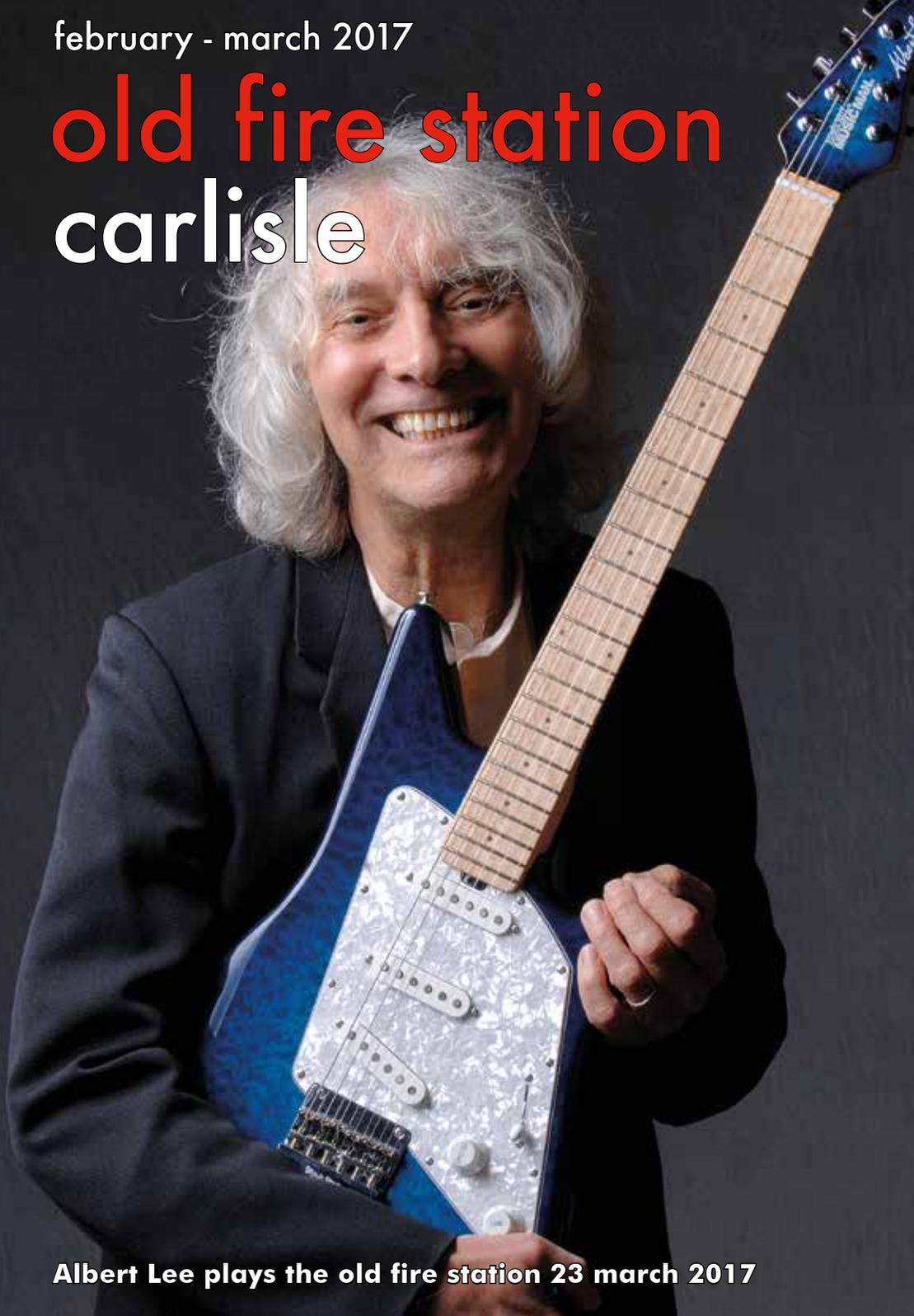


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Albert Lee plays the old fire station 23 march 2017

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Welcome to the Old Fire Station What's On!

How to book tickets

Online: To buy tickets online (subject to a booking fee), visit oldfirestation.carlisle.city

In person: From the Carlisle Tourist Information Centre, Old Town Hall, Carlisle. Visit www.discovercarlisle.co.uk for opening times.

Event information

Timings: Doors open between 30 minutes and an hour before each event. Seating is unreserved. Under 16s attending events must be accompanied by an adult.

Refunds: Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded unless an event is cancelled.

Refreshments: McGrew's Bistro is based within the main Old Fire Station building and is open during all the events. They offer snacks and a wide range of refreshments.

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We're adding to our events programme all the time. For the latest news:

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Ben Poole

Thursday 2 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £12*



Ben Poole is a new up-and-coming UK Blues guitarist; one of the finest to have emerged in Europe for years. Poole has already played with, and received critical acclaim from, some of his heroes - legendary blues artists including Jeff Beck, John Mayall and Gary Moore.

