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Launch Control @ The Butler, 19.09.2026
Photo: Andrew Merritt

Where we are then, heading into what is usually the busiest bit of the year for gigs and, true to form, it's all happening this month. There's the all new SOKA Fest kicking off all over the town centre on the 10th [unapologetic plug: my new band, *The SubTotal*, are on the bill], Please Ban Music are back on it at The Butler, Hot Earth Records' regular night at the Turtle is a winner and, having seen off all town centre competition for about a century-and-a-half, Hickies music shop is getting right involved lately, playing local bands' music in store and now launching their

own Live Lounge once a month – more details about that up the back of this issue.

Future Transmissions have got Jim Jones All Stars coming to the Face Bar this month. Maybe start saving up if your going to that one because, if you haven't done so already, you might find yourself with the urge to buy a guitar in the morning. I imagine Hickies will be still there if you do!

As ever, give me a shout if you want to help out writing here at Sound-check. It's easy. Honest.

In the meantime, see you out there. – **RICh**

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VERDAGEARS

Words: Kayleigh Fryer Photos: Andy Merritt



The Verdagears! We sat down with Harry, Dan, and Steve (Arlo) at The Castle Tap to talk all things music and life.

Naturally the rats in the bushes caused some distraction and a chorus of "Rats." broke the ice. With Harry rightfully adding *"rats are like kinda cool, i saw this documentary and they're like really smart."*

Getting the introductions down we came to Steve (Arlo) who got the moniker from Harry's grandfather who struggled saying his actual name. So, now he's Steve and has been for the past four years and is owning it.

The Verdagears in this form have existed since 2023, but you might have seen them by their previous spelling of The Verdaguers. Named for Harry's cousin a recovering alcoholic and homeless activist who was the person who gave him space to listen to and talk about music.



"People have a hard time reading Verdagears on stage, but at least it's original."

They've been all over Reading town including playing the Purple Turtle and the Purple Turtle stage at RFC which they've only managed to do in winter in the freezing cold so would love a warmer gig next year.

We then got sidetracked talking about The Beatles which did lead to this insightful comment from Steve, *"I don't believe in a favourite Beatle, they don't exist as an individual [...] what made The Beatles great was the chemistry between the four of them, which is why i don't think the favourite beatle exists, the only correct answer is Ringo."*

As a young grunge band in the scene social media and defining grunge are two of the biggest problems they face. Talking about their latest single release in June, Harry says *"It seems like if you don't pinpoint it right or promote it right then it gets lost in the algorithm."* 'Ballad of a Return' is their most alternative track and the first one they wrote on an acoustic guitar.



Defining grunge is something that has always been down by the listener and not really the bands themselves. Harry says *"grunge is more of a scene you can kind look but people associate it with kind of being mundane and depressing but there is an honesty behind it, ominous kind of, some of the lyrics don't really make sense but they kind of do."* Steve adds *"grunge is kind of a paradox, isn't the idea to not associate with anything"* and most poignantly Dan says *"don't sit and analyse it, go to the gig and experience it."*

They are looking to record again and have a bunch of new tracks ready to go once they find somewhere to lay them down. If anyone wants to help them out then do send them a message!

There's not really a lot of grunge bands around, and as one of the only grunge bands in Reading they say it makes it harder to find line ups, but there are lots of upcoming grunge bands, so hopefully this will soon be a problem of the past! Dan adds, *"now we've done loads of places in Reading a lot of times and we're looking to expand beyond Berkshire."*

As Verdagears have been a band for a long time already and are now moving apart for work and uni the question of their future as a

Harry Portsmouth: Sing/Rhythm Guitar
Dan Symes: Drums
Arlo Charles: (Steve) Guitar
Thom Read: (Thom the Donn) Bass

band came up. It was really refreshing to hear how committed they all are to the project and their goals of keeping the band going. Harry says, *"there is a chemistry between the four of us and we're all characters in our own way, Thom like neo-jazz and Steve listens to country, we all do things in our own way, we could all hang out and not talk about music and tolerate each other and chill."* Dan added, *"we got a bit scared and had a bit of a break and we all enjoy writing songs and being a band so why don't we come back together and now each practice we write and we're like now that's our best song."*

So, thankfully The Verdagears will continue to grow, record, play, and be a fantastic addition to the scene!

You can catch them soon at Purple Turtle (date TBC) and listen to them on all places you can listen to music.

