

# THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 5 – 2025/26

24th April 2026

Dear Rednock Community,

Although Easter may feel like a distant memory already, I would like to warmly welcome you back for Term 5 of this academic year. In many ways, it feels as though we have only just returned, yet we are already moving rapidly into a very busy exam season. Our GCSE and A-Level students are now underway with their examinations, and the larger cohort exams will begin over the coming weeks. We would like to extend our very best wishes to all students during this important time.

As the exam season progresses, there will be some changes to the daily routines within school. Due to our open-plan structure, we need to introduce designated one-way zones, quiet areas and, in some cases, 'no-go' zones, particularly during social times. These measures are essential in minimising noise and protecting examination spaces.

Over the coming weeks, we will brief all students on these adjustments ahead of Monday 4th May and practise these routines to ensure everyone is prepared and confident in the expectations.

It has been a testing week in several ways, with a water leak in one of our DT classrooms and an electrical outage affecting the school kitchens. However, Rednock has responded with resilience, and both students and staff adapted seamlessly with very little disruption to the running of the school. I am pleased to report that the kitchens are now back up and running and will be fully operational by Monday.



A reminder that Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed. Students will return on Tuesday 5th May, when it will be a Week B on their timetable.

As always, if there is anything we can do to support you or your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford  
Headteacher



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a video from  
Mr Stratford](#)



## Achievement Heroes

Each week, we select new Achievement Heroes to celebrate. We've had some amazing nominees and we're proud of everything they've accomplished. They were recognised for different reasons, each one just as impressive as the last. Every nominee exemplifies what it means to be an Achievement Hero and we couldn't be prouder to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments.

This issue's Achievement Heroes are:



**River**, for being an outstanding member of the Brunel community and always putting her best self forward.

**Harvey**, for having a really positive return to school after the Easter break.

**Oliver**, for being selected for a Cotswold Aviation Scholarship.

**Josh**, for having a really positive return to school after the Easter break.

**Murray**, for all the help he has given the PE department reffing games.

**Oliver**, for 100% attendance - he was chosen at random.

**Max**, for having the highest word count for March in his class.

**Tristan**, for being so kind to another student who was upset and having a bad day.

**Henry**, for having an excellent week and working hard in his classes.

**William**, for passing his 1 star Army Cadets basics tests.

**Riley**, for being really kind to another student - collecting another child's food and supporting them.

**Sophie**, for scoring 4 goals in the district final this week to help Rednock win 4-2.

**Chloe**, for 100% attendance - she was chosen at random.

**Eva**, for having the highest word count for March in her class.

**Emily**, for showing such kindness and compassion to other students who have been finding things hard.



## Teaching and Learning Focus – Supporting independent learning in the Sixth Form

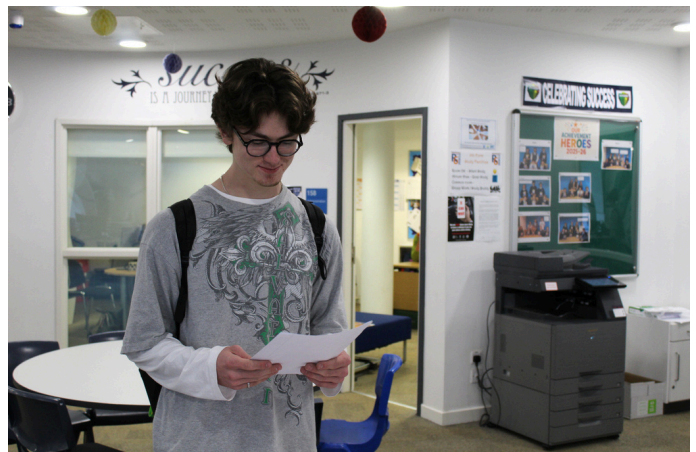
A key feature of life in Rednock Sixth Form is the inclusion of dedicated study periods within students' timetables, which help students to develop the independence and self-discipline needed for success beyond school.

These study periods take place within a supervised study area, supported by a dedicated member of staff. This ensures that students are working in a purposeful, focused environment while still having access to guidance when needed. The presence of staff helps maintain high expectations and provides reassurance that support is always available.

