IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

WHAT'S ON

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON
AT **THE BARREL HOUSE BALLROOM**
& **THE TOTNES BREWING COMPANY**

DECEMBER 2026

NEW YEARS 2026

ONE NIGHT. SEVEN DECADES!
ENDLESS DANCE FLOOR
CLASSICS ALL NIGHT LONG!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

MAKE VOX THEATRE PART OF
YOUR CHRSTMAS THIS YEAR

PLUS

JAMES YORKSTON • THE CABARATS • MARTIN HARLEY • BEANS ON TOAST
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TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #154
DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
THE TOTNES HOTNESS #16
Totnes Hotness a regular MONTHLY celebration of rhythm, rhyme, and raw talent. Got beats? Want a feature spot? Submit to: totneshotness@gmail.com
DOORS 8PM | FREE ENTRY

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
CABARET VOLTAIRE PRESENTS...
JAMES YORKSTON
Scottish singer-songwriter and author James Yorkston has released acclaimed albums on Domino Records since 2001, touring worldwide. His latest, Songs for Nina and Johanna (2025), features duets with Nina Persson (The Cardigans) and Johanna Söderberg (First Aid Kit), earning appearances on Later... With Jools Holland and BBC Radio 6 Music.
START 7:30PM | TICKETS £18 EB £20 ADV (+B/F)
TICKETSOURCE.COM

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
MORIATY + SPECIAL GUESTS
BLACK TREE SONS & THE EXPERIMENTAL
The Devon duo have become a firm fixture in our gig calendar, returning year after year for a night of gloriously filthy, fuzz-drenched blues rock. Frankly, the year wouldn't feel complete without them. Moriaty make a noise far bigger than two people have any right to. Expect huge riffs, pounding drums, dirty blues, alternative rock and plenty of swagger from a band who are always completely at home on the Barrel House stage.
START 8PM | TICKETS £11 (+B/F) £12.50 OTD

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
VOX THEATRE CLASSES
Theatre classes for young people aged 9-11, 12-17 and adults of all experience levels.
FIND OUT MORE AT VOXTHEATRE.CO.UK

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
THE CABARATS _ SUPPORT THE SHRED
Expect accordion, oud, brass, bass-heavy rhythms and a whole lot of energy as this five-piece takes us on a musical journey from deep dub and Eastern European folk to raucous ska and psychedelic rock. With support from The Shred - an electrifying horn-led dance band, bringing a fresh fusion of high-energy beats, vibrant melodies, and infectious grooves. Come ready to dance!
START 8:30PM | TICKETS £12.50, £15 (+B/F)

EB - EARLY BIRD | **ADV** - ADVANCE | **OTD** - ON THE DOOR | **B/F** - BOOKING FEE

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER
MARTIN HARLEY
For three decades, Martin Harley has captivated audiences worldwide, recording albums in Texas, Nashville, and Wales. His spellbinding slide guitar style and ability to blend Americana, Blues, and Folk have earned him acclaim, including nominations for the Americana Music Awards Instrumentalist of the Year and Best Acoustic Blues Artist.
DOORS 7:30PM/START 8PM | TICKETS £20 (+B/F)

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER
SUNDAY SOUL SESSION
WITH LUKE MARZEC
DOORS 7:30PM-10:30PM | FREE EVENT | DONATIONS

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE
Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER
TOTNES CHRISTMAS MARKET & LATE NIGHT SHOPPING #1 - AN EVENING OF FESTIVE MUSIC
If you need to take some respite from all the hustle and bustle, then join us for some free festive entertainment. The Ballroom Bar will be open, and you are welcome to bring in takeaway food.
With suitably festive performances from Jam Buddies, The Totnes Ukulele KollectivE and the Jam In The Barrel house band.
DOORS 6PM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
QUIZTRAVAGANZA
SEASON SIX - ROUND THREE
Quiz like you have never quizzed before with the 'No Wrong Answers Quiz'. General knowledge is not a requirement. Pursuits may be trivial, but not necessarily factual. Get your creative pants on and prepare for low level shenanigans and chaos. Maximum team of 6.
DOORS 7:30PM/START 8PM | £2 PER PERSON

