



## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE M&W CLUB**

The Music & Words Club runs on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Hope in Windsor. We aim to create an intimate environment that looks good, sounds great and offers local artists the opportunity to perform original material to an attentive audience. The room is intimate and well attended - we encourage a listening environment offering the same attention for example to an electronic act as what a folk act would expect at a folk club.

## **HOW THE NIGHTS RUN**

Every night there are 6 acts. Out of these 6 acts there is 1 paid act (Featured Performer) who play a 25 min set and 5 unpaid acts who play a 15 minute bookable slot. The lineup is curated to create a dynamic event containing a variety of different types of music, poetry and spoken word. The music style can range from folk, hip-hop, jazz, electronic, comedy and everything in between.

## **FEATURED PERFORMERS INFORMATION**

There will be 1 featured performer slot available on each M&W Club night which will be paid. The featured performer will perform a 25 minute set. The set usually will be in the middle of the event around 9:30 - 10pm - This slot is an invite only and we will not accept applications - We try and give the opportunity for all our regular performers to have the opportunity to perform as a featured act as well as inviting touring acts who we think would fit well with our ethos. The fee is £60 - any other money is used to cover expenses and the remainder is split between the host and sound engineer (which really doesn't amount to much)

## **15 MINUTE BOOKABLE SLOT**

There are 5 bookable slots for artists to showcase material at each event. These are booked in advance with Matt but will not be scheduled time slots until the evening unless the performers put in a special request. These will not be paid. 1 Drink per performer is currently provided by the bar but this could change at any time

## **OPEN SLOTS**

I am not advertising open slots on the evening but any M&W Club artists who show up on the night might be able to perform if time allows or if booked performers don't show up.

## **FREE ENTRY FOR PERFORMERS**

If you are booked to perform you don't pay. If you visit the club any other time and you are not booked to perform then you pay £5 as a spectator.

## GETTING THERE BY CAR

There is a car park at the back of the Hope artists can use for free. The address for the Sat Nav is

The Hope, Ward Royal Parade, Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HR

## GETTING THERE BY TRAIN (FROM LONDON)

There are 2 train stations in Windsor, Windsor Central and Windsor Riverside

### Windsor Central

Windsor central runs a little later than riverside. Last train from Windsor Central is around 11:40pm ish and if you manage to miss that, the connecting train, Slough is 5 mins by taxi and trains run from there until run until the Early hours.

The fastest route from London is from Paddington and if you time it right can get a direct to Slough and change at Slough to Windsor in around 30 mins. Tickets are around £10 return

Another option would be to travel from Ealing which is slightly cheaper and is on the same line but is a local stopping service. Journey time around 40 mins.

Getting from this station to the Hope is about a 6 minute walk. When you leave the station, head down the steps next to Carluccios. On your right hand side you will see the travel lodge, head towards this and take the staircase down to ground level. At the bottom of the stairs head towards the main road and cross the road. turn left and head toward the roundabout and then turn right down Arthur Road. Walk down Arthur road until you see Alma Road (You will see a M&S food shop). Turn left into Alma road and after a minute walk you will see 'The Hope' on your left hand side.

### Windsor Riverside

Windsor Riverside is a direct train from Waterloo and stops at various London terminals along the way such as clapham junction and vauxhall. The last trains from Windsor Riverside are a little earlier than Central so just be careful not to get stranded.

Getting from the station to the hope takes around 10 mins. When you leave the station follow the river walk until you reach the edge of the park (Alexandra Gardens) then turn left and walk under the train bridge. When you reach the roundabout turn right down Arthur road and walk until you see Alma road. Turn left into Alma road after after a minutes walk you will see 'The hope' on your left.

