



THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR FOR WESSEX: UPDATE 12/8/17

This newsletter is an attempt to keep you abreast of the latest developments in the acoustic DIY scene in that part of England vaguely designated 'Wessex' (singarounds, sessions, open mic, etc.)

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Hello People,

The colourful greenish bit below is my regular reciprocal plug for *Folklife Quarterly*, pasted in just as Sam sent it to me. This magazine is always packed to bursting point with information concerning every conceivable aspect of the folk world. It's a 'must' for anyone who wants a comprehensive view of the whole scene.

I shouldn't need to warn you that not everything listed in the August Calendar will necessarily be taking place. You may find they've all cleared off to some festival or taken the kids to Legoland. I can only personally vouch for my singaround at Ashill, which will be taking place as usual, even though, last time, the landlord forgot to open the pub (it all ended well). Oh, and Phil has just assured me that his Saturday morning sessions at the Black Swan, Ilminster, will happen *every* Saturday (unless, I assume, we become involved in nuclear apocalypse, in which case he might consider moving them to another planet).

Tony

FROM MY INBOX

"I'm intrigued how sanchobramble gets derived from your name or outfit?" Paul

Years ago I was sent on a course to learn about the internet. We were told to have a practice browse and also shown how to create an email address. I happened to chance upon a 'hobbit name generator' so, being something of Tolkien fan, I fed in my name to see what the hobbit equivalent would be. The result was 'Sancho Bramble of Willowbottom'. Now while there were thousands of Tony Watsses online there were as yet no Sancho Brambles, so that's the name I chose. You are now privy to one of the great mysteries of the acoustic universe!

“Nice one!... Same problem for all the Paul Clarkes. Before adopting this more sober one, my e-mail handle for creative aspects was *The Man from UNCOOL* (as I'm no shining star in the technological world). Only those of a certain age got it, until there was a resurgence of awareness via a recent film, and now even the younger generation understand (I'd say "appreciate", but that might oversell it...) my pathetic little attempt at smile-raising.” Paul

“Magazine, **FOLKLIFE QUARTERLY**, 48-52 A4 print pages, some online, www.folklife.org.uk; online very detailed Folklife Members Directory, www.folklife-directory.uk West of England & elsewhere, includes Correspondents in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset. Members' news & listings (clubs/venues, performers, services/shops). Workshops Diary, 12-month Festival Diary; Folklife Traditions [FT] articles; and a few adverts. **Next deadline: 30 Aug for Oct FQ.** FT articles, contributions welcome. News & listings from Members only. Membership £18 / year for posted FQ, and your listings & news. Sam, 01684 561378, sam@folklife.co.uk” Sam

EQUINOX SESSION

Sandford Orcas (nr. Sherborne): *The Mitre Inn* DT9 4RU (01963 220271, Linda & David Chiplen: 07530 926496, lindachiplen@yahoo.co.uk)

Thursday 21st September, 8pm to 11pm. Acoustic Session. “Following on from the great success of our first Solstice Session in June, we are pleased to announce an Equinox Session to be held on Thursday 21st September. All singers and musicians welcome.” David & Linda

NEW ADDITIONS

Mickleton (nr. Chipping Campden): *The Butcher's Arms*, Chapel Lane GL55 6SD (01386 438285) Second Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Music session.

Wotton-under-Edge (nr. Stroud): *The Star Inn*, 21 Market St. GL12 7AE (01453 844651) Second & fourth Mondays, 7.30pm. Irish session with dancing.

THE FO'C'SLE REBORN (new name, new day, new venue)

Southampton: Fo'c'sle Music, The Guide Dog, 38 Earls Rd, Bevois Valley SO14 6SF (023 8022 5642, Paul Clarke: paul@focsle.org; Jon Ellis: jon@focsle.org , www.focsle.org)

Every second & fourth Wednesday of the month, 8pm in the back room (“The Doghouse”). "Singaround format, with quirkily good-humoured atmosphere. Free entry, with voluntary raffle (or ‘Woof"le’, since we're in The Doghouse — other [and better] dog puns are available). No pressure to perform, but everyone is invited to. Cosy little room in proper old-fashioned Real Ale haven: some 10 craft beers on tap. Check our website , since, VERY occasionally, our night gets re-scheduled due to Southampton home matches or guest nights at another, larger venue in town.”

REVISED SCHEDULE

From: The Cornerhouse, 1 Christchurch Street East BA11 1QA (01373 472042)

Every Sunday, times vary (afternoon or evening – check with pub). Mixed/jazz jam session, hosted by Simon Williams.

Previously on the first Sunday of the month only.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Thornbury (nr. Bristol): *The Swan*, 17 High St. BS35 2AE (01454 413062, carol.mosses@hotmail.co.uk)

Third Thursday of the month (not August), 8pm till 11pm. Music session (upstairs). Access to the pub is very easy from the main carpark in Thornbury.

“The session will no longer be taking place at Christ The King Social Club, Thornbury. In September we will move to an upstairs room at the Swan pub in the High Street in the centre of Thornbury.” Carol & Kevin

NEW VENUE, NEW DAY

Bromham (nr. Chippenham): *The Greyhound, High St. SN15 2HA (01380 850241, <https://www.facebook.com/WiltshireBlueRose>)*

Third Monday of the month, 8:30pm-ish. Open mic ('just turn up').

"Due to lack of interest we have had to cancel the open mic at the Duke in Bratton. We do however have another one we've started up at The Greyhound in Bromham." Mike Carter

SUSPENDED

Exeter: The Globe, 39 Clifton Road, Newtown EX1 2BL (01392 435279)

Gypsy Jazz session: Second Wednesday of the month.

Folk music session: Last Wednesday of the month.

Open mic: Last Thursday of the month, 8pm.

New management – may be reinstated later.

RIP

Clovelly (nr. Bideford): *Red Lion Hotel, 48 The Quay EX39 5TF (01237 431237)*

First Monday of the month, 9pm. Acoustic Jam Session.

Session discontinued.

Kilmington (nr. Axminster): *The New Inn, The Hill EX13 7SF (01297 33376,*

<https://www.facebook.com/howlopmicnight/>) Second Sunday of the month, 3pm: *Howl Open Mic.*

Discontinued.

Sherborne: The Crown Inn, Greenhill DT9 4EP (01935 816115)

Folk music session Jenny Lucas (jenny@poxyvilla.orangehome.co.uk): Third Wednesday of the month, 8:30-ish to closing time.

Open mic: Last Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm.

Pub closed.

Torrington: Royal Exchange, 86 New St. EX38 8BT (01805 622875)

Last Monday of the month, 8.30pm. Acoustic music session.

Session discontinued.

ACOUSTIC JOKE OF THE MONTH

How many guitar players does it take to screw in a light bulb?

13 – one to do it and twelve to stand around and say, "Phhhwt! I can do that!"

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