

Blues in City Festival 6 Friday 30th September to Sunday 2nd October 2016

This is our sixth year of putting on the Blues in the City festival raising monies for charity and this year as last it is the Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary who does amazing work looking after animals. Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary who was established in 1983 provides lifetime help and care for horses, ponies, donkeys, goats, sheep, cows and cats, that are victims of physical and mental abuse, be it as a result or ignorance or malicious intent. The animals are our prime concern and are treated with the utmost respect. Animals are never euthanized for reasons of age or infirmity alone. Nothing is spared to give them every chance to thrive into old age. Our ethos is one of providing them with an environment where they are safe and, after a lifetime of doing their best for mankind, or being abused by mankind – that they now have a life built around them giving them all they need and asking nothing of them all our rescued animals will spend the rest of lives with us. Remus need over £500,000 a year just to operate and they get no funding and this is why we want to help these amazing people who help so many beautiful animals to find out more go to www.remussanctuary.org.

I must start this year with thanking my sponsors without whom we could not put the festival on ADBLY who for a second year are supporting us and to Printwize also Sign Masters It's Your Media, Round Tower Brewery and Chelmer Web Design. Another thank you has to go to all of venues my wonderful team of volunteers who put up with me and a special thank you to Jan Yeates who puts up with so much from me and is always there to help and support me no matter what to the media and everyone else who helps make the festival work and not forgetting all of the acts thank you from me.

We have many award winning and award nominated artists and acts lined up for you this year. The festival is a mix of free and paid for events with both the Friday and Saturday nights at the Chelmsford Social club being pay to enter and in advance it is £15 a night or £25 for the two nights or on the day it is £18 a day or £30 for the two days. We have gigs in pubs and at the Bassment these are all free to enter but hope that you will donate to the charity in the buckets and collection tins.

We start day one on Friday 30th September at the Chelmsford Social club at the rear of Tesco in Springfield Road the doors open at 6.30pm and the music start at 7.15pm with Jamie Williams & the Roots Collective who are getting amazing reviews right now. Next we are thrilled to have one of world's top guitarists playing for us Robbie McIntosh who has played with so many of the world's top acts returns and is going to join a great blues and roots act Blue Swamp who are playing Chelmsford for the first Time. If that is not enough we have another legend who hails from Essex and we see only too rarely we are thrilled that Jerimiah Marques & the Blue Aces with his own blend of blues and reggae will be closing the first day.

Day two starts in the pubs with a great line up starting at the Black Horse in Moulsham St with Catfish at 12.30pm then a few doors along to the Start & Garter for Elles Bailey at 1.45pm we then move across the city to the Ale House for Dove and Boweevil at 3pm then it is back to the Chelmsford Social club for another stunning night of music the doors will open at 5pm and we kick off with a welcome return from the Saiichi Sugiyama band at 5.45pm next is another first for us with Northsyde who may have a special guest with them as well. We next have a very welcome return from Nicky Moore (The Voice) who will be playing his

last ever electric show and this will be with his band the Blues Corporation we know this is going to be special and to close day 2 we have a Blues Supergroup with Richard and Valerie Hayes (Bad Influence) Pete Stroud (The Monday Band, Bad Influence & Peter Green's Splinter group) and Steve Simpson (Slim Chance, The Monday Band and many sessions with many top acts) plus their drummer who is going to be a surprise now as Sam Kelly cannot make it.

Day three is around the pubs and the Bassment again these are all free to enter but we do hope you can make a generous donation to our charity the Remus Horse Sanctuary. We kick off again at the Black Horse in Moulsham St again with the Blues Consortium a great local band they start at 1.00pm and then back to the Star and Garter for the Delta Ladies at 2.15pm we then cross the city to the White Horse in Townfield St for Andy Twyman who while being an amazing one man band is also very funny and not to be missed at 3.30pm we are now back to the Ale House for Jimi Whitewolf formerly (Dave Jackson band) this is Jimi going back to his blues roots and well worth seeing at 4.45pm. After Jimi it is all down to the Bassment in Wells St across the road from the Ale House for the final two acts and a party and we have two amazing acts to round the festival off starting Salvation Jayne who those who have not seen before be ready to rock and then again to end the festival with Red Butler who will also rock you and both bands tell us they are ready to party and bring this year's Blues in the City festival to a close to remember.

I think you will agree we have excelled this year with a fantastic line up for your enjoyment.

To find out more go to our facebook page and then to events where we have information and video of all of the acts playing this year www.facebook.com/bluesinthecityhelmsford. For tickets you can buy them on the door or in advance from the Hop Beer Shop in Moulsham St or online at www.wegotickets.com/f/9801 also visit our website to be kept up to date with what we have lined up for the future at www.bluesinthecity.co.uk.