



The
RAM CLUB



Live Folk at the Foley Arms, Hare Lane, Claygate, Esher, Surrey KT10 0LZ - Fridays 8.30pm

STOP PRESS! FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - VIN GARBUTT cancelled due to illness. BUT instead we have the master of squeeze and Accordion Icon, JOHN KIRKPATRICK!

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

THE EXPATRIATE GAME

..... are MAGGIE BOYLE (vocals, flute), DUCK BAKER (guitar) and BEN PALEY (fiddle). Maggie has been here many a time, with the likes of Steve Tilston and Gordon Tyrrell. Her beautiful clear voice has graced the recordings of The Chieftains, Incantation, and Bert Jansch and breathes new life into the traditional songs she loves. DUCK, from Richmond, Virginia, is a wonderful finger-pickin' guitarist steeped in old-time mountain music, blue grass, gospel, ragtime, Irish, swing and jazz (pew!). As for BEN, *fROOTS* says "...just about the best folk fiddler of his generation". This inspired combination present a musical celebration of the highest calibre, and may possibly exceed expectations.

www.threescompany.org.uk

FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

STEVE NEWMAN & TONY COX

From South Africa, two of the hottest guitarists you are ever likely to see! With just their guitars, Steve and Tony produce a truly stunning kaleidoscope of sounds from that Rainbow nation, with African percussion, township rhythms and virtuosity interwoven like a tapestry. Both have played at the Ram separately, but other commitments mean they tour as a duo all too rarely. Together it is as if they are connected by an unseen force. Trust us on this one - guitar fan or not, you will be truly awestruck, uplifted, mesmerised and inspired by their playing. A true musical safari - and the only inoculations you'll need are those from the bar!

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

ROD CLEMENTS

Lindisfarne main man, songwriter and Geordie Crooner extraordinaire, ROD returns to sing a few old classics and some new ones. Apart from 'The Lads', he's played with the Greats of Folk, and though the fog has now, sadly, settled on the Tyne for the last time, Rod's talent still burns as brightly as ever. Blues/Country/Rock n' Roll-influenced, he says "*All these songs are the product of everywhere I've been, everyone I've met and everything I've seen and read*" - and his last gig here in 2001 was just great!

www.rodcléments.com

FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

WINTER WILSON

A fine acoustic duo, KIP & DAVE hail from Lincolnshire and impressed us last time with their highly original, often quirky songs concerning all aspects of the human condition and beyond. They joined forces in 1995 and have steadily built a reputation for their engaging live performances. Sharing lead vocals and guitars, they harmonise and blend effortlessly in their distinctive folky/bluesy-tinged style.

www.winterwilson.com

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

EQUATION

√*Eureka!* Inspired vocalist KATHRYN ROBERTS, lynchpin guitarist and songwriter SEAN LAKEMAN, Hendrix/ Smiths-style electric guitarist JAMES CROCKER, drummer IAIN GOODALL and bassist DARREN EDWARDS are back with phasers set to stun! Just like 'The' equation, there's an awful lot of Energy (emotion and excitement too) per unit bodymass. After their Big Bang and early critical adulation, stars came and went (Kate Rusby, Cara Dillon), black holes threatened, but creativity prevailed. Still young, but better than ever, this is gutsy, soulful roots rock at its best. *Fleetwood Mac meets Fairport* 'sums' them up! HUGE in the States and the known universe, it's been too long (relativity speaking) since last time. Be there or be squared! "*They're $\int^{\infty} (x + 6) \Sigma(\Pi-2) \beta^2 \geq \alpha$ -ing phenomenal!*" (A.Einstein IV)

www.equation.fm

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH - CLOSED - Beware of spontaneous fertility rituals & men in bells!

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

PETE SMITH & JOHN BUCKLEY

Of the same peer group as the great TOMMY EMMANUEL, this will be a guitar showcase *par excellence*. Indeed PETE & JOHN are regulars at *TommyFest* (yes there is one!) where they burn fretboards with the great man. For two virtuosi, they avoid self-indulgence and entertain in the finest possible manner, with a unique mix of jazz, blues, folk, ragtime, swing, country, calypso and baroque. Unaccompanied floor singers welcome, as your regular guitar-pickers may be 'resting'. www.petesmithjohnbuckley.co.uk

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

DR FAUSTUS

Some pleasures are forbidden 'tis said, but under the watchful gaze of our Ram, you are safe to enjoy ... for Fate has united '*four of the finest musicians and singers in the land.....defiantly English*' (Folk Roots). TIM VAN EYKEN, ROBERT HARBRON, BENJI KIRKPATRICK and PAUL SARTIN all sing (in glorious harmony too), and spice their sound with concertina, melodeons, guitars, bouzouki, oboe, violin, bassoon and more Songs rare and new, and tunes that move, they are taking the tradition into tomorrow. More excitement and pleasure than is good for you, and *immensely* satisfying. Tempted? www.drfaustus.co.uk

FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

LAST NIGHT'S FUN

Not only will you hear the best in Irish-based music from this trio of CHRIS SHERBURN (concertina and vocals), DENNY BARTLEY (guitar and vocals) and NICK SCOTT (Uilleann pipes), you'll also be the exclusive audience at the most hilarious, uproarious chat show you'll have seen, with the boys as guests *and* hosts! Genius takes many forms and musical talent is often at its best when unhinged. You've seen them before and know they're brilliant, entertaining, serotonin-enhancing and available without prescription! All said and done, its Acoustic Convulsive Therapy at its most beneficial! www.lastnightsfun.com

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL

STEPHEN FEARING

From Canada, STEPHEN has, for nearly two decades, been penning some of the most literate, stirring and emotionally-charged 'folk' music on this planet. Couple this with stunning guitar work and a smooth intimate voice and you have the elements of a unique performer. His songs embody the spirit of the road (he tours Canada & USA constantly). His new album 'That's How I Walk' blends a raw streetwise edge with evocative soul searching to produce music of quiet passion - as will tonight's gig. www.stephenfearing.com

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

JOHN McCORMICK

Beautifully sung, beautifully played, Scottish and English music from America's finest British-style guitarist. Influenced by all the greats such as Davey Graham, John Renbourn, Bert Jansch, Nic Jones, and Richard Thompson, his beautiful clear playing underpins the songs and shines on the Celtic tunes. Like Archie Fisher, Nick Drake and John Martyn, his voice is low and affable, with the warmth and resonance of seasoned wood. A consummate 'traditional' performer who brings out the best in each song, JOHN will induce in you a warm glow of gentle wellbeing that will last long after the gig has ended. Wonderful. www.mccormickjohn.com

Details from Bob and Maggie Wood on 0208 686 9421 *or* www.theramclub.co.uk

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COMING SOON - UISCEDWR 6/5) - ("ishka-dooer") fab new Irish/Welsh trio & BBC Young Folk winners 2002, **KELLIE WHILE** (13/5) - young contemporary singer for whom greatness surely beckons, **Tannahill Weavers**(20/5), **Ron Trueman Border** (27/5), **Ian Bruce** (3/6), **Jez Lowe** (10/6), **Chris Jones** (17/6), **Archie Fisher** (24/6)