

DEREHAM BLUES FESTIVAL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear 'Blues' Fans,

The Dereham Blues Festival Management Teams have been meeting monthly and beavering away behind the scenes to bring you another successful festival in 2025. Stewart and Doreen are still very much in the forefront of the festival but they now have a group of teams assisting with the huge workload the festival brings. Together with Stewart and Doreen each team is working enthusiastically to not only ensure the festival continues in the future, but to see it grow and be even more successful than it already is.

Newsletters will be sent out regularly to keep you up to date with everything we are planning and to deliver you the best Blues Festival Norfolk has to offer.

**Dereham Blues Festival
2025**

9th - 13th July

Applications for the 2025 festival are now open!

It's that time again! All bands, duos and solo artists who would like to take part in the 2025 Dereham Blues Festival are invited to enter their details via the Wanna Play application form.

We have been able to raise the appearance fees a bit this year - go to the Wanna Play? page and read all of the T's & C's carefully before clicking the application form button on the bottom of the page.

Applications close on the 17th January 2025, so don't delay - apply today!



DEREHAM BLUES FESTIVAL
Wednesday 9 July
Dereham Memorial Hall

2025

International world renown rhythm and blues
boogie woogie keyboard legend and vocalist

Mike Sanchez
and his six piece band

Direct from the 100 Club -
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A performance not to be missed!

Introducing Mike Sanchez!

Once described as “the finest, most exciting, most entertaining artist in British rhythm and blues”, Part Latin gigolo, part rockabilly hellcat” Sanchez left Britain for Spain and the continental festival circuit years ago. His pulsating boogie-woogie piano has taken him round and round the world. Mike’s high energy, theatrical personality, characterised by big hair and flamboyant stage suits earned him the title ‘Bossman of Boogie’, whilst his supreme technique made him three times British Blues Keyboard Player of the Year.

Expect explosive piano, hot vocals and phenomenal support from guitar, trumpet, saxophone, stand up bass and drums, in Mike’s classic rock ‘n’ roll, rhythm ‘n’ blues and rockabilly six piece line up.

Over the last 15 years, Mike Sanchez has been a rare summer migrant to UK shores. We’re privileged to welcome him to Dereham Blues Festival as part of his fifteen date tour, and we’re grateful to him for re-arranging his itinerary to play for us en route from The 100 Club in Oxford Street to The Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival.

Tickets for the opening concert on Wednesday 9th July 2025 are now on sale please click the link below

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh/t-pqdxnkz>

To date we have had a massive 97 bands apply to play at the festival and very soon the band selection process will begin, we've also had confirmation from venues in and around Dereham. Every one of us is working hard to bring you another five days of fantastic blues music.

What's New in 2025?



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We are excited to be introducing souvenir festival wristbands!

For a minimum donation of £5 you will be supporting the Dereham Blues Festival and it's future. We all feel a real buzz about them because these aren't just any old wristbands! Not only are they made of high quality materials, your new wristband will have a QR code on them which once scanned with your phone will give you access to a Whatsapp Dereham Blues Festival Community. In this community you will find your festival programme but also up to the minute news of any band changes, no more turning up at a venue to discover there's been a band change. Great news!

But that's not all, we are currently planning even more exciting benefits associated with your wristband, so keep your eyes peeled in future newsletters for updates!

As part of our plans to aid the ecological sustainability of the planet, we will recycle unused programmes at the end of the festival. In the future we aim to reduce our paper usage. The wristband, QR code and online programme, will help us achieve this goal. We are sure many of you will find the wristbands a great idea and will enjoy the benefits they include.

The Dereham Blues Festival website is constantly monitored and new features will be added in the future as and when the need arises. Tickets for the Opening Concert are now on sale via the website. The website will also be the first place where the 2025 line up will be published once the band selection is completed around the end of February.

We are thrilled to be working alongside Stephenson Smart and Salus Mortgage Solutions as Gold Sponsors, many thanks go to both companies, the Dereham Blues Festival truly values your support.

And finally...

*The Dereham Blues Festival Teams
would like to wish you all
a very Merry Christmas*



**For all general enquiries
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Until next time...