

MUSIC LISTINGS

Disco

SAT AUG 19, 7pm-12.30pm, Venue Exchange, Five Street, Harlow: DanceNight - £10 for 11 to 15 year olds - £5, details on 07904 339923

SUN AUG 20, 7.30pm, Marquee: David Crabtree's Green Onions - free

SAT AUG 26, 9pm, Whitehall, Whitehall Lane, Chesham: Club 90 - Smart/casual dress code - £4 in advance, £6 on the door.

Jazz

SUN AUG 20, 8pm, Jazz at the Fairway, Parthenon Golf Complex, Hems Lane, Witham Garden City: Christian Greer Quintet - The Saxophonist joins Jim Hart on vibes, Leon Greening on piano, Phil Conkin on bass and Matt Home on drums - £8 members, £9 non members

TUE AUG 22, 8pm, The Day Jazz Club, Oldbury/Day Club, Oak, Gick Lodge Lane, Gickfield: The Oak Jazzers - £5 members, £7 non members

SUN AUG 27, 8pm, Jazz at the Fairway, Parthenon Golf Complex, Hems Lane, Witham Garden City: Neilson Neale Quintet - also Saxophonist with trumpeter Gary Kavanagh, Dave Cliff (guitar), Matt Miles (bass) and drummer (Matt Home) - £8 (£9 non members)

Rock 'n' pop

SAT AUG 19, 7.30pm, Marquee: Joe Jenkinson and www.hertfordshirenews.co.uk present the progression of UK Metal with Avale (formerly Humanity), Burnin Reason (Steve Harris's son's band) and The Morning After - £5 in advance, £6 on the door.

SAT AUG 19, 8pm, Square: The Hurt Process - with Jemic and Cleavie HBS - £5 members, £6 non members.

FRI AUG 25, 7.30pm, Marquee: The Strange Place Club presents SPHS - with The Macabres, Wylaid, The Milk Teeth and The Runners - £6, www.stuffed.com on the door.

FRI AUG 25, 8pm, Square: Club 6edic presents - Shuffly and The Fuses and The Argonauts - £5 members, £6 non members.

SAT AUG 26, 7.30pm, Marquee: Andrea Glass - with Sandra and the Memory Machine plus support - £5 in advance, £6 on the door.

SAT AUG 26, 8pm, Square: White Space and Leader - £5 members, £6 non members

KEY TO VENUES

Arena - Mean Arena, St Albans, (0127) 844488
Castle - Castle Hill, Harlow, (01992) 531800
Club - Broadbourn, Gyc Hall, Hoddesdon, (01992) 44946
GC - Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage, (0870) 13030
Hallings - Hallings Arts Theatre, St Albans, (0127) 844222
Marquee - The Harlow Marquee, Railway Street, Harlow, (01992) 41926
Playhouse - Playhouse Theatre, Harlow, (0127) 421945
Square - The Square, Harlow, (01279) 309000
Whitehall - Whitehall Theatre, Putbus Bar, (0127) 645005

Studio on the right track

A train driver from Ware is laying down some tracks after launching a new recording studio.

Qualified soundman William Hayter, who drives for train operator One on the Hertford East to Liverpool Street line, has opened the studio just five minutes from Ware station.

The studio is also the home of R2R music, the label that William and business partner Doug Johnstone, from Brixton, south London, have set up for the artists they record.

The business has taken the duo five years to get up and running, but they believe it was worth the wait.

Doug said: "It's taken so long because we wanted to find it ourselves."

"Purchasing the recording equipment and setting up the business infrastructure, such as the details of recording contracts, has



SOUND MOVE: Paul Howard recorded in *The Shadow of Christchurch* with R2R Music of Ware (S)

By Raymond Brown

taken time, but we've not had to go to a bank for a loan."

They have built the studio around a 24-track Mackie desk, Apple Mac computer and recording in a main room and vocal booth.

R2R Music has already achieved a coup by cutting an album for Paul Howard, a singer hailed by Steve Lamacq in the *NME* as having a "voice that could warm a thermometer at 20 paces".

William said: "It's been incredible working with such a talented musician and singer — we're very lucky."

"Paul has some big fans like Pete Doherty and The Libertines and has supported The Pogues, Ruby Turner, Billy Bragg and many more. He's played at Glastonbury and on all the big radio stations."

Paul started out playing bass and writing

songs for Harlow bands Dark Horse and This Happy Breed, and later became the frontman for The Tender Trap.

William, who plays drums and percussion on Paul's new album, *In the Shadow of Christchurch*, said: "It's brilliant and we're delighted. It was a privilege working with such a talent."

R2R Music has also made a CD for folk singer Ray Bradfield, who started playing on the north London folk scene in the late Sixties at Enfield Folk Club.

