

Spring

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Two More Acoustic Lounge Gigs, Then Into The Garden

We've had some fantastic bands in the Acoustic Lounge over the past few months and there are just two left before we move our live music into the garden for our summer season.

Rea-Loaded featuring Chris Rea's own bass player

We're excited to have Rea-Loaded playing here on Saturday 18 April performing the music of late, great Chris Rea. We're all the more excited to find out that Sylvin Marc will be joining the band. Sylvin has been playing bass for Chris Rea for 24 years and this will be his first gig with Rea-Loaded, coming all the way from the South of France.

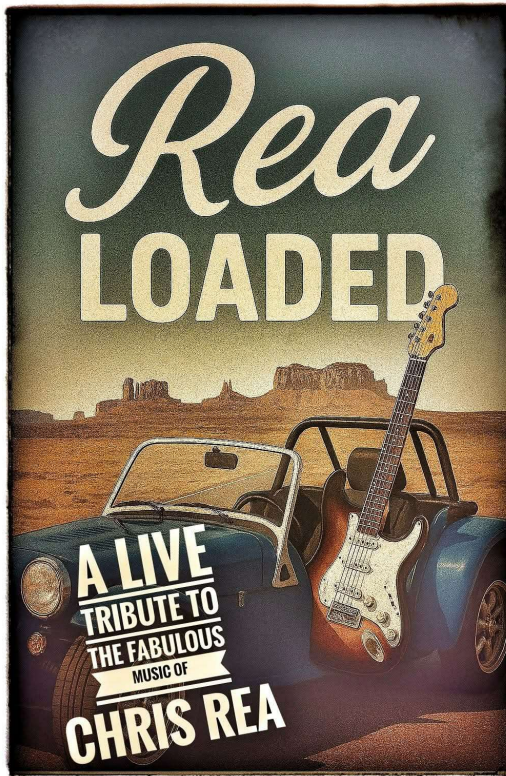
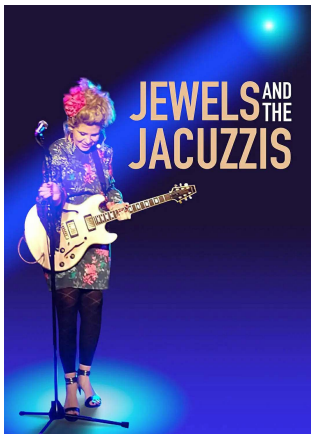
The band will be playing all the hits, including Road To Hell, Auberge, Let's Dance, Josephine, Stainsby Girls, On The Beach and Fool If You Think Its Over, plus many album tracks too.

Tickets are £15 when buying in cash direct from the pub, or £18 by card and online. Food is available to pre-order from the Acoustic Lounge menu.

Jewels and the Jacuzzi's return on Saturday 2 May

Singer-songwriter Jewels Vass is back for her Spring Bank Holiday appearance in the Acoustic Lounge with her excellent band, playing both originals and covers. This 5-piece takes you through an evening of soul, blues, jazz and reggae originals and covers; all upbeat, feel-good, summery grooves.

The band have supported The Wailers, Daddy G (Massive Attack) The Skints and The Slits among others and singer-front lady Jewels Vass has recorded and performed with Mad Professor, Zion Train and Pama International with radio plays,



including from Craig Charles and Don Letts. Tickets are £7.50 cash and £9 card and online. Food is available to pre-order from the Acoustic Lounge menu.

Then the Acoustic Lounge gets transformed into The Rose Stage and the marquees get erected in the garden ready for our season of Gigs in the Garden which kicks off on Sunday 17 May with a special charity fundraising day in aid of Blood Cancer UK. See the column on the right for more details.

Seven Acts to Perform at our Charity Fundraising Day



We're holding a very special afternoon and evening of live music in the garden on Sunday 17 May to remember Dave Robinson, a good friend to many of us here. Dave passed away last summer having suffered from Blood Cancer.

Raising funds for Blood Cancer UK, tickets are by £10 donation.

The itinerary for the day is:

3-3:45pm: **Moonshine** Southern

Rock 6-piece band (picture above).

3:45-4:15pm: **Rotherfield**

Walking Football Club musicians

4:15-5pm: **The Incredible Spring**

Band, reforming for this one-off

gig!

5:10-5:40pm: **Raduhead**

5:45-6:30pm: **The Ding Dong**

Daddios swing and jive quartet

6:30-7pm: **Reading Bach Choir**

(around 8 members performing)

7-7:45pm: **Moonage** - the finest

Bowie tribute band

If you wish to come along, please

complete the form on our What's

On webpage.

DIARY

APRIL

Sun 12: Classic Cars & Bikes 9:30-11:30am

Sat 18: **Rea-Loaded: Chris Rea tribute**

MAY

Sat 2: **Jewels & the Jacuzzi's**

Sun 10: Classic Cars & Bikes 9:30-11:30am

Sun 17: **Charity Fundraising Day** (see above)

Sat 23: **Tina. Queen of Rhythm. in concert**

Sat 30: **From Gold to Rio: Spandau Ballet and**

Duran Duran

JUNE

Sat 6: **The Small Fakers in concert**

Sun 7: **Classic American Cars • Hiway 51 on**

stage. 12-3pm

Sun 14: **Classic Cars & Bikes 9:30-11:30am**

Sat 20: **King Awesome (80s Stadium Rock!)**

Sat 27: **The Trembling Wilburys in concert**

JULY

Sat 4: **Fleetwood Mad in concert**

Fri 10: **Let It Bleed (Rolling Stones) • Curiosa**

(The Cure)

Sun 12: **Classic Cars & Bikes 9:30-11:30am**

Sat 18: **CODA - a tribute to Led Zeppelin**

Sat 25: **Space Cowboy. Jamiroquai tribute**

AUGUST

Sat 1: **Thunderstruck. AC/DC tribute**

Fri 7: **Stanley Dee in concert**

Sat 15: **Moonage. Bowie tribute**

Sat 22: **Peat Loaf. Meat Loaf tribute**

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5: **Jagged Little Alanis • Selina and the**

Howlin' Dogs

Fri 11: **Supersonic Queen in concert**

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Classic Cars & Bikes Returns This Month - and Our American Car Meet

Our Classic Cars & Bikes Breakfast Meet returns this month for its tenth anniversary.

Taking place on the second Sunday of the month from April to October each year, our first of 2026 is on Sunday 12 April at 9:30am.

All classic cars and motorbikes are welcome. There is no admission fee: just turn up with your prized set of wheels.

Bacon rolls will be available, along with tea and coffee and other refreshments.

Our April and May Meets are

always extremely popular as so many owners take the opportunity to give their vehicles a good run-out through the Oxfordshire countryside.

We're pleased to announce that we're bringing back our Classic American Car Meet after the success of last year. It takes place



between 12 noon and 3pm on Sunday 7 June with live music from Rock'n'Roll trio Hiway 51 on The Rose Stage. Entry is free and food will be available.