Shout and Shimmy with DJ Swanny

Friday 3 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £5*

A night with Swanny and guest DJ Paddy McGonigle; spinning a supreme mix of Rockabilly, Northern Soul, Rock n Roll, Surf and Exotica. This will be a night made for dancing. From comb your hair up big Rockabilly, through feet of fire Northern Soul to do any moves you like Surf.



Fire Fest

Saturday 4 February 6pm (doors open at 5pm) £5*

A showcase of six top Cumbrian bands. Featuring Zig Zagg, Blue Sky Illusion, Wearequasars, Cuban Heel, The Unsung and headliners Vorstellan.



Albany Down

Sunday 5 February 3pm (doors open at 2pm) £10*

Contemporary UK blues-rock band, Albany Down, came together with some classic rock and Brit blues-rock influences, but with their 2011 debut album, 'South of the City', they found their own sound.



(*online tickets subject to a booking fee)

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West Walls Arts Exhibition

Friday 10 - Saturday 25 February 10.30am - 4.30pm daily Free entry

West Walls Artists are Carlisle's longest established artists' studio group. Last winter they celebrated their 21st year and marked it with an exciting and diverse exhibition of contemporary art at the Old Fire Station. Braving Storm Desmond, hundreds of visitors came to their opening night. The next day Carlisle was hit by the devastating floods and the exhibition was marooned. They now return with a new exhibition - prompting 'A New Conversation' about art in Carlisle and our region.

Blues Revue

Saturday 11 February 7pm (doors open at 6pm) £12*

The-Brew was described by rock critic Michael Arens as 'earthy, fertile, and sometimes wonderfully grainy' and creating 'flawless rock' with a 'touch of Psychedelic'.

Xander and the Peace Pirates are a testament to musical integrity and personal strength. Combining soul, blues and rock, their pervasive blend of inspired song writing and memorable performances has already seen them enrapture audiences from around the world.



Keith James - The Songs of Cat Stevens

Sunday 12 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £14*

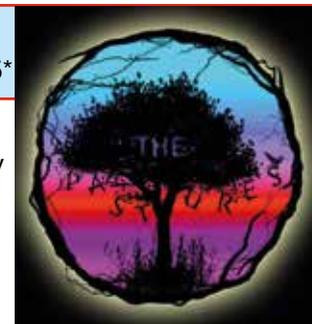


The amassed body of music from this hugely popular and sincerely adored singer/songwriter made for a collection of 'must have' records across a whole generation. Songs such as Wild World, Father and Son, Moonshadow and Where Do The Children Play have been covered by hundreds of artists worldwide.

The Pastures

Friday 17 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £5*

Since forming in early 2014, they have broken onto the Newcastle scene with enthusiasm aplenty and have also released two EPs and have a debut album planned for 2017. Their music has been compared to The Levellers, Pogues and even Thin Lizzy! They will be supported by Kill Spector.



Tyne Valley Big Band

Sunday 19 February 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) £8*

Based in Hexham, the Tyne Valley Big Band has developed into an exciting community big band since they began in 2011. They will bring an exciting and varied repertoire to the Old Fire Station including traditional and modern big band jazz music.

Highlights North presents: Gloriator

Wednesday 22 February 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) £10* and £5* (concessions)

French/English comedy duo Spitz & Co are delighted to be touring the hilarious, award-winning comedy Gloriator. It's inventive, physical and very silly. Inspired by Hollywood blockbuster "Gladiator", Gloria is determined to "give a voice to the female characters" of the film. Her mistake is enlisting the help of hapless Josephine.



Wille and The Bandits

Thursday 23 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £10*



The band was listed in the top ten must-see bands at Glastonbury 2014 by BBC Radio 1. Formed in 2010, Wille and The Bandits take their inspiration from a variety of artists such as Pearl Jam, Ben Harper and Jimi Hendrix.

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Fire Station Folk Roots & Acoustic Flossie Malavialle

Friday 24 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £15*



Flossie Malavialle is a French born singer, whose profile has gone from strength to strength, playing throughout the UK and far beyond. She sings and plays a wide variety of songs in French, English and Spanish interspersed with a touch of humorous Geordie-French banter which gives her performances a certain 'je ne sais quoi'... in any case, fun and emotion guaranteed!

The Blockheads

Saturday 25 February 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £20*

Formed in 1977 to promote Ian Dury's album 'New Boots and Panties' on the first Stiff Records tour of the UK, they became known as 'The Blockheads' (a reference to a song on Ian's album). They were then joined by saxophonist Davey Payne and toured the USA supporting Lou Reed across North America.



Debra Chalmers - An Evening of Mediumship

Friday 3 March 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) £12*



Debra spent many years working in the NHS as a full time registered nurse and latterly as a senior manager of a large team across the north east of England. Following a light bulb moment she decided to start to share her gift with those around her and eventually decided to leave the NHS to share her gift for mediumship full time.

