

Alstonefield Village Hall Events **NEWS RELEASE**

"Gilmore & Roberts take English folk and scuff it up with indie rock drama"
Q Magazine

When: Saturday 22 February

8pm

What: Gilmore & Roberts

Alstonefield continues its programme of live music in its village hall with the award-winning acoustic duo Katriona Gilmore and Jamie Roberts.

Nominated three times at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Gilmore (fiddle, mandolin) and Roberts (guitar) met while studying at Leeds College of Music and released their debut album in 2008. Since then, the duo have toured Canada and mainland Europe, played some of the UK's biggest acoustic festivals, toured with folk rock legends Fairport Convention and won countless accolades for their genre-spanning work. They released their fifth studio album, *A Problem Of Our Kind*, in October 2018.



Jamie was brought up in South Yorkshire in a musical family – his sister Kathryn Roberts is a highly regarded singer on the UK acoustic music scene. He joined the critically acclaimed Emily Askew Band in 2016 and has performed with many other acts including Nancy Kerr's Sweet Visitor Band and Blackbeard's Tea Party.

Hertfordshire-born Katriona learned violin at school and started playing local folk clubs with her guitarist father at the age of 14. A clear talent, she was invited in 2011 to be part of a new line-up of the Albion Band and subsequently joined Albion's front-man Blair Dunlop on his solo tours. In 2017, she joined established folk-roots band The Willows and has since featured on many acclaimed albums as a session musician, and appeared onstage with such diverse acts as The Troggs and Kim Richey.

Spokesman for the Hall, Martin Snodin, says: *"We're looking forward to a return visit from this exciting young couple. They combine great songwriting and superb musicianship with top-notch harmonies."*

Licensed bar

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