



# Spring Times

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## Even More Live Music in 2026, Starting This Month

This year we're pulling out all the stops to give you more live music than ever.

We start straight away with the debut performance by a young band devoted to the music of The Cure. Taking place on Saturday 17 January in the Acoustic Lounge, Curiosa will be pumping out all those great hits including Boys Don't Cry, Friday I'm in Love, Just Like Heaven, Pictures of You, Lovecats and more - plus deep cuts! Supporting Curiosa is a highly talented local young band called White Label, bringing you a fantastic selection of their own indie-rock songs.

Please do come along and show your support for these new acts. Admission is free. Please let us know you're coming so we can manage numbers.

The live music keeps on coming with The Highwasters and Sing-along-a-Nick in February and five gigs in March, starting off with Moonshine, a brand new group made up of 6 musicians from well-known bands coming together to play Southern US Rock classics. Our friend Steve Morano will provide support. Find out more on our What's On page.

The following day we have Moonage Unplugged, a year on from their debut show here. The trio of Andrew, Paul and Ollie will be playing well-known and lesser known tracks from Bowie's vast collection in the intimate setting of the Acoustic Lounge.

On Wednesday 7th March we have the pleasure of hosting Chicago-based funky-blues quartet Electric Soul Company and then on Saturday 21 Pretty Green, a highly



impressive and energetic tribute to The Jam will be pumping out over 40 songs.

The following Saturday sees The Loungeroom Lizards here for the first time, dedicated to the masterful songs of Crowded House.

In April we welcome Rea-Loaded, a new band of professional musicians from the Midlands paying tribute to the late great Chris Rea.

Following Jewels and the Jacuzzis return on Saturday 2 May, we open up the Rose Stage once more for no fewer than 15 outdoor concerts.

Our Gigs in the Garden season is truly magical and we look forward to welcoming both new bands (including tributes to Tina Turner, Spandau Ballet and Duran Duran, The Small Faces, Jamiroquai and Meat Loaf) and returning bands including Fleetwood Mac, Moonage, CODA, Supersonic Queen, the Trembling Wilburys and, last here in 2019, the brilliant 10-

piece tribute to Steely Dan: Stanley Dee).

Kicking off the Gigs in the Garden series is a special day raising funds for Blood Cancer UK. We have some excellent bands performing for free including Moonshine (Southern US Rock), The Incredible Spring Band (rock covers performed by a band of familiar faces!), the Ding Dong Daddios (top swing and jive quartet) and Moonage (Best Of Bowie). The day has been arranged as a memorial to Dave Robinson, a wonderful customer and a good friend to many, including members of all the bands performing.

Tickets are a £10 donation with all funds going to Blood Cancer UK. Tickets for all gigs are available now. Those paid in cash cost less than card and online purchases.

All the details are on our What's On page. Food will be available to pre-order for every single gig.

## Karaoke, Fancy Dress and Food, A Belated Burns Night

Each January we hold a themed night with food, fancy dress and karaoke. On Saturday 31 January, being a week after Burns Night, the theme will be all things Scottish (we've called it Second Degree because it's a bit late!). We will put on a spread of Scottish-inspired hot and cold food, both savoury and sweet (yes, deep-fried Mars Bars may well feature). It's an excuse to dress up too, so get creative and come along dressed in any Scotland-related attire.

The highlight of the night will be our Wobbly Disco and karaoke where you can choose from a lengthy list of Scottish songs or songs performed by Scottish artists. Tickets are £20 in cash direct from the pub. The price includes all the food. Book your place now by simply popping in to buy your tickets. Space is limited.



## Valentine's Dinner with Live Music

We're putting together a very tasty 3-course menu especially for Valentine's Day on Saturday 14 February so that you can wine and dine with your partner in our warm and cosy pub. The fixed menu is just £22.50 per person. Once you've indulged in the food you'll be treated to live music in the bar by our resident Sing-along-a-Nick trio. They'll be playing a mix of well-known love songs and encouraging everyone to have a good old sing-song.

We are taking reservations now so just give us a call. The menu will be available to view on the What's On page. We ask that all meals are pre-ordered please. Food will, of course, include gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan meals.

## DIARY

### JANUARY

Sat 17: Curiosa (tribute to The Cure) + support from White Label

Fri 30: Slightly Plugged Night

Sat 31: Second Degree Burns Night: a belated celebration of all things Scottish

### FEBRUARY

Tues 3: Unplugged Night

Sat 7: The Highwasters

Sat 14: Valentine's Day dining plus live music from the Sing-along-a-Nick trio

Fri 27: Slightly Plugged Night

### MARCH

Fri 6: Southern Rock Band Moonshine + support from Steve Morano

Sat 7: Moonage Unplugged

Wed 11: Electric Soul Company from Chicago

Sun 15: Mother's Day

Sat 21: Pretty Green, The Jam Tribute

Sat 28: The Loungeroom Lizards

### APRIL

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

Sat 18: Rea-Loaded: Chris Rea tribute

### MAY

Sat 2: Jewels & the Jacuzzis

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

Sun 17: In aid of Blood Cancer UK. With Moonshine, Incredible Spring Band, Ding Dong Daddios, Moonage and more, 2pm to 8pm

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 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 Mac in concert

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 Pain + Selina and the Howlin Dogs

Fri 11: Supersonic Queen in concert

■ Acoustic Lounge ■ Gigs in the Garden