

Not just any old rhythm and blues band

# 491 news

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## 491 blues GIGS

This Saturday 11th October 2008  
*491 blues* are appearing at the

**Beecroft Community Centre:**  
Westfield Road,  
Dunstable, LU6 1DL

We will be starting around 8.30pm.  
This is a nice relaxed place for us to  
play – and this is our fourth  
appearance at the venue so we know  
some of the regulars.

*Hope to see you there.*

## 491 blues on the web

Full details of the band and gigs are  
on our web site. The site has plenty of  
pictures of us playing live, some  
YouTube videos and live recordings  
of us playing our favourite blues  
standards: [www.491blues.co.uk](http://www.491blues.co.uk)

You can also hear live recordings of  
original *491 blues* numbers at:  
[www.myspace.com/491blues](http://www.myspace.com/491blues) where  
we have started a blog.



Memphis Minnie

## 491 blues: Awards

Everyone else seems to have awards so  
why not us?

### Best Female Blues Singer: 491 blues nominations

**Big Mama Thornton:** There is a great  
video of Big Mama doing “Hound Dog”  
on YouTube – complete with Buddy  
Guy playing his Stratocaster:  
[http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=70b25  
AOZunE&feature=related](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=70b25AOZunE&feature=related)  
She walks on to the set with her  
handbag – and a curious matching hat  
and shirt combination. But I ain’t gonna  
argue with her. Her original 1952  
recording came out before Elvis’s  
version. She was still singing it in 1984:  
[http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=XH13q  
bn1TnU](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=XH13qbn1TnU)



Big Mama

**Memphis Minnie:** A great singer and  
guitarist – my personal favourite is  
“Black Cat Blues”:  
[http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=uaPLys  
OV9P8&feature=related](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=uaPLysOV9P8&feature=related) “Everybody  
wants to buy my kitty...”

And she deserves an award just for co-  
writing “When the Levee Breaks” with  
her husband Kansas Joe McCoy.

*491 blues* is a 5-piece  
rhythm and blues band  
with a great live show.



## 491 live

**Saturday 11th October 2008:**  
**The Beecroft Community Centre**  
Dunstable

**Saturday 1st November 2008:**  
**The White Hart Inn: 20.30**  
Ufton, Leamington Spa (*With  
fireworks party! Bonfire starts at  
7.30pm. People will be bringing  
their own fireworks and the venue is  
high on a hill so you will be able to  
see fireworks anyway. There will be  
a BBQ with roasted chestnuts and  
toasted marshmallows. It will be a  
very traditional firework party and  
fun for the kids.*)

**Saturday 6th December 2008:**  
**The Froth & Elbow**  
Dunstable

**Saturday 20th December 2008:**  
**Coach & Horses / Stevenage**

**Thursday 15th January 2009:**  
**The White Hart / Grays, Essex**

**Saturday 24th January 2009:**  
**The White Swan Inn (The Dirty  
Duck) / Dunstable**

**Saturday 7th February 2009:**  
**Barton Football Club**  
Barton-Le-Clay

**Saturday 28th February 2009:**  
**The New Greyhound / Dunstable**

**Sunday 17th May 2009:**  
**The Red Lion / Stevenage**

For performance times, full  
addresses of venues and  
confirmation of booking, always  
check [www.491blues.co.uk](http://www.491blues.co.uk).  
These things have a nasty habit of  
being cancelled at short notice –  
although it hasn’t happened to us  
yet.