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Review: Billy enthalls with Bill of Rights passion

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Billy Bragg @ St Peter's Church, Oundle, May 23

THE warmth of Billy Bragg shines through in his passion for politics.

He is here to talk about his book, *The Progressive Patriot – A Search For Belonging*, and he does so with passion and a belief which is contagious.

The setting helps, of course. The magnificent church set in the quiet friendly town which Billy Bragg calls home for a couple of years in the '70s pays host to a funny and intelligent speaker, whose plea is for tolerance and understanding.

His main theme this evening is for a Bill Of Rights for our fair nation, that and a firm belief that to be British is to be multi-cultural in itself.

Each of his points is delivered with an historical perspective and you know that this is a man who has extensively researched his subject.

Our host points out that you can't be called English on your passport, only British, and that we are the only nation with a hyphen in our racial definition (Anglo-Saxon).

He answers the audience's questions politely after considering them all carefully.

And he remembers his years in Oundle with fondness, saying he saw the shooting stars mentioned in his New England, a couple of streets from the church.

A memorable and intelligent evening to compliment a memorable and intelligent book.

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