

# WHATEVER NEXT?



FRIDAY 12th JUNE

## Flatpack Band

*Mix of street folk and pop jazz, punk funk and music hall, to reggae, rock folk and anything else can lay their hands on.  
Modern skiffle group who are not easy to categorise!*



## Dave Taylor & trio

*Local Floor supporter with own brand of acoustic rock*

## Robert Gordon-Blacker & Elaine Padwick

*Songs from the shows*



## Ali Webb

*At 14 years old, Ali sings, plays keyboard and creates his own material as well.*



**SUMMER BREAK - BACK IN SEPTEMBER**

### Films at the Regal Cinema, Tenbury

*All films start at 7.30pm & may be subject to late change or cancellation.  
Please enquire at the cinema about our new loyalty card scheme.*

THE INTERNATIONAL May 11,12 (118mins; 15)

MARLEY & ME May 16 @ 2.30pm (115;PG)

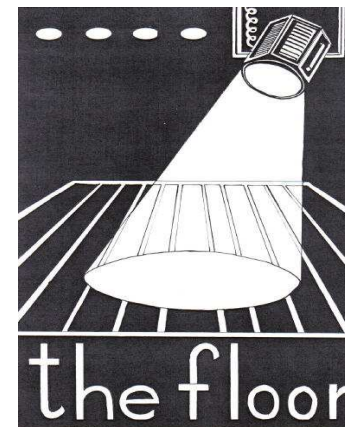
YOUNG VICTORIA May 16,18,19 (105;PG)

DUPLICITY May 25,26 (124;!2A)

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN May 30 @ 2.30 & 7.30pm (138;PG)

HOTEL FOR DOGS June 1, 2 (100;U)

# the floor



b  
r  
o  
a  
d

8th May 2009

[www.thefloor.org.uk](http://www.thefloor.org.uk)



# WHAT'S ON TONIGHT?

## Floored

*For openers ..... Andy and Jim*

CHORUS: This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York Island  
From the Redwood forest to the Gulf Stream water  
This land was made for you and me.



## Malcolm Palmer

*Travelling from the Stourbridge area tonight, where he is shairman of the local George Formby society, this long-time lamp post leaner brings his ukulele to entertain us at The Floor*

## Jon and Pip Cree with Rupert Brakspear

*Jon works at Worcestershire's award winning environmental education centre, Bishops Wood, where he can often be seen telling the odd tale or two about the woods, tree spirits and the environment to teachers and students. This is his first public performance accompanied by daughter Pippa and colleague Rupert. Pip has been learning the banjo with Jim (oh no not the banjo!!) for the last two years so expect and this will be her first public performance - you'll hear the fruits of her and Jim's labours!! Rupert plays guitar and mandolin to name but a few instruments and can be heard playing sessions in pubs around Worcester. Their session will see a mix of folk and story - the devil will rear his head a few times - so beware!!*



## Richard & Robin

*More music from Spain and South America, from our very own webmaster and friend*

## Eddie Martin

*"one of the UK's most dynamic performers, he is a live act not to be missed" according to Blues Revue USA. A master songwriter, acoustic and electric guitarist, harmonica player and powerful singer, Eddie has been described as "the most remarkable blues man of his generation" by Blues in Britain, More info at [www.eddiemartin.com](http://www.eddiemartin.com).*

*Dear Bennie the banjo player,  
Wear your newly acquired twinset to the public bar session.*

*Dear Auntie Gen,  
I have a much prized T shirt with a band name on the front and tour dates on the back. I would like to wear it but my problem is I want to make it look casual and not as if I've put it on especially for a jam session. Yet if I don't it never gets used. What do I do?*

*Dear Anxious,  
Be indecisive, wash it once, and it won't fit you anyway. And there's nothing sadder than someone wearing a logo T shirt that's too small (except possibly a banjo player).*

*Dear Auntie Gen,  
I am a member of the Women's Institute and new to the area. I went to an event in our village hall advertises as Wii. I found myself playing tennis without a bat in front of a TV screen and apparently being a "Rock Goddess" with an "axe" in a "band". Oddly enough I enjoyed it but am feeling guilty, What do I do?*

*Dear Hooked,  
That's some village hall!! Where do you live? I have put you in touch with Bennie, the correspondent above. Heaven knows what will happen but it could be interesting*

## GARY BRANT PHOTOGRAPHY

Wedding - Portrait -  
Commercial  
!! Capture that special  
occasion !!