@verdagears



gig-guide

FRI 2 OCT

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SOUTH STREET (THEATRE)

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CASTLE TAP

Bang Out Of Order

Free | 8pm

SAT 3 OCT

ST MARY'S (PURLEY ON THAMES)
Village Concerts

Luke Concannon

£15, £10 (14-17) | 7pm | 14+
villageconcerts.co.uk

THE RETREAT

Blush

Free | 8:30pm

SUN 4 OCT

PURPLE TURTLE

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£28.60 | 3pm All ages (U16 w/adult)
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Terry Hutchins Qrt

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Charm + The Wood Demons
+ Kindred Spirit Band

£19.12adv, £25otd | 2:30pm
eventbrite.co.uk

MON 5 OCT

PURPLE TURTLE

Turtle Underground

FREE | 7pm | 18+

New bands every Monday.

TUE 6 OCT

FACE BAR

Future Transmissions

Dick Valentine (Electric Six)
+ Ben Marwood

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bf = booking fee

otd = on the door

adv = advance

tbc = to be confirmed

WED 7 OCT

SOUTH ST (THEATRE)

Heavy Pop

Robyn Hitchcock

£27.50 | 7:30pm | 14+ (U18 w/adult)
heavypop.co.uk

FACE BAR

Future Transmissions

Jim Jones All Stars

£24.80 | 8pm | 14+ (U16 w/adult)
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The Beatles

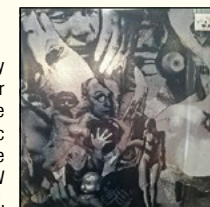
Abbey Road

Welcome to your evening class in record collecting. *Module one: The minutiae of Beatles records.* Here we have an example of the 'offset Apple' edition of their 1969 classic *Abbey Road*. On early editions, the Apple logo on the rear of the sleeve was not aligned with the text of the tracklisting. Very important!

Nurse With Wound

Homotopy To Marie

A band that intrigued and slightly scared me long before I'd ever heard their music. Few avant-garde or experimental pieces of music actually deliver in terms of strange or transgressive qualities but NWW are unusually authentic in this regard. I could only do them an injustice by attempting to describe it but it's like being rudely awoken on a planet where all living things and attendant noise have been replaced with shards of metal.



The contents of an envelope which was presumably sent on receipt of a 'stamped addressed envelope' from the Tamla Motown fanclub of Great Britain. Includes a photo of the famous meeting of The Temptations and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We've received a nice collection of music papers from punk's annus mirabilis of 1977. In addition to a rather insensitive headline regarding worrying news about Peter Green, this issue of NME reads the runes with an epic two page rave-review of Television's ur-new-wave debut lp. Other issues feature cover stars Iggy Pop and The Damned and lots of stuff about the Sex Pistols.



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Rose Rey @ Down At The Abbey, 11.09.2026 Photo: Andrew Merritt

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FRI 9 OCT

CASTLE TAP
Steve Pledger

Free | 8pm

PURPLE TURTLE
Harry J
FREE | 8:30pm | 18+

SAT 10 OCT

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SOKA Fest

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THE TURKS
Nothin But Covers
Free | 9pm

