

## **CAROUSEL**

Carousel are a four-piece Indie-Americana music collective based in Southend: Tom, Chris, Sarah and Toby. They fuse Americana, country, folk, rock'n'roll, blues and roots music into their own unique approach. They describe their songs as: "... uplifting and sombre. Wistful yet forward-looking ..." The band's influences include Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash. The Lone Bellow and Glen Hansard.

Carousel released their debut EP in the autumn of 2017, which includes five of their most energising and emotive songs and is full of energy and enthusiasm and includes some very good songs indeed – 'Show' is actually one of my faves of 2017!

They performed on a number of festival bills last summer; most notably Leigh Folk Festival, Live Expressions, Daxtonbury and are becoming increasingly sought after within the UK's live music scene with a number of events planned for 2018. They won the Laurel Canyon Music favourite new artist of the year award for 2017 and they are definitely ones to watch.

## PAUL BELL

Paul Bell is a singer, songwriter and allround nice guy. Paul loves to take his unique brand of melody, lyricism and acoustic whimsy to different stages all across the country.

Paul writes songs that affirm and provoke, raise giggle and a tear, delivered with great humour and tackling subjects as diverse as the rising oceans, successful long term relationships, procrastination, integrity and knitwear, Paul often finds himself off the lyrical beaten track, carving out a niche as one of the more engaging live performers you'll come across. Paul is an artist who aims to entertain and inspire in equal measure. Paul has released four albums and "Look back, Smiling" will be released in the autumn of 2018.

A seasoned live performer connecting with audiences across the UK and beyond, Paul's concerts are a mixture of laughter, beautiful acoustic music and thoughtful reflections on the experiences we share. I know you're in for a treat!

## **ROB MASKELL**

Rob lives in Billericay and is an accomplished musician. Rob played Buddy Holly in the hugely successful touring show 'Buddy Holly and The Cricketers' for nine years. He's also performed in 'Grease' and 'Jolson' in the West End. I'm sure Rob will entertain us with his opening set of classic American Country/R&B and some blues thrown in for good measure!

Billericay Rectory can be found on Laindon Road, CM12 9LD and is a 10 minute walk from Billericay station (25 mins from Liverpool Street). We are only 5 mins off the A127 and 10 mins off the A12.

Don't forget to bring a picnic, drinks, something to sit on, chair/blanket (NO tables, please) & something warm to wear! You can park in Emmanuel church (next door) & in the case of inclement weather, the 'Gig in the Garden' will take place in Emmanuel.

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