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER
BEANS ON TOAST - 'IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS' TOUR WITH SPECIAL GUEST KATACOMBS
Celebrated folk troubadour Beans on Toast makes a return with his annual winter tour. Part concert, part gathering, every Beans on Toast show is a unique evening of songs and stories. Expect open-hearted tales of family, friendships and everyday life alongside protest songs, drinking songs, songs about nature and songs that'll have you laughing one minute and wiping away a tear the next.
With special guest Katacombs - Amigo the Devil's keyboard player's fantastic solo project of deep and dreamy songs.
START 7:30PM | TICKETS £18 (+B/F)

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
PAPRIKA PRESENTS: LET'S DANCE!
Paprika are back in the ballroom after a summer of garden parties, with a whole load of fun for you all. A classic combo of a fully decked out ballroom with the usual paprika spice, young DJs with a focus on vinyl and u and music that you can feel in ya soul! you can expect everything from disco and dub earlier in the evening, working our way up through breakbeat, electro and garage into an explosion of jungle, hardcore and everything in the 160bpm realm. can you handle the spice?
DOORS 8PM-1AM | TICKETS £7 ADV (+B/F) £10 OTD

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
VOX THEATRE CLASSES
FIND OUT MORE AT VOXTHEATRE.CO.UK

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
RAMBUNCTIOUS SOCIAL CLUB'S...
BEND, BREAK AND SHAKE
The Rambunctious Social Club DJs are back to give the silly season a good old shake-up! Expect a mix of dancefloor delights, funky flavours, unexpected musical twists and enough irresistible grooves to get even the most reluctant partygoers bending, breaking and shaking. Christmas cheer with a Rambunctious twist!
DOORS 7PM-12AM | TICKETS £10 ADV (+B/F) £12 OTD - WEGOTTICKETS.COM

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
TOTNES UKULELE KOLLECTIVE
Jam - Ballroom - 7:30PM-9:30PM
FURTHER INFO: WWW.TOTNESUG.ROCKS

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
POETS & PINTS OPEN MIC
Read your poem or relax with a drink at our poetry night. Reserve your place: poetsnpints@gmail.com or turn up and take potluck. This month's featured poet is John Lancaster.
START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
POETRY WORKSHOP WITH
JOHN LANCASTER
'POEMS AS STORY, STORY AS POEM'
A workshop to explore how the narrative poem can be used in different ways to express
experiences, opinions and emotions that resonate with the reader.
DOORS 5:45PM-7PM | TICKETS £6- LIMITED SPACE/TO RESERVE A SPACE, CONTACT: POETSNPINTS@GMAIL.COM

