

# BOROUGH BLUES

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## **Last Month - "Festival" + "Idle Hands"**

It was with great regret last month that we were left with no alternative other than to cancel both the Blues Festival planned for Saturday 6th July 2013 and the Idle Hands gig that should have followed it.

Unfortunately the Borough Blues Club had been unable to obtain the necessary license from Torfaen Borough Council and so it would have been illegal to sell alcohol or to play live music in public. The penalties for holding the event illegally would be too severe to contemplate so we have to learn from the experience and move on.

We would like to sincerely apologize to any members that had their plans disrupted due to this unforeseen situation.

On a more positive note we have secured Ryan McGarvey to come and play at the club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets have already started selling for this gig as Ryan is one of the most promising young stars on the blues scene.



This will be an extra gig in addition to our regular monthly slot which is The Tommy Allen Band, so stand by to be entertained in some style by these two extremely well respected acts in November. Tommy Allen was one of the highlights of the recent Upton Blues Festival, appearing on the main stage as a guest for the headline acts on both Saturday and Sunday night, in addition to his own appearance as half of the "Blues duo" alongside Johnny Hewitt. We have booked him to appear with his 3-piece band, as he did last time he visited the club in 2011.

Also getting rave reviews for their Upton performance where a band called

Willie and the Bandits. One of the best lap-slide guitarists on the scene and a style of playing we have not featured at the blues club before – Willie and the Bandits appear at the Borough Blues Club in October. With Danny Bryant's Red-Eye Band in December we have a fantastic end to 2013, starting with...

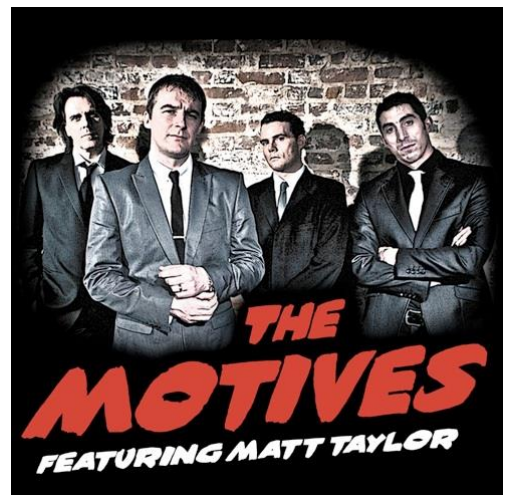
## **This Month at the BBC – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 "DSW"**

You all remember Blue Traffic right? Well Dave Williams, guitar maestro and leader of Blue Traffic now has a new band, so for the first time we are proud to present DSW to our members. Blue Traffic always entertained, often filled the club, and we expect this new project to follow in the same footsteps!

## **Next Month at the BBC – 7<sup>th</sup> September "The Motives featuring Matt Taylor"**

The Motives draw their musical inspiration from 40's New York, 50's Chicago and 1960's London. Led by Matt Taylor who is becoming familiar in music circles as a highly regarded singer, songwriter and producer, Matt also produces electrifying guitar work. He is accompanied by keyboard virtuoso Jonny Dyke on Hammond Organ and Piano with Roy Martin on Drums and Andy Graham on Bass.

Be sure to see this exciting band who are stuffed full of amazing talent and have great experience in the music we love so much!



**GIG REVIEW: "Tres Hombres"**1<sup>st</sup> June 2013

A month later than expected, here is the gig review for the last gig which was way back in June.

In Spanish the meaning of "Tres Hombres" is "Three Men" so it was quite a surprise to see five musicians get on to the stage for the June Gig at Borough Blues Club. However, I don't suppose the 'Cinco Hombres' has quite the same ring to it.

Andy Berry, vocals and lead guitarist for the group, was celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and the bands 200<sup>th</sup> gig. Therefore, he had brought a lot of his family, friends and fans to the club where the sell-out attendance meant it was standing room only for the later arrivals. Also on lead guitar (the band has two) was John Morris. He was together with Graeme 'Lennie' Jones on drums; Paul Powell on Saxophone and Rob Bennett on Bass. The band have been together since 2006 and this showed clearly in the relaxed approach and very tight sound.

To be fair Tres Hombres are not strictly a blues band though they did play some blues numbers and some numbers in a blues style. The band are from the local area and have made their name playing music from Frankie Miller to Joe Walsh and Cream; Humble Pie, Stax Soul and ZZ Top.



They also play music from Bowie, the Kinks and the Small Faces. My favourite was their version of "Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" from the Animals. This mixed twin lead guitars and sax in a superb arrangement. However, this was but one of many good numbers during the course of the night.

The audience got engaged and there was lots of dancing and loud applause and a couple of encores before the crowd went away happy. They may not be a full blues band, but Tres Hombres certainly made their mark and I am sure that they will be back with us at some point in the future.

**FORTHCOMING GIG'S**

3 <sup>rd</sup> August	DSW
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	The Motives feat Matt Taylor
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Willie and the Bandits
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Tommy Allen Band
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ryan McGarvey
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Danny Bryant's Redeye Band

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Don't forget this is "your" club, any suggestions, recommendations, etc. are always welcome, the lines of communication are listed below or please come and have a chat with us at the desk.

I would also like to remind you that we run a Blues Workshop on a Monday night at the club. We are happy to welcome Steve Jenkins into an instructional/organisational role at the workshops, where we continue to give aspiring blues musicians the opportunity to play (or sing) in a blues band. New members are always welcome, 7pm every Monday at the RFC. There is a nominal charge of £2.50 per head to cover the use of the hall.

*That's all Folks...*

Borough Blues Club: Tickets - **01633 483238**  
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