He was a regular performer at Hoddesdon Folk Club where he became a mascot for the Hoddesdon Crownsmen dancers. His album is entitled *On Parade*.

William is now on the lookout for more talent.

"We don't have to watch the clock so we can really do a good job recording," he said. All R2R Music's CDs are available through its website, www.r2rmusic.com.

READER OFFER

Go bowling and get a FREE game

If you are struggling to keep the kids entertained during the summer holidays, the **Mercury** can help.

We've teamed up with FirstBowl in Harlow for an exclusive reader offer of one **FREE** game of tenpin bowling for every game purchased — and we're offering a **FREE** small

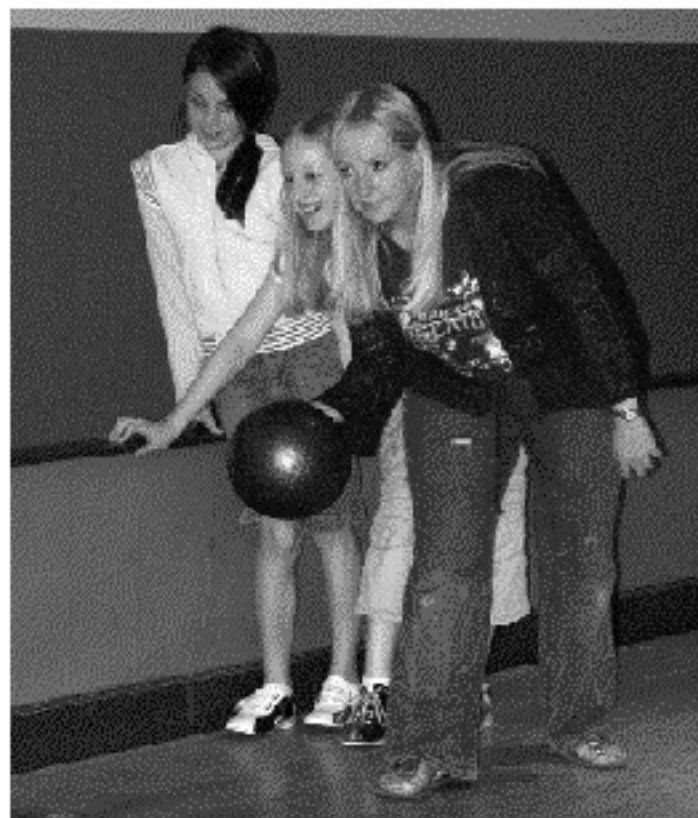
Coke with every game purchased. That's a saving of £4.50 for adults and £3.50 for children. To take part in this super offer, simply cut out the token, phone FirstBowl to book your lane and get down there with the token. Terms and conditions apply.

FirstBowl caters for all ages and has special offers every day.

Facilities include 14 traditional wooden lanes, a fully-licensed bar in-house restaurant, a Costa Coffee outlet, four American pool tables and video amusements.

FirstBowl, in Terminus Street in Harlow town centre, has a number of special events between now and Christmas.

Next Thursday August 24, from noon until 5pm, it hosts a fun day for children aged 4 to 16, offering discounted bowling, a bouncy castle, face painting, a lucky dip and a lucky bag for every child. For adults (18-plus), every Friday night from September 1 there will be live bands and offers such as three games of bowling for £10 and



special deals at the bar. Every Saturday night from September 2 there will be a live DJ, prizes up for grabs in bowling competitions and various offers, such as one hour's bowling for six or more people at £9.99 each — and that includes a free bar. Tuesday nights will offer bowling at £1.50 a game, with the added

bonuses of a DJ, prizes and reduced prices at the bar. It is essential to book for all these offers on (01279) 418841 to avoid disappointment. FirstBowl is open from 10am until late and its dedicated events team can help you secure the package you would like — and the facility can also be hired privately.

From September 11, FirstBowl will issue a student card to Harlow College students who will receive discounts on bowling, food, drinks and entrance to bowling and pool competitions, with prizes ranging from a free game of bowling to £500. So why not go along to FirstBowl and see what's going on?

FIRSTBOWL
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FREE game of bowling when you buy one game

This voucher entitles the bearer to one free game of bowling at FirstBowl when they purchase one game.

TERMS and CONDITIONS

Offer subject to availability. Please ensure that you phone FirstBowl in Harlow on (01279) 418841 before taking part in the offer, and quote *Mercury offer*. No alternative to the offer is permitted. The management of FirstBowl reserves the right to refuse admission. Only one small Coke is allowed per person taking part in the offer. A maximum of six people are allowed per lane.

Photocopies will not be accepted