

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

MAY

Monday 1st May to Thursday 23rd June 2017:

Simonsbath: *Simonsbath Festival* (<http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk/joomla30/index.php>)

Friday 12th May to Sunday 14^h May 2017:

Dartmouth: *Dart Music Festival* (<http://www.dartmusicfestival.co.uk/>)

Saturday 20th May 2017:

Bradford on Avon: *Day of Morris Dance & Music* (<http://www.boamorrisday.org>)

10.30am to 5pm. “Up to 30 sides dancing at 8 locations around the town, including the Tithe Barn. Live music sessions in 8 pubs: English, Irish, French, Shanties... 36 stall market including The One Stop Morris Shop.”

Friday 26th May to Sunday 28^h May 2017:

Lechlade: *Lechlade Music Festival*, Riverside Park (<http://lechldefestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May 2017:

Chippenham: *Chippenham Folk Festival* (www.chippfolk.co.uk)

Friday 26th May to Sunday 28^h May 2017:

Gloucester: *Gloucester Shanty Festival* (<http://www.gloucestershantyfestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 26th May to Saturday 3rd June 2017:

Exmouth: *Exmouth Festival* (Carla Hiley: 01395 276167, artsmanager@exmouth.gov.uk , www.exmouthfestival.org.uk)

JUNE

Friday 2nd June to Saturday 3rd June 2017:

Woodbury (nr. Exeter): *Wood(bury)stock – Blues, Roots & Folk Fair*, The Maltsters Arms, Greenway EX5 1LN (01395 232218, <https://www.facebook.com/Woodburystock-The-Bluesbury-Festival-1403709756559617/timeline/>)

Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June 2017:

Cheltenham: *Wychwood Festival*, Cheltenham Racecourse, Prestbury Park GL50 4SH (<http://www.wychwoodfestival.com/>)

Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June 2017:

Kingsbridge: *Kingsbridge Food & Music Festival*, The Quay TQ7 1HS (01548 853195, <http://www.kingsbridgefoodandmusic.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/Kingsbridgefoodandmusic/>)

Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June 2017:

Morchard Bishop (nr. Crediton): *Pennymoor Song & Ale*, The London Inn EX17 6NW (01363 877222; Sally Holland: 01363 85022, www.users.waitrose.com/~pennymoor)
“A weekend of singing and joviality. MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE. £15. Camping next to the pub.”

Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June 2017:

Weymouth: *Wessex Folk Festival* (<http://www.wessexfolkfestival.com/>)
Includes various pub sessions around the Old Harbour.

Saturday 3rd June 2017:

Exmouth: *Exmouth Festival presents West Country Traditions Day*, The Strand EX8 1AD (www.exmouthfestival.org.uk)
Saturday 3rd June 2017, 10am to 7pm.

Sunday 4th June 2017:

Exeter: *Exefest*, University of Exeter Campus EX4 (<http://exefest.co.uk/>)

Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June 2017:

Bradninch: *Bradninch Music & Arts Festival* (Gerard Edwards: 01392 881105, 07837 530760, info@bradninchfestival.org, <http://www.bradninchmusicfestival.co.uk/>)
Venues throughout the town.

Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June 2017:

Chilthorne Domer (nr. Yeovil): *Home Farm Fest & Music Festival*, Home Farm, Main Street BA22 8RD (<http://www.homefarmfest.co.uk/>)

Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June 2017:

Wimborne : *Wimborne Minster Folk Festival* (<http://www.wimbornefolk.co.uk/>)

Sunday 11th June 2017:

Muchelney (nr. Langport): *Green Scythe Fair*, Thorney Lakes (just south of Muchelney) TA10 0DW (www.greenfair.org.uk)
11am till 11pm. Live music.