Police Dog Hogan

Saturday 4 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £15*

Police Dog Hogan combine fiddle, banjo, mandolin, accordion, brass, drums and guitars with knock out four-part harmonies in an exuberant fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking urban bluegrass. They are as hard to categorise as they are easy on the ear.



Luke Daniels

Wednesday 8 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £12* & £10* (concessions)



Luke is a BBC Award winning folk musician, Riverdance band member and soloist on the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit soundtracks. Luke is touring his new 'coin operated' solo show combining cutting edge electronic music production tools and with 19th century musical innovations.

Joel Dommett

Thursday 9 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm)

Joel is one of the fastest rising stars on the UK comedy circuit. He has performed stand up on Russell Howard's Good News on BBC Three and has numerous acting credits to his name, including Popatron on BBC Two and Skins on E4. He was runner up in this year's 'I'm A Celebrity'.

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Madchester

Saturday 11 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £15*



Reliving the heady Madchester vibes of the infamous Hacienda, Happy Mondaze bring you the cult classics and best-selling hits of Manchester's number one baggy band The Happy Mondays. The Smiths Ltd play at venues and festivals all over the UK.

Northumberland Theatre Company presents:

Dracula Sunday 12 March 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

£10* and £5* (concessions) Suitable for ages 12+

Light, funny and daft but with strong storytelling and some genuinely scary moments. NTC has recently been described as one of the very best small theatre companies in the country.



Steve Nimmo

Monday 13 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £12*



For singer-songwriter and Nimmo Brothers co-front man Stevie Nimmo, song writing isn't something that you plan; it's something that you need to do. The Nimmo Brothers have toured successfully all over the UK, Europe and America for over 15 years, with five electric and acoustic CDs to their name.

Highlights North presents: Labels

Wednesday 15 March 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)
£10* and £5* (concessions)

A funny, moving and true story about mixed heritage and immigration. Joe Sellman-Leava recounts his childhood in 90s rural Devon in light of changing political attitudes and the ongoing refugee crisis. A mixture of stand-up comedy, storytelling and poetry, this multiple award-winning Edinburgh smash hit is not to be missed!



Fire Station Folk Roots & Acoustic - Peatbog

Faeries Friday 17 March 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) £15*



Based on the Isle of Skye, the Peatbog Faeries are one of Scotland's best known names in contemporary folk music. In 2016, the band was presented with the Landmark award for their contribution to Scottish music. They've taken their own individual brand of Scottish tunes to audiences around the world, from European festivals, to Asia, Africa, the United States of America, Mexico, Canada and Australia.

Darren Harper's Writing Fiction Workshop

Saturday 18 March 10am - 1pm £15 and £12 (concessions)

Tickets available by emailing darrenharper.esq@gmail.com

This workshop will help you create a structure and plot that blends seamlessly within the story. Darren Harper is an award-winning author, has published many theatre reviews and was also a co-founder of LitCaff, an open mic event launched to encourage writers to share their work within the local literary landscape.

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Ezio

Saturday 18 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £10*



Ezio's style has always been impossible to describe. Their music can range from the highly rhythmical almost manic Latin feeling rock to delicate dreamy ballads that are heartbreakingly honest and deeply poetic. Since the mid-nineties they have released a succession of albums all over the world on a variety of major and independent labels.

Albert Lee & His Electric Band

Thursday 23 March 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm) £23*

Undoubtedly one of the finest guitarists the world has ever seen, Albert Lee is also an accomplished piano player and has a fine singing voice. He is the co-writer of 'Country Boy' and writer of many other great songs. He has appeared and recorded with many of the finest artists in the music industry, including Glen Campbell, Dolly Parton, Joan Armatrading, Joe Cocker, Willie Nelson and Linda Ronstadt.



Neville Staple

Friday 24 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £15*



Neville was a member of The Specials before joining Fun Boy Three then Special Beat. The Original Rude Boy brings his Skatastic set to the Old Fire Station.

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The Mighty Doonans

Saturday 25 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm) £12*



They have a deserved reputation for their imaginative and innovative interpretations of traditional and contemporary songs. With brass, drums, keyboards, electric guitars and amazing vocals, they have the ability to blend different genres of music and dance (and the occasional joke) into their act.

The Chimpanzees of Happy Town

Tuesday 28 March 1.30pm (doors open at 1pm) £3*

Suitable for children aged 3 - 7 years old

An engaging event with high-quality music. It will inspire and transform the lives, education, and creativity of the audience. Learn the songs and buy the book before the concert at www.musicintheround.co.uk



Music in the Round presents: Ensemble 360

Tuesday 28 March 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm) £10*

Ensemble 360 has quickly gained an enviable reputation across the UK not only for the quality and integrity of the members' playing, but also for their ability to communicate the music to a range of different audiences. Formed in 2005, 11 musicians of international standing came together to take up residency in Sheffield with Music in the Round.

Iain Stirling

Thursday 30 March 8pm (doors open at 7pm)

£8*



One of the best joke writers on the stand-up circuit, a well-known face on television, Iain is the recognisable cheeky voice of Love Island.

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