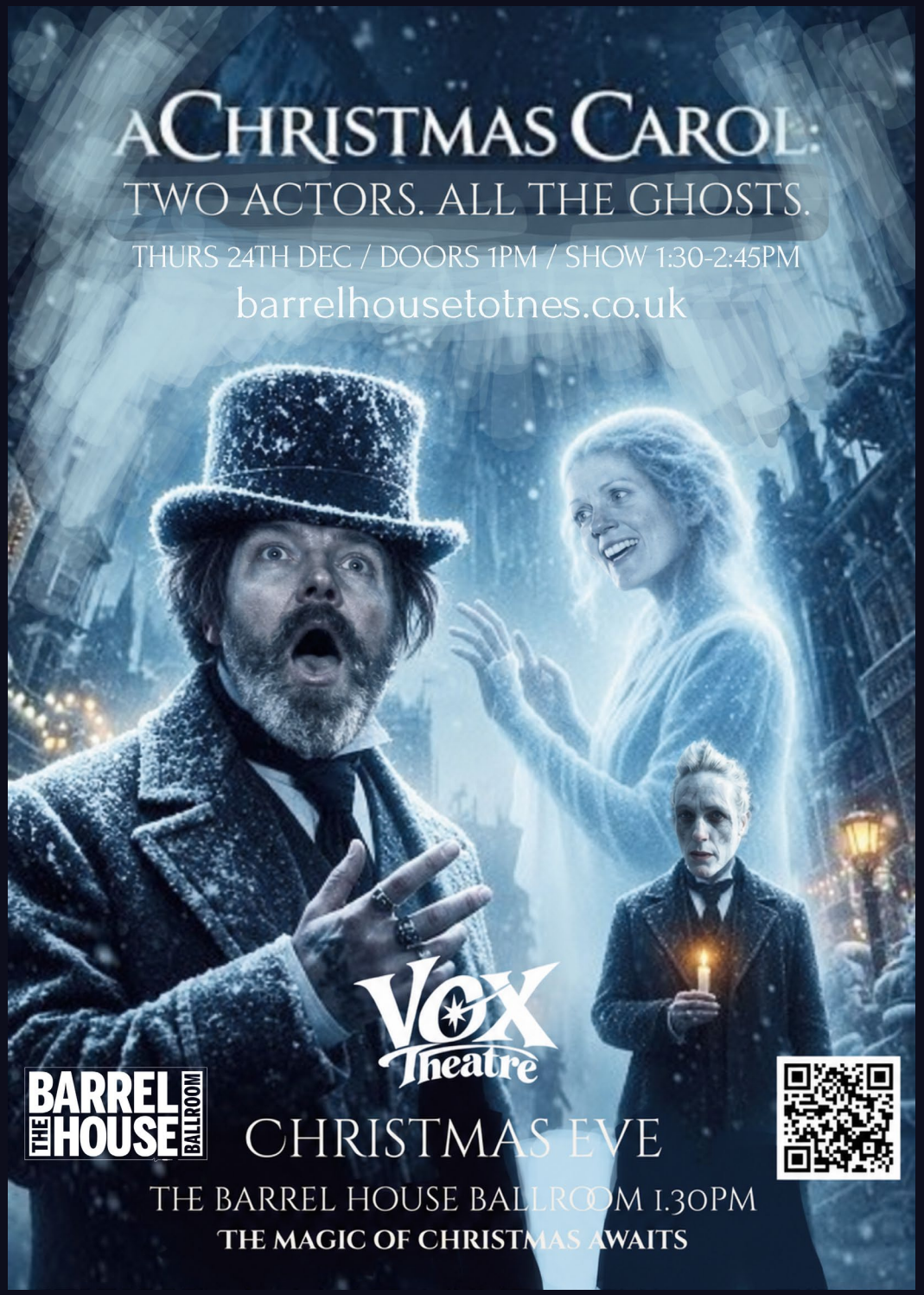
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
TOTNES CHRISTMAS MARKET & LATE NIGHT SHOPPING #2 - AN EVENING OF FESTIVITIES WITH DJ EMMA THE ARTIST & THE WONKY DONKEY CREW
Escape the Christmas hustle and bustle and join us for a free evening of festive fun! The Ballroom Bar will be open, and you're welcome to bring your own takeaway food.
Get ready for Totnes' most wonderfully eccentric festive bash, packed with singalongs, festive cheer and outrageous outfits! DJ Emma the Artist will be bringing her legendary vibes, joined by the fabulous Wonky Donkey Crew. Rumour has it Father Christmas might pop in if we sing loud enough! So, grab your tinsel and get into the festive spirit. Angels, Kings, Camels and Elves all welcome.
DOORS 6PM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
THE BLACK BIRD COLLECTIVE OPEN MIC #155
DOORS 7:00PM/START 7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

