



The Great kNight Folk Club

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S PREMIER FOLK VENUE

Est. 1996

Club Venue: The Old White Hart Inn,

Cotton End, Northampton, NN4 8BS

Tel: 01604 709990

Club meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8 pm.

Club Resident: Bill Prince

2009 SEASON - September to December

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

We now meet at our new venue

THE OLD WHITE HART INN, COTTON END, NORTHAMPTON

1st September – The Cock & Bull Band £7



A fantastic start to our Autumn/Winter Season! After nearly 30 years experience on the professional folk scene, **The Cock & Bull Band** are widely recognised as one of the top ceilidh and barn dance bands on the circuit, and their concerts offer a treat, no matter how many times you have seen them. Always prepared to surprise and delight, the quality of the band's music guarantees an amazing time for their audience, be they beginners or the most expert dancers. Despite their almost unrivalled success, the band still enjoys playing at small, intimate events, as much as at major international festivals. As long as you are prepared for something thrilling and unique, you will have a fantastic time.

www.randomband-agency.com/pages/cockandbull.html

15th September – Bram Taylor £5

We welcome our good friend **Bram Taylor** back to the Great kNight. Bram is an entertaining artist with a distinctive voice and relaxed stage presence who gives an evening "Taylored" to suit his audience. Bram calls on a large repertoire of traditional songs, together with contemporary and humorous material, performed on acoustic guitar, duet concertina, or unaccompanied. With a wealth of experience behind him, he has established a fine reputation which has gone from strength to strength from tours in the UK and USA of Folk Clubs, festivals and concerts.

Bram has his audiences singing, laughing from his infectious sense of humour, and occasionally, shedding a tear or two from some of the poignant songs he loves to sing.

www.bramtaylor.com



2009 Season - September to December (continued)

6th October – Quicksilver £7



The duo **QuickSilver** are **Hilary Spencer** and **Grant Baynham**, the former a formidable talent honed over many years of professional singing on stage as well as a 20 year stint with the acappella group Artisan, and the latter a singer-guitarist who has no difficulty interpreting the two-finger “snakes and ladders” runs of Django up and down the fingerboard and then following on with Bach and Scarlatti. Grant spent five years as resident performer on the TV show “That’s Life!” in the footsteps of his friend, the late Jake Thackray, and he has a similar way of using words and music to illuminate the quirky corners of life that many of us don’t take the time or opportunity to look into. Not just a musical treasure, QuickSilver are very funny too and it’s all spontaneous!

It’s great to have them back at the club!

www.quicksilveruk.com

20th October – Cockersdale £7

For many years **Cockersdale** have been one of the leading unaccompanied groups in the UK. Originally formed by Keith Marsden to perform his songs, the group's reputation soon grew making them a major force in folk music. Following Keith's death in 1991 Cockersdale reformed and re-established themselves on the UK folk scene. With a number of CDs to their credit and a history of appearances at most of the major festivals in the UK Cockersdale bring guaranteed enjoyment to any performance.

After 25 years they have decided to reduce the amount of work and only play a handful of gigs, so we are very fortunate to be able to present them at the Great kNight Folk Club. This will be a really special night!

www.ckersdale.com



2009 Season - September to December (continued)

3rd November – ‘Ock ‘n’ Dough’ £6



As Bonfire Night draws near, it's entirely appropriate that we should welcome back to the club a Northamptonshire band that will provide some musical fireworks!

The boys & girls have been together for 20 years during which time they have become well known in the East Midlands as

Ock'n'Dough playing a mixture of English, Latvian and American roots music, including songs from Northamptonshire. The band plays for concerts, dances, sessions and festivals. Formed in 1985 the band has had regular club appearances in the Midlands followed by festivals in Barnard Castle, Chippenham, Coleshill, Eastbourne, Fylde, Crawley, Broadstairs and Whittlesea Straw Bear and many other venues as well as local radio broadcasts and broadcasts on Radio 2. With half of the band being of Latvian origin it comes as no surprise that the band have toured the Baltic Republic of Latvia where they astonished audiences with performances of Cajun, English and Latvian roots music. Light the blue touch paper and sit back!

www.ockndough.co.uk

17th November – Dave Ellis & Boo Howard £5

Dave Ellis has become known around the clubs for his unique guitar style plus his highly individual banjo tunes, while **Boo Howard** completes the D&B sound with her exceptional voice and superb bass playing. Their harmony singing is second to none. They currently play venues mainly around the south east of England where they have developed a loyal following. They completed their third acoustic album 'Late in the Day' in 2004 and have produced a DVD of live performances, recording sessions and rehearsals in 2006. Quality!

"A perfect fusion of voice and accompaniment. "

Folk On Tap

"Top class guitar, top class songs, top class harmonies.

Top class!" Tudor Folk Club

www.daveandboo.com



2009 Season - September to December (continued)

1st December – Steve Tilston £7



Steve Tilston is one of this country's greatest song-writers with many of his songs considered modern folk-song classics and covered by the likes of Fairport Convention, Dolores Keane, John Wright and others. He's also renowned for the way he takes a favourite traditional "old chestnut" and makes it his own. His career was marked last year by the release of *Reaching Back* a 5-CD boxed-set retrospective. Not one to stand still though and with "Madame Muse" on his heels, Steve is "reaching forward" with this new collection. He is a celebrated artist both in Britain and abroad, winning accolades in Europe, Australia and the USA, where "*Here's to Tom Paine*," has been chosen as the theme song for the Tom Paine society of America. Steve is one of the most engaging performers on the scene today and it is with great pleasure that we welcome him back to the Great kNight Folk Club

"Steve Tilston can stand shoulder to shoulder with any singer/songwriter/guitarist in the world." DIRTY LINEN MAGAZINE

"...in better form than I've ever heard him." MIKE HARDING, BBC RADIO 2

www.steve-tilston.co.uk

15th December – Christmas Special £5
Featuring an Evening of Yuletide Music, Song & Dance with
The Moulton Morris Men & Mummers
Plus Special Guests!



Get into the Christmas spirit with entertainment from the dancers, players and band from the **Moulton Morris Men**. With other invited guests (TBA), this will be a great way to end our 2009 season!

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***** If you are travelling any distance and want to do a floor spot on a club night, it is always advisable to contact John directly.*****

Check out our new venue at: www.theoldwhitehartinn.com



The Old White Hart offers superb good food, a fine choice of wines, spirits and real ales enjoyed in stylish contemporary surroundings. We meet in the luxurious **Purple Room upstairs, where you can relax in comfort and listen to the very best of live folk music. Ample parking at the rear of the pub.**

The Old White Hart is part of the Richardsons Group and our thanks go to John Richardson and Jo Elmore for supporting the Great kNight Folk Club, Northampton.

