

PRESS RELEASE

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Festival Set to Rock Thurston

2011 festival line-up confirmed with Celebration of Young Talent

The eleventh Thurston Festival will see a return to rock for the Friday night gig with headliners 'Counterfeit Quo'. As a leading tribute to the mighty Status Quo, the Counterfeit Quo will recreate all of the greatest hits and many other popular tracks from 45 years in the business. The support act will be the ever-popular Booty & the Beatz, who delivered such an impact in getting the 2010 festival off to a fine start.

The current West Suffolk CAMRA Pub of the Year is the Thurston Fox and Hounds, who once again will be providing cellar services for the Thurston Beer Festival. Last year the beer Festival offered some 50 real ales including the incredibly popular 'Thurston FestivAle' a dedicated beer specially prepared by award-winning Rougham micro-brewer Bartrams Brewery. Several thousand members of the public visit the Festival over the weekend which has become one of the most anticipated events in the local calendar.

While specific events require ticket entry, the pricing has once again been held at 2009 prices, ensuring that anyone can enjoy a good time without breaking the bank. There will be free entry on the Saturday afternoon when a new event will be staged – a Celebration of Young Musical Talent. This exciting prospect will see young musicians and bands from both Thurston Community College and King Edward VI Grammar School taking over both stages to demonstrate their musical achievements.

The traditional evening Proms Concert will again be given by the Haverhill Silver Band. Our special guest star will be Michael Bubl  (aka top tribute Kris K) before the evening will conclude with our 'last night of the proms' and now famous firework display. Air enthusiasts will not be disappointed as Sunday is given over to the ever-popular thrills and spills of the breathtaking air displays while two arenas have been created to accommodate a vast array of exciting activities and shows. Cool music will be provided by the Marrakesh Little Big Band and Big Girl's Blooze, both firm favourites with past festival goers!

Chairman Neil Paxman said "As each year passes, the Thurston Festival leaves us increasingly staggered at the response and support we receive from local businesses. Attendances continue to rise and there is always a real sense that the weekend is a landmark in the local diary. Certainly, the festival is a genuine chance to support the local young people who will work hard to make the weekend run smoothly. We are well connected by rail and have plenty of parking - all you have to do is come along and enjoy yourself".

The Thurston Festival is presented by the Salmon Charitable Trust who raise money in support of young peoples' activities through 863 (Thurston) Squadron Air Cadets.

The Thurston Festival : 1st to 3rd July 2011

Location : Thurston Community College Grounds

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Website : www.thurfest.com

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Notes to Editors

- Full details, prices and ticket booking are available at www.thurfest.com (please refer in any article)
- Supporting images of previous festivals are available
- Past events have seen the RAF Memorial Flight, champion stunt aces and Maurice Hammond's P-51 Mustang