



April - May 2015

Gig Buddies Newsletter

Hi Gig Buddies!

Brighton festival is coming up and has a lot of great events.

We hope that lots of you catch a show or two.

As part of the festival, the English Disco Lovers are putting on a club night.

Gig Buddies went last year and had a great time.

We hope that you'll be able to join us this year!

We've also got a special treat coming up for Eurovision.

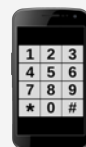
Enjoy!

The Gig Buddies Team



Chris and Holly reading the Fringe festival guide

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The Brighton Festival and Festival Fringe is coming!

Gigs of the Month

All events listed are fully accessible



APRIL - WORTHING - GIG

What kind of event is it?

Local bands playing rock, punk and grunge music. It's a monthly night called #NOISE ALERT

What bands are playing? Echo & the Beats, Buddha Blood and Sonny

When? Friday 24th April 7.30pm

Where? Richmond Room, Assembly Hall, Worthing

Tickets: Cost £6 (disabled customers and carers or gig buddy volunteers cost £2.40. It's advisable to bring proof of disability or gig buddy ID)

You can book tickets by calling 01903206206



MAY – BEXHILL- GIG

DIANE CLUCK

Who is playing? A folk singer-songwriter. Beautiful, chilled-out songs.

When? Monday 4th May, 8pm

Where? De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex TN40 1DP

Tickets: Cost £12 / carers free

You can book tickets by calling 01424 229 111





MAY- BRIGHTON – CLUBBING

What kind of event is it? A special event as part of Brighton Festival – Classic and Underground disco in the beautiful Brighton Spiegelent.

The English Disco Lovers are a fun anti-racism, anti-fascism campaigning disco group.

When? Sunday 24th May, at 11pm
Meet at 10pm at Brighton Spiegelent bar

Where? Brighton Spiegelent,
Old Steine Pleasure Gardens,
Brighton,
East Sussex,
BN1 1GY

Tickets: £6 / carers are free

You can book tickets by calling 01273 917272 or Gig Buddies staff can book them for you.

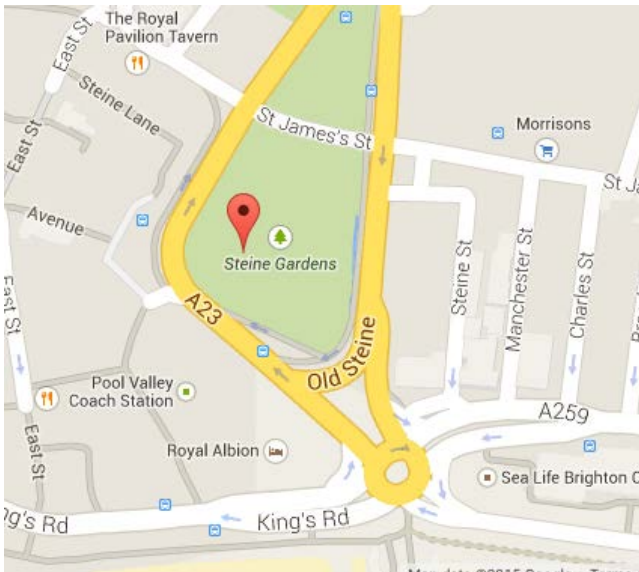
Please bring somebody to support you if you require support.

If you need a lift home to Lewes or somewhere outside of Brighton, please contact Madeline and we will try to arrange this for as many people as possible.

MAY – EASTBOURNE – MEET-UP

What kind of event is it? We are going to hold meet-ups once a month for Gig Buddies to plan their evenings out together.

We will provide some sharing platters, but if you would like a proper meal you will need to buy this.





What bands are playing? No live music at this one, just a meet-up in the pub!

When? Tuesday 12th May, 7pm – 9pm

Where? The Crown and Anchor, 15-16 Marine Parade
Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 3DX



MAY – BRIGHTON – EUROVISION CELEBRATION

What kind of event is it? A party to celebrate Eurovision.

The Finnish Eurovision entry is the band Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät (PKN for short) who have learning disabilities.

Gig Buddy Luc Eisenbarth is a member of Zombie Crash, who toured with PKN.

Luc is hosting a party for Gig Buddies and their friends to celebrate PKN in Eurovision.

Luc will send you a separate invitation to this event by email if you use email, or by post.

What bands are playing? *Music and details to be confirmed*

When? *May 19th 2015, time to be confirmed*

Where? *To be confirmed*



Berhana and David join the Stay Up Late staff team

David and Berhana are doing an internship for 10 weeks helping Paul, Kate, Holly and Maddie in the new office.

We are working on making films and editing and helping with interview new gig buddies.



Gig Buddies film



We are working on a short film to introduce Gig Buddies to people who don't know about the project.

If you would be willing to let us come and interview you on a night out with your buddy, please get in touch.

David and Berhana

INTERVIEW: Once

Claire was interviewed by Berhana about her recent trip with her Gig Buddy, Imogen

WHERE DID YOU GO WITH YOUR GIG BUDDY?

London

WHAT DID YOU SEE WHILST YOU WERE THERE?

A show called 'Once' at the theatre.



WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?

It was about a girl and a boy.

HOW DID YOU GET THERE?

By Train.

WAS THERE ANYONE FAMOUS IN THE SHOW?

Ronan Keating from Boyzone.

WAS THERE ANYTHING YOU DIDN'T LIKE?

I wasn't allowed to take photos but I got a t-shirt.

WOULD YOU GO AND SEE IT AGAIN?

Yes definitely!



BAND REVIEW

By David Briggs

On the 20th of March me and my gig buddy Alex went to see a band called Funeral For A Friend at the Haunt in Brighton.



Funeral for a Friend are a Welsh post – hardcore band from Bridgend who formed in 2001. I used to listen to them back in the day and they were well known.

When me and Alex arrived at the venue we were very surprised how empty it was. But as the night unfolded it began to get more busy.

Before the main band came on they had some support bands on that were OK. One of the bands had a female lead singer and I liked how she sang (shouted!)

The main band came on (Funeral for a Friend) and were amazing and they played some songs I knew and I sang along. We had a good view and my legs were aching from standing up so I sat on the stage with the band performing around me which I thought I would get moved for but I didn't.

I had a great time with Alex at our first gig, hope we have more to come!

STORM & THUNDER MEETINGS



The Storm & Thunder Team are the advisory group for gig buddies.

We spend one hour helping to make the charity better.

We then usually do something creative for the next hour. This is different every time and can be music, film, creative writing or art.

We meet on the **3rd Tuesday of every month** in the afternoon (before Rock House!)



Next meeting is Tuesday 21st April 2-5pm

At the Stay Up Late office (see front page for address)

You are welcome to join us, please let us know you are coming.



See you all soon!