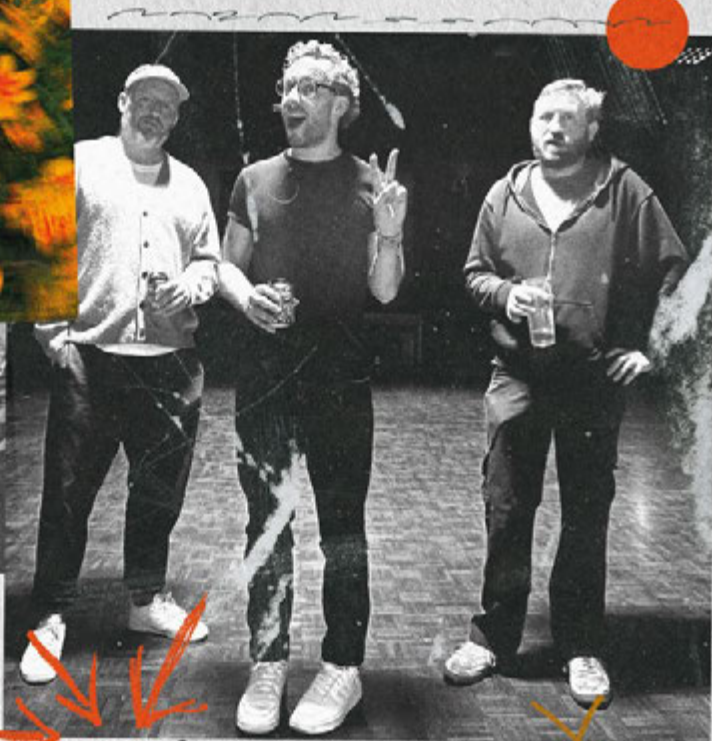


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## Reading's FREE live music guide



# The Dianas

+ live gigs for April  
+ Up The Junction

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## UNDERGROUND

EVERY MONDAY FREE ENTRY 7.30PM TO 10PM

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# Sound-check #32

Spring has sprung n' all that, then. Mostly that just means we're going to get soaked on the way to gigs for a few weeks. Makes you appreciate the summer more when it comes, I guess.

Speaking of which, I've got a good feeling about the summer here. It might be just blind optimism – after all, I booked a holiday in Iceland a few months ago and it has been on fire ever since so, you know... don't listen to me. For one thing though, Club Velocity, having got its big birthday done in legendary style, now heads into it's 22nd year with a cracking string of monthly gigs lined up at

its spiritual home, the Rising Sun Arts Centre, starting off with this month's cover stars, The Dianas.

Are You Listening? festival is so close it creeps into the tail end of the this month's listings and Readipop's official launch party for 2024 will have happened at the Turtle by the time you read this.

That's some of the key bits in place, isn't it? In the meantime, though; spring time, early evening, gig o'clock, we're probably gonna get wet for a bit.

See you at the bus stop.

— RICH



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# The Dianas

**A** Monday night at The Face Bar and it's packed. The great and the good are all here to see BDRMM but in the dark, amongst the bottles of Spitfire and anticipation, some of us are also looking for somewhere 'quiet' to do a quick interview.

It turns out that, in 2024, a smoking area is a deserted oasis of silence and calm so, from this glamorous setting out the back under the black metal stairs to who-knows-where and surrounded by plastic chairs last sat on in the 80s... ladies and gentlemen, I give you The Dianas.

Two of them, anyway. Tom's in a bar in Rotterdam.

They're kind of new, but not. Alex, Michael and Tom have been The Dianas before...

*Alex: Dianas was something we spoke about when I was in Rebus [ask your parents] and we said one day we should start a band which is cynically marketed to be big in Japan! We'd be Princess Diana-themed and wear suits and top hats.*

*Michael: This was a drunken After Dark conversation.*

Where so many great plans have come from!

*A: We did it but stopped after a relatively successful two years, basically because I had children. And then 10 years happened!*

*During those ten years, I sold all of my guitar pedals, sold my amp, kept the guitar but it was in the loft and then... Tom sent a message at two in the morning saying we should start The Dianas again.*

It had come up every now and then whenever Tom had had a few but this time was different. They did it and, apparently by the third rehearsal, remembered that "playing music

really loud in a rehearsal room is one of the most fun things you can possibly do."

People, specifically Sid at Club V, welcomed them back with open arms, they got some gigs and here they are, very much back on it.

