

# The Acoustic Calendar for Wessex



## FESTIVALS

*The following are not all Folk Festivals: some are Music Festivals, some are Family Festivals or Arts Festivals – but all contain at least elements that should be of interest to singers and acoustic musicians.*

*This file is updated as dates etc. become available.*

2017

JUNE

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017:*

**Keynsham: Keysham Music Festival, The Memorial Park BS31 3SG ([info@keynshamfest.co.uk](mailto:info@keynshamfest.co.uk) , [www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk/](http://www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk/) )**

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017:*

**Over (nr. Gloucester): Barn on the Farm, Over Farm GL2 8DB ([info@bornonthefarm.co.uk](mailto:info@bornonthefarm.co.uk) , [www.barnonthefarm.co.uk/](http://www.barnonthefarm.co.uk/) )**

Full Price: £105. “An acoustic festival for indie and contemporary music. Shortlisted for Best Independent Festival 2015. Best Small Festival.”

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017:*

**Carhampton (nr. Minehead): West Somerset Folk Festival, Recreation Hall (Mike Dibble: 01643 841597, [enquiries@westsomersetfolkfestival.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@westsomersetfolkfestival.co.uk) , [www.westsomersetfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.westsomersetfolkfestival.co.uk) )**

*“Events include singarounds, concert, Folk Club, and tea & Cakes, Workshops.*

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017:*

**Exeter: 12<sup>th</sup> UK Taiko Festival: (<http://www.taikofestival.org.uk/> )**

Various venues.

JULY

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017:*

**Keynsham: Keysham Folk Festival, The Memorial Park BS31 3SG ([info@keynshamfest.co.uk](mailto:info@keynshamfest.co.uk) , [www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk/](http://www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk/) )**

Includes pub sessions and open mics.

*Part of the Keynsham Music Festival, 27<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July (see above).*

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017:*

**South Brent: Folk Day (0794 730 8268, <http://southbrentfolk.org.uk> )**

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017:*

**Timsbury** (nr. Bath): *Radford Festival of Contemporary Folk Music*, Radford Mill Farm, Radford BA2 0QF (<http://www.radfordmillfarm.co.uk> )

“One day festival, 10 acts, early bird tickets £20.00, on the day £30.00, camping, organic farm food and organic ciders and ales.”

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Plaitford** (nr. Romsey): *New Forest Folk Festival*, 2 Powells Farm SO51 6EE (Helen Curtis: 07717 154574, [info@nfpp.com](mailto:info@nfpp.com) , <http://www.newforestfolkfestival.co.uk> )

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Uffculm** (nr. Cullompton): *Uffculme Music & Real Ale Festival 2017*, Magelake Pavilion, Culmstock Road EX15 3DP (Jim Clancy: 01884 840172,

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/Uffculmereale/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Uffculmereale/about/?ref=page_internal) )

7pm to midnight on Friday, 3pm to midnight on Saturday.

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Priddy** (nr. Wells): *Priddy Folk Festival* (<http://www.priddyfolk.org/modx/> )

On & around the Green, free pub sessions & open mic.

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Sturminster Newton**: *UK Boogie Woogie Festival* (<http://www.ukboogiewoogiefestival.co.uk> )

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Frome**: *Frome Festival* (<http://www.fromefestival.co.uk/> )

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Romsey**: *Beggars Fair* ([www.beggarsfair.org.uk/](http://www.beggarsfair.org.uk/) )

Throughout the streets and in venues all around the town.

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Tolpuddle** (nr. Dorchester): *Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival* DT2 7EH

(<http://www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/index.php?page=martyr-s-festival> )

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017:*

**Poole**: *Beer and Bluegrass Festival*, Branksome BH12 1AD (<http://poolerhythmroots.co.uk/> )

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017:*

**Bristol**: *Bristol Harbour Festival* (0117 9276614, [info@rem-events.com](mailto:info@rem-events.com),

<http://www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk/> )

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017:*

**Chagford**: *Chagstock UK Music Festival*, Higher Fields, Whiddon Down EX20 2PR (07775 844723, <http://www.chagstock.info/> )

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017:*

**Westbury**: *Priming the Pump*, The White Horse Country Park, Trowbridge Rd, BA13 4LX (01373 822323, <http://primingthepump.co.uk/> )

*Monday 24<sup>h</sup> July to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017:*

