Homecoming gig on the cards for top Reading rockers The Amazons

TOP rock band The Amazons will perform a homecoming gig in Reading next month to celebrate the release of their new album.

‘The four-piece, who formed in Reading in 2014, will be playing a homecoming gig at Reading University on May 27 – days after their latest album, Future Dust, is released on May 24.

‘Future Dust’ is an album that retools rock’s dark past for the present day while having an absolute blast.

‘Loose blues grooves, religious references and falsetto backing vocals abound on songs that explore issues including social media witch hunts, eating disorders and depression, but never lose sight of a singalong.

‘We were searching for a heavier sound and we found it by delving back through the blues,’ says singer Matthew Thomson.

‘From Led Zeppelin, we discovered Howlin’ Wolf and immersed ourselves in his back catalogue. I read Hellfire, the Jerry Lee Lewis biography, and fell in love with the Biblical language that was used to describe his ‘devil music’.

‘As much as the songs, it was the stories and characters that we loved. Playing boogie-woogie piano in

murky clubs sounds pretty tame now, but back then, it was raw and dangerous. We wanted to capture that with a dirtier, grittier, sexier sound.”

‘The Amazons were the most hotly tipped band of 2017 and followed through with their debut album reaching number eight in the official chart. From BBC Radio 1 and 6 music A lists, to rounding off the campaign with a sold out tour including London’s Kentish Town Forum, the band is set for another big year.

‘Their homecoming gig forms the start of a busy summer of festival and events - and they will be returning to their hometown on August 25 for the Reading Festival. Tickets for the May 27 performance will go on sale on April 17 - go to theamazons.co.uk to buy.'