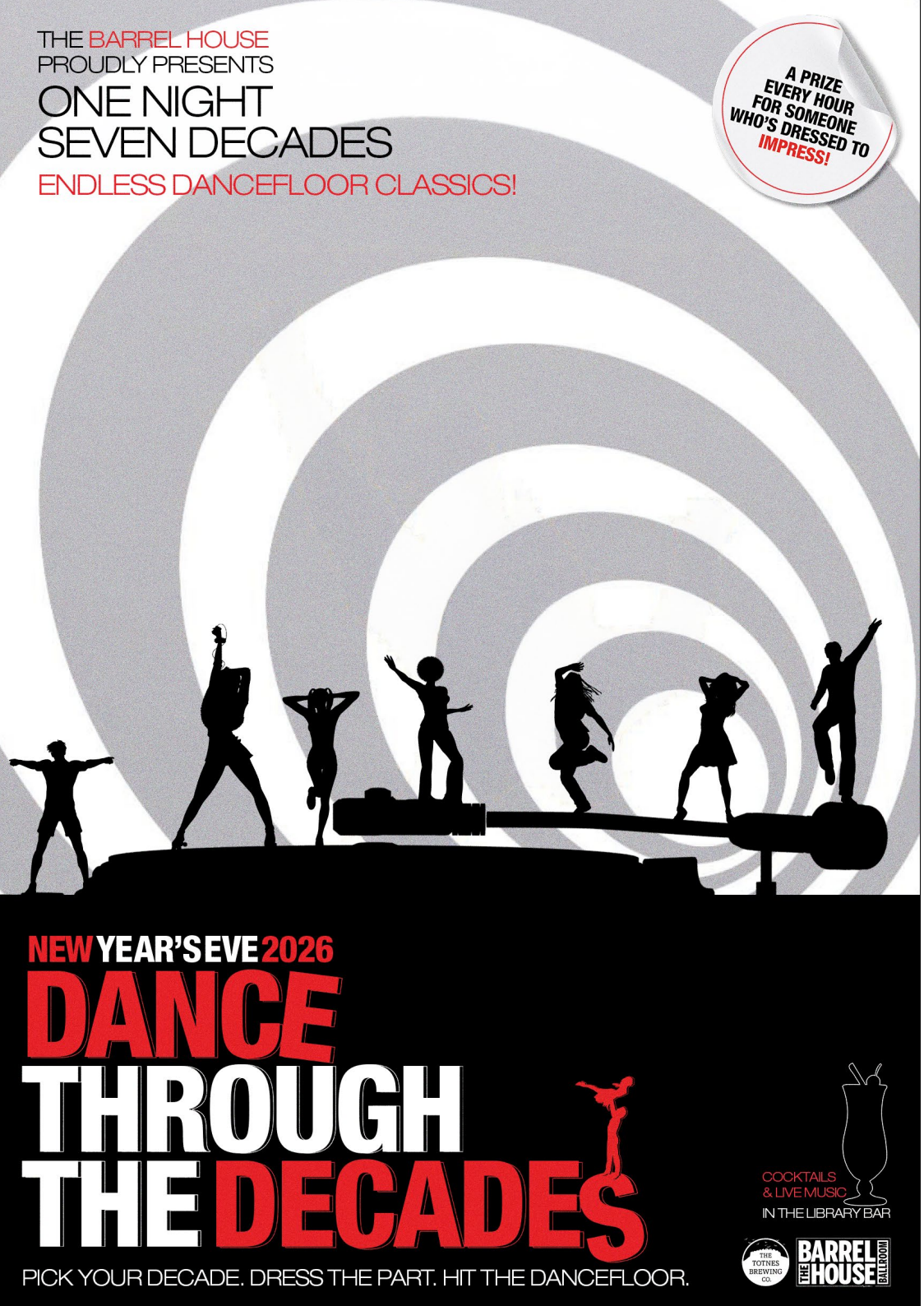
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER
QUEER ANGELS
Queer Angels is a trans-inclusive social gathering for the queer community, held on the last Thursday of every month.
DOORS 7PM | FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER
OUT OF OFFICE! THE BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY
It's the last big Friday before Christmas, the out-of-office is ON and we're throwing one gloriously cheesy Christmas party! High Fashion Technique hit the decks with a festive mash-up of Disco Classics, Dancefloor Bangers, Christmas Cheese & Guilty Pleasures! Think ABBA, Whitney, Wham!, Mariah, Donna Summer and more! Expect big singalongs, feel-good vibes and plenty of festive fun. Round up your workmates, friends and favourite dancing partners, everyone's invited! Christmas jumpers, festive sparkle and questionable dance moves encouraged!
DOORS 8PM-12AM | TICKETS £5 ADV (+B/F) £10 OTD

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER
BOB PRESENTS BOB'S FLEXMAS SPECIAL #2
Ho Ho Ho!!! Back once again!! After the roaring success of the last Christmas party, Bob is teaming up again with local house heroes Flex for Bob's 12th Birthday bash :) Come join in the festive fun with your favourite DJs on rotation until 1am, this is sure to be a proper Xmas banger!! Love Bx
DOORS 8PM-1AM | TICKETS £10 EB £12 ADV (+B/F)



EXTRA SHOW - WEDS 23RD DEC/DOORS 5:30PM/SHOW 6PM-7:15PM



SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

SANTA'S "SCHOOL'S OUT" SINGALONG

Come one, come all... School's out for Christmas, and the big man, Mr Claus himself, has promised (with the help of an elf or two) to celebrate by filling our ballroom with Christmas cheer and song!

This year, Santa's been busy brushing up on his piano scales and guitar licks, getting ready to lead a fabulously festive singalong for the whole family!

