

## MAY

- 3 SINGERS' NIGHT
- 10 SINGERS' NIGHT
- 17 SINGERS' NIGHT
- 24 JIM REYNOLDS  
Unique blend of song and guitar playing from ballads to blues and ragtime with charm and style.
- 31 CLOUDSTREET (£5/£6)  
A brilliant young Australian duo who have taken the British folk scene by storm.

## JUNE

- 7 SINGER'S NIGHT
- 14 SINGERS' NIGHT
- 21 SINGERS' NIGHT
- 28 BILLY EBELING (£5 / £6)  
American blues man appearing with Brendan Power.

Admission to guest nights is £4 for members and £5 for non-members unless otherwise stated.

Admission to singers' nights is £1 for both members and non-members.  
Admission for under 18s is free for both guest nights and singers' nights.

## FUTURE COPY

If you have any ideas for inclusion in the newsletter, maybe you know of a local gig that needs to be made known, or something special relating to a club member, let me know and I'll see what I can do!



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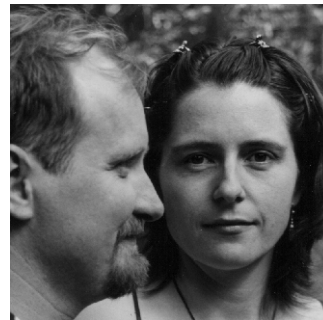
Hi Folks, welcome to the May newsletter. I hope you are all full of the joys of Spring with the festival season getting under way there's plenty of good music in store.

Congratulations to **Terry Dunning** and **Ernie Warner** who are both celebrating their 60th birthdays.

### *Our Next Guests*

Regretfully, **John McCormick** will not be able to make his gig on **3 May** as he has had to cancel the whole of his UK tour due to ill health.

**May 24, Jim Reynolds.** The return of a firm Favourite; Jim is possessed of a rare ability to capture the listener's attention with the honesty and integrity of his lovely songs.



**May 31, Cloudstreet.** A brilliant and dynamic young duo from Australia, Nicole Murray and John Thompson. Hot harmonies and beautiful ballads. They have become firm favourites on the British festival and club scene over the last few years.

## *What's Happened*

We've had a veritable feast of guests since I last wrote.

At the end of March we had a wonderful, gentle evening of American (mainly) traditional song from **Judy Cook**, ably assisted by her husband, **Dennis**. Judy's love of the songs was so obvious and infectious and it was a joy to share them with her.

April's first guest night saw the return of that highly talented duo, Hilary Spencer and Grant Baynham, **QuickSilver**. It was an evening of fantastically skilful musicianship and song but silliness and mayhem were never far from sight. A truly fun-filled evening, enjoyed by a large crowd.

The next guests were the **Brian Bedford Band**. Normally a 5-piece band, they were one short for the occasion because Felicia Dale had to return to the USA as her father was ill. However, Brian and Jacey Bedford, William Pint and Ben Walker treated us to a great evening with wonderful songs and a wealth of instruments. It was interesting to hear new arrangements of Brian's songs as well as some by Ben too. A new band but one we're bound to see more of.

Our final guest in April was **Michael Chapman**. We had a near full house and were wowed by his guitar playing and entertained by his songs and his gentle humour. A great way to round off a month of fantastic guests.

Singers' nights have continued to astound with the varied talents displayed, on one night we were entertained by a tune on an inch long harmonica! We've got three singer's nights during May and three more in June so why not try them out, they're always great

## *Who's to Come*

The three singers' nights at the beginning of May are followed by two great guest nights: hope to see you at some of them.

### **24 May - Jim Reynolds**

Jim's performance is always a delight - the result of many years on the professional circuit. Jim's repertoire consists, for the most part, of his own songs and exhilarating guitar instrumentals, subtly interwoven with classics from the very best blues, ragtime and old-fashioned romantic ballads. He has performed with many respected icons of the present-day folk scene including; Steve Tilston, Mike Silver, Maggie Boyle, Chris Newman, Phil Beer and George Melly. Look forward to an evening of warmth, virtuosity, talent and charm in abundance.

### **31 May - Cloudstreet**

We have the debut appearance of the exciting Australian duo, Cloudstreet. I first saw John and Nicole as a floor spot at Twickenham Folk Club and knew straight away that this was something special. I'm glad to say that I've seen them quite a lot more since then and am looking forward to their visit with anticipation. Their performances are packed with vitality, humour and excitement, as they breathe new life into some of the great songs of the Australian, English and Celtic traditions and carry the tradition forward with original songs and tunes. Driving guitar and flute support their enthralling vocals and their trademark dazzling harmonies and their impassioned presentation are leavened with humour and great tales from their travels. But don't just take my word for it, come along and see for yourself, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.