

# BOROUGH BLUES

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**This Month at the BBC – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012**  
**“The Motives”**  
plus “Mike Markey and Nick Jones”

**Next Month at the BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012**  
**“Marcus Bonfanti”**



Another debut for the Borough Blues Club – the first visit of a new band project which brings together some of the finest talent from the European Blues Scene. The Motives draw their musical inspiration from 40's New York, 50's Chicago and 1960's London. Led by Matt Taylor who is becoming familiar in music circles as a highly regarded singer, songwriter and producer, Matt also produces electrifying guitar work. He is accompanied by keyboard virtuoso Jonny Dyke on Hammond Organ and Piano with Roy Martin on Drums and Andy Graham on Bass.

The Motives have received two nominations in the Kevin Thorpe Award category for best song in the 2012 British Blues Award. “Leap of Faith” is nominated by DJ Gary Grainger and “Gangsters” is nominated by DJ Tim Aves.

Be sure to see this exciting band who are stuffed full of amazing talent and have great experience in the music we love so much!

Support is from Mike Markey and Nick Jones, who have entertained us on several previous occasions, and are probably worth the entrance fee by themselves.



To date Marcus Bonfanti has been in my opinion the best blues vocalist to have appeared at the Borough Blues Club since its inception.

The sheer energy and inimitable style of this guy throughout his outstanding performance last year was enough to endear all present, but the voice was the thing. The tone and depth of feeling conveyed by his lyrics were an absolute inspiration, from the moment he walked through the audience playing harmonica and onto the stage to perform his first track totally unaccompanied, we knew this was going to be something special and we were not disappointed.

Marcus was nominated for best blues vocalist and best blues guitarist in last year's British Blues awards,

Needless to say we are very much looking forward to this gentleman's return!



## BLUES FESTIVAL 2012: Line-up Confirmed



Our festival this year will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July, put it in your diary. The line-up has been confirmed and the day is set to run as follows:

- The Workshop Band
- Sam Andrews Band
- The Worried Men
- The Red Hot Pokers (Johnny Nedd)
- Dawson Smith
- Blue on Black

The final act will be inside the club and will be ticketed separately, but the first five acts can be seen with a festival ticket at bargain price of just £5 for a whole afternoon of quality blues!

## FORTHCOMING GIG'S

5<sup>th</sup> May *The Motives*  
*Featuring Matt Taylor. Matt is currently working on a new album due to be released March 2012 so a timely first appearance for this well established guitarist.*

2<sup>nd</sup> June *Marcus Bonfanti*  
*According to many who witnessed his festival night performance this year, the best this club has ever seen bar none. Absolutely outstanding vocals and so much energy!*

16<sup>th</sup> June *Aynsley Lister*  
*The blues man with the 'boy-next-door' looks, the dextrous guitar fingers and the silky voice; the one that plays contemporary blues as if it's the most natural thing you can do.*

7<sup>th</sup> July *"Festival" plus Blue on Black*  
*All day event outside with 5 bands including "The Red hot Pokers" followed by our regular gig inside the club featuring Blue on Black. Put the date in your diary it should be a cracker!*

4<sup>th</sup> August *Ted Crook and Blues Highway*  
*Old favourites at the club. Ted is as good a harp player as you could expect to see!*

8<sup>th</sup> September *Hokie Joint*  
*Hokie Joint takes 5 pieces of youth and experience to create a ground breaking, song-driven twist on the genre, performing their own unique brand of dirty, roots based groove music*

6<sup>th</sup> October *Babajack*  
*BabaJack is an acoustic blues/ folk band from Malvern that is fast becoming an established band on the Folk and Blues Festival circuits in the UK and into Europe*

20<sup>th</sup> October *Ian Siegal*  
*Very high profile internationally acclaimed performer – first visit to the Club*

3<sup>rd</sup> November *Innes Sibun*  
*Ex- Robert Plant band guitarist who set out on solo career to play blues. Has made seven albums. "A national treasure" CLASSIC ROCK magazine. "The best blues you will hear all year" TOTAL GUITAR magazine.*

1<sup>st</sup> December *Buddy Whittington*  
*A welcome return for this American Giant of the Blues – nearly a decade and a half in John Mayall's Bluesbreakers but now a genuine talent as a blues front man*

8<sup>th</sup> December *Eddie Martin*  
*A truly blistering electric guitar player who blows a mean harp and scrapes a mean slide*

## Borough Blues News

Our **AGM** was on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Those present will know that the last year has been very successful for the club and we hope to go from strength to strength over the next 12 months.

Don't forget to check our website at [www.boroughblues.com](http://www.boroughblues.com) for club and gig information. Also, you can buy tickets at [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com).

That's all Folks