

BOROUGH BLUES

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This 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!

Next Month at the BBC – 7th June
“Billy Walton”

Last year the 'Billy Walton Band', from USA, delivered a funky, rocky and lively sound for us that at times might not have been strictly blues but they certainly entertained and we felt we had had to bring them back.

The bands style is music with plenty of meat to beef it up; due to the musicality and superb timing of all the members of the group. The trio supporting front-man Billy Walton is Johnny d'Angelo on Drums, who plays with maturity beyond his years, with William Paris on Bass completing the rhythm section. The addition of a saxophone delivered with style by talented Richie Taz, sets the band apart, lifting many of the numbers well above ordinary and preventing the band from becoming just another power trio.



Billy does not do unnecessary and overextended lead breaks. They are simply four musicians enjoying each other's company, having a good time and making each instrument shine and blend, creating a full sound, reminiscent of a jam session of the highest order. The interplay between the lead guitar and sax was top-drawer, allowing the sax to shine through and creating a lovely warm sound. Billy Walton is a stylish musician with loads of warm personality don't miss it!

FORTHCOMING GIG'S

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
9 th October	Grainne Duffy
1 st November	Built for Comfort
13 th December	Wille & the Bandits



Gig Reviews: April 2014

“Laurence Jones & Buddy Whittington”

- Laurence Jones: - Unfortunately your gig reviewer was ill on the night of this gig and missed this rising star of the British blues scene. A great pity since Laurence is from my home-town of St Helens. Anyway it seems he blew up a blues storm for a great show.



Buddy Whittington: Here was a departure for the Borough Blues Club. Because of licencing issues we are only allowed to host 12 gigs per year at New Panteg RFC – one per month which accommodates our regular gigs. Therefore, when we get the chance to host a huge name like Buddy Whittington we now have to use another venue – which is why this gig took place at the Race Social Club in Blaendare. And what a night it was! The venue is somewhat larger than New Panteg but was packed with people wanting to see this Texan star once again – and he did not disappoint.

Aibly supported by Pete Stroud on Bass and Darby Todd on drums, Buddy treated the audience to some outstanding guitar and vocals. Not for nothing was he the longest serving guitarist in John Mayall's Bluesbreakers and the purity of his tone and fluidity and accuracy have, if anything, only improved since those days. On top of this Buddy is one of the most pleasant people, very keen to please his fans and accommodate them with conversation and photographs. A genuine international star of the Blues.



Buddy was supported by the Borough Blues Workshop Band who produced a skilful and



varied set under the musical direction of the talented Steve Jenkins. A highlight of the evening was Buddy's invitation to Steve to play guitar with him on-stage – an offer extended to workshop drummer Joe Wait – who at 15 years old is rapidly becoming a stalwart of the Workshop band and a good drummer to boot! The highlight of the evening for Buddy was to judge the Race Club's Easter Bonnet Competition which was taking place in another room. Altogether a great night and the Borough Blues Club will certainly return to the Race Club which was a great venue!

(Photography: The good ones are by John Edwards, the others are by Steve Savidge)

CLUB NEWS

This year's AGM has had to be delayed because several committee members will be away during May.

The first opportunity to hold the meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday 2nd June at New Panteg RFC.

Several of the committee have come to the end of their tenure and need to be either re-elected or replaced. We have also lost a couple of the committee because of their personal circumstances, therefore we seek NEW BLOOD! If you would like to join the committee or have a suggestion for a candidate that we should approach then do not hesitate. Contact Chairman Adrian Bold or any of the present committee.

Contact details are on our website.

That's all Folks...

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