There's no going back or nostalgia trip here, mind – just a ten year hiatus. They're on a bit of a roll when it comes to the business of writing new songs to the extent that there's already only one surviving song from the past.

*M: We're all better at it, and some things have changed. Before, there was sort of like a post-Strokes-y sort of indie thing whereas now, we're more into a psych-y, Stereolab-y Krautrock kind of thing.*

Talking about what they actually sound like these days, I stuck my oar in a bit and suggested that there might be a spoonful of Coxon in the guitar playing. Not that The Dianas ever sound like Blur – this is just a bit of a guitar trainspotter thing – but, as a fan myself of what that guy does over in his guitar corner, I thought I'd mention it. Turns out I was bang on.

*A: Graham Coxon was the reason I ever started playing the guitar.*

[Got my guitarist's guitarist nerd badge, then.]

BDRMM, who we're all hear to see tonight, are one of the bands that Alex heard more recently that made him want to go and get the guitar down from the attic.

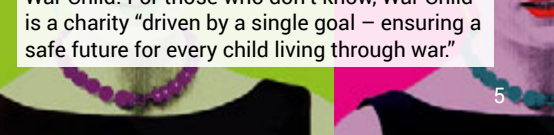
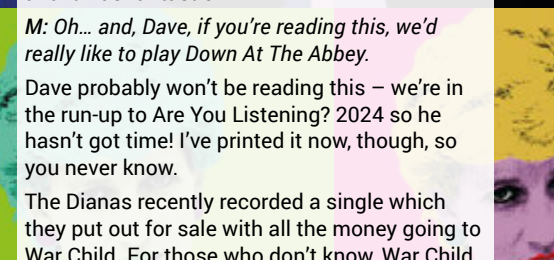
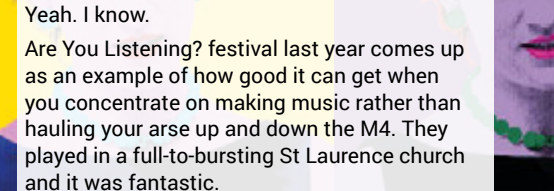
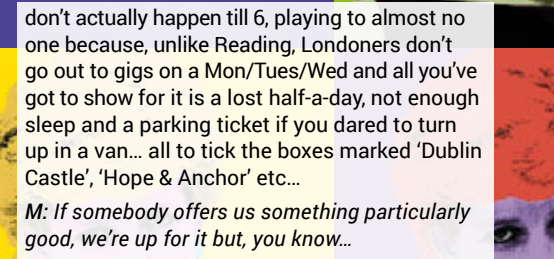
*A: I think the new stuff we're doing now is better than anything we did ten years ago. I always wanted to be in a band that could play one chord for, like, four minutes and I feel like we're getting to a point where we could probably do that whereas, before, I thought 'Oh, I need to retain some 'pop sensibility' and write nice pop songs but now... who cares?!*

After a few years of Michael and Tom playing in other bands while Alex was "riding bicycles and climbing up mountains instead" they're now playing more than they ever did before and everything is considerably different.

Back in the day, it always felt like they had to go and play that stupid gig in London, a Tuesday night in Camden or whatever, because that's what it felt like you had to do but now...?

*A: It's more fun now. We just do the gigs we want to do, say no to the gigs we don't want to do... because the whole thing feels like it's on our terms. And it's working. People like it.*

Definitely older and wiser. Yeah, ok... we swapped a few old war stories at this point; of turning up in London at 3 for soundchecks that



don't actually happen till 6, playing to almost no one because, unlike Reading, Londoners don't go out to gigs on a Mon/Tues/Wed and all you've got to show for it is a lost half-a-day, not enough sleep and a parking ticket if you dared to turn up in a van... all to tick the boxes marked 'Dublin Castle', 'Hope & Anchor' etc...

*M: If somebody offers us something particularly good, we're up for it but, you know...*

Yeah. I know.

Are You Listening? festival last year comes up as an example of how good it can get when you concentrate on making music rather than hauling your arse up and down the M4. They played in a full-to-bursting St Laurence church and it was fantastic.

*M: Oh... and, Dave, if you're reading this, we'd really like to play Down At The Abbey.*

Dave probably won't be reading this – we're in the run-up to Are You Listening? 2024 so he hasn't got time! I've printed it now, though, so you never know.

The Dianas recently recorded a single which they put out for sale with all the money going to War Child. For those who don't know, War Child is a charity "driven by a single goal – ensuring a safe future for every child living through war."

# The Dianas

So, what inspired that, then?

