

The Pioneer Youth Centre @ MusicCity

From the days of The Zombies through to Enter Shikari and beyond, The Pioneer Youth Centre has played a key role in providing a performance space for hundreds of young developing bands from the district.

The Museum of St Albans will be hosting a small exhibition tracing the history of The Pioneer Club from its origins over seventy years ago through to the present day. It will focus on the rich musical legacy of the Pioneer including memorabilia from key artists. The exhibition will also provide an insight into the adjacent skate park, Britain's oldest.

Special Events will include:

Saturday 15 March

Celebratory Gig, The Pioneer Club

Sunday 16 March

Talk by **Jim Rodford** (The Zombies, The Kinks), The Pioneer Club

Saturday 22 March

Rap/Spoken Word Workshop, The Pioneer Club

Pioneer Club Over The Years

Friday 28 February - Sunday 30 March

The Museum of St Albans, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RR.
Telephone 01727 819340

For Museum opening times and events see www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk

Contact The Pioneer on 01727 850741
Curated by The Pioneer Management Committee.



www.enjoystalbans.com/musiccity, for full venue details see www.lemonrock.com/musiccity.
Information 01727 819310 or grae.wall@leisureconnection.co.uk

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St Albans MusicCity 2014

Saturday 15 March
until Sunday 23 March

INDIE SOLOIST
JAZZ
GRUNGE
PUNK
SOUL
IRISH & FOLK
GLAM
80's
BRIT POP 60's
ROCK
PROGRESSIVE
ACCOUSTIC
BLUES
SAMBA 70's
CLASSICAL
FUSION

Immerse
yourself
in the
twilight
leafy
metropolis
that is
St Albans
MusicCity!



Join in

Acoustic Guitar Techniques workshop with Clive Batkin

Saturday 22 March,
Sunday 23 March

A free, one day acoustic guitar taster workshop run by Clive Batkin in the Old School Room, behind The Hollybush pub, Church End, Redbourn, AL3 7DU*

The course will be run on each of the following days:

Saturday: 10.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am - 4.30pm

A one day course for beginners, intermediates and improvers to explore a wider range of acoustic guitar techniques. The course will focus on an overview of different techniques that can be applied to make your playing more interesting.

Everyone should have a basic grasp of their instrument. It is open to both plectrum and finger-style players* and does not require one to read music. The course may also be of interest to players of other stringed / fretted instruments.

*Please note that although all the techniques covered can be played by finger-style players, the course does not focus on finger-picking techniques and patterns

Clive is an experienced player, performer and teacher, specialising in acoustic folk / roots music. As well as the acoustic guitar he also plays mandolin, the electric guitar and bass guitars, as well as home-made instruments such as his unique 'harp guitar'.

Space is limited, so early booking is advised. Please contact Clive directly with any queries, or to book a place on the course:

clive@cbatkin.plus.com
0777 1822414

Drumnasium Drum Circle Facilitated by Steve Ball At The Daylight Club

Wednesday 19 March
2pm - 4pm. Admission Free

St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, Harpenden, Herts AL5 1DJ

No previous experience required

Steve invites participants to explore and experience playing drums and percussion as part of a group; I use "in the moment" music and improvisation techniques and I encourage participants to use their imagination in a safe environment...

DRUMNASIUM Drum Circles are adapted to participants' needs and emphasis is put on group safety and inclusion; if you are in the room you are warmly invited to take part...

Steve uses a mixture of drums and percussion instruments that, depending on a group's need, may range from Conga and Djembe to Claves, Agogo Bells and Guiro.

The Daylight Club is a very friendly social club for adults of working age with physical disabilities living in the St Albans district.

Space is limited so early booking is advised. Please contact Salpi with any queries, or to book a place at the workshop: Salpi@leisureconnection.co.uk

Rap Workshop with Adisa, Student of Life

Saturday 22 March
11am - 1pm. Admission Free

The Pioneer Youth Centre, Heathlands Drive, St Albans AL3 5AY

Student of Life are a rap/poetry collective delivering inspiring workshops and

performances to young people across the world. This workshop will look at identity, aspirations and the power of words in a fun and creative way that will encourage all to find their voice.

Adisa frequently visits schools throughout Europe to deliver performances which have been described as a giant pizza with toppings of African wisdom, observational comedy, life skills, and concert-like call and response routines.

www.applesandsnakes.co.uk/page/84/Adisa/24#-biography

Contact 01727 850741 or Sue Frost
sue.frost@pioneerclub.co.uk

Sing His Praises!

