

# B17's Blitz Loudwater!

Loudwater Royal British Legion - Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

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This was a charity benefit bash, organised by Jivin' George and his friendly crew, designed to raise much needed funds for St Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital. It featured a good turn out to enjoy the popular selection from George on the decks, a well-supported raffle and another visit by the B17's. There were few seats vacant by 8pm and the dance floor was in full swing, in

addition to standing room only at the bar by the time the band appeared on stage around 9.15pm.

What followed were two cracking sets, featuring the B17's trademark interpretations of popular tunes by the likes of Johnny Burnette, Carl Perkins, Buddy Holly and naturally, Elvis.

Early versions of 'Rave On' and the Frogman's 'Ain't Got No Home' had the dancers working up a sweat, interspersed with a handful of strollers that left little room on the floor, particularly during 'Stuck On You', all delivered in authentic style by Nigel's excellent vocals. John on double bass and Phil on percussion combined to produce the essential rhythm throughout, plus added vocals



'Lonesome Train' and 'Drinking Wine Spo-Dee-O-Dee', as well as several by Eddie Cochran,

notably 'C'mon Everybody'. The line up was completed by Lol on keys, who produced some terrific solos, notably during 'Great Balls Of Fire' and 'Shake Rattle And Roll'.

A smattering of Johnny Cash was combined with a swinging 'I Wanna Be Like You', again featuring enthusiastic vocal contributions from all band members and a slower 'Cincinnati Fireball' that had the floor full with strollers. Finally, as last orders at the bar was announced, we careered towards the finale with an increasingly frenzied 'Pick A Bale Of Cotton', a rocking 'I Knew The Bride' and raucous 'Chantilly Lace', before a couple of Elvis



inspired tunes were delivered for an encore, finishing off the live entertainment. The whole evening featured a mix of great music, a

friendly atmosphere and the feel good factor from George's announcement that over £300 had been raised for the nominated charity, sending everyone home with a smile on their face. Look out for the B17's flying in to a venue near you, plus further rockin' and rollin' in the Loudwater and Bourne End area, courtesy of Jivin' George and [www.JustDanze.co.uk](http://www.JustDanze.co.uk)

with Phil's realistic backing during 'Barking Up The Wrong Tree', a treat to behold. Rob dominated stage right, displaying his talent for retro guitar riffs, highlighted during the quicker numbers such as