Friday 16th June - Sunday 18th June 2017:

Falmouth: *Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival* (<http://www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk/>)

Friday 16th June to Sunday 18th June 2017:

Cheltenham: Ukulele Festival of Great Britain (<http://www.ukulelefestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 16th June to Sunday 18th June 2017:

Teignmouth: Teignmouth Folk Festival (www.teignmouthfolk.co.uk)

Saturday 17th June 2017:

Rockhampton (nr. Thornbury): *Rockhampton Folk Festival 2017* GL139DX
(<http://www.rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk/>)

Saturday 17th June 2017:

**South Petherton: South Petherton FolkFest (chris8latham@gmail.com ,
<http://www.pethertonfolkfest.org.uk>)**

Wednesday 21st June to Sunday 25th June 2017:

Pilton (nr. Shepton Mallet): *Glastonbury Festival*, Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane BA4 4BY
(<http://www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/>)

Friday 23rd June to Sunday 25th June 2017:

Little London (nr. Tadley): *Boar's Bridge Festival*, Boars Bridge House, Bramley Road
RG26 5EY (Lynne Whiteland: 01256 881674, 07557 366006, , info@boarsbridgefestival.co.uk ,
<http://www.boarsbridgefestival.co.uk/>)

Saturday 24^h June 2017:

Poole: Folk on the Quay (www.folkonthequay.co.uk/)

Includes sessions & workshops.

Tuesday 27th June to 3rd July 2017:

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

Thursday 29th June to Sunday 2nd July 2017:

Over (nr. Gloucester): *Barn on the Farm*, Over Farm GL2 8DB (info@bornonthefarm.co.uk ,
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 30th June to Sunday 2nd July 2017:

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

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

Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July 2017:

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

Various venues.

JULY

Saturday 1st July 2017:

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

Includes pub sessions and open mics.

Part of the Keynsham Music Festival, 27th June to 3rd July (see above).

Saturday 1st July 2017:

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

Saturday 1st 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 5th July to Sunday 9th July 2017:

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

Friday 7th July to Saturday 8th 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)

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

Friday 7th July to Sunday 9th July 2017:

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

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

Friday 7th July to Sunday 9th July 2017:

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

Wednesday 7th July to Friday 16th July 2017:

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

Saturday 8th July 2017:

Romsey: Beggars Fair (www.beggarsfair.org.uk/)

Throughout the streets and in venues all around the town.

Friday 14th July to Sunday 16th July 2017:

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

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

Friday 21st July to Saturday 22nd July 2017:

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

Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2017:

Bristol: Bristol Harbour Festival (0117 9276614, info@rem-events.com,

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

Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2017:

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

Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2017;

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

Thursday 27th July to Sunday 30th July 2017:

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

AUGUST

Thursday 3rd August to Sunday 6th August 2017:

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

Friday 4th August to Friday 11th August 2017:

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

Saturday 5th August to Wednesday 9th August 2017:

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

Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2017:

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

Friday 11th August to Sunday 13th August 2017:

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

Friday 11th August to Sunday 13th August 2017:

Bridport: *Bridport Folk Festival* (Ian, contact for dance: 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 12th August to Sunday 20th August 2017:

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

Friday 18th August to Sunday 20th August 2017:

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

Thursday 24th August to Sunday 27th August 2017:

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

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st September to Sunday 3rd September 2017:

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

Friday 1st September to Sunday 3rd September 2017:

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

Various venues throughout the town. Some sessions.

Friday 1st September to Sunday 3rd September 2017:

Verwood: The Wail (formerly Wareham Wail), Oakfield Farm, Horton Way BH31 6JJ

(<http://www.wail.org.uk/>)

Traditional singarounds.

Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th September 2017:

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

Friday 15th September to Sunday 17th September 2017:

Priston (nr. Bath): Priston Festival (www.priston.org.uk/festival)

Friday 22nd September to Sunday 24th September 2017:

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

OCTOBER

Friday 13th October to Sunday 15th October 2017:

Bristol: The Bristol Acoustic Festival, The Folk House, 40a Park Street BS1 5JG

(<http://bristolcajunfestival.com/index.html>)

Saturday 21st October 2017:

Marnhull (nr. Sturminster Newton): North Dorset Folk Festival, The Village Hall, Burton Street

DT10 1PR (info@northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk , www.northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk)