

creweroots

update
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Thanks to everyone who turned out for Tom Hingley last week. It was odd to have a new venue again but we felt it worked really well for him on the night. Great to see so many new faces too...

Back to Julia and the Cross Keys for the next batch of events though and things are taking shape nicely for the coming months. First up, as you know, we've got Attila the Stockbroker on June 6th. Several new people at Tom's gig were really excited about that one. We've then got a double header with M S Thomason supported by Thom Price. This is going to be a return to our typical music bookings and probably the nearest thing we'll ever get to a genuine lo-fi night. Other bookings are still in the pipeline but Jackie Leven is already confirmed for October.

Attila the Stockbroker
Wednesday 4th June – Cross Keys



Our first 'literature' event (although we know there are songs in there too). Attila the Stockbroker has been 'Making Poetry History' for over 25 years and he 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 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

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', 'The Gospel According to Rupert Murdoch' and 'Libyan Students From Hell' but the best starting point is the Radio Four link above. Attila's new book 'My Poetic Licence' is published at the beginning of June, and we've had an email from him saying he'll be performing stuff from it on our night and that it will be on sale at the gig too.

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!

M S Thomason plus support from Thom Price Wednesday 9th July – Cross Keys



Really excited about this booking as we've had two attempts to bring Matt to creweroots and now we've finally managed to sort a date.

Moody, gothic, romantic, 'Under the Birch Tree' bares the breaking point of a man. A fantastic, weary and cutting debut. – SubbaCultcha

At 24 years the tale so far is a soothing one tainted by echoes, heartache and reflection, a stunning collection of songs which need to be shared. – UpstartStoke



msthomason
under the birch tree

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"Moody, gothic, romantic,
UTBT bares the breaking point of a man.
A fantastic, weary and cutting debut."
- Subbaculture

"A delightful moonlit collection of soothing,
inner city acoustica with a slightly dark heart."
- Manchester Music

"there is a quiet, haunting edge in the music
that sends you reaching for a blanket."
- Tasty Fanzine

www.myspace.com/msthomason
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You need to hear some of the songs from this album (particularly 'Bloody Mess') and you can hear them streamed live at www.myspace.com/msthomason. While you're online, look at www.myspace.com/thomprice and hear some of his stuff

too. He describes his music as being influenced by Tom Waits, Bob Dylan, Nick Drake, Curt Cobain and Neil Young! Listen and you'll see why.



Jackie Leven
Wednesday 22nd October – Cross Keys



Loads more info to follow... for now, try www.youtube.com/watch?v=APNVVMpOAF0 to watch Jackie play one of the live favourites 'Classic Northern Diversions' and see how he can make a four minute song turn into a ten minute fable / journal / songwriting masterclass

Happy days!

Richard and Russell