

The New www.theNewRoxette.com Roxette

Meets:

toploader



I caught up with Toploader singer **Joe Washbourn** earlier this month, to chat about their forthcoming headline performance at Hobble on the Cobbles...

Hi Joe, thanks for taking time out from your hectic schedule to chat to us.

How does Toploader feel about being invited to perform and headline at HOC this summer?

We're super excited about headlining 'Hobble on the Cobbles' this year. Great to be part of a free music festival that can offer so much to the people of Aylesbury and surrounding areas. It's going to be a blast!

Is there anything exciting you would like to share with our readers about the band? Are you currently working on any new material?

We're currently working on new material that will form part of an album or EP at the end of the year. Although at the moment we are fully in 'outdoor gig' mode and it's proving difficult to fit in studio time when you're either stuck in a moving vehicle or in the middle of a field somewhere!

Having been successful for so long, you must have a lot of great stories, from people you've met/performed with, to any embarrassing live moments etc? Is there anything you can tell us?

Too many too recall or remember them all... A funny one was whilst supporting Robbie Williams when the entire front of house speakers packed up and 30,000 people were all gesturing at me to stop... Massive paranoia ensued as I thought we'd obviously gone down like a lead balloon (Began to check my fliers and such like...). Turns out someone had accidentally kicked the plug out of the mixing desk and everyone was just trying to let us know that we were in complete silence! Actually kind of helped win them over in the end. We all shared in our pain!

You've been touring most of the year already, and performing at a number of different festivals. Have you had a favourite so far, and what else are you looking forward to this year?

Had a great time as Tom Jones's special guest at the Proact Stadium in Chesterfield earlier in the summer. In fact they have all been great and lots of fun, our music has always suited the outdoor treatment.

Are there any bands you've seen recently you would recommend our readers check out?

Paulo Nutini's new record is always on in the bus, although I'm pretty sure he doesn't need our endorsement!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Looking forward to great night with 'HOTC' in Aylesbury. See you all there...

Many thanks Joe, we look forward to seeing you all in Aylesbury as well. Toploader will be on stage in Market Square at approx 6.45pm, on 24 August.

www.toploaderofficial.com

For all the latest information on Hobbles on the Cobbles, visit :

www.HobbleOnTheCobbles.com