

Greetings all,

Well here we go, your obedient servants are out with all the blurb about what's happening at our Open Mic.

Firstly:

DON'T FORGET THIS MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, SO BE THERE!!!

Sorry this hasn't got out any sooner, but your humble narrator is in the process of settling into a new home and the Internet bugs have been biting hard.

We've started up this little spiel as to keep you informed of what's going on between JAMM nights and hope you enjoy.

MONDAY NIGHT 5TH NOVEMBER (CUP EVE JAMM)

Was pleasing to see such a good attendance despite the absence of quite a few of our regulars, you were sadly missed (you better have notes by the way). Many thanks to all who dined earlier and stayed at the gig till stumps, we appreciate your support. A few old faces turned up to perform, as well as some newies. Local artists, John and Chris teamed up for a set at long last and belted out a few favourites. John has been playing Guitar in the area for years and Chris is often seen supporting her Friends, hope you'll come back for more. Brigid, who's been busy with live theatre, came to visit and it's been some time. She gave us a hell of a set, accompanied by Carlos The Jackal, Spotswood, Blake and Owen. They performed a gutsy, bluesy set which absolutely pumped, thanks Brigid. Blake, by the way, is known to us via a JAMM elsewhere, and it was his first time at St. Andrews. Not only did he play Bass behind Brigid, he did his own acoustic set which entertained all. Hope you'll be back mate.

We celebrated two Birthdays on the evening, those being Dirty Russ and Dave (Rock Around The Clock) Graham. Both were honoured on their respective sets in true St. Andrews fashion, in other words, we mucked up and had fun, good onya guys.

Our only regular youngster this month was Brody (He and his Brother Jarod also celebrate their Birthdays this month, who was happy to do just one song (Uncle Darryl pleaded for more). I would very much like to acknowledge Brody and thank him for being kind enough to allow two special guests on stage. It is here were we welcomed two young Ladies, Alaska and Trinity to the hallowed St. Andrews stage, and a special hello goes out to them. Alaska had just scored her first Harmonica and was dying for a blow, and a dance for Trinity. Brody kindly obliged and the Girls must have enjoyed it as they then jumped up for the Dirty Russ set (hanging with good old Uncle Darryl on Guitar). It's heart warming to see the youngsters not only play music, but get into it, they hung on till the end, that's what we love to see

here at St. Andrews, many thanks. Talk about Brody getting in the news, seems he passed his exam at Whittlesea Music School with flying colours, onya mate.

Wayne's World Bateman opened the evening with an earthy acoustic set, his unique interpretation of blues music is worth checking out. He returned later in electric form accompanied by Spotswood on Guitar, Owen on Drums and Darryl on Bass. Wayne quite enjoys this line up which pounded through his repertoire and we all had a ball.

Along cometh Zach. Who else would knock out Monty Python's Lumberjack Song and live to tell the tale. that number went down awesomely. Dirty Russ and Darryl backed him on that one, then a band formed for Zach to do his stuff. Zach also helped out on Brody's set.

Drunken Monkey returned to finish the evening and rocked us out with their original Metal sound. The guys have been getting a few gigs and have a demo CD on the way. They very much like what happens here and we'd like them to do a feature act, these guys need to be seen.

Brett Pollock sat in on Drums for a few sets, and was solid as. Brett is currently producing a video clip for his own song "Friday Night" which will be partially filmed here at St. Andrews, we'll keep you posted.

As is with the nature of the St. Andrews Hotel, many of our Locals called in to check out the action and we are grateful for your support. As always, Fiona was there with her little snack bar and happily catered to our needs. Thank you Fiona, and to Tim and Dave for helping her out, chivalry isn't dead at St. Andrews

Additional thanks go to Dave, Tim, Zach and Wayne for helping us set up and pack. Tim also did quite a bit of filming too, well done mate,

Belated Birthday greetings go out to Gav, Jake and Damian, all November babies (and absent, you missed the fun). Hope you enjoyed yourselves, we'll catch up next month.

By the way, we'd like to set up a Birthday Book. I know quite a few, but you're quite welcome to let us know if you'd like to be included.

We've just about compiled enough material to produce our first DVD of the Open Mic Nights. All being well, we'll have some with us on Monday night. Some of you just may go home with a little gift from us, it is Christmas remember.

The new PA we've been tinkering with looks quite promising if our last results are anything to go by. Working with Stan, we're trying to develop an overall sound that suits the St. Andrews Hotel environment (everybody's favourite lounge room). It will be punchy, without blowing everybody's eardrums out. We are aware that many

find the music gradually gets too loud during the night and we trust all will co-operate in keeping a happy medium. There will be a second House Guitar Amp this month and many thanks to Wayne and Dirty Russ for helping out until we got things sorted. Should you choose to bring your own Amp along, please be mindful that we need to minimise delays between sets. We are happy to oblige your requirements, but must stress that if it's a busy night, we'll have to save time somehow, so please be prepared. Whilst on the subject of time, the same ground rules apply to tuning of instruments and working out sets. Please try to be organised and ready to perform, as, if time is at a premium, you may find it missing from your own set should you needlessly waste it. Oh yes, don't forget we don't have any instruments to loan out, so don't forget to organise one, that goes for drumsticks and Guitar Tuners too thank you.

We must also remind everybody that it would be unfair to accept phone bookings, you must be there to put your name on the sheet. It appears that quite a few People really need to get on early as they may have to leave early for whatever reason that may be, fair enough. Sadly, there is only one 9.15 timeslot per evening which leads to not everyone being particularly happy with their time. Keep in mind that all too often the same People get bumped back until quite late, even though they're first here. We'd greatly appreciate your patience and co-operation in giving a fair go to all. If you have a problem with a time slot, we suggest you take it up with whomever has the spot you require. If it's fine with them, it's fine with us. If not, please feel free to seek out Owen or myself. Remember, we ARE here to support each other. This JAMM is NOT run by one individual or act, not even the blokes who slave away for you, we just get blamed for everything, lol.

Anyway, thanks to all who bothered to read this far. and as we get the hang of this there will be more in store for you

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THIS COMING MONDAY NIGHT
3RD DECEMBER**

*(AND IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
WE'LL BE BACK ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2008, SO DON'T BE LATE, 'COS YOU'LL
MISS SOMETHING GREAT)*

Best Regards,

Darryl & Owen
C/O St. Andrews Hotel Open Mic JAMM Nights
(FIRST MONDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH)

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