Telephone:  
01885 410333  
Mobile:  
07773 376855

Email:  
[garybrant@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:garybrant@tiscali.co.uk)

## TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSIONS

*Musicians, singers and their friends  
All welcome  
From 8.30pm*

Every 1st Friday at The Salwey Arms,  
Woofferton  
Every 3rd Friday at the Talbot Hotel,  
Newnham Bridge  
*Further info from Ann on 01584 879348*

at the toilets. Then we went to a restaurant round the corner for a fabulous thali lunch.

In the afternoon, we wandered down Mahatma Gandhi Road to the Connemara Market (no, really!). At first sight, this is like any other Indian market. Ancient, fetid, dark, exciting, mysterious. Scrawny, live, often featherless chickens were huddled together in large crates; goats waited in cages by large blocks of wood, blood-stained with previous slaughterings; big fat fish were laid out in baskets and smaller ones laid in the bare earth to dry. Dark stalls sold pots and pans, spices, cloth and searing shafts of sunlight pierced narrow alleys and dramatised parts of faces, fruit and odd iron implements. This, however, is a Communist market. Prices are regulated and producers and vendors alike assured a fair price. A picture of Che Guavara stands on one side of the entrance to the market next to a metal hammer and sickle. Ganesh, the elephant-headed God of overcoming obstacles, stands on the other.

A small Hindu temple forms part of the market. From the muddy waste ground in front of it, on the other side of the main road, the white dome and minarets of the main mosque stand serene against the sky; the spire of the Catholic Cathedral is close by; wanting only a Buddhist stupa for the full I-Spy set of religious buildings.

I should have brought stronger sunscreen and then I wouldn't be so pink.

Having tired (quickly) of wearing her garland, Rosie gave hers to Rob. He wore it around the market and was surprised when people began to laugh and cat-call. Turns out that the garlands signify marriage. 'Your life is finished,' someone said.

I think I am forgiven.

**Soundtrack:** Hindu holy music, Traffic horns, Mobile 'phone ringtones

\*\*\*\*\*

### AGONY AUNT COLUMN

Dear Auntie Gen,,

I am a banjo player new to the folk scene. I went to our village hall for an advertised jam session but ended up pickling onions and buying an outside jar of rhubarb jam from some friendly ladies in large print frocks. This wasn't the jam session I was expecting - initially aghast, I found I liked it and was swopping dress tips before too long! What do I do?

## Welcome .....

Glad you all enjoyed Edwina Hayes last month. We just keep getting better don't we!

We are very lucky tonight to have with us Eddie Martin so show him what a great audience you are! We also have some newcomers and a pair of old stagers at The Floor tonight. All in all yet another great evening.

Next month is our last of the season as we head to the summer break during July and August. Jim is looking forward to The Flatpack Band so they must be good! It will also be a welcome return to old friends Dave Taylor and Robert & Elaine. We also have a pretty amazing young man performing, Ali Webb. So don't miss next month either!

As usual please support us in the raffle - not sure what Jim will come up for a prize but there's always a CD and the grand prize of a bumper sticker to be fought over.

....& NOW ..... ON WITH THE SHOW!!

## How to get onto The Floor

### ANDY COOK

Green Farm,  
Berrington Green,  
Tenbury Wells, WR15 8TQ  
01584 810291  
anjuisal@tiscali.co.uk

### JIM ALLEN

The Sycamores,  
Bockleton,  
Tenbury Wells  
01568 750546

[www.thefloor.org.uk](http://www.thefloor.org.uk)

## TEME VETERINARY PRACTICE

Ludlow tel: 01584 872147  
Tenbury tel: 01584 810227  
Clifton-on-Teme  
Leominster Tel: 01568 611400



## JR COMPUTER CLINIC

- Computer health checks & Virus removal
    - Troubleshooting & repairs
  - Evening site visits by appointment
    - Networks broadband & wireless
      - Software and training
  - Easy-to-maintain web sites and hosting
    - Desktop computers - notebooks - printers - peripherals
- Tel: 01584 781444 07733 304466

**An Evening with Mervyn Stutter**  
**May 10th, 7.30pm, The Regal Tenbury Wells**

Mervyn Stutter is an actor, comedian, scriptwriter and founder member of the Flying Pickets. He has worked widely in theatre, comedy, cabaret, radio and TV. This is a Shindig show. For tickets please contact Jane Jenner on 01584 819653.

