

BOULEVARD BLONDE

Those of you who attended some of Suffolk's music festivals this summer may well have enjoyed the performances of this month's featured band. Boulevard Blonde made successful appearances at Hachfest, Music on the Green (Martlesham), Gig in the Park (Halesworth) and Benhall Music Day. Last month they made their second consecutive appearance at the Firework Spectacular in Ipswich's Christchurch Park.

Seasoned performers Daniel Wherrett (Guitar), Vanessa Warne (Vocals), Chris Bayfield, (Drums) and Pete Riches (Bass) came together initially for Hachfest 2007 as a rock covers band. The response was so great that they decided to keep the fun alive and 18 months later they are enjoying continued success with bookings well into 2009.

Boulevard Blonde is a high octane function band that plays rock covers very much in its own style. The band's approach is to not be tied by the original but to take its own approach to the arrangement. This full-on style comes through in the stage performance which is energetic and belies the ages of some of the members! "We play because we enjoy it and we hope this comes out in our performances" said Vanessa "It's a party for us; if we're having fun then it usually rubs off on the audience."

The band also has a philanthropic side having last month played the Heroes Hoollie in Beccles helping raise over £70,000 for Help for Heroes and taking the national total to £12m in just a year. Earlier in the year they played the May Day Fundraiser at The Steamboat Tavern in Ipswich.

The band has just recorded its first CD which is available through their website www.boulevardblonde.com. The website also has video from some of their recent performances. Of note is the band's on stage image which with military style costumes demonstrates the attention to detail and undoubted sense of fun and party that is essential to the ethos. Check it out!



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Polly Gibbons
 Polly played her debut at the Club last August and made such a huge impact that we had to have her back for our Christmas gig. She has spent much of her time in Africa this year but has now returned to the jazz scene.

Vocalist Polly Gibbons is 23 years old and is already making waves on the national scene as a singer/songwriter culminating in her recent nomination for a BBC Jazz Award. Polly grew up on a farm near Framlingham in a musical family who encouraged her from an early age. At five she co-wrote her first song, which was selected from thousands to be recorded at Air Studios in London.

At the Club Polly Gibbons will be supported by her regular group of Tim Laphorn, Oli Hayhurst and Mark Fletcher.

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