SUN 11 OCT

PURPLE TURTLE
The Adam Winslet Band
FREE | 2pm | 18+

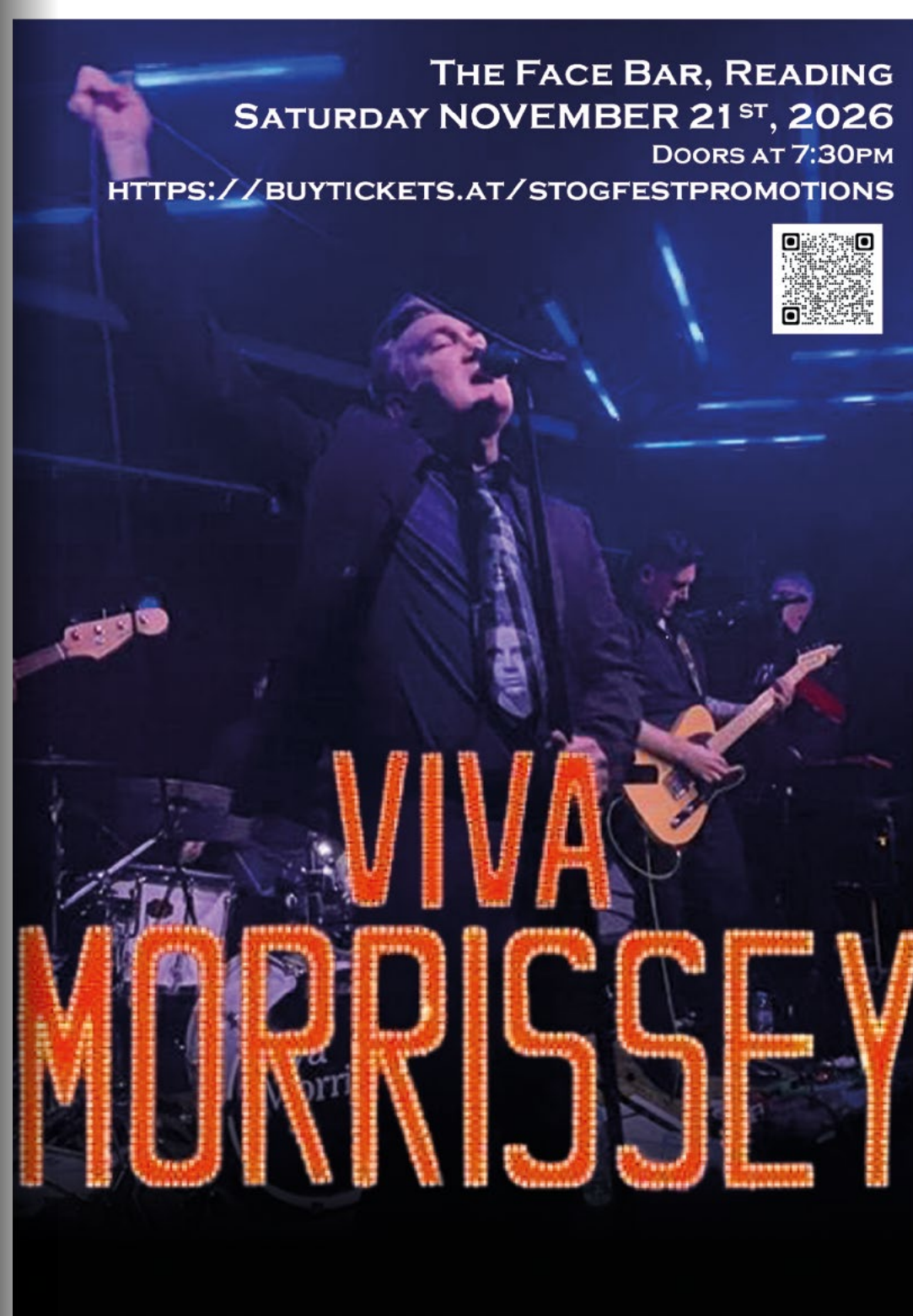
MON 12 OCT

PURPLE TURTLE
Turtle Underground
Eyes + Masquerader + Skunkworm + Fat Lloyd
FREE | 7:30pm | 18+

WED 14 OCT

SOUTH STREET: THEATRE
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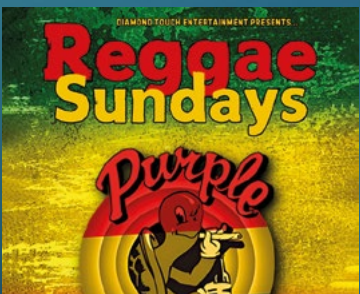
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THE FLOWING SPRING
Rocket Kings

Free with online booking | 8:30pm
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theflowingspringpub.co.uk

CASTLE TAP
2 Beer Hangover

Free | 8pm

THE BUTLER
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Gotten Gains + The Blade
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Kulan Gath**

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THE TURKS

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Village Concerts

Hannah Scott

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CASTLE TAP

Benjamin Lewes

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THE FLOWING SPRING

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SAT 31 OCT

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@ Purple Turtle, 23.09.2026

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The Race

@ Down At The Abbey, 12.09.2026

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THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Backline

Free | 9pm

SUN 1 NOV

CASTLE TAP

Shadow Promotions

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MON 2 NOV

PURPLE TURTLE

Turtle Underground

Radiator + The Outliers + Ricochet

FREE | 7pm | 18+

WED 4 NOV

FACE BAR

Future Transmissions

Millie Manders & the Shutup + Bugeye

£19.30 | 8pm

14+ (U16s w/adult)

