

Cruiseflash - March '18

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Choc & Roll !

As Muddy Waters had it – “The Blues Had a Baby and they called it



Rock & Roll”, and what a bonny, bouncing baby it proved to be on our first R&R cruise to the Belgian ‘Capital of Chocolate’. We had outstanding performances from cruise favourites **The Revolutionaires** with their hi-octane set of R&B classics. They also doubled as house-band for

the amazing **Earl Jackson** who performed a note-perfect tribute to the late Chuck Berry. Long-time stalwarts of the UK blues-scene **The Cadillac Kings** swung like crazy with their quirky, funny songs of drink, debt and divorce. **The Big Time Bossmen**, Belgium’s young



up-and-coming rockabilly quartet climbed aboard in Bruges to remind us that R&R is both contemporary and international. The biggest stars of all, though, were the dancers who

needed no chiding to hit the dance-floor and stayed there throughout.

It was a crowded stage when we concluded with our traditional ‘jam’ before Ed led us all into our cruise-theme-song ‘Sea Cruise’.

Add all this to our smoothest crossing to date and we had a formula for an ultra-feel-good event.

Is another R&R event on the horizon? Don’t bet against it!

Beautiful Bruges

After four visits to Amsterdam, Bruges proved to be an attractive alternative.

It’s a lovely late - Mediaeval city in its own right but with the added sunshine it took on a glow of its own. Added to the museums glorifying beer, chocolate, chips and Tintin it proved irresistible ...I’m sure we’ll return.

Caught on Camera!

We’re very fortunate to have John Ashton as our ‘Official Photographer’

You can see over 150 of his ‘stylish snaps’ from the R&R Revue now [HERE](#)

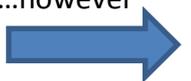
There are hundreds more on the website from previous Blues@Sea events, too.

We’re VERY keen to see your own photographs and videos too though. Please let us have them so we can post them on our ‘Our Community’ page.



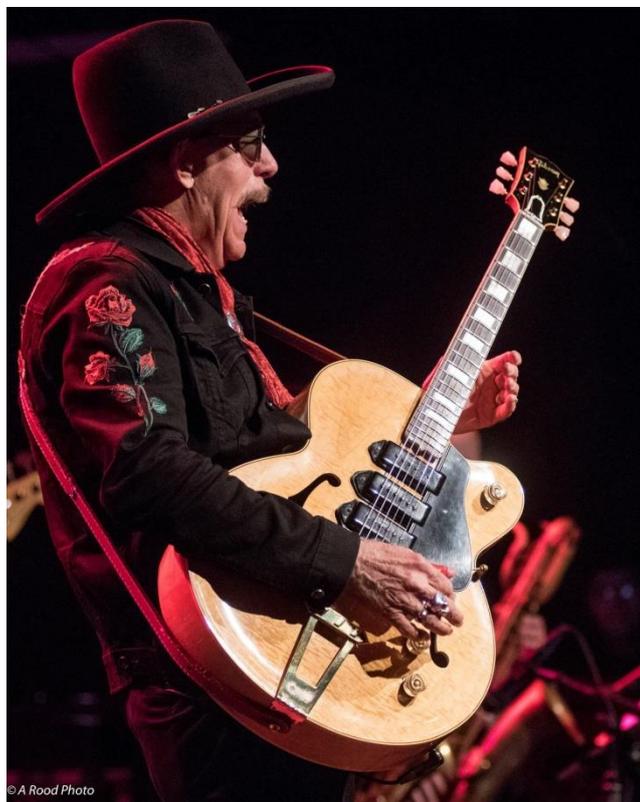
‘Snow stopped play’ last week putting back our planning meeting by a week ...however what we *can* say is

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P&O International Blues Revue #4

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th November 2018



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Lightnin' Strikes!

The welcome return to the UK of California – based Texan **Lightnin' Willie and the Poor Boys** sees him stepping aboard our unique 'Floating Festival'. He has played headline gigs at The Royal Albert Hall, Worthenbury Blues Festival, Edinburgh Blues Festival, Stanley Blues Festival,

Maryport Blues Festival, Brecon Jazz Festival to name a few. He plays a compelling, hard swinging brand of blues that, whenever he performs, packs the dance floor. He has recently completed a long tour of the USA supporting Robert Cray.



Drummer Supreme

Sam Kelly won the UK's 'Best Blues Drummer' award five years running (He's now banned to give others a chance!). He brings **Sam Kelly's Station House** to take over house band' duties after three

years great work from Norman & co. The six-piece band features vocalist **Rowena Poole**. Between them the band has worked with the likes of Gary Moore, Dr John, Eddie Floyd, Paul Jones, Robben Ford, Joss Stone, Chaka Khan, Chris



Barber, Rory Gallagher, Mike Sanchez, Ray Davies, Paul Weller and Tom Jones. Some CV!

Booking due to open on 1st April



Amsterdam (Right We Got the Blues!)

We're delighted that top blues singer / songwriter / guitarist **Sean Webster** will entertain us in Amsterdam on Saturday 3rd (venue to be confirmed). UK-born but now domiciled in the Netherlands, Sean brings his Dutch band (Ruud Gielen - Drums, Hilbrand Bos - Keyboards and Floris Poess - Bass) with him to play a private concert for us.

Hooked on blues-guitar since the age of fourteen, Sean researched as many influences as he could. All the blues greats; the Kings (Albert, BB and Freddie), Collins, Cray, alongside Moore, Knopfler, Lang and of course, the reason Sean says he plays guitar, Eric Clapton. Sean has been on the music scene for 25 years, which has seen him play venues and festivals across Europe, U.S.A and Australia.

More artists to
be announced
soon!

