



Week 4 - Sunday 24th August - Bringing it on home:

1:30 – 2:30 OPEN MIC SESSIONS

2:30 – 3:45 HOUSE RED

House Red is the house band from the award nominated St Harmonicas Blues Club. An outstanding band led by the powerful vocals of **Chrissie Thomas** (likened to the late, great Ottilie Patterson). With **John Crowther** on guitar, **Simon Bennett** on keyboards, **Les Cole** on drums and **Dave Thomas** on bass. House Red deliver a vintage and eclectic blend of rocking and soulful blues. These are the people that make the local blues scene happen!

4:00 – 5:30 THE SPIKEDRIVERS

One of the classiest acts on the Blues & Roots scene **Spikedrivers** have been described as 'haunting', 'gutsy', 'tribal' and even psychedelic. Blues in Britain says, "From the first note, Spikedrivers demand to be listened to. **Ben Tyzack, Constance Redgrave** and **Maurice McElroy** are three very talented musicians willing to experiment and evoke unusual contemporary sounds while they continue to keep diggin' the blues by the roots." From the early blues of Robert Johnson, John Lee Hooker and Big Bill Broonzy they have added their own blend of north African and Native American rhythms, gospel harmonies, sixties blues and rock guitar. 2025 will be



their final year together, don't miss them. A wonderful act to close the 2025 Broomfield Blues series.

(All timings, for all four Sundays are approximate)

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Palmer's Green and Southgate play host to one of North London's top Blues clubs – St Harmonica's Blues Club located at the Southgate Club N14 5EN. With support from our generous sponsors Winkworth, the Southgate Club, Ralph Hutchings and Phil Davison, **St Harmonica's Blues Club** in conjunction with **The Friends of Broomfield Park** are delighted to bring you another August full of the best in local, national and international Blues.

Broomfield Blues is our annual celebration and showcase of what can be found every Friday evening at St Harmonica's Blues Club, three times finalists in the UK Blues Awards 'Venue of the Year' category. On the first 4 Sunday afternoons in August come along to the park to eat, drink and listen to three hours of some of the best Blues music London has to offer.

We firmly believe that live music should be accessible and affordable and thanks to our sponsors we are able to maintain these as being **free** events, open to all. If you like what you hear all we ask is that you acknowledge that with a voluntary donation into the collection "hat", either when it does the rounds or via the Control site. We've picked some excellent local hot food providers for your added enjoyment and a very fine bar to complete your enjoyment.

More details of everything can be found in this flyer, also kindly funded by our sponsors. Read, enjoy and come along to as many of the four concerts as you can. Unless the weather is absolutely shocking we will certainly be there each Sunday; and if the weather does let us down we will endeavour to relocate the music to the Southgate Club itself, home to St Harmonica's, a few minutes' walk, or bus ride away in Southgate just 50metres from Southgate Underground Station.

Each afternoon is preceded by a one hour "open mic" session at 1:30 offering a stage to up and coming as well as experienced performers. Do support them.

Open mic registration requests via team@stharmonicas.co.uk
Details of each of the Sunday musical offerings follow:

Cover photo of Ralph T Hutchings by David March

Week 1 - Sunday 3rd August - St Harmonica's Blue:

1:30 – 2:30 OPEN MIC SESSIONS
2:30 – 3:45 DOK K's BLUES BAND



There are some who say that Doc K's Blues Band are the finest purveyors of Chicago Blues in the capital, they are certainly one of the longest running. Formed in Muswell Hill in 1966, and just like Trigger's broom, Doc K has seen many new handles and heads but it is still the same band! **Mad Dog Dave Barnes** has been a constant presence in the band for more than 40 years. Dave has just about the finest voice in UK Blues, and plays a mean slide guitar too. And for the first time in its history Doc K boasts a genuine MD in the form of former neurologist **Dr Ika** on lead guitar. **Mick Parker** and **Dave Thomas** provide the groove. This is authentic blues at its very best.



4.00 – 5.30 THE BLUES CHAPTER

The Blues Chapter are probably the finest young Blues band in London. They are certainly the most popular band we've ever put on at St Harmonica's.

Comprising **Sky Wood** on vocals, guitar and harmonica and with **Jesse Thomas** on sizzling, hot shot guitar and **Jacob, Professor Redhair, Thomas** on keys and piano you'll see shades of Gary Moore, SRV and Joe Bonamassa in their repertoire; a great festival band and along with Doc K, a superb way to start the 2025 Broomfield Blues Series.



Week 2 - Sunday 10th August - Chicago Blues with twang:

1:30 – 2:30 OPEN MIC SESSIONS
2:30 – 3:45 The FRAN MCGILLIVRAY BAND

The magnificent **Fran McGillivray Band** make a welcome return to Broomfield Blues with their rootsy take on the blues. Featuring **Mike Burke** on guitar and **Roger Nunn** on drums and percussion **Fran McGillivray** fronts the band singing and playing bass and delivering a repertoire from roots blues to the rocking blues of Albert King.

4:00 – 5:30 THE CUSTOMTONES

Martin Fieber, the 'Sultan of Slide' is perhaps the UK's best kept slide secret. He brings his hugely talented band 'The Customtones', one of the finest and tightest units around, to Broomfield. Martin is not known as the Sultan of Slide for nothing, he makes all his own guitars under his 'Customtone' label and the tone and the sound he achieves is staggering, master of the twang sound; some of his original material is equally wonderful. The rest of the band too are all masters of their instruments with **Mick Parker** on drums, **Terry Duggan** on bass and **Steve Taylor** on keyboards. By the way, the sun always shines when The Customtones play!

Week 3 - Sunday 17th August - Swamp and classic Blues:

1:30 – 2:30 OPEN MIC SESSIONS
2:30 – 3:45 THE STEVE COOK BAND

Local musician **Steve Cook** served his musical apprenticeship playing with some of the masters on the UK Blues scene including Big Joe Louis amongst others. He established his own music projects in the nineties including his legendary heavy rock/blues outfit 'The Hook'. Today Steve brings his powerful trio including **Les 'Cozy' Cole** on drums and **Jim West** on bass to bring you original and reinterpreted psychedelic swamp rock/blues in his own unique style designed to electrify you.



4:00 – 5:30 THE CRUISIN' MOOSES

Some of the most experienced musicians in London blues make their way down to Broomfield Park to perform classic blues in the way it used to be, and should be, played. Absolute rock solid drums and bass provide the backdrop for wonderful saxophone, guitars and vocals from this experienced outfit. Always very popular at St Harmonica's Blues Club, we are delighted to welcome them to Broomfield. Proper UK Rhythm and Blues