

# Blues Festival Programme

Gloucester  
**Rhythm  
& Blues**  
Festival 2011  
23rd - 31st July

## GLoucester Rhythm and Blues Festival 2011 – CONFIRMED SHOWS TO DATE

### SATURDAY 23TH JULY

#### Maxwell Street

New County Hotel, Southgate Street, 9pm

Maxwell Street are local blues legends who went national. Together for nearly 30 years and still fronted by Mark Cole they've now grown from the four piece who hosted Blues on the Barge Semington in Gloucester Docks into a seven piece blues and soul band doing mainly private functions for the famous. This is your chance to see them for free at their first public gig in Gloucester in what seems like a life time.

#### D B Smith Band,

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street, 9pm

Rocking blues outfit

#### Clair Le Brocq and the Bordellos

Dick Whittington, Westgate Street, 9pm

A blend of musicians coming to the blues from different directions and backgrounds.

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

### SUNDAY 24TH JULY

#### Tom McNair (2pm),

#### Steve Kent (4pm)

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

#### Jack the Biscuit (6.30pm),

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street

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

#### My Name is Earl + Guests:

#### Gloucester Blues Club Launch

Tree Tops Bar, New Inn,  
Northgate Street, 8pm

Gloucester's brand new Blues Club launches itself on the first Sunday of the 2011 blues festival. My Name is Earl (Stuart Earl – of European Blues Association fame & Lyndon Webb of multiple band fame) do the first gig ever for the new blues club in the fabulous setting of the Tree Tops Bar at The New Inn.

### MONDAY 25TH JULY

#### Blues Benefit for the Pied Piper Appeal: Built For Comfort

The Lodge Club, Brunswick Square, 7pm

Blistering Chicago rhythm and blues with groove and real bite!

[www.builtforcomfortbluesband.co.uk](http://www.builtforcomfortbluesband.co.uk)

#### Mike Sanchez

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars off  
Southgate Street, 9pm

The most authentic rhythm and blues, boogie keyboard player in the UK, if not on the planet. One definitely not to miss.

[www.mikesanchez.co.uk](http://www.mikesanchez.co.uk)

#### Slide Boy Roy,

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street, 9pm

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

#### Coolhand

Dick Whittington, Westgate Street, 9pm

Return of classy Gloucestershire based duo with eclectic set.

#### Keith Thompson & Friends

New County Hotel,  
Southgate Street, 9pm

Local bluesman and guitar maestro Keith Thompson takes his brand of blues abroad regularly wowing audiences in clubs, theatres and festivals in Eastern Europe but he's home for the festival.

### TUESDAY 26TH JULY

#### Steve Browning Band

Cross Keys Inn,  
off Southgate Street, 9pm

Steve Browning brings the whole band to The Cross Keys again and will provide another one of the great blues nights the festival is known for.

#### Steve Walwyn and Friends

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars,  
off Southgate Street, 9pm

[www.crfeelgood.de](http://www.crfeelgood.de)

### WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY

#### Michael Roach:

#### Vocals Workshop

European Blues Association,  
First Floor, Gloucester Library,  
Brunswick Road, 1pm

#### Blues Festival Open Mic

Cross Keys Inn, 8.30pm

A highlight of the Gloucester Rhythm & Blues Festival calendar, this is your chance to bring your instrument and play the blues solo or with The Sons of the Delta band to back you.

#### Otis Mack and the

#### Tubby Bluesters,

Pig Inn the City, 9pm

[www.tubbybluesters.co.uk](http://www.tubbybluesters.co.uk)

#### Honeyboy Hickling Band

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars off  
Southgate Street, 9pm

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

### THURSDAY 28TH JULY

#### Stuart Earl and Mark Cole

European Blues Association,  
First Floor, Gloucester Library,  
Brunswick Road, 1pm

In Association with Gloucester Blues Club

#### More Early Evening Blues featuring Kevin Brown

The New Inn, Northgate Street,  
7pm – 9pm

An early event for those that can't do the later ones or want to enjoy a full night of music! Early Evening Blues will offer you some of the finest solo blues talent around!

#### Perry Foster

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars off  
Southgate Street, 9pm

Return of the irrepressible 'Big Daddy of British Blues'. [www.perryfoster.co.uk](http://www.perryfoster.co.uk)

#### Steve Browning Band

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street, 9pm

#### Babajack

Cross Keys Inn, off Southgate Street, 9pm

Babajack's sound is powerful, original and contemporary: slide guitar, harmonica, wine box guitar, vocals, African drums and foot stomping bass. This infectious blues/folk band is one to watch. [www.babajack.com](http://www.babajack.com)

#### Keith Thompson

The Cross Keys Inn, 9pm

### FRIDAY 29TH JULY

#### Abie Budgen:

#### Abie's Miracle Tonic

European Blues Association, First Floor,  
Gloucester Library, Brunswick Road, 1pm

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#### More Early Evening Blues – the Solo Artists!