One of the most important skills Sixth Form students must develop is the ability to work independently. Whether they go on to university, apprenticeships, or employment, managing their own time and workload will be essential. Supervised study periods provide a valuable bridge between the structured nature of lower school and the greater independence of post-18 pathways.

During these sessions, students engage with tasks set by their subject teachers. This may include completing exam-style questions, consolidating classwork, or undertaking targeted revision. Crucially, students learn how to prioritise their work, meet deadlines and make effective use of their time.

The supervised study area therefore offers the best of both worlds: students gain independence and responsibility, while still benefiting from a supportive environment where help is at hand. By developing these habits now, our Sixth Form students are building the skills and confidence they need for future success.





### **Aaaaand Cut!**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all students for the way they conducted themselves during the recent visit from the camera crew on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Throughout their time in school, the crew commented on the warm welcome they received and were particularly impressed by the politeness, patience, and cooperation shown by our students. A direct quote from them was "some of the best behaviour in school we've seen" which is amazing to hear.

Moving around the school and capturing footage can sometimes be disruptive, but students handled the situation with maturity and understanding. Lessons continued smoothly, corridors remained calm, and students were respectful at all times. This reflects very positively on our school community and demonstrates the values we strive to uphold every day.

We would also like to let everyone know that a photographer will be visiting the school on Monday. Similar arrangements will be in place, and we kindly ask students to continue showing the same high standards of behaviour, patience, and courtesy. Your cooperation makes a real difference and ensures that these opportunities run successfully.

### **Word Millionaires**

We love seeing our students develop a passion for reading, and we celebrate this by recognising those who reach the incredible milestone of one million words read in their Reading for Power lessons. This achievement reflects dedication, resilience and a genuine commitment to improving their literacy.

Reading is so important because it strengthens vocabulary, builds confidence, enhances imagination and deepens understanding across all subjects. It also develops empathy and critical thinking, opening doors to new ideas, experiences and opportunities. We are incredibly proud of all our students who embrace reading and challenge themselves to reach this impressive goal.





## District Finals Dominated by Rednock Girls!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate a remarkable achievement for our girls' football teams, who have won every District Cup final this season.

This outstanding success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talent shown by all of the players involved. Across all age groups, the girls have demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and a fantastic attitude, representing the school with pride in every match.

To achieve a clean sweep of district titles is no small feat and highlights the strength and depth of girls' football within the school. Their commitment and willingness to support one another has truly paid off.

Congratulations to all of the players and staff involved in this incredible accomplishment—this is a moment to celebrate and a standard to build on for the future.

Good luck for the County Quarter Finals next week!

