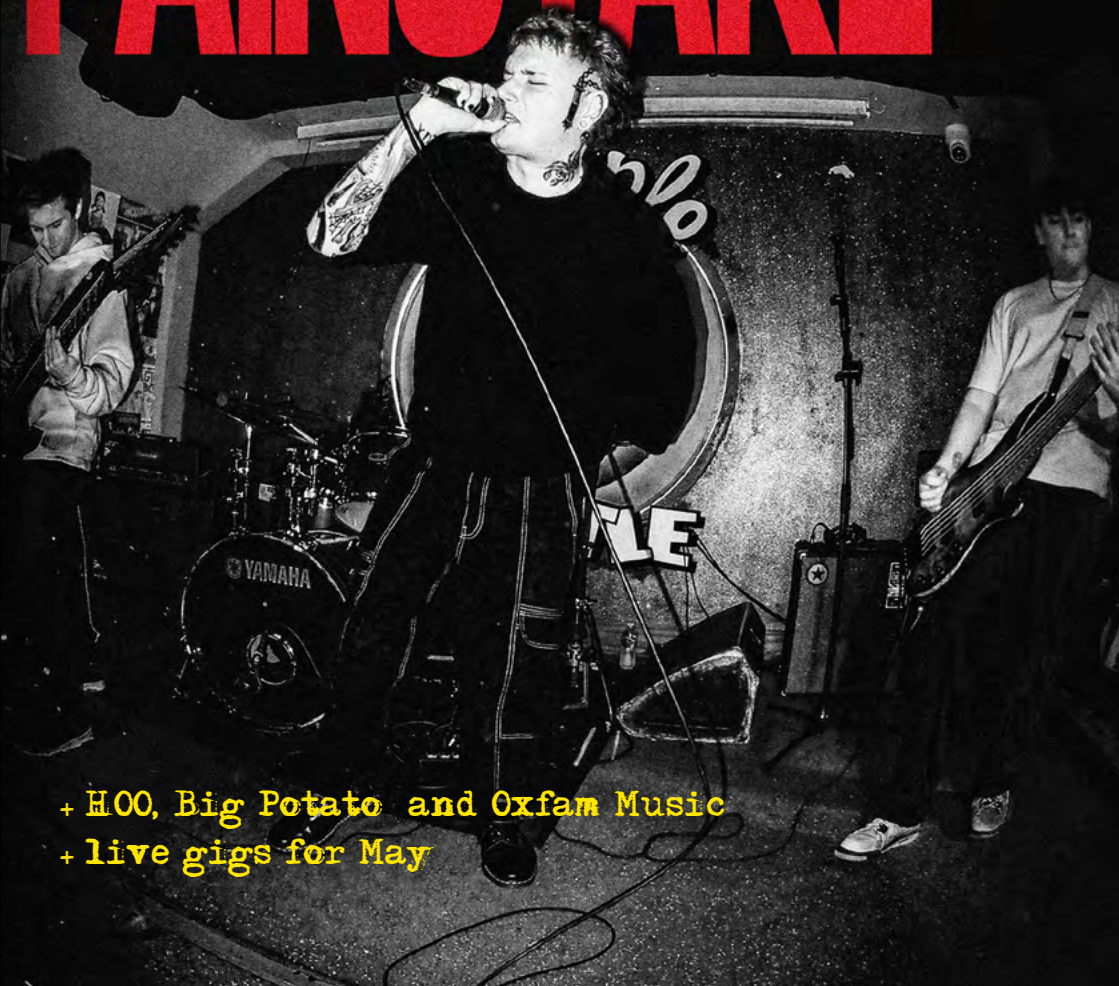


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+ live gigs for May

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Damien Passmore & the Loveable Fraudsters  
'The Final Fraud' The Butler, 04.05.2025  
Photo: RiCH Lucas

## Sound-check #44

I hope you like the new look. We've gone a bit shiny. I'll level with you, though: that's basically because it's cheaper.

Who knew?

Anyway, this month, Ennaya's back and talking to Painstake. Now, if you're reading that and thinking, "Who?", that might be because they recently changed their name and they used to be Turning Point.

Up the back, we've got an introduction to HOO ahead of their fundraiser show at the Rising Sun for Oxfam Music. Now, if you're reading that and thinking, "Hoo?", that might be because... oh, just read it.

