

**The Back Page Bit:**

- The Northwich Folk Club AGM will be held on Friday 4th May at 8pm in the Harlequin Theatre bar immediately before our advertised singers' night. We are hoping this might enable more to attend and give views on how we are doing and maybe contribute an idea or two.
- Recent events have shown me that our folk club is more than just a music club, it is a circle of friends. There are times, at the club, it's the people you see and can chat to that are as important as the music we play. Those who go to festivals will find themselves bumping into old friends and you might even miss half a concert just to catch up on the news. The folk scene may not be unique in this but I think it is a hugely important part of what we are.

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If you can, check our website for all the latest news and links to more folk-related information.

The Harlequin Theatre presents  
**Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure by Steven Dietz**  
**April 18th-21st**  
[www.harlequinplayers.co.uk](http://www.harlequinplayers.co.uk)

**Hosts:**

**March** - 23rd - Brenda; 30th - Ailsa  
**April** - 6th - Dave; 13th - Iain; 20th - Bill; 27th - Bill  
**May** - 4th - Brenda; 11th - John; 18th - Jamie; 25th - Ailsa  
**June** - 1st - Iain; 8th - Jamie; 15th - Brenda; 22nd - Dave; 29th - Iain  
 (Subject to change)

The committee : Jamie Anderson (Chairman),  
 Brenda Yates (Secretary), John & Ailsa Booth (Treasury & Bookings),  
 Iain Bowley, Bill Pook and Dave Ball.

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 Northwich Folk Club, 8:30 every Friday  
 at the Harlequin Theatre, Queen St., Northwich.  
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 E-mail: [info@northwichfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@northwichfolk.co.uk) or [tickets@northwichfolk.co.uk](mailto:tickets@northwichfolk.co.uk)  
 Northwich Folk Club Website : [www.northwichfolk.co.uk](http://www.northwichfolk.co.uk)

The  
**Columbine** *Northwich Folk Club*  
 (Established 1977)  
 Spring 2012

March

16th - Singers' Night  
 23rd - **Janet Russell** including  
 singing workshop £6 (members  
 £5)  
 30th - Singers' Night

May

4th - Singers' Night  
 11th - **Merry Hell** £6  
 (members £5)  
 18th - Singers' Night  
 25th - Singers' Night



Janet  
 Tom &  
 Gren



< Merry Hell

Miriam >

April

6th - Singers' Night  
 13th - **Tom Doughty** £6  
 (members £5)  
 20th - Singers' Night (at  
 Polish Club)  
 27th - **Gren Bartley** £6  
 (members £5)

June

1st - **Corvus** £5 (members £4)  
 8th - Singers' Night (venue tbc)  
 15th - Singers' Night  
 22nd - Singers' Night  
 29th - **Miriam Erasmus** £6  
 (members £5)

Singers' Nights Admission £3

## What's Coming Up...

### Janet Russell

So popular last time she came, Janet will lead us through another singing workshop before showing us what a fine singer she is. We filled the room early last time with so many folk wanting to learn from Janet and great fun it was too. But then, isn't it great to just sit back and listen as a fine singer shows how it should be done with a repertoire of both traditional and contemporary songs, many from her own pen?

[www.harbourtownrecords.com/russell.html](http://www.harbourtownrecords.com/russell.html)

### Tom Doughty

Tom is a one-off. He's a lap-steel guitar player with the lightest of touches; he's a song-writer with a love of the blues but with a much broader palette than most blues players; he's a performer with intimacy and humour; he's an inventive interpreter of whatever takes his fancy. And I don't mind him quoting me on any of that!

[www.tomdoughty.com](http://www.tomdoughty.com)

### Gren Bartley

The last time Gren came to the club, he was in a duo with Tom Kitching. We heard his songs, appreciated his singing and guitar playing, so when the chance came to invite him back, I had no concerns. Here is a songwriter who is a cut above. "A phenomenal young guitarist and singer.... This chap is definitely going to set the acoustic world alight" -

The Real Music Club

[www.grenbartley.com](http://www.grenbartley.com)

### Merry Hell

Merry Hell were so keen to show us what they could do, they came down to support 4Square in December. There were a lot of heads nodding their appreciation and afterwards the questions came: can we book them? The answer is yes. This five-piece with guitars, bass, mandolin and percussion make a big sound but the vocals are strong and compelling too with songs that make you want to pay attention and

choruses you can join in with. Much of the line-up used to be in the Tansads, a band some may remember from the 90s. That band's energy has been carried forward and their new album has had 5-star reviews.

This promises to be a 5-star night.

[merryhell.co.uk](http://merryhell.co.uk)

### Corvus

You know Bill Pook, our quirky poet/songwriter? Have you seen him playing with multi-instrumentalist Mike Billington? Well, you know what to expect. Except maybe you don't - because Corvus love to surprise, provoke and have a bit of fun along the way!

[www.corvus.org.uk](http://www.corvus.org.uk)

### Miriam Erasmus

When Miriam Backhouse was on the folk scene of the 70s, she was compared to Joan Baez. Now living in South Africa and going by the name Erasmus, Miriam is starting to make regular trips to the UK where she is developing a new fan base.

[www.myspace.com/miriambackhouse](http://www.myspace.com/miriambackhouse)

Later in 2012 there will be more fabulous guest nights including the Jaywalkers and Sarah McQuaid, and singers' nights and a few special evenings too.

Singing Space: Do you enjoy singing? Mixed ability, fun choir at Northwich, Salvation Army every Thursday 1.30 to 2.30. Cost £3. Refreshments.  
Contact Catherine de Haas : [c.dehaas@sky.com](mailto:c.dehaas@sky.com) - 01606 41990

Catherine and Paul de Haas are new NFC members who have a severely disabled daughter who has benefited from music therapy. They are getting this going as an opportunity for disabled people and others to have the opportunity to enjoy music in the daytime at an accessible venue. She is employing a music teacher to lead the sessions and would appreciate involvement from anyone who likes music.

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