Sunday 16 March
11am

The Alban Arena, Civic Centre, St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 3LD

A packed day of inspiration, tuition, song and music marks the official launch of the Bazil Meade Gospel Music Academy. Founder and Director of the renowned London Community Choir - Bazil Meade comes to the heart of UK Christian witness for this historic inauguration of a visionary Academy aimed at providing individuals with a unique experience of Gospel Music.

This not to be missed event includes a morning of Praise, featuring some of those favourite 'old time' Gospel Songs. The afternoon is packed with a selection of Gospel Music Academy Master classes, including a vocal workshop for Children, in addition to a number of Musical Instrument tuition classes having an emphasis on that particular 'Gospel' feel!

Contact The Alban Arena
Box Office 01727 844488.
aaboxoffice@leisureconnection.co.uk

St Albans has a rich musical history and continues to foster a vibrant scene. St Albans MusicCity is a celebration of that scene which encompasses everything from traditional folk, blues and jazz through to indie, metal and pop!

MusicCity will showcase the variety and quality of local music venues and promoters who make St Albans such an amazing music city all year round!

You can join in too, learning acoustic guitar techniques, drumming, rapping, Gospel singing or by stepping on stage at an open mic or jam night!

This year's MusicCity features an exhibition celebrating the history of The Pioneer Club and a number of associated special events!

This leaflet is available in a large print version. Please email Græe.wall@leisureconnection.co.uk

All information correct at time of going to press

St Albans MusicCity 2014

Alban Arena Box Office 01727 844488
www.alban-arena.co.uk
The Horn 01727 844627
Cathedral Box Office 01727 890256
Pioneer Youth Centre 01727 850741

Saturday 15 March

St Albans MusicCity Unsigned 2014 Launch Event

The Pioneer Club **The Rodford Files**, **Buzz Cut**, **April Blue**, **Twosixones**, **Godfrey**, **Dylan Musahnu**, **Branded Jacks**, **Aja** and more TBC.
4pm - 11.30pm
Tickets: £5 (whole day) available on line www.pioneerclub.co.uk

Sambuka performing in St Albans City Centre, **Samba**, 12pm - 2pm

Empire Records MusicCity Special 1

1pm - **Finger Choppers**, **Swamp Blues/Blood Country** with a touch of **David Lynch!**
1.45pm - **Two Beats Apart**, **Alternative**
2.30pm - **The Shallows**, **Indie**

Special St Patrick's weekend at The White Swan with music from midday, and **The Faith Stealers (Mod Covers)** from 9pm - 11.30pm (Runs 15 - 17 March)

Times & Seasons Chamber Choir, **Brentwood**, St Albans Cathedral, an informal recital of **sacred and secular music** including works by Bruckner, Tallis, Lotti, Rutter and Stainer. Admission free. 1pm

The Ultimate 80s Party, a celebration of **80s music** featuring **Pat Sharp** and **Chesney Hawkes**, The Alban Arena, 7.30pm. Tickets: £20

The Jam'd (The Jam Tribute), The Horn, 8pm - 2am (ticket price?)

The Push, Hatfield Road Sports & Social Club, **Covers**, 8.30pm - 11.30pm, £1 for non-members

Mice With Glasses, O'Neill's, St Albans, **Indie Rock**, 9pm - midnight

The New Tree Surgeons, The Blacksmiths Arms, St Albans, **Rock Covers**, 9pm - midnight

Not the Droids, The White Horse, London Colney, **Contemporary Covers**, 9pm - 11.30pm

Free Electric Band, The Robin Hood, **Covers**, 9pm - 11pm

Bad Bones, The Garibaldi, **Acoustic**, 9pm - 11pm

Who's Ya Daddy, The Plough and Harrow, Harpenden, **Rock Covers**, 9pm - 11.30pm

Sunday 16 March

A Gospel Festival Day with the **London Community Gospel Choir** at the Alban Arena.