**A:** We started doing a cover of Daniel Johnston's 'True Love Will Find You In The End' at gigs and it always went down well. So much bad stuff in the world just continued to rear its head... it just felt like a perfect chance to do something good.

At the Rising Sun one night, The Dianas were booked to play but Michael had Covid. Rather than pull out of the gig, Alex did it on his own, with just a heavily-effected "whirly" electric guitar and discovered that the song really worked that way.

We spoke to Daniel Haylock at Drof Studios and asked if we could rush-record this pretty stripped down version of this song. We did it and put it up as a charity release on Bandcamp. People bought it and it raised a bit of money.

**M:** The War Child track is still up there if anybody wants to chip in. We've raised enough money to reunite four children with their families.

All helps doesn't it. I mentioned the extraordinary number of gigs that have been put on round here lately that raise money for one charity or another. As Alex says, "Whilst there's still people willing to do stuff like that, it does give you hope that the whole world isn't utter shit."

What's on the horizon for The Dianas now?

They, theoretically, had a month off over Christmas but Michael pointed out that after this 'month off' Alex came back with a whole load of new songs!

**M:** We were running out of ways to use A and D but over Christmas, you learned F#m, didn't you!

Ha! Like I said, they're on a roll.

They're working those up ready to record and get out by July/August. ("Ready to play Down At The Abbey, right, Dave?")




Meanwhile, The Dianas are headlining a Club Velocity show at the Rising Sun Arts Centre on 26th of this very month with support from The Nations United and Liam O'bey. On that note...

**A:** I want to go on record now to say there should be a statue of Sid made, or rename Silver Street.

Siddle Street, anybody? No? No. Alright.

A bit further into the future, you can see them at The Oakford in June with This.

I, for one, will see you there... ■

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# gigguide

## MON 1 APR

**PURPLE TURTLE**  
*Groove Cult Shindigs*  
**Turtle Underground**  
Free | 7:30pm | 18+

**THE RETREAT**  
**The Acoustic**  
**Beatles Shambles**  
Free | 3pm

## TUE 2 APR

**UP THE JUNCTION**  
**Belizaire + Deanna Alice**  
**Wicks + Bazza Mach4**  
Free | 8pm | 18+

## PURPLE TURTLE DUNGEON

### Underground Unplugged

Free | 7:30pm | 18+  
*Acoustic acts and singer/songwriters in the Dungeon*

## FRI 5 APR

**THE BUTLER**  
*Shadow Promotions DIY & 25 For Life*  
**Stop The Presses +**  
**Codename Colin +**  
**Andy B and The World +**  
**Common Sense Kid +**  
**Till I'm Bones**  
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bf = booking fee otd = on the door  
adv = advance tbc = to be confirmed

**PURPLE TURTLE**  
**Heavy Salad**  
**+ Strange Devotion**  
**+ Amazing Tiger Band**  
Free | 8pm | 18+

**SOUTH STREET**  
*High Vibes present*  
**Charlie Butler**  
**+ Guesswork**  
**+ Timothy Werewolf**  
£8 | 8pm | U14 w/adult  
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*GOth LEGENDS*  
**APR 18TH - GHOST DANCE** + KORINTHIANS

**MAY 2ND - FUNKE & THE TWO TONE BABY** + GRACE POUNDS

**MAY 17TH - SNUFF** + PREDECEASED PREY

**JUNE 15TH - GAYE BYKERS ON ACID** + THE PRISCILLAS THE GO GO CULT

*ALT AMERICANA LEGEND FROM NEW ZEALAND*  
**JULY 7TH - DELANEY DAVIDSON** + MEXICAN DAVE LUKE BATES

**JULY 17TH - HEATHEN APOSTLES** + PAGE OF SWORDS

*GOth LEGENDS*  
**SEPT 7TH - INKUBUS SUKKUBUS** + THE GO GO CULT

*IN ASSOCIATION WITH GOOD WRECKING TONIGHT*  
**SEPT 14TH - THE CARAVANS** + TR55 DEAD HOMBRES

**OCT 5TH - DR DIABLO & THE RODENT SHOW** + PINK DIAMOND REVUE

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**OCT 12TH - RODDY RADIATION & THE SKABILLY REBELS**

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**OCT 24TH - THE DELTA BOMBERS** + RED HOT RIOT

