

Alex Routledge

A young talent from the village

Music is important to all of us and we continue to look at some of the rich talent within the village. Among our stars, Alex Routledge shines very brightly. A young man, still in his twenties, he is already a fine creative musician, with an original and excellent contribution to composition, and with a polished keyboard performance which many of us have enjoyed at local concerts.

Alex has spent most of his life here, including spells at Carrington School, Claires Court, and RGS High Wycombe, where he became proficient on piano and guitar while working towards good “A” levels in English, French and Spanish. He was brought up on a musical diet of rock and roll – and spicy food. He went on to the University of North Wales to graduate in Linguistics. Since then he has worked for a language translation company, and in IT, including three years with Xerox. He is now working in the related fields of Graphics and Web Design, but moving all the time towards a life of music. He is described as a classical and jazz pianist, plays regularly, can be counted upon to add Beethoven and Chopin to an excellent jazz programme. His interests are very broad including world music and references to Indian music.

He attributes his enthusiasm and success to “a very good teacher”, surely the key to many a successful career. The advances in music during the last fifty years have needed the closest attention of those who try to teach it, and it is good to see and hear that in Alex’s case this has been successful. Much of his work has been on the small keyboard. He has worked in a number of pop and rock bands in the area. The first was called Quintessential, and achieved considerable success. He produced his own recording disk with his own songs. Recently he has been in a band with Kesh Patel of this village, but has now moved on to more recording, different gigs, other bands. Recently he was at the Come Together Festival in Henley and we hope to see him soon at the Windsor Arts Centre.

Every Friday Alex plays at the Riverview Restaurant in Reading, and nearer to home on Saturdays at the Mumbai Spice, in Chalfont St Peter. You can find him on his own web-site at www.alexroutledge.co.uk Do not miss an opportunity to hear this young artist.