

# creweroots

update  
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Thanks again to everyone who turned out for Andy and Holly on Wednesday. What a great night. We've had several conversations praising both performers but we all know that the real star of the evening was the new PA system... Still playing Andy's new CD to death and wandering around singing 'This town is getting me down, you got it far too easy Manchester...' to anyone who will listen.

Tom Hingley (lead singer from the Inspiral Carpets)  
solo acoustic show  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May (note change of venue)



Some of you will have noticed that we've started to get coverage in the local press and things seem to be moving forwards at quite a pace. There's a real buzz about the Tom Hingley gig and, as some of you know, we've moved this to Square One instead of the Cross Keys. It's a wrench but the reality is that this will be a better space for Tom, it gives us more scope to deal with the number of people who want to see him and, to be honest, it creates further opportunities for the future so that we can use both venues depending on who we are putting on. Tickets will finally be on sale on Tuesday next week if you're interested (as soon as they come back from the printers – proper tickets this time, perforated and numbered!). Some of you will be keen to turn out for this gig, others might not be so keen because it's going to be a standing concert in a café-bar space rather than our usual cosy setting. For us, it feels as though we're getting the best of both worlds here and it just creates more possibility for the future.

So, we're aiming for well over a hundred people for the Tom Hingley gig and we've no doubt at all that it will happen. Can't believe we're responsible for one of the most legendary musical nights in Crewe ever. When the tickets are gone they're gone so if you intend to come just let one of us know as soon as you can. Tickets are ten quid in advance (we anticipate having none available on the night at all) and they can be organised by email to [creweroots@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:creweroots@hotmail.co.uk) or you can pick them up in advance from Richard's shop (Richard Joseph, 50, Edleston Road, Crewe).

## Attila the Stockbroker

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Cross Keys



Something of another departure for us but that's the intention. We take 'roots' in its widest sense and we're keen to be challenging everything we do at every opportunity. The reason we're doing all this is because we got tired of a diet of tribute bands and so we're looking for alternative, interesting and challenging artists. Attila is all that and more. He's been 'Making Poetry History' for over 25 years and he is in turns insightful, hilarious, confrontational and completely original.

Originally inspired by the punk ethic and in particular The Clash, Attila was championed by John Peel and recorded for Cherry Red records (who were responsible for some astonishing releases in the late seventies and early eighties). He's been on tour ever since, for 27 years and regularly contributes to the Guardian, Time Out, the NME, the Independent. As well as performance poetry Attila has a punk band (Barnstormer), and he has a show on Radio Four. He's released fourteen albums, numerous books of poetry, and he's driving all the way from Brighton for the Crewe gig. If you're interested in hearing what he's like then point your mouse at

[www.attilathestockbroker.com/sounds/attila-radio4.mp3](http://www.attilathestockbroker.com/sounds/attila-radio4.mp3)

and download a half hour Radio Four documentary on the man himself.

There are all kinds of downloads to be accessed on his website – just remember it's not the punk band we've booked! If you're canny, you'll find legendary stuff like 'The Russians are running the DHSS' and 'The Gospel According to Rupert Murdoch' and 'Libyan Students From Hell' but the best starting point is the Radio Four link above.

Admitted, this isn't what we've put on before but Attila is a hell of a performer with a longer history and more releases than anyone else we've booked. On top of that, we're never going to be labelled predictable or complacent (which is what the live scene in Crewe has been for far too long). So, it WILL be challenging and we're happy that way. Creweroots welcomes Attila the Stockbroker with open arms!

We've got another little helper on board who has offered to build us a proper website and even pay the registration fee for our name! Thanks Tracy. Thanks also to Toby the Guardian for helping us organise the Tom Hingley gig. Cheers. Still working on the booking for July but it looks like you're in for a real lo-fi acoustic treat. Thanks again for all your support. See you at Square One.

Happy days!

Richard and Russell