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Squawking success: Sid The Parrot perches at The Buzz

## Go COMEDY

Davenport Theatre, Buxton Road, Stockport. 7.30pm. £12.50.  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
Cuddly Dudley's Comedy Club continues its very successful run with **John Harrison, Alex Boardman** and **John Burke**. Tony Burgess comperes and it's Happy Hour (with £1 lager, bitter, spirits and wine) all night. Exchange Café Bar, Royal Exchange Arcade, Cross Street. 8.30pm. £2.50.  
Barmy bird **Sid The Parrot** guests along with local favourite **Kevin Seisay** at the second

night of Buzz Club promoter Agraman's new fortnightly venture **The Comedy Hive** at the Stamford Suite, The Stamford Arms, The Firs, Bowdon. 8pm. £5.

**THURSDAY**  
Over at Agraman's regular and hugely popular haunt **The Buzz** guests include **Devo Spikely, Julie Bailoo** and **George Egg**. The Southern Hotel, Nell Lane, Chorlton. 8.15pm. £5.

# never die (...they just funkier and funkier as time goes by)

at the Bredbury Country Music Club, The Rat Pit, Bents Lane, Bredbury Stockport. 8pm. £3.50.

**SUNDAY**  
It sounds a little improbable but there's an **England vs Ireland Thai Boxing Tournament** at the Palace, Farnside Palace, Levenshulme. 12.30pm-6pm. £3.50-£6.

Folk legend **Richard Thompson** has just had 16 of his many fine songs covered by admirers like REM, Bonnie Raitt and David Byrne the album *Beat The Retreat*. But, if you don't already have tickets for his sold-out show at the Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, you'll just have to get there early and hope for returns. 7.30pm. £8.50-£15.  
Two of Ireland's most enduring easy listening folk-country stars **Arno Breken** and **Johnny McEvoy**, on tour together for the first time in their lengthy careers, appear at the Oldham Coliseum, Fairbottom Street. 7.30pm. £9.  
**The Tannahill Weavers** have for 25 year been at the forefront of the Scottish traditional music scene and they celebrate the release of their 11th album, *Capernaum*, at Bury Met Theatre, Market Street, Bury. 8pm. £5-£6.



Folk legends Iain Matthews, above, and Richard Thompson, once members of Fairport Convention, are both playing Manchester this week

**MONDAY**  
The born-again **Northside** are being recorded live at the **Band On The Wall**, Swan Street. 8.30pm. £2.50.

**TUESDAY**  
Accomplished dancers and beginners alike are welcome at the **Sequence Dancing** session with Eric and Marjorie Dyer at the Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton. 1.30pm. £1.

**WEDNESDAY**  
By coincidence **Iain Matthews**, one of the founding members of **Fairport Convention**, makes a rare appearance on this side of the Atlantic in the same week that Richard Thompson, his former partner in that band, plays in town and on the very same night that the current incarnation of the folk-rock pioneers themselves are playing not too far away, in Burnley. Matthews, now resident in Texas, has a superb voice and excellent taste in songs, both of which can be heard to advantage on his excellent new album *The Dark Ride*, Witchwood, Ashton-under-Lyne. 8pm. £5.  
**The Big Town Playboys** with their blend of Rn'B, blues and rockabilly are favourites of Eric Clapton, and Robert Cray, who had them play at his wedding. Hear them for yourself at the **Band On The Wall**, Swan Street. 8.30pm. £4-£5.

**Manchester Volume One** is the latest in a long line of compilation albums representing the city's musical talent. **Red Red Groovy, My Beautiful Laundrette** and **Day One Eight O'Clock** play at the first of two launch parties at the Roadhouse, Newton Street. 9pm. £2-£3.

**THURSDAY**  
With a splendid new album called *University* it seems entirely appropriate that the highly-regarded and influential **Throwing Muses** should play their Manchester date at Manchester University Students Union, Oxford Road. 8pm. £8.  
**Rock On The Mezz** is an interesting opportunity for local bands, each Thursday until the middle of next month, to play at the Middleton Civic Centre free of charge and then keep the door-takings. Bands performing next week are **Laughing Sam's Dice** and **Exit 21**. Middleton Civic Centre, Salfield Street. 7.30pm. £1.50.

## Go WILD

## Go JAZZ & BLUES

# Deep-fried soul sounds

**FRIDAY**  
**Something In The Bag** offer deep-fried soul and funk at PJ Bells, Oldham Street. 9pm. £4-£5.  
**The Harold Salsbury Band** star at the first of a new series of jazz nights at the Café Matisse, Cambridge Walk, Southport. 8pm. Free.  
**The Blues Busters** continue their mission to emulate the Blues Brothers at the House Of Blues, Bernard Street, Glossop. 8pm. £3-£4.  
**Albert Anal and the Splashbacks** pay anarchic tribute to Albert Ayler at the Night And Day Café, Oldham Street. 10pm. £2.50.

**SATURDAY**  
**The Creative Jazz Orchestra** features performers from a pool of some of the north's finest jazz musicians, performing works by composer/pianist Nikk lies including her suite *The Firmakers*. Commissioned by the orchestra, the suite celebrates the music and lives of a century of jazz women such as Billie Holiday and Carla Bley. As well as Nikk herself, musicians include Andy Schotfield, Iain Dixon, Alan Tokesley, Mike Walker, Eryl Roberts, Andrew Wardale and Gary Culshaw. Royal Northern College Of Music, Oxford Road. 7.30pm. £4-£6.  
The splendidly-named **Albie Donnelly and the Jazz Suits** bring their brand of jazz and blues to the House Of Blues, Bernard Street, Glossop.  
There's jazz, funk and blues from **The Billy Buckley Organisation** featuring guitarist Buckley plus a rhythm section including Morgan Pugh, Chris Cruicks and Luke Flowers, as well as John Ellis on Hammond organ. Night And Day Café, Oldham Street. 10pm. £2.50.  
**Turn It Loose** unleash their big band soul, in the company of DJ Mark Bicknell, at the Witchwood, Ashton-under-Lyne. 8pm. £3.  
**The Dennis Freedman Trio**, also including Bryan Smith on tenor and Duncan Whitfield on trombone, play at the Malt Shovels, Stamford Street, Altrincham. 8.30pm. Free.  
Manchester blues scene regulars **The Roach Band** get good and sweaty at the Band On The Wall, Swan Street. 8.30pm. £3.50-£4.50.

**SUNDAY**  
**The Jim Wilkes Stompers** get stomping at a lunchtime session at Bolton's Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft South. 12 noon - 2pm. £1.75.  
**The French Quarter New Orleans Jazz Band** strut and swing at Castleton Gabriels Football Club, Heywood Road, Rochdale. 8.15pm. £3.

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