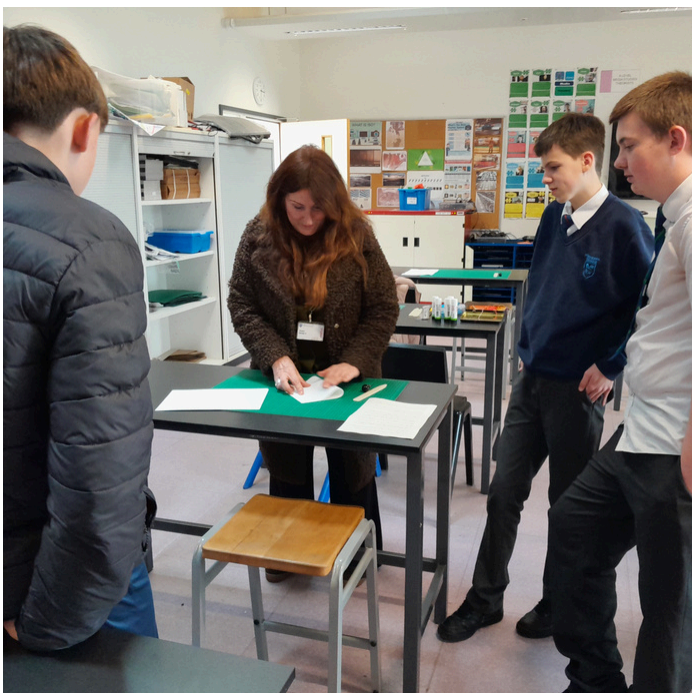
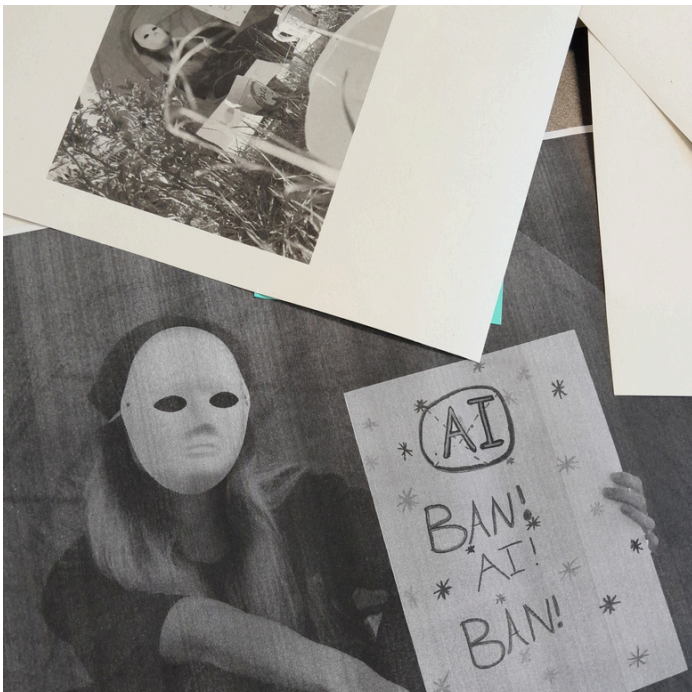




## Hundred Heroines

Rita from Hundred Heroines photography museum has been running an after school photography project with a group of our year 10 GCSE photography students. With the final aim of producing a "fake news" zine, the group have conducted a democratic process to choose the theme, researched artwork and posters from famous historical protests, made their own protest banners and signs, explored the school grounds for suitable photoshoot locations, set up a fake news protest site, documented this with a photoshoot, edited the images and created their Zines based on a "fake news" protest against AI.

We have been really lucky to benefit from this free course of workshops sponsored by Canon. If you're interested in photography Hundred Heroines photography museum is in Nailsworth and open Thursdays-Saturdays 11am-4pm. <https://hundredheroines.org/>





## Love-All The Tennis

The summer term has brought the tennis season with it and Rednock has already been out on the courts.

Tuesday saw us travel to Pates' Grammar School for our first FAGE LTA Youth schools Fixture. There was brilliant tennis on display from the closely matched teams which meant both Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10 had tie-breaks to play.

This was followed by Rednock's first Play Your Way to Wimbledon venue stage on Wednesday. Students played against others in their age category in the hope to progress onto the county stage which will take place in Gloucester in June. At the county stage, students will play for a chance to represent Gloucestershire on the grass courts of Wimbledon in August. It was a great evening of tennis, determination and friendly competition.





## Slimbridge Wetland Centre

At the end of March, Rednock SEND Department took eighteen students to Slimbridge Wetland Centre for the day. Highlights included using binoculars to watch native and visiting birds feeding in the surrounding lakes and marshy areas from the various hides around the centre; spotting the families of geese with their cute, fluffy goslings; finding the field mice playing hide and seek in their vivarium; watching Tilly the otter and the flamingos; and making our own 'bug hotel' from recyclable and sustainable materials to take home to provide a great place for the wildlife in our own gardens to shelter.

It was a full and fascinating day. All the students worked and socialised brilliantly together. They were fantastic representatives of Rednock school and we were incredibly proud of them.





## Year 10 Boys Football

Congratulations to the Year 10 Under 15 boys' football team, who were crowned District Cup champions on Tuesday with an impressive 2-0 victory over Marling. The final, held at Cirencester Town Football Club, saw the team deliver a composed and professional performance from start to finish.