And there are a serious lot of gigs to get to in the middle.

See you out there. - RICH

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Our real life, 48-page collection of live gig photos from in and around Reading over the past year, simply because, here at Sound-check, we love what the photographers do but we can't fit them all in!

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# PAINTSTAKE

Words: Ennaya Shehzad  
Photos: Alex Marlow



I saw the flyer for a metal show in the daytime and after frantically calling all my friends who were pretty hung over after a party the night before one said she'd come with me. I'd not experienced loads of our hardcore scene before – mostly psychedelic rock and indie around here – but there was a great turnout. Being in that room was something really exciting and important, music connects us and the energy that hardcore brings to a room encompasses so many of our differences. In a pit we can shove each other around and move around like crazy and feel so much familiarity with one another. Paintstake, local hardcore band who you might have known as Turning Point, went on second. The room was a little warmed up already, but they definitely brought a lot of the energy of the day. They played between Dispute and Lowlife and Halloran, and I asked them a few questions after their set.

Alfie and Martin knew each other at school (and were in Switchback together!!) before but wanted a heavier sound. *"We were searching for a vocalist, and on Facebook we found Tom- ""no, Tom found us, and we played together two weeks later with no practice"*

Their favourite gig so far's been *"the last one... in London."* Camden to be precise.

*"The speakers were on, like, school chairs – there was no stage, so the floor would bounce every time we moved. Someone spilt something on the floor and there were people slipping over everywhere... it was really, really rowdy and DIY."*

*"It was boiling hot... there was actually condensation on the windows. And it was really funny, cos we had this Christian rock band playing after, like really indie, and they had to go on after that."*

Their inspirations range from Loyalty To None, Loathe, Slaughter To Prevail, Whitechapel, and then Bring Me The Horizon. Their sound is pretty influenced by Knocked Loose, too. They say they're *"early in figuring out who we are but we know what direction we're going in for sure."*

What got them wanting to make music to start with?

*Dylan: "my older brother. He showed me bands like Limp Bizkit and other nu metal"*

*Tom was "an angry kid, nothing doing it for me on the radio... then I heard bands like Muse and Slipknot that matched my feelings so well. Then Enter Shikari was my first gig at 13 and I thought, 'I wanna do that.'"*



Quarantine had its' influence on Martin.  
*"I couldn't focus in lessons already when COVID hit. So then I started recording under a free trial of some recording thing. Avoiding lessons, I started making music."*

Alfie : *"I loved music but never really thought about doing it, until my uncle showed me a bunch of music like Twenty-One Pilots. I begged my mum to get me drum lessons... now I'm playing in a hardcore band!"*

Recently they came out with a "proper" release, great single 'ISOLATION', which I think you can really hear a nu metal influence in.

*"It's our first release as a unit. A big change from what we've been doing which was rushed, wasn't properly written and produced, but now we're... complete"*

**Go listen to 'Isolation' on Spotify!  
 Jump around!!!**

You can catch Painstake in Reading in July, and they might have a couple more so keep your eyes peeled.

**Instagram:  
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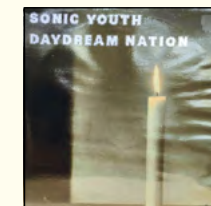
#### Rumours

The doctor is in! A primo copy of the ultimate 70s AOR. UK textured sleeve with insert. It took the world a long time to reawaken its love for Rumours. It's probably now the single most asked for record when once multiple copies occupied bargain bins in dormant glory.

### Iggy Pop/James Williamson

#### I Got A Right

The label reads 1977 but this dates from London, 1972 before The Stooges recorded Raw Power with David Bowie. Preempting punk by half a decade (so bestriding full epochs when rock was still enjoying the accelerated evolution of its golden age), in sheer ferocity it amounts not only to proto-punk but proto-hardcore. What's he got a right to that he asserts with such righteous fury? A right to move and a right to sing.



### Sonic Youth

#### Daydream Nation

Daydream Nation arguably sits at the other end of the same trajectory for US punk. 15 years on, the naked impulse of *I Got A Right* has accreted a sprawling assemblage of pop cultural totems. A studios epitaph delivered in a lethargic drawl and a blanket of thick guitar fuzz.

