

BOROUGH BLUES

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This Month at the BBC – 5th April
“Laurence Jones”



Laurence Jones is back! After his debut performance at the borough blues club he was very well received and this is inevitable return. Laurence Jones is 22 years old and is already making a big name for himself. "

Laurence is like a young Robin Trower, exciting and full of energy" - BBC Radio 2

The young gunslinger of the blues has sensationally signed a deal with "Ruf Records". His Debut album for the label and 2nd album for Laurence was recorded at the Legendary Dockside Studio in Louisiana and it features guest appearances from Walter Trout and Aynsley Lister.

Walter Trout said "Laurence is a cross between Eric Clapton and Buddy Guy, he is a genius" ...some praise that!

Since Laurence's last appearance at the Borough Blues Club I have seen him at Upton where he captivated his audience, entertaining for well over 2 hours non-stop. He must have impressed the organisers too as this year he is back at Upton again but on the main stage this time... Catch him first at the Borough Blues Club!

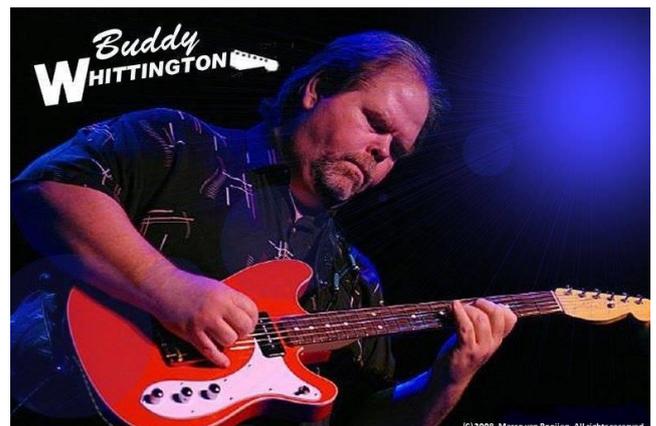
ALSO THIS MONTH
“Buddy Whittington”
19th April at **The Race Club**

One of our favourite guests returns to the Borough, **not** at New Panteg; as due to Torfaen Council licensing issues we are restricted as to the number of gigs we can stage there; so for this and any other "extra" gigs we are going to use a variety of alternative venues. Our 12 regular monthly gigs will always to be at New Panteg RFC as that will continue to be our home!

We hope that by going "on the road" we might be attracting a few new members, and spreading the blues gospel throughout the entire borough. The Race Club is a slightly larger venue so we are hoping all of our regulars will make the short trip up the valley for the incredible Buddy Whittington.

Buddy was formerly a member of John Mayall's Blues Breakers. In fact Buddy Whittington has was described by John Mayall as "The greatest Bluesbreaker of them all". High praise indeed when you remember that the list of previous bluesbreaker guitarists include Eric Clapton, Coco Montoya and Walter Trout.

Tickets as usual are selling fast and the gig will feature the support of the Borough Blues Workshop Band, so head on up to



"The Race Club" (Opposite the exit of Coleg Gwent Pontypool Campus) Tickets are £13 for members, £15 otherwise.

FORTHCOMING GIG'S

5 th April	Lawrence Jones
19 th April	Buddy Whittington
10 th May	Chantel McGregor
7 th June	Billy Walton
5 th July	Idle Hands
2 nd August	Black Top Deluxe
6 th September	Dawson Smith
October	Grainne Duffy
1 st November	Built for Comfort
13 th December	Wille & the Bandits

Next Month at the BBC – 10th May
"Chantel McGregor"



British blues award winner for three consecutive years, in 2013 Chantel was voted by the great British public as number one blues Guitarist and number one blues singer! So there you have it – we are bringing you the best there is!

This lady drives fast cars, drinks real ale, and owned her first guitar at the age of 3. She holds the record for the longest song ever to be played on Radio 2, has played with Joe Bonamassa, and did a DVD with Jeff Beck, Keith Richards and Albert Lee celebrating 60 years of the Fender Telecaster. She plays the guitar as well as anyone that has graced the stage at the Borough Blues Club, sings like an angel, and has the most amazing personality to boot. Back after huge demand this Bradford lass is never far off selling out, so get your tickets early if you want them!

Gig Review: 1st March 2014

"Brothers Groove"

Review Adrian Bold, Photography John Edwards

Of course they are not actually real "brothers" but Brothers Groove are certainly related by friendship and the fantastic music they lay down. This very amiable Birmingham based band made a highly appreciated appearance at Borough Blues and gathered many friends on a night of tight, clean, funk-laden music. Described as "wonderful" by none other than BBC Radio Two's Paul Jones, the Brother Groove, provided Brummie delights through the subtly intertwined guitar work of Shaun Hill and Nigel Mellor superbly supported by bassman "Deano". These are very good and clever musicians and were clearly well regarded by the Borough Blues Club crowd who took them to their hearts, supporting them through the gig and buying many copies of the groups highly rated album "Play the Game" described by Blues in the Northwest as "one of the most exciting albums on the circuit."

Another excellent night at the Borough Blues Club – though, as for many recent gigs, not as well supported as necessary to allow the club to continue regardless in the same vein. We hope that upcoming gigs will attract more interest and therefore be



better supported, to allow us to continue to make such first class entertainment available.

That's all Folks...

Borough Blues Club: Tickets - 01633 483238
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