Attention now turns to the next challenge, as the team prepares for the County Cup Quarter Final on Thursday 30th April, where they will face St Peter's High School at home. We wish them the very best of luck as they look to continue their successful run.

A special shoutout also goes to Mr Kelly for coming along to support the team!



## Thanks to the Lions

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Dursley Lions Club for their generous sponsorship of our new rugby kits.

Their support has made a real difference to our students, providing them with high-quality kit that they can wear with pride when representing the school. The new kits not only enhance the team's appearance on the pitch but also help to build confidence, unity, and a strong sense of identity.

We are incredibly grateful for the Lions Club's continued commitment to supporting young people in the local community. Their generosity is truly appreciated by students, staff, and the wider school community alike.



## Year 9 Football

The Year 9 boys' football team has enjoyed a remarkable run in this year's District Cup, showcasing skill, determination, and excellent teamwork throughout the competition. Their journey to the final was secured with an outstanding 5-2 victory away at Deer Park in the semi-final, where they controlled the match from start to finish and fully deserved their win.

This impressive result saw the team progress to their first District Cup Final, held on Wednesday 22nd April at Cirencester Town Football Club, where they faced a strong Marling School side. Although the boys were ultimately beaten on the day, they demonstrated great resilience and commitment throughout the match, never giving up against tough opposition.

Reaching the final is a significant achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication the team has shown across the season. The players should be extremely proud of their efforts, and this experience will undoubtedly provide a strong foundation for future success.





## Golfing Success

Students represented the school with great effort and determination at the recent County School Golf Championships, held at Stinchcombe Golf Club on Monday.

Competing against strong opposition, the team achieved a very respectable 6th place in the gross team competition and finished 9th overall in the nett team standings – an excellent result that reflects both skill and resilience.

There were also some impressive individual performances across the team:

- Tom shot a 76 gross, placing 9th overall, along with a 74 nett (55th).
- Tommy recorded a 79 gross (19th overall) and a 72 nett (39th).
- Henry finished with an 85 gross (45th) and an excellent 70 nett (35th).
- Charlie scored a 94 gross (71st) and a 79 nett (72nd).
- Ben delivered a standout nett performance of 66, placing 11th, alongside an 86 gross (46th).

Overall, it was a strong showing from all involved, and the team should be proud of their performances on the day.





## Litter Pick

Over the Easter break, the school was delighted to host a community litter pick, bringing together students, families, staff, and local supporters for a fantastic cause.

We were thrilled to see so many volunteers give up their time to help improve the local environment. Armed with bags and litter pickers, the team worked tirelessly across the school grounds and surrounding areas, collecting a significant amount of litter and making a visible difference to the community.

The event was a wonderful example of what can be achieved when people come together with a shared sense of responsibility and pride in their surroundings. The positive attitude, teamwork, and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved were truly commendable.

A huge thank you goes to all who took part and supported the initiative. Your efforts have helped to create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for everyone.





## Escape Room Update

Over the past few months a team of talented Rednock students have been helping to dream up and create Dursley's new Escape Room. A group of DofE volunteers have been working on the story, buzzles and room design whilst the Code club have been adding a fabulous tablet based element to the challenge. A new heritage-themed escape room, "Work and play at Listers," is launching at the Chantry Centre in Dursley (GL11 4JB) in April 2026, developed by [The Engine Hub CIC](#). This immersive, family-friendly game explores the town's industrial history in the building's basement. Tickets are available on the [Chantry Centre website](#).

We were lucky enough to have a sneak preview of the code club's work this Monday (obviously we can't give any clues away!) and the artists continued with a large mural at the Chantry Centre in the Escape Room itself. We've shared a few photos with you here to give you a little glimpse but of course everything needs to stay top secret until the Room is launched next month.

The new Listers heritage themed Escape Room will open in May in The Chantry Centre. Keep an eye out for more details





## The Ernest Cook Trust

This week on our Year 7 trip to The Ernest Cook Trust, Redwood was full of beautiful bluebells. The weather was kind and the mud has finally dried up!

All four orienteering groups did really well and were so quick to complete their task that there was plenty of time for some den building.

