

Serving up tasty riffs

Attitude: Kerplunk



As a new band, receiving a substantial turnout is vital, especially in a town like Chesterfield.

His Ex Capulet, Revelations and Kerplunk, are some of the freshest bands off the circuit, so a crowd as big as this at the Donut's Play Live event was a surprise.

With a shuffled and replenished line up, His Ex Capulet opened with their own Fox In The Attic and proved to be a satisfying starter for the night, with synth defining their overall sound and frontman Ollie's harsh vocals dominating the stage, the lads were impressive... enigmatic, but impressive all the same.

It was inevitable their cover of Enter Shikari's, 'Sorry You're Not a Winner' went down a treat, there was just enough balance of originality without stealing the song completely away. Bands like Enter Shikari and Woe, Is Me as their main distinguished influences – a delightful set of fist pumping and stage storming.

For the main course, new boys Revelations hit the mark, vocalist Brad has some pretty decent pipes and great range.

Revelations started as the teeny boppers of the night and then grew into a force to be reckoned with, their own 'Reminiscence' and 'Final Call' proving creative. They even had the nerve to take over Demoraliser's 'Checkmate' – a brave move.

Of course there were nerves, but given it was their debut and collectively the average age was around 15/16 years old, the band held their own and produced a sound brutal enough for a brawl – shredding their way to debut gig history.

Finally, our guys Kerplunk electrified the stage with their punk rock anthems. The *Derbyshire Times*' Band Of The Year winners proved why they are worthy of the title and roused a pit at every riff.

The gritty and rough, slightly awkwardly melodic songs went down a treat, making Queen's 'I Want To Break Free' completely their own. The set was a scorcher, after overcoming the minor tiff when front man Owen nearly took out guitarist Hope, the band threw mass anarchy and attitude a plenty. Brilliant.

Sian Hodkin



Soaring Eagle

Derbyshire's own Son Of Eagle curated a dream sell-out show at Derby's Guildhall Theatre on Saturday night.

The band recently played in London and have featured on several BBC radio shows, as well as having recently supporting ones-to-watch Passenger and Marcus Foster in Cambridge and Nottingham.

Featuring Chesterfield's own Phil Thompson and Liam Walker, the band formed in 2009, growing organically member by member. The result is a very distinct yet beautifully natural sound.

Melodies are plucked, picked and strung with a clever mix of viola and guitars making for a real aural treat.

The band sold out the fantastically dramatic venue in Derby city centre, which seats over 200 people, and was the first live music played there for 15 years.

As a folkesque fivesome, the Guildhall

Theatre was a perfect match for the band, providing fans with an authentic backdrop and a more traditional feel.

Several well-received new songs were showcased, including future hit Cowboy And The Clown, as well as favourites Bones and Another Song.

The band encores after enthusiastic shouts from their audience, finishing with some tracks from their Take Me Back EP.

Son Of Eagle will now play a few shows in London after featuring at the famed Troubadour, in Earls Court, on Sunday.

Early 2012 sees them embark on a tour of the south west then travelling to Zurich to record their second album.

Times are very exciting for this quintet, who refuses to be pigeonholed into a genre.

Album 'From The Ground' is out now on Expat Records.

Kimberley-Marie Sklinar

gigs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Sam Packwood unplugs at Chandlers, Chesterfield.

Tastebuds are at the Diamond, Sutton.

Downi is at The Tramway, Brampton.

The Old Fashioned Love Band play The Unwin Club, Sutton.

Shed Seven hit Sheffield's O2 Academy.

Zebrahead, Army Of Freshmen and Paige rock The Corporation, Sheff.

Steve Rawlinson plays the Fishpond, Matlock Bath.

Steve Conte and **The Crazy Truth** do the Flowerpot, Derby.

The Lemonheads play It's A Shame About Ray at Sheffield's Plug.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Buddies play The Butcher's, Brimington.

The Thin Lizzy Experience are back in town, at The Diamond, Sutton.

Left Hand Drive park up at the Old Poets' Corner, Ashover.

Chests out, teeth in, **The Pitz** play Chesterfield's County.

Origin are at The Grouse, Brampton.

Every Time I Die, Trash Talk, Defeater and Spycatcher do The Corporation, Sheff.

Blitz hit Chesters, Whitt Moor.

Poor Grammar play Brampton Manor.

Metal Machine and **wTomb** rock The Sun, Chesterfield.

The Shambles kick off the Winter Fest of ales and music at Brampton's Peacock, with a raffle and tombola raising funds for Ashgate Croft pool.

Becca Sparkle entertains at the St Helen's, Stonegravel, Chesterfield.

Barlborough's Dusty Miller pays tribute to **Gene Pitney** and Roy Orbison.

Loscoe State Opera are at The Fishpond, Matlock Bath.

Aloe Blacc is at Sheffield's Plug.

His Ex Capulet, Double A and Abandoned Faith play The Battery, Chesterfield.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Idle Hands are at the Queen's Arms, Bakewell.

The Kommitments put on their Christmas show at The Diamond, Sutton.

Proud Mary and The Inspiral Carpets' Tom Hingley are at the Black Market, Warsop.

Powerline rock The County, Chesterfield.

Pint of Mild are at The Royal British Legion, Parwich. Pensioners of pop **The Pitz** play Codnor's Poet and Castle.

Bad Penny are at the Wheatsheaf, Bakewell.

2 Hot bring the heat to Brimington Social Club.

What If We Were Superheroes join wTomb and Carl Newton at Battery, Chesterfield.

Ovacast are at The Butcher's, Brimington.

Willy Lanes Disco hits Holmewood Welfare

The Radiacs, The Wynells, Mark Nichols and The Rumour are at Sheffield's O2 Academy.

Manning and **Shadow of the Sun** are at Sheffield's Corporation.

Scandal are at The Victoria Club, Whitt Moor.

John Nolan brings the music of Elvis to Chesters, Whitt Moor.

The Laura Ashby Trio continue the Winter Fest celebrations at The Peacock, Brampton, with a raffle and tombola raising funds for Ashgate Croft pool.

Arizona are at the Lockoford, Chesterfield.

Mark and Rachel's Karaoke comes to the St Helen's, Stonegravel.

It's **glam rock** tribute night at the Dusty Miller, Barlborough.

Big Bird and **Stunt Bro** do the Fishpond, Matlock Bath.

Four Fighters are at the Flowerpot, Derby.

The Lancashire Hotpots are at Sheffield's Plug.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The legendary **Dr Feelgood** play The Diamond, Sutton.

Snakewater slither into Clowne Community Centre.

Tabu do Brimington Social Club.

It's **open music night** at The Old Poets, Ashover.

Charlie's Karaoke comes to Holmewood Welfare.

Molly Hatchet and **Mojo Perry** are at the O2 Academy, Sheff.

Wild McBride are at The County, Chezz, from 6pm.

Soul Man entertains at The Vic Club, Whitt Moor.

Stoned Angels play The Market, Chesterfield.

There's karaoke from **AJ and Geordie** at the St Helen's, Stonegravel, from 3pm onwards.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

It's **jam night** at The County, Chesterfield.

Dappy does the Plug, Sheff.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Grindcore veterans **Napalm Death** bring the noise to Sheffield's O2 Academy.

The **open acoustic session** comes to the Old Poets' Corner, Ashover.

Peter Thorneycroft, resident guitar/vocalist, gets festive at the Market Place, Cromford.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

The Saw Doctors play The Plug, Sheffield.

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