So whether you've been naughty or nice, we don't mind... bring your kids, bring your parents, bring your best singing voices, and let's show Father Christmas just how much Totnes loves to sing!

DOORS 2PM-4PM | FREE ENTRY

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER

TOTNES CHRISTMAS MARKET & LATE NIGHT SHOPPING #3 - AN EVENING OF FESTIVE MUSIC WITH LUKE MARZEC AND THE NEIGHBOURS

If you need to take some respite from all the hustle and bustle, then join us for some free festive entertainment. With a suitably festive performance from the amazing LUKE MARZEC and his band. The Ballroom Bar will be open, and you are welcome to bring in takeaway food

DOORS 6PM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

MABONMAN FESTIVE GARDEN PARTY

Get into the Christmas spirit with our resident DJ and musical maestro Mabonman, bringing an evening of free festive vibes to the Beer Garden. Expect feel-good beats, holiday cheer, and the perfect warm-up to Christmas. Only two sleeps to go!

DOORS 8PM-12AM | FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 23RD & THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

AN ADAPTATION BY VOX THEATRE

Make VOX Theatre part of your Christmas this year! Enjoy a little festive magic before heading home to hang the stockings, put out the mince pies and wait for Santa. Join us for laughter, festive fun and a sprinkling of Dickens with this glorious 90-minute adaptation of A Christmas Carol. Expect gags and ghosts, wit and wigs, humour, hats and plenty of humbugs in this joyous, uplifting and wonderfully entertaining retelling of a much-loved Christmas classic.

WEDS DOORS 5:30PM / SHOW 6PM – 7:15PM

THURS DOORS 1PM / SHOW 1:30PM – 2:45PM

TICKETS £15 ADULTS / £9 CHILDREN/FAMILY

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE >> TICKETTAILOR.COM

THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 2026

DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

ONE NIGHT. SEVEN DECADES.

ENDLESS DANCEFLOOR CLASSICS!

This year, we're starting the celebrations a little differently. Join us in the Library Bar from 7pm - 9pm for Cocktails and Live Jazz, as we kick things off in style for a truly special New Year's Eve. We're delighted to welcome the wonderfully talented jazz duo Sarah Louise Harris and Will Butterworth, who will be bringing their own distinctive style to the evening. Expect beautiful reimagining's of classics from the Great American Songbook, with Will's rich, lush harmonies perfectly complementing Sarah's stunning vocals. Then from 9pm head up to The Ballroom to...

DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES.

One Night. Seven Decades. Endless Dancefloor Classics! Get ready to dance your way into 2027 with the ultimate musical journey through the decades! From the swinging 60s and funky 70s to the electric 80s, nostalgic 90s, noughties anthems and today's biggest floor-fillers! Our resident DJ MABONMAN will be spinning the biggest hits from the 1960s right through to today! Dress to Impress - Decades Stylie! Dig out those flares, rock that 80s neon or channel your favourite musical era! A Prize Every Hour for someone who's dressed to impress! Disco diva, rock 'n' roll rebel or 90s raver - it's your time to shine! Pick your decade. Dress the part. Hit the dancefloor.

DOORS 7PM -2AM | FREE ENTRY



ALL ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM universe UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

Another year over and we are still here - much to our continued surprise. This is in no small part down to the amazing dedication of our colleagues who always go the extra mile. They are the real stars of the show and it's them that make it possible for us to keep the stage lights on and the pints pouring. Hospitality is not a great industry to be in right now and we never take for granted the hard work our colleagues put in and the continued support of our local community.

Just so you know who they are here is the roll call for all our superstar colleagues behind the scenes, the bar and everywhere else; Tracie - host extraordinaire, Events Assistant Will, Brew Lady Sarah , Brew Boy Gabe, Bar Stars Nari, Jacob, Felix, Robin, Tansy, Eliza, Eric, Willow, Maya & Wallis, FOH Bee, Shaun & Gal Orr, Door hosts Helen, Rowlie & Carolina, local promoters Christian & John, cleaning team Bev & Nic and Fix Everything Matt. These guys, along with everyone else working in hospitality, are about to go into battle during our busiest time of the year to make sure you all have a great time out - let's all give them a round of applause.

Sarah & Richard Kidd

BOSS LADY AND BOSS MAN



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