11am - Sing His Praises, Tickets: Free
1.30pm - Basil Meade Gospel Music Academy Master Classes Tickets: £7
6.30pm - Gospel Concert featuring the **London Community Gospel Choir**, Tickets: £15

Jim Rodford Jim Rodford speaking at Pioneer Youth Centre on the city's rich musical heritage, drawing on his experience as bass player with The Zombies, The Kinks, The Swinging Blue Jeans and many other famous bands. Jim, The Rodford Files and surprise guests will add some live music to the mix.
Tickets: free (booking essential) - contact sue.frost@pioneerclub.co.uk
4.30pm - 6.30pm

St Patrick's Day Street Party outside The White Swan. Music from midday including the **John Devine Band**, Irish dancing and food stalls, and **Roight Sez Ted**, **Contemporary Covers**, 5pm - 7pm
Blue Angel Acoustic Café 16th Birthday Party, Hosted by Bill Johnson at The Horn, floor spots welcome, 8pm - midnight

One off MusicCity Special, The Fighting Cocks - six or more of the very best acts from 2013, including **John Beeson** and **John Horlick** from **Chameleon Boy**; **James Kirby** with a special guest, and a special acoustic set from the fabulous **"beer money"** band, 8.30pm - 10.30pm

Open Mic with **Bob Thomson**, The Green Dragon, London Colney, 4pm - 7pm

The Bob Villains, The Lower Red Lion, **Tribute Band**, 5pm - 7pm

Mouth On A Stick, The Queen's Head, Sandridge, **Acoustic Covers** 6.30pm - 8.30pm

The Sam Kelly Trio, The Boot, **Acoustic**, 7pm - 9.30pm

Missing The Ferry, The Farmers Boy, **Original/ Irish**, 8.30pm - 11pm

Monday 17 March

André SaxMan Brown, Bar Azita, Harpenden, **Jazz**, 7pm - 10pm

GurJusWrex, The Hare and Hounds, **Traditional Irish with a twist** for St Patrick's Day, 8pm - 10.30pm

The Push, The Peacock, St Albans, **Covers**, 9pm - 11pm

Chris Flegg & Friends Jazz Jam Session, The Rose and Crown, 9pm - 11pm

Tuesday 18 March

Ruby Tuesday 10th Anniversary Celebration, The White Lion with **The Rodford Files**, **Pop and Rock Classics**, 9pm - 11pm

86 Degrees at Pizza Express, **Acoustic Covers**, 7pm - 10pm

Nick Stephenson's Open Mic at The Amble Inn, Harpenden, 8.30pm - 11pm

Open Mic Night, Inn on the Green, Harpenden, 8.30pm - 11pm

Jon's Music Quiz, The Farmers Boy, £2 entrance with prizes including an ongoing jackpot of up to £100, 8pm - 11pm

Open Mic Night, The Portland Arms with **Nick Holland**, 8pm - 11pm

Juicebox Live presents at The Horn - **original band showcase**, **Indie/ Alternative** Tickets: £3 Adv / £5 Door

Wednesday 19 March

St Albans School & St Albans High School for Girls, Joint Schools' Choral Society & Orchestra Concert at St Albans Cathedral:

Shostakovich - Cello Concerto No.1; Albinoni - Adagio; Roellig - Gott fährt auf mit Jauchzen; J S Bach - Magnificat. Conductor: Nigel Springthorpe
Joley Koos, Cello

Tickets: £16 front nave reserved; £11 rear nave reserved; £8 side aisles unreserved, available from the Cathedral Information Desk - 01727 890256 or from St Albans High School - fer@stalban-high.herts.sch.uk, 7.30pm

Nick Stephenson's Open Mic Night, The Boot, St Albans, 8pm - 11pm

Graham Pike Jazz Quartet, The Peahen, **Jazz**, 8pm - 11pm, (food served until 10pm)

Open Mic night with Pete Sutton, The Rose and Crown, 8.30pm - 11pm

The Wednesday Session, The White Swan, **Traditional/folk jam** session, 8.30pm - 11.30pm

Mouth on a Stick, The Mermaid, **Covers**, 8.30pm - 11pm

The Goatbusters, The Goat, **Swing**, **Bebop** and **Latin** alongside **Blues** and **Township**, together with some quirky originals, 9pm - 11pm

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Thursday 20 March

Trio Verum, St Saviour's Church, Lunchtime piano recital featuring the work of Martinu, Debussy and Beethoven, 1.10pm - 2pm

Bob Halford, Café Rouge, **Acoustic Covers**, 7.30pm - 10pm

Redbourn Folk Club, The Hollybush, Open Stage, featuring **Ragged Staff**, Tickets: £3, 8.15pm - 11pm

The Bob Villains, The Farmer's Boy, **Covers**, 8.30pm - 11pm

The Horn in association with Juicebox Live presents **Gorgeous George** + TBC at The Horn, original band showcase, **Indie/ Alternative**, Tickets: £4 Adv / £6 Door, 9pm - Midnight

Friday 21 March

The Marksman, The Amble Inn, Harpenden, **Cajun/Acoustic**, 8pm - midnight.

