

BOROUGH BLUES

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**This Month at the BBC – 2nd July
“4th Annual Blues Festival”
plus
“Marcus Bonfanti”**

This month sees the staging of our annual blues festival here at New Panteg Rugby Club, out on the field! Our new band booking officer, Dave Leek, has really worked hard to bring us this superb line-up for the day. We are having a bigger better stage and changing the layout somewhat, we are hoping to make this the best festival you will ever have experienced... bar and refreshments will be available all day, both inside the club and out on the field. The weather forecast looks favourable; touch wood, so fingers crossed for another great day!

FESTIVAL LINE-UP

1pm WORKSHOP BAND

In true *Ronseal* style, a band made up from the members of our Monday night workshop!

2pm ALBINO FROGS

Local band a bit on the funky side of blues!

3.30pm RHYTHM ROOM

Quality outfit, female vocals with a blend of blues, rock, rhythm & blues and soul.

5pm WORRIED MEN

Jamie Thyer and his Worried Men were the first name on our list of priority after their outstanding gig at the club last November!

6.30pm TOM HOLISTER TRIO

Not many acts could follow the extroverted Worried Men, but rest assured TH3 will top the bill in style. Widely acclaimed contemporary blues rock, worth the entry fee by themselves!

The festival will be followed by our regular monthly gig for June, held inside the club and ticketed separately:

9pm MARCUS BONFANTI

Nominated in two categories for the 2011 British Blues Awards (Best male vocal and best guitar) this guy came second to Matt Schofield last year so you don't want to miss this one.



Marcus is from north London, the son of an Italian dad and a British mother. Bonfanti is a wildly versatile guitarist and his technically impressive and varied set can include almost anything in the electric-, country- or folk-blues field, and the songs range from stomping blues

that echo Jimmy Page through to delicate acoustic finger-picking. The evening gig should surely sell out so we must recommend that you get your tickets in advance! There is plenty of footage of all these bands online if you feel inclined to look for it... I did, and I was just blown away! Roll on July 2nd!

**Next Month at the BBC – 6th August
“Blue Traffic”**

Blue Traffic is all about front-man Dave Williams. He is very ably supported by Meirion Sampson on drums and Wayne Jones on Bass.

Expect full-on fast-paced Blues-Rock in the vein of Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan, Dave Williams is a master of his trade and plays each gig as if it is his last. Tickets available now, this band are always popular so buy them early to guarantee admission!

<http://www.bluetraffic.co.uk/>

FORTHCOMING GIG'S

2nd July	1pm-8.30pm	4th Annual	
		Borough Blues Festival	£5
		<i>Tom Holister Trio, The Worried Men, Rhythm Room, Albino Frogs & the Workshop Band</i>	
2nd July	9pm	Marcus Bonfanti	£7/£5
		<i>Warming up for his Glastonbury appearance, tipped to be blues guitarist of the year 2011</i>	
6th August		Blue Traffic	£7/£5
		<i>Ever-popular Blues/Rock trio sure to impress</i>	
9th Sept		Chantel McGregor	£10/£8
		<i>Perfect young lady in a dress, with a vocal to die for, who wields an axe like the best of the guys! Another massive coup for the club!</i>	
1st October		Tommy Allen Band	£7/£5
		<i>One of the UK's top Blues Guitarists has played with many Blues Legends.</i>	
12th November		The Healers	£7/£5
		<i>2nd gig at the club for this outfit following a great debut last Autumn</i>	
10th December		Dave Arcari	£7/£5
		<i>“Plays like he got his skin turned inside out, he's a real down deep player and a soul man”</i>	

Borough Blues News

We have had a great response to last month's request for membership renewal, so thanks for that. If you have yet to renew, please be aware that our diligent door staff will be entitled to charge full price for admission! New members are welcome at any time of year although

membership runs from April 1st to April 1st, so now is a great time to join if you haven't done so already!

GIG REVIEW: *Built for Comfort*

11th June - Review and Photography by Adrian Powell

'Built for Comfort' are on Vocals: Alex Adams, Harp: Billy Jones, Guitar: John Ingleson, Keys: Barry Archer, Bass: Dave Miller, Drums: Danny Archer.

This month we welcomed back our old friends from Swindon, 'Built for Comfort'. This was one of the first bands we booked at the club back in 2005 - (where has the time gone?) they have always given us top entertainment, this



Saturday was no different!

The guys started the first set with a rocking number from Taj Mahal called 'Cheatin on you'; this set the tone (no pun intended) for the night with a classic blues shuffle to get the feet tapping. This was followed by a 'funky' number called 'Shak Bully' - I have never heard this song before but it fitted well, then came one of the band's favourites, Muddy Water's 'Why are people like That' - great song, well reproduced. Next came a Greg Allman song, 'Little by Little', with a similar riff to the old soul number by Wilson Pickett, 634-5789 but



totally changed by the Harp playing of Billy Jones - a fantastic solo from him and also from Lead Guitarist, John Ingleson. The John Mayall classic, 'Maydell' came next, followed by Stevie-Ray Vaughan's 'Cold Shot' - totally

different to the original with a great arrangement and a solo to 'die for' from John. We had now gone through about seven songs and despite this being the first set, the 'dancers' were already giving it some! We were finally able to catch our breath when they played 'Need your love so Bad', now this is a difficult song to sing, but I think most

people will agree that Alex Adams - (Lead Vocalist) made a pretty good job of it in his own style (Blues Shouter) - very different from Peter Green's way, but what really stood out was the soloing between the Harp and Guitar, both separate and together, so good that they were treated to big applause even before they finished the song! (A stand-out moment).

The dancers were at it again through the last few songs of the first set which finished with Ry Cooder's 'Crazy 'bout an Automobile'. As most people know Ry Cooder is a very accomplished 'Slide Guitarist' and we were treated to a brilliant slide solo from John - boy did he let it rip on this one! I think the dancers were feeling the pace by now, so this was a fitting end to the first set and our members and guests showed their appreciation in the usual way with a big round of applause.

We were now treated to the raffle 'Hard-sell' by our good ladies Sandra and Jenny and a break to get our breath back.



The second set began in the same vein as last one ended - with a belter - 'Rocky Mountain Way' and the dancers were up and going again, this time we noticed the Marion had trapped our Dave Lewis, there was no escape and she dragged him onto the dance-floor - of course, we all gave him a round of applause to encourage him. (Chuckles) They carried on with songs like:- 'Blues ain't Nothing', 'Too hot to Handle', 'Bad case of Love' (super keys solo), a slow number - 'When a man loves a Woman', 'Too much monkey Business', and finally, 'I got over It' by Robben Ford - great slide-guitar again! The atmosphere was great by now and the crowd was not going to let the band off just like that, so the boys gave us their last number - yes, you guessed it - another up-tempo job! 'Riding on the L & M. Finally the train came to a stop and the audience showed how much they had enjoyed tonight, with a fantastic and enduring round of applause. It could said, that to the blues purists there was not a great deal of solid blues, but what do I know! The dance floor was full most of the night, everybody went home smiling and there were no complaints or gripes - job done! I'm sure we'll see the boys back next year. This band plays blues to make you smile, with the solid back-line of Danny (drum) and Dave (bass) coupled with the virtuosity of Barry (keys), John (guitar), Billy (harp) and holding command Alex (vocals), there will always be a welcome at the BBC.

That's all Folks