

creweroots

update
5th September 2008

...and we're back. After a heady mix of rain, mud and overpriced beer the festival season draws to a close and it's time for a creweroots update. We've had a strange time with the bookings as some artists have postponed their tours, some overseas musicians aren't coming over until the new year and some people just wouldn't confirm, so we're left with just two bookings but nobody's complaining. The two artists we've booked are our two personal musical heroes in what is going to prove to be an incredible run-in to Xmas. Read on!



Jackie Leven

Wednesday 22nd October – Cross Keys £10 adv

Nominated, booked and worshipped by Russell...

Simply can't praise Jackie highly enough. I've lost count of how many times I've seen him live and ever single time he has been memorable (often for very different

reasons) but his storytelling is simply astonishing, I don't know anyone else who can make a couple of hours fly by so fast. His music is heartfelt, deeply experienced, moving, passionate and then he'll crown it all with a ten minute tale about trying to buy the last fishcake in Bethesda. For the uninitiated, seek out 'Fairy Tales for Hard Men' and 'Elegy for Johnny Cash' – both terrific starting points. His experience of life is in turn tragic and inspirational, for anyone wanting a brief outline of his travels go to www.jackieleven.co.uk/biography.php and see what I mean.

Even more impressive (if that's possible) was Andy Gill's four star review that appeared for his London gig this week in The Independent. I can't believe that the great man pulls in a glowing report for his show at The Borderline in the West End of our capital and then plays creweroots above the Cross Keys but it's happening and it's true. For those of you who want to read the review in full go to <http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/reviews/jackie-leven-the-borderline-london-917077.html>

I'm absolutely convinced that this will be our first sell-out gig at the Keys and I've already started selling tickets for Jackie's show to people who have read about it on his website and got in touch. If you intend to turn up for this gig please let us know in advance and sort your tickets because we'd hate to have to close the door.

Miles Hunt and Erica Nockalls
Wednesday 19th November – Square One £10 adv



Nominated, booked and worshipped by Richard...

For those that don't know, Miles Hunt is the front man for The Wonder Stuff; a band I've worshipped since discovering their debut album 'The Eight Legged Groove Machine'. That's when I realised I needed long hair!! After seeing them live for the first time on the "Hup" tour in '89 I guess it all just fit into place really. I would make the effort to get to any gig within a reasonable travelling distance, so when they announced warm updates to headline Reading in '92 Aberdeen seemed logical!!

20 years later we find Miles still fronting them, but now also playing acoustic shows with their fiddle player Erica Nockalls. There's strong material from his new album 'Not An Exit' such as 'Back on The Charm Offensive', 'Note To Self' and 'These Things Remembered (Not At All)' but there will be plenty of old favourites thrown in for good measure! After a tour of the U.S in September, Miles and Erica head off an acoustic tour that will include our big night out at Square One. It's worth mentioning that seven creweroots regulars saw Miles and Erica play in Cheltenham in the summer so this gig comes highly recommended. A great night to be had by one and all!!

Check out his myspace for an insight - www.myspace.com/theactualmileshunt

Finally...

As all you guys know, the point of doing all this was to attempt some kind of kickstart to live music in South Cheshire - we're not in competition with anyone and we're more than happy to recommend other ventures of worth. It seems as though there's a couple of incredible months ahead so it might be worth pointing your mouse at some of this lot...

There's a fantastic little venture happening in Nantwich next month - look at www.wordsandmusicfestival.com for more details. There's Thea Gilmore, Eliza Carthy, Bob Harris and more. Certainly worth checking out and we'll be present at more than one performance. Unfortunately we won't be there for Eliza Carthy as we'll be watching The Beat at The M Club that night (and for those of you with spiky tops there's plenty more to look forward to there with visits ahead from the Fall and The Damned) as well as Richie Havens (who was surprisingly brilliant at Womad in 2005) and our old creweroots pal Tom Hingley, who will be appearing with his full band - the Lovers. There's Spear of Destiny at The Box (just off Nantwich Road) and even the Limelight have dragged themselves onto the real music scene with upcoming visits from the UK Subs and John Otway. Those fabulous folk at Bidulph always manage a full season of treats and they've done it again with the likes of the Ruth Notman Trio (who were great at the 'Off the Tracks' festival this year), Kerfuffle (who were great at Middlewich this year) and the ever wonderful Boo Hewardine. Check out their full line-up at www.bidulphupinarms.com. On top of all that the mighty Damien Jurado is back

playing in Manchester in November but we can't go because we're both going on a pilgrimage to see Sigur Ros in Wolverhampton! It's certainly not the season for sitting in the house watching Holby City – so soak up that thriving South Cheshire (and beyond) music scene!

Look forward to seeing you all again soon, don't forget to get in touch sharpish if you want Jackie Leven tickets.

Happy days!

Richard and Russell