**NOV 5TH - LOS FASTIDIOS** + SUPPORT

**DEC 5TH - JOHN OTWAY (FULL BAND)**

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## SAT 6 APR

### CASTLE TAP

Old Goat presents

**Tape it Shut + Panic Button + Launch Control**

Free | 7:30pm

## SUN 7 APR

### PURPLE TURTLE

The Sunday Sessions

**The Verdaguers + Baby Teeth + Colour Theory**

Free | 3pm | 16+ (ID required)

### WATLINGTON HOUSE

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**Bouzouki Bellows**

£8otd (cash only) | 8pm

## MON 8 APR

### PURPLE TURTLE

Groove Cult Shindigs

**Turtle Underground**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

## TUE 9 APR

### UP THE JUNCTION

**Taylor W + Allan Bahati + tbc**

Free | 8pm | 18+

### PURPLE TURTLE DUNGEON

**Underground Unplugged**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

Acoustic acts and singer/songwriters in the Dungeon

## WED 10 APR

### THE FACE BAR

Club VelocityNew Mind presents

**The Hawkmen + Jimmy The Dog**

£13.20 | 8pm | 14+

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## FRI 12 APR

### THE FACEBAR

**Morass of Molasses + Mountainscape + Crowdog + Witchmother**

£5adv, £7otd | 8pm | 14+  
eventbrite.co.uk

### PURPLE TURTLE

**Plato & the Bees**

Free | 8pm | 18+

## SAT 13TH APR

### THE RETREAT

**Fusion 6**

Free | 8-11pm | 18+

Fusing funk, jazz, blues and Latin elements. Andy Kennedy - sax, Tony Imbierski - keys, Paul Wallace - bass, Tony Mckenna - drums & percussion, Alison Rolls - vocals.



# SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024

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- Second lineup announcement (A-Z) -

**ANTONY SZMIEREK • THE MYSTERINES**  
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**HOTWAX • PICTURE PARLOUR • WILLIAM DOYLE**  
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**MASQUERADER • MATTHEW ONE MAN • PHON • PLANTOID**  
**PUMA THEORY • SNAYX • THE MEZZ • WOLFNOTE**  
*+ more to be announced*

Venues to be announced  
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**CHALK**  
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New Puritans @ The Rising Sun Arts Centre, 23.02.2024 Photo: © Alex Marlow

## MON 15 APR

**PURPLE TURTLE**  
*Groove Cult Shindigs*  
**Turtle Underground**  
Free | 7:30pm | 18+

## TUE 16 APR

**UP THE JUNCTION**  
**He Fired First**  
**+ Andy Barker + tbc**  
Free | 8pm | 18+

**PURPLE TURTLE DUNGEON**  
**Underground Unplugged**  
Free | 7:30pm | 18+

## THU 18 APR

**THE BUTLER**  
*Please Ban Music*  
**The Pink Diamond Revue +**  
**Ravetank + The Borough**  
Free | 7pm

**SOUTH STREET**  
**Alison Cotton**  
**+ The Pawnbroker**  
£14.50 | 7:30pm | U14 w/adult  
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**FACE BAR**  
*Club Velocity/New Mind*  
**Ghost Dance**  
£18.70 | 8pm | 14+ (U18 w/adult)  
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**PURPLE TURTLE**  
**The 900z**  
Free | 8:30pm | 18+

## FRI 19 APR

**RISING SUN ARTS CENTRE**  
**Pressgang Club:**  
**Boxset + Damian Clarke**  
**+ Kent Nielsen + Gillian**  
**McCoy**  
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*range of radical acoustic folk acts.*  
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**CASTLE TAP**  
**Funkinsteins**  
Free | 8pm

## SAT 20 APR

**OAKFORD SOCIAL CLUB**  
**Talk In Code**  
**+ Juliette The Band**  
Free | 8pm

## SUN 21 APR

**WATLINGTON HOUSE**  
*Reading*  
**Paul Walker & Karen**  
**Pfeiffer**  
£8 otd (cash only) | 8pm

**PURPLE TURTLE**  
**The Alchemy + HCK9**  
**+ Lake Acacia**  
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**ANTONY SZMIEREK**  
**FAT DOG, HOTWAX**

+ more to be announced  
Saturday 11th May, Various venues



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## MON 22 APR

### PURPLE TURTLE

*Groove Cult Shindigs*

#### Turtle Underground

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

## TUE 23 APR

### UP THE JUNCTION

#### Witchmother + tbc

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### FACE BAR

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## WED 24 APR

### THE LYNDHURST

#### Jazz Singers' Night

Free | 8pm

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## FRI 26 APR

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*Club Velocity presents*

#### The Dianas + The Nation United + Liam Obey

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### PURPLE TURTLE

#### Rosedale

Free | 8pm | 18+

## SAT 27 APR

### THE FACE BAR

*The Specialized Project*

#### Specialized Reading:

#### Captain Accident & The Disasters + The Skavengers + Natural Right + Tr5s + The Skangsters + Corvid + Panic Button + Skakatz