**Milford on Sea** (near Lyminster): *Arts and Music Festival* (<http://www.milfordfestival.org.uk/> )

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017:

**Malmesbury: Womad Charlton Park, Charlton Park Estate, Charlton Park SN16 9DG (01666 822146, [info@womad.org](mailto:info@womad.org) , <http://womad.co.uk/> )**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Crowcombe (nr. Taunton): Family Folk Week, Halsway Manor** (situated between Crowcombe & Bicknoller, off A358) **Halsway Lane TA4 4BD (01984 618274,**

<https://halswaymanor.org.uk/event/family-folk-week/> )

“Ted and Pat Morse and the Stray Chords Ceilidh Band host this wonderful week for all ages! Enjoy a family holiday filled with fun folk activities”. There will be dancing each evening with song sessions in the bar.

## AUGUST

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Wickham (nr. Fareham): Wickham Festival (<http://www.wickhamfestival.co.uk/> )**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Sidmouth: Sidmouth Folkweek (<http://www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk/> )**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Salcombe Regis (nr. Sidmouth): Sidmouth Fringe Sessions: McBuzz’s Barn, Thorne Park Golf Centre EX10 0JH ( [www.sidmouthfringe.co.uk/](http://www.sidmouthfringe.co.uk/) )**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Winchester: Boomtown Behind the Mask, Matterley Estate SO21 1HW ([www.boomtownfair.co.uk/](http://www.boomtownfair.co.uk/) )**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**South Zeal (nr. Okehampton): Dartmoor Folk Festival (<http://www.dartmoorfolkfestival.org.uk/> , <https://www.facebook.com/events/543453232515700/> )**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Bridport: Bridport Folk Festival (Ian, contact for dance: [lauriancox@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lauriancox@yahoo.co.uk) ; Tim, contact for trade stalls: <http://www.bhreventsolutions.co.uk/bridport-folk-festival/> )**

Music and dance – three open air stages plus three indoor venues – ceilidhs and workshops.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Bath: Bath Folk Festival (<http://bathfolkfestival.org/> )**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Ottery St. Mary: Beautiful Days, Escot Park EX11 1LT ([info@beautifuldays.org](mailto:info@beautifuldays.org), <http://www.beautifuldays.org> )**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

**Corfe Castle (nr. Wareham): Purbeck Valley Folk Festival, Purbeck Valley Farm, Valley Road, BH20 5HU ([www.purbeckfolk.co.uk](http://www.purbeckfolk.co.uk) )**

## SEPTEMBER

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017:*

**Kemble** (nr. Cirencester): *Didmarton Bluegrass Festival*, Cotswold Airport (Kemble Airfield) GL7 6BQ ([didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk/](http://didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk/) )

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017:*

**Lyme Regis**: *Lyme Folk Weekend* (<https://www.lymefolk.com/> )

Various venues throughout the town. Some sessions.

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017:*

**Verwood**: *The Wail* (formerly Wareham Wail), Oakfield Farm, Horton Way BH31 6JJ (<http://www.wail.org.uk/> )

Traditional singarounds.

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017:*

**Stogumber** (nr. Taunton): *Stogumber Festival* TA4 3TA (0845 539 0168, <http://www.stogumberfestival.com/> )

Car park opposite Village Hall.

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017:*

**Swanage**: *Swanage Folk Festival* (<http://swanagefolkfestival.com/> )

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017:*

**Priston** (nr. Bath): *Priston Festival* ([www.priston.org.uk/festival](http://www.priston.org.uk/festival) )

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017:*

**Stroud**: *Stroud Folk Weekend* (01453 760900, <http://www.stroudfolkfestival.co.uk/> )

## OCTOBER

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017:*

**Beer** (nr. Seaton): *The Beer R & B Festival* ([www.beerblues.co.uk](http://www.beerblues.co.uk) )

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017:*

**Bristol**: *The Bristol Acoustic Festival*, The Folk House, 40a Park Street BS1 5JG (<http://bristolcajunfestival.com/index.html> )

*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017:*

**Marnhull** (nr. Sturminster Newton): *North Dorset Folk Festival*, The Village Hall, Burton Street DT10 1PR ([info@northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk) , [www.northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk) )

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017:*

**Okehampton**: *Baring-Gould Folk Weekend* ([www.baring-gould.co.uk](http://www.baring-gould.co.uk) )