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Welcome to The New Roxette

Hello once again, and thank you for picking up this free summer edition of the popular New Roxette. We've taken a short break over the past few months, but this special issue is crammed full of News, Reviews, and Interviews, highlighting all the best live music events taking place locally throughout the summer.

First though, as you've probably already heard by now, 'Hobble on the Cobbles', like so many other large successful events throughout the UK, has become a victim of its own success, and due to the rise in a number of fees, and continued budget cuts, plus a lack of sponsorship funding in this global economic climate, Buckinghamshire's largest free all-day music festival has unfortunately been postponed for 2011.

There is hope Hobble on the Cobbles will return in 2012 (*subject to licensing and funding), but for those music fans who want (need) HOTC to return to Aylesbury, there will be a number of local fundraiser events throughout the year, which the organiser's hope you'll support! More news on that soon...!!!

Armed Forces Day - Saturday 25 June



Anyway, instead of HOTC this year **The New Roxette** has something just as exciting to report which has actually been described as a 'HOTC-style' event, in a field, with a bar.!!! Well,

what more could you ask for ..?

On **Saturday 25 June 2011**, Buckinghamshire will be showing its support to the Armed Forces based in the county and beyond. **Armed Forces Day**, a national celebration, gives the chance to express thanks to Veterans, Regulars, Reserves, Cadets and their families. Buckinghamshire County Council, along with partner companies, will be hosting a family fun day with an evening 'music festival'concert.

The event shall be held at Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville, and will run from 11am to 11pm and packed full of live music including military bands, jazz bands, local bands and headlined by boyband and UK Eurovision entry; **BLUE**, who reformed earlier in the year - 10 years after they first started the group.

The day will also include an air display including a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire, live cooking demonstrations, a display of military vehicles, funfair rides alongside exhibitions from service charities and local groups. Aylesbury Rugby Club will be organising the bar and Aylesbury College will be supporting the catering facilities.

Tickets are available from the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre and full details can be found on **the New Roxette** website: **theNewRoxette.com**

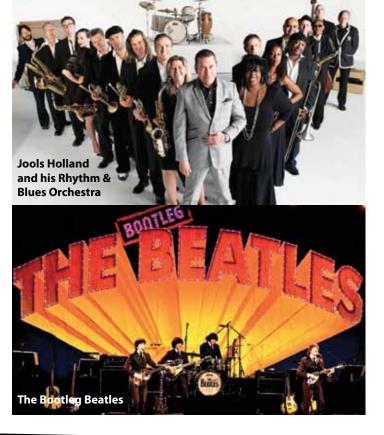
MAD About Waddesdon Festival 25 - 26 June

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Also, over the weekend of Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 June, the **MAD About Waddesdon** Festival will return to Waddesdon Manor. MAD About

Waddesdon is Buckinghamshire's annual celebration of Music, Art, Dance and Drama. The evening's entertainment is brought to us by Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra on Friday and The Bootleg Beatles on Saturday - tickets for both evenings are available at waddesdononlineshop.org. Now in its fifth year, this festival gives an opportunity to experience the talent, energy and creativity at the heart of our local schools and community. Visit waddesdon.org.uk/madaboutwaddesdon for more info.





Relay For Life Event 2 - 3 July



On Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 July, **The Relay for Life** will once again return to Aylesbury Rugby Club. This is a wonderful event where over 24hrs people of all ages join together and become a community to raise awareness about Cancer Research UK. Relay is a great opportunity for people to celebrate life and those who have survived their fight with cancer, but it

is also a remarkable event to remember those we have lost to Cancer as well.

If you wish to find out more information about this event visit their website at: **relayforlifeaylesbury.org**

Aylesbury Festival 2 - 17 July



The **Aylesbury Festival** will run for 16 days from Saturday 2 July to Sunday 17 July. Over 70 events will take place bringing musicians from all

around the world to work alongside local talent. Performances will take place at a variety of locations across the town, and there will be over 30 participatory workshop activities for people to take part in as well. There will be rock and pop, classical, opera, jazz, world, folk and roots music plus award winning artists will be performing alongside groups making their professional debuts.

The festival starts with the annual Roald Dahl parade and celebrations on 2 July, and concludes with the weekend 'music festival', which takes place in Kingsbury, showcasing a variety of local acts, and professional musicians.





In association with the British Guitar Academy, the free 'Aylesbury Music Festival' weekend has secured the most exciting lineup to date. On 16 July, there will be performances from Aziz (Ibrahim), former member of the Stone Roses and currently recording/touring artist with Paul Weller and Ian Brown. The Original Sinners will headline this day's event, and will showcase a variety of talented, local and professional guitarists. (11am - 4pm).

The 'Sunday' event (17 July) is very different, and highlights, promotes and features female-fronted bands and female singer-songwriters.

These "Girls Who Rock" are all exceptionally talented, up-and-coming artists, and will be headlined by singer-songwriter **Katie Buckhaven**. Again, the Aylesbury Festival runs from 11am -4pm.

For full details of all the events check out the official website: **AylesburyFestival.com**.