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**Alex Clarke with  
Terry Hutchins Quartet**

£14 | 7:30pm

skiddle.com

## MON 2 JUN

PURPLE TURTLE

**Turtle Underground**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

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## WED 4 JUN

SOUTH STREET  
**The Gymkhana  
+ Skylephant**

£15.50adv | 7:30pm

All ages (U14 w/adult)

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## THU 5 JUN

THE LYNDHURST  
**Steve Singh as Elvis**

Free | 8:30pm

## FRI 6 JUN

SOUTH STREET  
**Miles Hunt**

£23.50 | 8pm | All ages (U14 w/adult)

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To list your gig here, for free, just email all the info to [copy@sound-check.co.uk](mailto:copy@sound-check.co.uk). Info is correct at time of going to press. Websites refer to where to get tickets.

bf = booking fee otd = on the door  
adv = advance tbc = to be confirmed

PURPLE TURTLE

**Third Lung + The Kokroachez  
+ The Greater Good**

Free | 8pm | 18+

## SAT 7 JUN

THE BUTLER

Shadow Promotions DIY

**Pizzatramp + Ill Gotten  
Gains + Making Friends  
+ Ritual Error**

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THE LYNDHURST

**Nicole Grace**

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7.30PM  
FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
PURPLE TURTLE  
READING  
FREE ENTRY

**SKIMMY WORMS**  
**The Brass Bambees**  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
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**Next Show @ THE TURTLE**  
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### PURPLE TURTLE

Rock Academy Foundation

**Luminaria + Ikaris + Oblivion + Born Ready**

Free | 3pm | 14+

### THE RETREAT

**Low Key Sunday**

Free | 3:30pm

## MON 9 JUN

### PURPLE TURTLE

**Turtle Underground**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

## WED 11 JUN

### PURPLE TURTLE

Skeeta Sounds

**Speed Dial + Sundaughter + Cherry i**

Free | 8pm | 18+

## FRI 13 JUN

### RISING SUN ARTS CENTRE

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**The Borough and The Plan**

£5 (cash on the door only) | 8pm

The Borough back on home turf with special guests from Southend on Sea for for an hour and a half of top rock and twang!

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### THE LYNDHURST

**Steve Morano and Band**

Free | 8:30pm

### PURPLE TURTLE

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## A Tribute To David Bowie

**Ziggy Stardust & the Spiders From Berks**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

For one night only featuring members of Doops, Pej, Sundaughter and more paying homage to the Starman himself.

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## SAT 14 JUN

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**HOO + Matt Sewell**

£10 | 8pm | All ages

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## SUN 15 JUN

WATLINGTON HOUSE

Readifolk

**Cohen Braithwaith  
Kilcoyne**

£8 | 8pm

## MON 16 JUN

PURPLE TURTLE

**Turtle Underground**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

## TUE 17 JUN

FACE BAR

Club Velocity/New Mind

**John McKay's Reactor  
+ Scant Regard**

£19.80 | 8pm | 14+ (U16s w/adult)

*Punk's enigmatic man in black is back, flanked by two Priscillas, Jen Brown and Jola, and with Billy King on bass.*

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## WED 18 JUN

PURPLE TURTLE

**Tea Eater + Secret Rivals  
+ Everything Else**

Free | 8pm | 18+

CALICO READING

Live & Love Music

**Eddy Smith & The 507  
+ Lily Beck**

£16 | 7pm | 18+  
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HEXAGON

**Jake Bugg**

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7pm | (U14s seated and with an adult.)

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## THU 19 JUN

PURPLE TURTLE

**Skunkworm +**

**Brass Bambees + tbc**

Free | 8pm | 18+

## FRI 20 JUN

THE BUTLER

Friday Night Blues

**Back Porch**

£15.40 | 8pm | All ages (U18s w/adult)

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PURPLE TURTLE

**The Skavengers**

Free | 8:30pm | 18+

## SAT 21 JUN

RISING SUN ARTS CENTRE

**Phoenix Rising**

**Vanity Fairy + Shoplifting  
1080p + Doom Club + Wish**

**+ The Famous Daxx +**

**Nicholas Panayi + The**

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**THE LYNDHURST  
Paddington**

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**HEXAGON**

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**SUN 22 JUN**

**THE BUTLER**

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**PURPLE TURTLE  
Turtle Underground**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

**WED 25 JUN**

**THE RETREAT  
Jazz Singers' Night**

Free | 8pm  
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**THU 26 JUN**

**FACE BAR  
The March Violets  
+ Go Go Cult**

£22.25 | 7:30pm | 18+  
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**PURPLE TURTLE  
The Ding Dong Daddios**