One of the favourite parts of the afternoon was the marshmallow toasting to make 's'mores, even Mr Stratford had a go (unfortunately there is no photographic evidence!).





### The Carnegie Medal

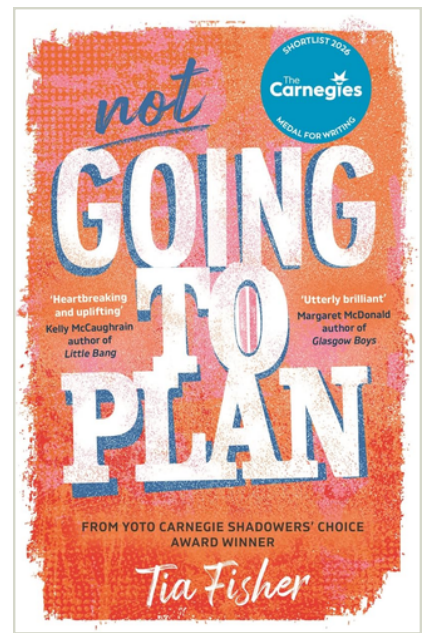
The Carnegie Medal 2026 shortlist books have arrived in the LRC and are ready to be borrowed - look out for this sticker on the NEW BOOK stand.

Parental advisory: The following books have more mature themes and the publishers' suggestions are:

#### Year 8 and up



#### Key Stage 4 and over



### Are you interested in a career in teaching?

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## TEACHER TASTER DAY ON 9TH JUNE 2026

For more information or to register your interest, email [teachertasterday@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:teachertasterday@rednockschool.org.uk)



#### The day will involve:

- a tour of Rednock
- an insight into what teaching is like and an opportunity to ask any questions
- a talk with GITEP about what they offer and how training through a SCITT works, including interview advice
- lesson observations
- a lesson planning activity
- an opportunity to meet with current trainees and ECTs

### Teacher Taster Day

Are you curious about what a career in teaching could look like? Whether you're a student, a graduate, or considering a career change, Rednock School invites you to explore the profession firsthand at our Teacher Taster Day on 9th June 2026.

This immersive day is designed to give you a genuine insight into life as a teacher and the routes into the profession. You'll have the opportunity to experience the school environment, observe lessons in action, and take part in practical activities that reflect the realities of teaching.

This event is ideal for anyone who is thinking about becoming a teacher and wants to gain clarity, confidence, and first-hand experience before taking the next step.



## Elstree Studios

On 27th March, our Drama students celebrated World Theatre Day with an unforgettable trip to Elstree Studios – a world-famous hub of film and television production.

Students were given an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the studios, exploring spaces where major productions – including *Wicked* – have been brought to life. A real highlight was getting a sneak peek at props from a current top-secret project being filmed on site, sparking excitement and curiosity throughout the group.

The experience didn't stop there. Working alongside the Sky Academy team, students had the opportunity to step into the world of film production themselves. Using industry-standard, up-to-date equipment, they planned, filmed, and created their own short films, taking on a variety of production roles including directors, camera operators, and performers.

Adding to the excitement, students were inspired to learn they were working in the very same studios that Steven Spielberg had used just a month earlier – a truly motivating connection to the professional industry.

It was a fantastic and inspiring day, with students buzzing with enthusiasm and a real insider understanding of the wide range of careers and roles involved in the film and television industry.





# Online Parent Talk on **DIGITAL RESILIENCE**

**Thursday 14th May 2026  
6:00pm – 7:15pm**



## About the session

Simon Williams from Gloucestershire Police will lead this session, designed to give parents and carers practical knowledge and confidence to keep their families safe online. Simon joined us in October to support us with the event. It received a welcome response from those who attended and so we wanted to extend the offer again. Simon will also be updating his information nearer the time to ensure it is as up to date as possible in this ever changing world; due to this parents who attended before are more than welcome to attend again. As information in this arena changes so quickly the event will not be recorded.

Whether your child is just starting out online or already glued to a screen, this session is packed with practical advice, real-life examples and expert guidance. Please don't miss the opportunity to stay one step ahead and protect what matters to you most.

