own. I can't imagine anyone not liking this ensemble. 4 stars" - *Rock'n Reel Magazine*. "That was one of the best Milkmaid nights we've had for a long time. The atmosphere was amazing, the audience singing incredible and you four were superb" - *Terry Walden, Milkmaid Folk Club*. "Pure, Honest, Beautiful Folk Music" - *Robin Mansfield, Cambridge Folk Club*.

What we say:

Since their last visit to the club Two Coats Colder have further enhanced their reputation as one of the 'must see' groups on the folk scene. We are delighted to have them back at Readifolk.

Hear more:

www.twocoatscolder.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=GchHo8gUZso
www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE TgdGRakGE



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: April - June 2019



A P R I L	7th	Kelly Oliver kellyoliver.co.uk	<i>A rising star on the folk scene. A beautiful voice with interesting traditional and self-penned songs with guitar and harmonica accompaniment.</i>
	14th	Daria Kulesh with Jonny Dyer www.daria-kulesh.co.uk/with-jonny-dyer	<i>Daria's "truly extraordinary" voice and rich stories told in song, combined with Jonny's spectacular instrumental skills produce a match made in musical heaven.</i>
	21st	Singers Night	<i>The usual format - a song, a tune, a poem, a joke or just come along and be entertained by us.</i>
	28th	Hickory Signals www.hickorysignals.com	<i>This widely - acclaimed duo perform their interpretations of traditional songs as well as self-penned material. They offer powerful vocals and vibrant acoustic guitar together with cajon, flute and shruti drones.</i>



M A Y	5th	Theme 'May Songs'	<i>Spring into action with your seasonal songs.</i>
	12th	Na-Mara www.na-mara.com	<i>A welcome return of one of our favourite duos, na-mara play an interesting mix of traditional songs and tunes, particularly of French & Spanish origin as well as some originals.</i>
	19th	Odette Michell www.odettemichell.com	<i>An exciting newcomer to Readifolk, singer/songwriter Odette has been likened to Sandy Denny, Lucinda Williams and Joni Mitchell.</i>
	26th	Singers Night	<i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i>



J U N E	2nd	Pete Morton www.petemorton.com	<i>Beautifully crafted songs from one of our favourite singer-songwriters.</i>
	9th	Steve Ashley www.steveashley.co.uk	<i>Steve has long been regarded as one of British folk's finest singer-songwriters. His songs have been recorded by Fairport Convention, Ralph McTell, Anne Briggs, Wizz Jones and many others.</i>
	16th	Theme 'But is it Folk?'	<i>Come and push the boundaries if you like. You'll get a warm reception whatever you sing.</i>
	23rd	Two Coats Colder www.twocoatscolder.com	<i>A fun-loving bunch of musicians who will certainly entertain you with their own varied take on folk music, drawing from traditional, contemporary & progressive styles.</i>
	30th	Singers Night	<i>Another opportunity for you to show us what you can do.</i>

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

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