Close-Up Festival 16 - 17 July



...but before I leave you to flick through the rest of our little magazine, I just need to tell you about the **Close-Up Festival**, which is taking place at Burcott Farm (Wing) also on 16 and 17 July. This brand new event will run from 11am – 11pm both days, and has performances by **Carl Barat** (The Libertines), **The Bees**, **Ade Edmondson & The Bad Shepherds** to name but a few who will be gracing their festival stages. (See pages 4 & 5 for an interview with the organisers) and visit their website: **close-upfestival.com** for full details.

Aylesbury Street Festival

The **Aylesbury Street Festival** returns once again this summer, every Saturday lunchtime from 11am – 2pm, commencing 23 July outside the HSBC Bank in Market Square Aylesbury. Organised by the AVDC, come along and listen to a variety of African, Cuban/Salsa, Folk artists, plus local bands every week. For full details visit **theNewRoxette.com**

The Rockwood The Acoustic Sessions

...and finally, if you love your Acoustic music, singer-songwriters, and great beer, you must check out 'Pub of the Year ' **The Rockwood** (Kingsbury, Aylesbury town centre), who are hosting a regular event called **The Acoustic Sessions**. This successful and popular event has been running since the end of 2010, and has some amazing musicians coming to the venue over the coming months... **lemonrock.com/therockwood**



Enjoy the summer!!! Enjoy the music!!! & enjoy everything Aylesbury has to offer...! See you again soon, Stuart [Editor]



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In nearby Aylesbury, at Burcott Lodge Farm (near Wing) is another local music festival, which will be providing a weekend of quality music and entertainment, including national artists, local bands and comedy, stage performance art, local art and crafts, a beer tent with real ales and camping facilities for those that would like to experience that 'real festival' feel.

The New Roxette catches up with one of the organisers; Chris Dominey:

Hey Chris, thanks for taking the time to chat to The New Roxette, so, what can you tell us about the Close-Up Festival?

Well, it's a small but high quality music festival. The aim is to capture all the best bits of the bigger and more established, well known music festivals, but without the hassle and expense. Sort of getting back to how it used to be.

Who is currently lined up and confirmed to perform at this brand new event?

Carl Barat formerly of The Libertines and Dirty Pretty Things will be headlining the main stage on Saturday along with The Bees and The Jim Jones Revue, and Neil Hannon aka The Divine Comedy will be headlining on Sunday along with Adrian Edmondson's band The Bad Shepherds. In the dance tent over the weekend you'll find The Orb, Krafty Kuts, DJ Hyper and The Petebox amongst others.

Supporting will be a long list of fantastic emerging artists such as Lulu & the Lampshades, The Moons, Matt Berry & The Maypoles, Peggy Sue, Duncan Maitland, The Wutars (from High Wycombe) and Scubaroots, who are from just down the road in Cubblington. More still to be announced so keep an eye on the website and facebook pages.

Have you got many local bands involved in this event - and who should we look at for?

Yes, a big part of the event is not only to bring some high quality talent to the area, but to also give local bands a chance to perform to a wider audience than they might normally get the opportunity to. So we are putting on a stage dedicated to local, unsigned bands and we want to hear from any bands, regardless of the genre of music, who are interested in performing. The only condition is - no 'covers bands'! Any bands wishing to get in touch can email us on perform@close-upfestival.co.uk















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How much are the tickets, and where can our readers purchase them from?

Ticket prices are £45 for a single day or £79.50 for a weekend pass. Or if you are coming for the weekend and would like to camp, it's £92. Secure, floodlit parking is also provided free of charge. We think that's pretty reasonable and the feedback we've had suggests that most people agree!

Tickets can be purchased through WeGotTickets.com

Why did you want to create the Close Up festival, and how/where did it all begin?

Will and I have both grown up in the area and lived here all our lives. In the past, both Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard were very much part of the live music circuit and all the biggest bands played here at one time or another, certainly at the Friars Club in Aylesbury. All the people behind our event are local and feel the same as us, there's a real passion in everyone to create something great and the excitement is really snowballing now.

Have you received much support or many objections/problems regarding this event?

We have a received a lot of support and encouragement from all sorts of people who are looking forward to it, and it is growing all the time. The council and other local authorities have been firm but fair in encouraging us, whilst making sure we've done everything to a high standard. There were 26 objections from local residents when we first applied for the license, but most of them have become supporters

since seeing how seriously we are taking things like security and traffic and noise management.

It has been widely reported that so many established UK festivals, (Aylesbury's popular and successful Hobble on the Cobbles included), have been postponed due to budget cuts or lack of sponsorship or funding. Has this affected the Close-Up festival, or how are you tackling this issue?

Well, obviously we have to charge for entry, because we can no longer rely on council funding or even sponsorship to a point. But we know that there is a real demand for something like this in this area, so we're confident that it will pay for itself. That said, it would still be a fantastic place for businesses to promote themselves, particularly local ones.

Are you still looking for sponsorship, and how can potential sponsors contact you if interested?

We are very open to offers. Anyone who is interested can get in touch with our Marketing Manager, Emily Frost by emailing her on **emily@close-upfestival.co.uk**

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July 2011 Burcott Lodge Farm, Burcott near Wing LU7 0JW Main arena opens at 11am each day close-upfestival.co.uk





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A Stage

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12:30 - 13:00 B Stage

The Measures

web.mac.com/measures2

13:00 - 14.00

A Stage

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14:00 – 15:00 Headline B Stage

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15:00 - 16:00 **Headline A Stage** The Original Sinners

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Laura Williams

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