

## City Nights

# Craufurd's sibling sound-off

### CRAUFURD ARMS

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Sibling duo Rory and Eoin Loveless will bring raw enthusiasm and a brutal blast of garage sound to The Craufurd Arms on Saturday.

Together, they are Drengé – described by Q Magazine as 'A grungy, garage rock racket'. Brothers Rory (drums) and Eoin (guitar, vocals) Loveless deliver an angsty brand of rock but, not ones to be pigeonholed, play around with different genres (tracks feature rock, blues, grunge and punk sounds).

They hail from a quaint, picturesque village outside Sheffield called Castleton (perhaps not the expected stomping ground for a band with quite a vicious, squalling sound). Still, the angst expressed by Drengé through the frenzied howls of their garage rock music could have been born out of teenage boredom and frustration – channelled to create brutish, to-the-point songs

Find out about the music that has influenced Drengé, and the music that matters most – go online to [www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/leisure](http://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/leisure) and see what Rory had to say when he tackled our famous Cue & Play session!



which are rock 'n' roll at its most raw.

They've played a set at Glastonbury, supported the Rolling Stones in Hyde Park, received a lot of positive attention from the music press and are still buzzing from playing Reading and Leeds last month. Having well and truly escaped the quiet life of the Peak District, Drengé is now embarking on a debut UK tour, bringing gnarly Brit rock to the masses.

Theirs is music you can really seethe to, harnessing a very teenage kind of anguish.



DRENGÉ: 'Music to really seethe to...'

While the rough, grunge-inspired music might not be something you'd necessarily want to introduce your gran to, the siblings do count a Labour MP as one of their fans (again, perhaps not the audience you'd expect their type of music to strike a chord with). MP for West Bromwich East Tom Watson notoriously en-

dorsed the band in his resignation letter to Ed Miliband in July, professing his love for a two-piece blues-rock band from Derbyshire.

The twosome – who debuted on later with Jools earlier this week – have a love for avant-garde Danish cinema (the band's moniker means 'Boys', taken from the title of a 1977

Danish film).

The self-titled debut album was released in August through Infectious – a whole album of head-banging music, perfectly capturing youthful insouciance.

Drengé go live at The Craufurd from 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are £6 a tad more on the door.

## Afro Punk livening up Watershed

Develop a taste for Afro punk, tinged with some blues, when Abioye & Randall stop off at the Watershed MK on Saturday.

David Randall (the guitar player on all the Faithless tours – other credits include Slovo and Dido's albums) and Fausat Abioye discovered a mutual love of guitars and the music of North and West Africa and the Middle East after a sparring session in a boxing gym in Brixton, South London.

As you do.

Having decided to hang up their gloves and get out their guitars, the duo played their first gig in March this year and release their debut single, 'Electric Avenue' on Monday.

Jersey rock band Brave Yesterday will support the South London duo at the Newport Pagnell bash. Entry is £5 on the door, 7.30pm start.

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## Cruz-ing into the weekend with Parisian hardcore metal

Balancing confidently on the edge of melodic hardcore, but retaining the sounds of rock n roll and metalcore, VERA CRUZ unleash explosive energy every time they take to the stage.

The young French hardcore metal band will treat MK music fans to an adrenaline-filled taste of their intense debut album *SKIN AND TEETH AND NAILS* at The Craufurd Arms tomorrow evening, unleashing their maniacal stage performance from 7.30pm.

Founded in Paris in 2009, the band decided to give away their first four-track EP *Surviving Farrah Fawcett*, in 2010 to kick-start their touring opportunities.

Members Thierry (vocals), Greg (bass), Yoann (drums) and Florian (guitar) have all had previous experience in

other bands and VERA CRUZ is the ultimate culmination of their talents.

These four dudes had a craving to get out on the road and tour – and tour they did and continue to do, with gusto.

They started touring in France, before embarking on three weeks away in the USA. The live experience is what VERA CRUZ are all about so don't miss the chance to catch their thrashing guitars, fierce vocals and pounding drums in the flesh.

Tickets are £5, visit [www.thecraufurdarms.com](http://www.thecraufurdarms.com) to book.

> Saturday sees the launch of a five-track EP from *The Get-Gone* at The Craufurd Arms. Rock, punk, post hardcore and grunge come together for a dark, melodic sound.

The EP is self-released and availability is limited so this launch is set to be a popular way to discover the tunes. Doors open at 8.30pm and entry is free.



## MK11 is a winning music code

●● MK11 Kiln Farm Pub hosts a menagerie of awesome acts on Saturday.

●● The up-and-coming city venue welcomes Blood Red Shiver (2.45pm), Grand Mal (3.30pm), Cherry Scream (4.15pm), Mis-

pelt (5pm), Ashes to Angels (6pm), Outta Luck (7pm), Born to Destruct (8pm), Obey (9pm) and Frantic Alice (10pm).

●● Music fans are also urged to make the most of the BBO and retro market that

will be on offer during the entertainment extravaganza.

●● Doors open at 2pm, £5 entry.

●● Call MK 262924 or visit [www.kilnfarmpub.co.uk](http://www.kilnfarmpub.co.uk) for more information.