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**FRI 27 JUN**

**RISING SUN ARTS CENTRE  
Club Velocity presents  
Eat Daddy Eat + Misha  
Chylkova + Belizaire**

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**SAT 28 JUN**

**READING BISCUIT FACTORY  
FSJB & Certain Sound  
Fusion 6**

Free | 4pm  
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jazz fusion featuring Andy Kennedy;  
saxes/flute, Tony Imbierski; keys, Paul  
Wallace; bass, Tony Mckenna; drums  
and Alison Rolls; vocals.

**FACE BAR  
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£10.05 | 8pm | 14+(U18 w/adult)  
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**THE LYNDHURST  
Brazilian Music**

Free | 8:30pm

**SUN 29 JUN**

**THE RETREAT  
Stuart Henderson  
& Simon Price**

Free | 3:30pm

**WATLINGTON HOUSE  
Reading  
Discovery**

£8 | 8pm

**MON 30 JUN**

**PURPLE TURTLE  
Turtle Underground**

Free | 7:30pm | 18+

**THU 3 JUL**

**FACE BAR  
Club Velocity/Good Wrecking Tonight  
Guana Batz + Red Hot Riot**

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**FRI 4 JUL**

**FACE BAR  
Vision Video  
+ The Go Go Cult**

£16.75 | 7:30pm | 14+  
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**THE BUTLER  
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Thomas Heppell Band**

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**SAT 5 JUL**

**THE LYNDHURST  
Jimmy the Dog**

Free | 8:30pm

**SUN 6 JUL**

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# OXFAM MUSIC

The folks at Oxfam Music have always done a nice line in in-store gigs but, this month, they've gone up a gear and are putting on a fundraiser show at the Rising Sun Arts Centre.

Headlining the show are champions of psychedelic space rock, HOO, who you've possibly not come across before because this opportunity to see them live is something of a rare treat so here's what you need to know.

Essentially, what you have, here, is a largely, but not entirely, studio-based collection of people revolving around songwriter, producer and co-founder of Big Potato Records, Nick Holton, with a regular cohort of collaborators which includes bits of Slowdive, Chapterhouse, Mojave 3, Black Hearted Brother and Moon Attendant.

The current album, released at the end of last year and called simply 'III' ('Three'), has, according to legend, taken ten years to complete. When I

wandered over to Henley to have a quick chat with Nick, I asked him why so long, his answer kind of explains how this whole thing works.

*"It's a project that, while I'm working with someone else, I'm also doing this on my own so it's always my own thing... in a way. If I'm working on an album with Black-Hearted Brother or Moon Attendant or anyone else, I'm usually waiting around in my studio for quite a while so I'll start working on stuff and then if someone helps me, like Lee Lavender comes in, I always just welcome it. Ian (McCutcheon) always comes along to drum on it, Paul Blewett comes along... they all know it as kind of 'my thing' and it doesn't have to be anything more than simply that... and I'm always just really grateful that they all get so behind it."*

This third album is more focussed on something more like songs rather than the more instrumental, often electronic, stuff of the past and some of those songs, generated in the gaps between other things, have been sitting marinating in the vaults



# HOO

for those ten years waiting for the right project to pull them all together where they fit right.

Nick, along with Neil Halstead and Tom Butterworth, also runs Big Potato Records which is worth your attention. Look 'em up. Aside from the aforementioned people who drift in and out of the studio to collaborate on their various interwoven album projects, you can find an eclectic range of 'label mates' from Everything Else – who happen to be playing in the Turtle on Wednesday 18th June if you want to check them out – to... well... *"we're recently trying to keep up with an 84-year-old man called Tucker Zimmerman who keeps giving us albums!? We've done three by him now, and two books of poetry, and we're working on an album now that I'm producing with him."*

You get the idea. HOO is Nick's project that pops up out of an extremely creative local nest of people who have been getting together to create whatever feels right for a loong time, now – with a hefty leaning towards the psych/shoegaze/space rock end of the spectrum.

Live, on this rather special fundraising night, we can expect to hear the same big sound you hear on the record as each of the players in this game bring their particular individual specialist skills to the overall big picture. It should be treat. It should raise a few quid for Oxfam. You should probably be there. ■



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