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at Chequer Mead, East Grinstead

JON ALLEN

Support: **Emily Baker**

Jon Allen is a singer-songwriter born in Winchester. His debut album *Dead Man's Suit* was released in 2009 on Monologue Records, producing two hit songs - *In Your Light* and *Going Home*, which featured in a worldwide advert for the Land Rover Freelander 2. His music is evocative of the folk-rock scene of the late 60s/ early 70s and was first tipped by BBC Sound of 2009.

Since moving to London, Allen has shared the stage with artists such as Emmylou Harris, Mark Knopfler, KT Tunstall and Seal. He's also appeared on Jools Holland's BBC show, *Later*.

With shades of a young Bob Dylan or even Rod Stewart, Jon possesses a soulful, slightly gravelly voice. His song-writing is so beautifully melodic, many of his songs could have been written at any time in the last thirty years and already sound like classics.

His new album, *Sweet Defeat*, is released on 22 May to coincide with the UK tour.



Support for the show is Brighton's **Emily Baker**, winner of the 2009 Arts Foundation songwriter award, when Annie Lennox presented her with the Foundation's Fellowship in Song-writing. She has recently performed at the Folk Alliance Festival in Memphis and toured with the likes of Amy Wadge, Pete Riley and as part of The Lost Highway tour with Will Kevans. Her recently issued album, *House of Cards*, is a beautifully crafted collection of songs that reflect an engaging and emerging talent. Emily not only wrote all the material, but she plays everything from the guitar to the glockenspiel and ukulele.



Tickets are £12.50 (Concessions £10) - Box Office 01342 302000 or email info@chequermead.org.uk. More information can be found on the Acoustic Sussex website (www.acousticsussex.org.uk).

Quotes - what others say:

"A breathtaking debut" **Q Magazine**

"Rootsy...authentic...heartfelt" **Clash Magazine**

"A young Rod Stewart" **Esquire.**

"Could be from Dylan's 'New Morning.' Like Cat Stevens, Nick Drake.." **Uncut**

"A Little Gem" **OK! Magazine**

"Wow" **Maverick Magazine**

"When I heard this mans fantastic voice on the radio I had to zap it with my mobile to find out who it was" **Jools Holland**

What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that promotes quality singer/ songwriters and other acoustic musicians in the mid-Sussex area, using different venues. We encourage new and local talent by providing support slots for the main act and other opportunities such as 'open mic' evenings. Any profit we make from events is used for charitable purposes.