The New Inn, Northgate Street,  
7pm – 9pm

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#### Sian and Ray,

Dick Whittington, Westgate Street, 9pm

#### Blues Benefit for Cancer

Research: DB Smith and Guests

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street, 9pm

#### The RTA – Blues Collision Band

New County Hotel, Southgate Street, 9pm

Come and have a collision with the blues provide by The RTA. Outstanding blues lead guitar, sax, blues-harp and a fresh back line make up this 5 piece band once you've dropped in some original vocals alongside some classic numbers – and you've got a great time to slam into.

#### Jay Tamkin Band

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars off  
Southgate Street, 9pm

[jaytamkinband.com](http://jaytamkinband.com)

### SATURDAY 30TH JULY

European Blues Association presents

#### Blues Festival Special:

#### Paul Oliver's 'Story of the Blues' Exhibition: a Talk by Paul Oliver

First Floor, Gloucester Library, Brunswick  
Road, open 11am to 4pm on Thursdays,  
Fridays and Saturdays, info tel 01452  
503775 or [www.euroblues.org](http://www.euroblues.org)

Foremost blues researcher, writer and archivist Paul Oliver presents a talk about his fabulous exhibition, 'Story of the Blues'. Originally commissioned in 1964 by the American Embassy in London and covering the building's entire ground floor, the exhibition was displayed for two months and was then put into storage – it finally sees the light of day again in Gloucester some 47 years later!

The original exhibition is now on display at the European Blues Association's base, on the first floor in Gloucester Library. The exhibition has 18 sections; From Africa to America; From Work Songs to Blues; The Negro Migration; The Country Blues; Blues Guitarists; Piano Blues; Jug and Washboard Bands; The Blues They Played; They Sand the Blues; The Blues They Sang; The Classic Blues; Blues and Entertainment; Jump Jackson and His Band; South Side Blues; Blues on Record; Post War Blues; The Folk Blues Today and "R 'n B".

The EBA will be showing the exhibition in parts (changing every three months due to space limitation) starting with 'From Africa to America' and 'From Work Songs to Blues'. Don't miss this definitive story of the history of the blues, and this exclusive talk by its creator.

#### Sons of The Delta Acoustic Duo

The Cross Keys Inn, 2pm

#### Cafe Rene Outdoor

#### Festival Stage

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars off Southgate Street  
(timings tbc)

#### Dirty Ray

[www.dirtyray.co.uk](http://www.dirtyray.co.uk)

#### Black Canvas

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

#### The Roving Crows

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

#### The Outcast Band

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

#### Babajack

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

#### Miss Fusion

[www.missfusion.info](http://www.missfusion.info)

#### Beer and Blues

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street

Worried Men (1pm)

Jamie Thyer and crew with straight down the line rockin' blues. [www.theworriedmen.com](http://www.theworriedmen.com)

Luke Doherty Band (4pm)

Blues and classic rock. [www.lukedoherty.com](http://www.lukedoherty.com)

Sons of the Delta (9pm)

Mark Cole and Rick Edwards with their harmonica slide guitar driven acoustic and electric blues. [www.sonsofthedelta.co.uk](http://www.sonsofthedelta.co.uk)

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#### Alexander John

New County Hotel,  
Southgate Street, 9pm

Blues, Country, Gospel, slide guitar, stomping stompers and then there's the voice. ....

the tone, the depth, the gravel! Like the 'Son of Seasick Steve' they say, surely he should have been born in the Delta. [www.myspace.com/alexanderjohnblues](http://www.myspace.com/alexanderjohnblues)

### SUNDAY 31TH JULY

#### Cafe Rene Outdoor Stage,

Cafe Rene, Greyfriars, off Southgate Street  
(timings tbc)

#### The Rikshaw Brides

[www.gigall.co.uk/RikshawBrides](http://www.gigall.co.uk/RikshawBrides)

#### Brett McLaughlan Band

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

#### Oliver Darling

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

#### Innes Sibun

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

#### Wille and the Bandits

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

#### The Larry Miller Band

[www.larrymiller.co.uk](http://www.larrymiller.co.uk)

#### Papa Burgundy

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

#### Beer and Blues

Pig Inn the City, Westgate Street

#### Dan James Duo (4pm)

Mandocello player and 7-string  
guitarist from Blaenavon, Wales.

#### Patsy Gamble Duo (6.30pm)

Return to Festival of 'World class saxophonist'.

[www.patsygamble.co.uk](http://www.patsygamble.co.uk)

#### End of Festival Blues Jam: My Name is Earl + Guests

Tree Tops Bar, New Inn,  
Northgate Street, 8pm

Celebrate the end of the Gloucester Rhythm and Blues Festival 2011 with local great players, including Sons of the Delta, Maxwell Street and The RTA, and some of the solo acts too. Final blast of the Blues Festival at the newly opened Gloucester Blues Club!

For full info and links to artists' websites visit [www.gloucesterblues.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterblues.co.uk)

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