

MUSIC & GIG GUIDE

During a recent charity event at the George & Dragon in Chesham, I had the pleasure of meeting Rob Sas, and what a pleasure it did indeed turn out to be.

I was left open mouthed from the very first few seconds, he has an extraordinary talent, man this guy can play and play he did! On this occasion he was performing solo, but later I grabbed an opportune moment and had a chat with him about his band, 'Burn'.



Line up
 Rob Sas - Guitar
 John Heywood - Bass / Vocals
 Garry Randall - Drums
Regular Guests
 Paul Mallyon - Dep Drummer
 Paul Dinnage - Dep Drummer
Genres
 Classic Rock
Favorite Venue/s
 Belle Vue, High Wycombe
Best Gig/s To Date
 Redback Tavern, Acton
 The Gordon Arms, High Wycombe
 Belle Vue, High Wycombe

Burn were originally formed in the summer of 1993, John and Rob met via then keyboard player Tom Dussek after an originals band folded and the decision was made to form a covers band. Ross Elder joined the band a couple of years later after dissatisfaction with their then current drummer, Ross left in February this year and Garry Randall then joined as Burn's current drummer.

All of the band are relatively local, Rob, originally from Chalfont St Giles, is now living in Ley Hill, John has made a significant move from Glasgow before moving to the London area where he performed with many bands playing a variety of genres".
 I asked Rob how they all started on the ladder. "Our musical backgrounds are quite varied, I'm from the rock scene and since my teens I have played in various rock bands including some well known names.
 "Garry is also from a rock background, he moved to the USA for a while with a band in search of a recording deal. John spent his formative years playing in and around Glasgow before moving to the London area where he performed with many bands playing a variety of genres".

Check out their website listed later to find out the many names these guys have performed with!
 When you listen to 'Burn', you immediately know they share an obvious passion for Deep Purple, in 2008 Rob was invited to play with 24 Carat Purple, a Deep Purple tribute band, he now splits his time between these and several other outfits, a busy man for sure!

This month we're on fire with 'BURN'!

They have a huge repertoire including some of their favorites, songs like Catch The Rainbow, Born To Be Wild, Highway Star, Day Of The Eagle, all passionately and energetically performed for the audiences and listening pleasure, there's nothing half hearted about their approach to the music, you get exactly what you're expecting (and a lot more besides) from a solid 'classic rock' covers band!

So Rob, let's reminisce, share some magic moments with us: "The first time I played onstage with Nic Simper (original Deep Purple bassist) would be one. Our Danish tours were very memorable and then there is the time at one gig where some random punter decided to set up



some bongos near me at a gig in Watford and played very much out of time, lets just say that he had to be 'discouraged' quite forcefully to shut up!
 "One interesting time was when I was with former Status Quo drummer John Coghlan, we were flown out to Switzerland to play at a huge festival for 5,000 people, we flew back the next day in time for me to play a duo gig in Edgware ... to five people and a dog!"

And I am confident that like the true professionals you are the show went on?: "Yes of course!"
 I could waffle on forever about how good these guys are, simply stunning musicians and John has a voice that any classic rock enthusiast would die for, that perfect gravelly edge that grabs you by the parts of the male anatomy that shall remain nameless, just truly awesome!

If you or your audience are looking for this style and genre then look no further, check them out by logging on to their website, www.burn-rock.co.uk, where you will find a lot more info and have the chance to listen

Other stuff

Events that you simply need to know about!

June 6, KMD Jam Night Returns
 After a short break the jam nights return to the Chess Suite at Chesham Football Club.

Open to musicians of all ages and standards, there's a great pa system, stage, lighting, drum kit, bass, electro acoustic, cheap bar and ample free parking. Bring you instruments, amps, fx, vocal chords, anything you like, or just come and listen to some great live music. This one starts an hour earlier than normal at 6pm, the night is looking like this;

6 pm-9 pm, the normal open mic / jamming 9 pm-10.30pm sets from Tinlin, Ghosts Of The Gully and TR8R.

Just £2 entry and running alternate Sundays from the 6th June, come and join us for some musical adventures. For more info search "KMD Live Jam Nights" on Facebook, join the group and receive regular updates and invites or call Gary on 07903731128.



June 9, Tinlin Album Launch
 Tinlin and special guests at the Elgiva Theatre, Chesham, 7 pm-10pm, For more info: <http://www.tinlinmusic.co.uk/news.php>

June 11 "Aliven"
 Battle of the bands contest at The Chess Suite, Chesham United Football Club, from 6pm.

Some great prizes on offer. For details about entering etc. contact Nic Dunn; nicdunn95@gmail.com or send him a message on Facebook; <http://www.facebook.com/nic.dunn95>

Finally a word from the band: "Burn would like to thank our fans, some of whom have been with us from the very beginning and have become very good friends, for their support, love and enthusiasm for the music we play. Long may it continue".

Not To Be Missed!

August 20th
 The Cock Tavern, Chesham.

October 9th
 Wagon and Horses, Chesham.

December 26th
 Belle Vue, High Wycombe.

For full gig listings heck out 'Burns' website: www.burn-rock.co.uk

to their music for yourselves. I strongly urge you to do this very thing!

If you're feeling like you are immediately hooked and need to book them right now, you can email them at, sas574@hotmail.com or call Rob on 01494 776746.

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