Simply click the Teams link above at the start of the session – no pre-registration is required. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

## The talk will cover:

- The latest apps and digital trends popular with kids– what you need to know about them.
- Online gaming – fun vs the hidden dangers
- How to spot and respond to cyber bullying
- Awareness and prevention of grooming
- Understanding sexting and sextortion
- Practical tips to support your child's digital resilience



### Find the right questions to talk with your child about toxic online content

Learn how to ask the right questions to help your child think critically about what they see online and get practical tips for starting open, supportive conversations.



### How to start talking to your child about being safe online

Talking to your child about being safe online can help protect them from harm, build trust, and know what to do if they need help.



### Rednock Remembered

This week, in honour of our girls football teams' successes, we're taking a closer look at photographs of Rednock football teams. The first is from 1952 and the second from 2026. At first glance, the differences might seem obvious: the uniforms have changed, the colors are brighter and the overall style feels more modern. But the contrast between these two images goes far beyond clothing. Together, they tell a story about how sport has evolved over time, especially with the rise in popularity of women's football and the growing passion of girls getting into the sport. We're proud to be able to support these girls to follow their passion and encourage them to keep pushing themselves.



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
27/04/2026	All	Promotional Photoshoot
04/05/2026	All	Bank Holiday - School is CLOSED
05/05/2026	All	Summer Exams Begin
06/05/2026	Year 7	Year 7 Virtual Consultation Meetings
08/05/2026 - 11/05/2026	Silver DofE	Silver DofE Practice Expedition



# Women & Girls' CRICKET



**Ladies Softball (Yr 7+)**  
6:00-7:00 PM  
Fun & Friendly

**Ladies Hardball (Yr 9+)**  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Skill & Teamwork

All welcome! No experience needed - Bring a friend and come join us this summer!

Starts Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Cam Cricket Club Ladies | camcc\_ladies  
camladies@outlook.com | www.camcricket.co.uk

# 'TIME FOR ME' EXHIBITION

Celebrating the creative talents of the Quarry Chapel family

Artworks from over 130 adults & young people who attend our classes including ceramics, textiles, print, drawing & crafts.



SAT 24TH APRIL - 15TH MAY  
PREVIEW FRI 24TH 4.30-7PM  
The Engine, Silver st.  
Dursley GL11 4ND  
Opening times & pop-up workshop info at [www.quarrychapel.org.uk](http://www.quarrychapel.org.uk)

**Many Hands** Pop-Up Art & Design Reading Room  
6-30th May  
Closed Mon-Tues

Are you a student or young person thinking about a...

# Creative Career?

Meet 5 local creative people and ask them anything you've ever wanted to know about a creative career. FREE EVENT.

Architect Animator Prop maker Illustrator Photographer Graphic Designer Make-up artist Fashion Stylist Product Designer Jeweller

6.30-8pm Friday May 8th	AT: This House, 2 Market St, Nailsworth GL6 0BZ	
6.30-8pm Friday May 29th		

Follow @manyhands\_readingroom for updates and events

# Run the Rainbow



**LONGFIELD Community Hospice**

**Saturday 4 July 2026**  
Frampton Court  
Frampton on Severn  
11am-3pm

Run, walk, or even skip your way through our colour-filled 5K challenge — and help local people live well, every step of the way.

Expect powder paint, foam, music, and inflatables all while supporting Longfield Community Hospice's care for those living with life-limiting illness and their families.

Celebrate life in full colour!

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Adult £15  
Child (ages 4-16) £10  
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CHANTRY CENTRE DURSLEY  
MONDAYS 3:30 - 5:30PM STARTS 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
*No Session on Bank Holidays*

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An Evening with  
Dursley Big Band  
&  
Dursley Male  
Voice Choir

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Rednock School, Dursley

Doors open at 6.30pm  
for a 7pm start






**Refreshments will be available**

This highly recommended band and choir consist of around 50 local musicians who are fund-raising towards their concert tours to the French town of Bergerac that recently twinned with Dursley.

Come along and enjoy an evening of popular music covering a wide range of eras and tastes. Seating will be informal, cabaret style.

**£10 entry on the door**