£15 | 1pm | All ages (U16s w/adult)  
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## MON 29 APR

### PURPLE TURTLE


*Groove Cult Shindigs*

#### Turtle Underground

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Bored Slippy @ Club Velocity, The Rising Sun, 22.03.2024

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Horse Rock @ The Rising Sun Arts Centre, 23.02.2024  
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## TUE 30 APR

**PURPLE TURTLE DUNGEON**  
**Underground**  
**Unplugged**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

**UP THE JUNCTION**  
**MC Tepid**  
**+ Norwegian Tony**  
**+ Gary Millard**

Free | 8pm | 18+

## THU 2 MAY

**RISING SUN ARTS CENTRE**  
**Beltane Concert:**  
**Daughter of the**  
**Water + Stuart Clark**

£10 | 7pm

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with May crown weaving  
workshop by Suz from The  
Coppice Co*

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**Marisa & the Moths**

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**THE FACEBAR**

*Club Velocity/New Mind*

**Funke And The**  
**Two Tone Baby**  
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14+ (U16s w/adult)  
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*FSJB presents*

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**Selector**

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**PURPLE TURTLE**

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## SAT 4 MAY

**PURPLE TURTLE**

**Turtley Rock 'n' Rollin':**  
**Little Dave & the**  
**Sun Sessions + Rip**  
**It Up + Ricky Boa &**  
**the Constrictors**

Free | 2pm-10pm | 18+

**THE BUTLER**

*Shadow Promotions present*

**The Shadow Shuffle**

All-dayer

**Redeemon**

**+ Till I'm Bones**

**+ Tape It Shut**

**+ Boom Boom**

**Racoon**

**+ Old Chase**

**+ Baldhead + Prey**

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**+ First Among**

**Equals**

£12.50adv, £15otd | 2pm  
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## SUN 5 MAY

**PURPLE TURTLE**

**Punk Pile Up... all dayer:**  
**Spizzenergi +**  
**Splodgenessabounds**  
**+ The Deckchairs**  
**+ Rage DC**  
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**+ Vanity Rose**

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## TUE 07 MAY

**UP THE JUNCTION**

**John Short + Maija**  
**+ Helen Wren**

Free | 8pm | 18+

## FRI 10 MAY

**THE PROGRESS THEATRE**

*Jazz in Reading*

**Five Way Split**

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7:30pm

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**+ The Verdugers**  
**+ Nuke Cucumber**

£5 (adv) £7 (door) | 8pm | 14+  
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**The Scene + First**  
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## Profile: Up The Junction

231 London Road, Reading RG1 3NY

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It seems like it has been there for ever but, recently, the late night bar at Cemetery Junction has had a bit of a renaissance.

Some of you will remember how it used to look and feel like some kind of adult Byker Grove. It was cool but very 'of its time' so, over all that lockdown time when we weren't allowed in, Up The Junction got a shiny new facelift which has continued lately with building a proper stage at the far end, putting in a PA and yeah, even a lighting rig! It's a very tidy little setup. Small but perfectly formed.


What's on is definitely a varied catch. Last time I was in there, I saw Leon Poxon do his instrumental thing with just a 5-string bass and a rhythm track (definitely on the list headed 'Things I've Never Seen Before'). I've seen endless small-scale and


acoustic acts in there but, at the other end of the band size spectrum, WolfNote have brought their 5-piece full-kit cellos and dulcimers alt-folk thing here, Rev John H & The Revelations are due back next month and The MkII played a few months back – all seven of them with full kit and horns so don't be fooled into thinking that stage is too small to fit anything much onto!

At the moment there's live stuff in there every Tuesday evening at 8pm and sometimes Saturday and it's a very mixed bag so pay attention.

Oh, and when the gig is finished, the bar is still open till 2am (3am on Saturday). What's to not like?

Keep up to date, here:

 Live at Up The Junction

 /upthejunctionbar

If you want to get you and/or your band on, go to the 'Live at Up The Junction' Facebook and leave a message.





Eyes Blue Purple Turtle, 04.03.24 Photo: Alex Marlow


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