*For the more refeened (yes, I know, spelling! - refined) amongst you - and all other comers welcome too.....*

Saturday 9th May, 7.30pm, at Puddleston Church - **Music for Arcadia with Duo Dolcetini (baroque soprano duo) and John Swindells (on organ)**. New repertoire pieces include Arcadian duets by Handel in addition to duets by Henry Purcell and JC Bach. Organ music will include items by Mendelssohn and Handel. This event is an aid of the church roof and as well as being an intimate setting, the organ is a small jewel by William Hill. For tickets (£5) ring Edna Haines on 01568 750494.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30pm, at St Michaels Church - **Organ Recital by Dr Francis Jackson OBE (formally organist of York Minster)**. Entry £6 and £4 concession on the door.

Saturday 16th May, from 10am, outside Pump Rooms in Tenbury - **Tenbury Teme Valley Band Open Air Concert in aid of County Air Ambulance**. Come on by for a listen and contribute to this worthy cause. May be postponed to later date if wet weather!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Certain Words** - or, as we Scousers say, "Cirtain Werds" - *from the pen of Ken*

The inability of my spell-checker (and *The Guardian*) to distinguish between some pairs of (similar) words led me to try to come up with a list of often confused pairings.

**Androgenous/Androgynous** Androgenous means producing only male offspring, Androgynous means having both male and female characteristics (as in hermaphrodite)

**Benzene/Benzine** Often confused, and even more often thought to be alternative spellings. In fact they are quite different substances. Benzene is used in the manufacture of plastics, benzene is a solvent most often encountered in dry cleaning.

**Celebrant/Celebrator** Celebrants take part in religious ceremonies, celebrators attend birthday parties and the like.

**Egoism/Egotism** Egoism belongs, in the main, in contexts relating to metaphysics and ethics, it relates to the idea that a person can prove nothing beyond the existence of his/her own mind (ie the opposite of altruism). An egotist is vain and/or preoccupied with himself.

**Grisly/Gristly/Grizzly** The first means gruesome, the second describes poor quality meat, the third means grey, particularly grey-haired.

**Hoard/Horde** A hoard is an accumulation of valuables. Horde originally applied to nomadic tribes; but now applies to any crowd, particularly if it is disorganised (as in people shopping at the sales).  
*More next month .....*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Kerala Tales** 3. Monday: Che joins the pantheon. *from Ray Peacock,*

Cast: Us and thousands of others

It is early evening now and, despite the fan being on full blast and the cold shower that I have taken, I am burning from the fierce heat of the day that I absorbed earlier and now radiate.

We split into three groups this morning to walk through the teeming alleys and lanes of the manufacturing and commercial district to the main Hindu temple here. Having visited the temple, cursorily admired the ancient carvings, declined (politely) the insistent services of a tour guide and played with a rat, we resumed our wanderings in the fierce heat. I stopped on a foolishly romantic whim to buy garlands from a stall for the two ladies of our party and promptly lost the others in the general melee of traffic and people, oxen and bicycles. I felt like the naughty boy who disobeys teacher and gets into trouble, just as she said I would. I was worried that Rosie, group leader, would be worried that she had failed in her duties and had lost one of her flock. Cutting through the alleys in the attempt to catch up with them, I ran into Rob's group and then cut back to try to find Rosie. Mike came with me, presumably to make sure that the old boy didn't wander off again. I was glad of his company but would have been just as happy on my own. I had had no real idea of where we were going other than to an unusual coffee house near the bus station, but I had no fear. I knew that we would all find each other eventually. People are rarely lost, even in India, at least in the physical sense.

We took coffee in the brick spiral of the coffee house and the girls revolted