

# Spring Times

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## Coming Up: Classic Rock, Spooky Songs and Blues

With our Gigs in the Garden season now over, it's time to move all our live music into the Acoustic Lounge.

We've been lining up a whole host of excellent bands to perform in our intimate venue so we're looking forward to the next few months of great music and hope you can join us.

To kick us off on Saturday 18 October is the return of **The Dead Can Wait**, this local rock band comprising five musicians with many decades of experience. They'll be playing their own powerful songs, predominantly from their recent album *In Lumine*. Supporting The Dead Can Wait is 4-piece rock band **The Verdegears**. It's their first time here and we're looking forward to their set of original songs, much inspired by Nirvana. Entry to this gig is free when you register online via our What's On page.

Then, a couple of weeks later, on Saturday 1 November, we have a special Halloween edition of **Sing-along-a-Nick**.

The trio will be pulling out all the stops with spooky songs, theatrics and sound effects.

Expect renditions of Monster Mash, Werewolves of London, Thriller and more! Entry is free to this gig too and we encourage as many of you to come as possible, embracing the spirit of Halloween and to sing your hearts out! It promises to be great fun.

Then, on Thursday 6 November, we welcome the internationally renowned blues guitarist **Big Dez** and his band to the Acoustic Lounge. In the US he's played with legends including Luther Allison, W C Clark and Billy Branch, and has headlined in Texas and Chicago venues including Buddy Guy's Legends Club, House Of Blues and Rosa's Lounge.

He's also big in Japan and continues to be a big draw at European blues clubs and festivals.

This is a ticketed event, priced at £12 cash, £14.50 on card and online or, if we have space, £18 on the door. Get your tickets early!

Later in November we're delighted to host an evening with **Selina and the Howlin' Dogs**, another talented local band. We love their style of



upbeat, soulful, funky blues-rock originals. Both their studio and live albums have hit the IBBA top 40 album playlists, being aired across blues radio stations and shows in Europe and the US.

In December we look forward to two nights of **Sing-along-a-Nicktivity**, the Christmassiest of Christmas shows, featuring carols, cheesy hits, laughter and silliness to settle you into the festive mood. These nights always sell out so snap up your tickets soon. They're just £5 cash or £6 online.

We will be releasing special menus for all the Acoustic Lounge gigs very soon.

Don't forget our other live music nights too, with Unplugged Nights on the first Tuesday of the month and Slightly Plugged Nights on the last Friday of the month. These take place in the bar. Find out more on our What's On page.



### Last Classic Cars & Bikes Meet of the Year

We've had some fabulous turnouts for this year's monthly Classic Cars & Bikes Meets. Sunday 12 October is the date for our final Meet of this year. As ever, it takes place here from 9:30 to 11:30am with bacon rolls, tea, coffee and refreshments available. The Meet returns in April.

**PLEASE NOTE THE PUB IS CLOSED FROM TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, RE-OPENING TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER**

## Chilli Week To Heat Up November

Every autumn we hold our popular Chilli Week; an opportunity to enjoy starters, mains and desserts all featuring the wonderful flavours and varying warmth of chillis.



This year, Chilli Week will be held from Tuesday 18 November until Sunday 23 November.

Some dishes will be mild, others offering more kick but all will be scrumptious and flavoursome.

As ever, Chilli Week will incorporate our legendary Ultimate Chilli Pizza Challenge where brave chilli-heads can work their way through an entire pizza, divided into 6 slices, each getting hotter and climaxing with the final slice carrying the incendiary Carolina Reaper chillis!

All those who complete the challenge by devouring the whole pizza get entered onto our Chilli Wall of Flame to rapturous applause!

Meat, veggie, vegan and gluten-free variations will all be available. We will be publishing the Chilli Week menu in a week or so.

## DIARY

### OCTOBER

Tues 7: Unplugged Night in the bar  
Sun 12: Classic Cars & Bikes. 9:30-11:30am  
Sat 18: **The Dead Can Wait • The Verdegears.** Free Entry

Fri 31: Slightly Plugged Night

### NOVEMBER

Sat 1: **Sing-along-a-Scary Nick.** 8:30pm. Free Entry

Tues 4: Unplugged Night in the bar  
Thurs 6: **Big Dez and his Band.** Tickets from £12

Tues 18 - Sun 23 Chilli Week

Fri 28: Slightly Plugged Night  
Sat 29: **Selina and the Howlin' Dogs.** Free Entry

### DECEMBER

Tues 2: Unplugged Night in the bar  
Fri 19 & Sat 20: **Sing-along-a-Nicktivity** Christmas Shows in the Acoustic Lounge. Tickets from £5

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE SOON.

\*Listings in blue are in the Acoustic Lounge