Open Mic Night, Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, all comers welcome, 8.30pm - 11pm

The Push, The White Horse, London Colney, **Covers** - various,

The Alan Warner Band, The Rat's Castle, Rock 'n Roll, 9pm - 11pm

Acoustic Evening, The Jolly Sailor, 9pm - 11pm

The Looters. The White Swan, St Albans, **60s/70s Covers**, 9pm - 11.45pm

Shine, The Blacksmiths Arms, St Albans, **Covers - various**, 9pm - midnight

DJ Night, The Beehive, **Dance Music**, **Drum 'n Bass**, 9pm - midnight

Fuel, The Horn, **Modern Covers**, free entry, 9pm - 2am

Saturday 22 March

Empire Records MusicCity Special 2

1pm - **MacLaren Wall acoustic** duo
1.45pm - **James Scott**, **Covers**
2.30pm - **Nick & the Sun Machine**, **Alternative Folk/Rock**

Steampunk Ball with bar and live music from **Ghostfire** at the Museum of St Albans, 7pm - midnight, Tickets: £15, book on 01727 319340. Complementing the current Steampunk Exhibition.

St Albans Choral Society Concert at St Albans Cathedral: Benjamin Britten; The Company of Heaven; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Requiem K626

Orchestra Nova; George Vass conductor; Marianne Cotterill, soprano; Emilie Renard, mezzo soprano; Greg Tassell, tenor; Christopher Foster, bass-baritone; Eleanor Bron and Christopher Good, narrators.

Tickets: £25 / £20 / £15 / £10 available from: SACS Ticket Line on 07884 231958; online at www.allaboutstalban.com; Cathedral Information Desk on 01727 890256. 7.30pm

West Of The Sun, **Columbia**, **Stone Thieves**, **Zygmunt Day** and **Echo Pressure** at The Horn, **Alternative/Indie**, Tickets: £5 Adv / £7 Door, 8pm - 2am

Branded Jacks, The Hare and Hounds, 8.30pm - 11pm

Melvis, Hatfield Road Sports & Social Club, **Tribute Act**, 8.30pm - 11.30pm, Tickets: £1 for non-members

Deaf Shepherd, The White Swan, St Albans, **Rock Covers**, 9pm - 11.30pm

The Apocryphalites, The Blacksmiths Arms, St Albans, 9pm - midnight

Blind Eye, The Robin Hood, **Rock Covers**, 9pm

The Flyers, The Garibaldi, St Albans, **Rock/Blues/Pop**, 9pm - 11pm

Out to Lunch, The White Horse, London Colney, **Covers**, **60s - present**, 9pm - 11.55pm

Banned, The Plough & Harrow, Harpenden, **Rock Covers**, 9pm - 11.30pm

Co-Jones, The Bull, London Colney, **Covers**, 9pm - midnight

Beat The D.J. The Farmer's Boy - customers challenge the D.J to play **any song!**

Sunday 23 March

St Albans Young Musicians Competition Finals at St Albans Cathedral, divided into two categories, Primary and Secondary. Full details - <http://stalbanymc.org.uk/>

Blue Angel Acoustic Café at The Horn, MusicCity Closing Special with very special guest **Mike Adcock**, floor spots welcome, 8pm - midnight

Traditional music session, The Boot, 2pm - 4pm

Odyssey Blues Band, The Boot, **Blues**, 7pm - 9.30pm

Open Mic with Bob Thomson, The Green Dragon, London Colney, 4pm - 7pm

The J Starck Band, The White Lion, **Covers and Originals**, 5pm - 7pm

Gary Allen from Engine Room, The White Swan, **Rock Covers & Original**, 6pm - 9pm

Steve Oakham & Gary Sear, The Farmers Boy, St Albans, **Acoustic Covers**, 8.30pm - 11pm

Also you can participate in one of the many Open Mic Nights happening across the district during MusicCity 2014!