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THU 5 NOV

HEXAGON

Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

£58.50 | 7:30pm

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SAT 7 NOV

CASTLE TAP

Ramshackle + The Abbey Ghosts + Harrison Wilde + tbc

Free | 7pm |

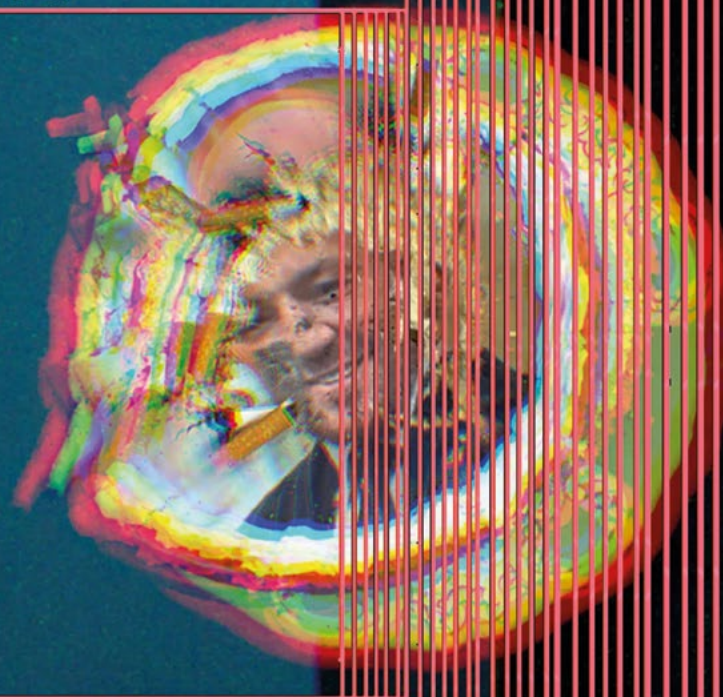
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HICKIES MUSIC STORE

LIVE LOUNGE

At Sound-check HQ, we've got a great big ol' HMV radiogram. All wood, a valve amp, great big speakers in the bottom, a stacking record deck and a radio display that glows a lovely warm orange colour with a dial about as big as a mug. Beautiful it is.

It was first bought in 1958. I know this for sure because the receipt is still in it and it says whoever bought it first, got it from Hickies on Friar Street – which, at the time, was already nearly 100 years old!

The black and gold Jazzmaster I play on stage these days? Hickies.

"We're a microphone short for tonight and sound check is at 6pm"? Hickies

So, when I heard they were going to be putting on live acts as well, I thought I better drop them an email and ask them to tell us all about it...

"There's something pretty fitting about putting on live music in a shop where we spend all day surrounded by instruments.

Hickies has been part of Reading for over 160 years, seeing generations of musicians come through its doors, from people buying their first guitar to seasoned players who definitely

only came in for strings and somehow left with another pedal. So, bringing the Hickies Live Lounge back felt like a natural next step.

The idea is simple. Three artists, 20-minute sets in one music shop. On the last Wednesday of every month, Hickies stays open after hours and turns the shop floor into an intimate live space,

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The focus is on stripped-back performances including solo artists, duos and small setups. The songs get to do most of the talking. There isn't a massive stage, no hiding behind production, just musicians playing to people who actually want to discover something new.

More than anything, Live Lounge is about keeping the community side of the music shop alive because, as convenient as ordering a pack of strings online at 11pm might be, you can't really replicate walking into a shop, talking music with someone, finding your next instrument or meeting the people you might end up playing with."

The next Hickies Live Lounge is Wednesday 28 October 2026 at Hickies Music Store, 153 Friar Street, Reading.

Tickets are £6.50 advance/£8.50 on the door.

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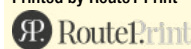
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OCT 6TH - DICK VALENTINE + BEN MARWOOD

OCT 7TH - JIM JONES ALLSTARS

OCT 9TH - BON GIOVI

NOV 4TH - MILLIE MANDERS & THE SHUTUP + BUGEYE

NOV 20TH - KING KURT + SURFIN' LUNGS

NOV 25TH - GUANA BATZ + PLANET STRANGE

NOV 27TH - SCOTT LAVENE @JERICHO TAVERN - OXFORD

DEC 2ND - DAVID J & GUESTS + STONE ANTHEM
(BAUHAUS / LOVE & ROCKETS)

DEC 3RD - JOHN OTWAY FULL BAND + DAMIEN A PASSMORE
RATBOY MAGIC SHOW

DEC 19TH - THE GO GO CULT + PINK DIAMOND REVUE
A NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS POLLY b ROSE

JAN 23RD - THE LONG TALL TEXANS + SUPPORT

MARCH 11TH - ROSALIE CUNNINGHAM + THE ELECTRIC SHAKES

MARCH 20TH - SKELETAL FAMILY + SALVATION
THE GO GO CULT

MARCH 30TH - LOS FASTIDIOS

APRIL 22ND - THE DUNWELLS

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