

# + ON A HIGH STOOL

## limerick bar feature

Limerick is often regarded as a city with an abundance of chart music bars and little else. One of the locals flying the flag for something different is the High Stool.

Since the concept in the late summer of 2000, Limerick's High Stool has gone from strength to strength, and is now at the forefront of Limerick's alternative music scene.

With live gigs two to four times a week, the bands appearing hail from all over Ireland, the UK, Europe and the US. All have but one thing in common; they're noisy. In just over a year, there have been more than 200 live shows ranging from a two piece to the High Stool's own noise fest.

Said noise fest was a big, different and ultimately successful venture. Although clashing with the Witness Festival, the High Stool was packed over the August Bank Holiday weekend 2001, when, in association with the Aspersion Music Collective, over 20 artists and bands played live over a two day period. General Manager, Gregg Blunden intends to make the festival a regular event, but says of the timing 'We managed to pull it off this year, but we're not pushing our luck next year!'

The next step for the High Stool is the kick off of a late night club. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday will soon see the rock continue late into the night, when the regular bands are followed by the most alternative of DJs.

The venue is not for the faint hearted. Along with the array of bands performing on such a regular basis, there is also a 100 CD jukebox to back them up, and you'll have to look hard to find anything resembling the latest chart hit. The jukebox perfectly fits the venue's reputation as a frenzy of leaterclad, headbanging, anything goes, mayhem.

There's no doubt that if you're looking for something away from Top Of The Pops in Limerick, then this is one of the venues for you. Especially in the run up to Christmas, where you're likely to be bombarded with the same old compilation albums, the High Stool are typically alternative, staying well away from that both in decoration and music policy.

If this sounds like your kind of place, you could do a lot worse than through your head, so to speak, into the Catherine Street venue for a look, a drink and a dance.

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