

The Acoustic Calendar for Wessex



Venues List

(folk clubs, singarounds, acoustic sessions & open mic)
- an alphabetical list of regular venues with full addresses & contact details

*This list is based on information that may in some cases be out-of-date
- please check with venue before travelling*

NB: Floor spots are not always available on club guest nights

For Bristol Open Mics go to: <http://openmicfinder.co.uk/Bristol>

Alton: *The Eight Bells*, 33 Church Street GU34 2DA (01420 82417)

Last Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Irish session. "A warm welcome is assured."

Appledore (nr. Bideford): *The Beaver*, 95 Irsha St. EX39 1RY (01237 474822)

Every Sunday, 8.30pm – 11pm. *Baz's Sunday Marmalade* – jam session. All styles.

Appledore (nr. Bideford): *The Champ*, 5 Meeting St. EX39 1RJ (01237 421662,

<http://www.champappledore.co.uk/whatson.html>)

Reel Hot Folk Session: Every Tuesday, 7.30pm – 10pm. Run by Chloe Bix. Traditional jigs, reels, shanties, stories & songs. Performers & audience welcome.

Blues Night: Every Wednesday, 9pm – 11pm. Open mic with Jim Crawford.

Pete-G's Eclectic Open Mic: Every Thursday, 9pm – 11.30pm.

Appledore (nr. Bideford): *Coach & Horses*, 5 Market Street EX39 1PW (01237 420821)

Every Sunday afternoon, 4pm onwards. Folk music session.

Appledore (nr. Bideford): *Royal Hotel*, Bude Street EX39 1PS (01237 474305)

Acoustic session: Every Monday, 8:30pm to 11pm. With Steve Ruffe and friends. "A totally acoustic session, which is always great but always different, every week with a crazy but cosy ambient vibe."

The Maverick Session: Every Wednesday, 8pm – 11pm. Jam night, hosted by Chris Millington.

Ash (nr. Martock): *The Bell Inn*, Main Street TA12 6NS (01935 822727)

Songs and Things (lesleyandrew@yahoo.co.uk): Second Thursday of the month, 8.30pm. Mainly singing, accompanied and otherwise.

Traditional folk session (<https://martinhughesfolk.wordpress.com/ash-folk-music-session/>):

Second Tuesday & fourth Thursday of the month, 8:30pm. Mainly jamming, but singers welcome.

Ashcott (near Bridgwater): *Ring o'Bells*, 16 High Street TA7 9PZ (Pub: 01458 210232, John: 01458 210023)

First Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. Song/music session. Musicians, singers, jamming. Mainly traditional, but all styles welcomed.

Ashill (near Ilminster): *The Ashill Inn TA19 9ND* (Pub: 01823 480 471, Tony Watts: 01823 480414)
Fourth Friday of the month, 8.30pm. Very friendly unplugged singaround / music session. All styles, all ages, all abilities, all welcome. FREE chips for performers.

Axbridge: The Oak House, The Square BS26 2AP (01934 732444, info@theoakhousesomerset.com)
First Sunday of every month, 8pm – 11pm. Open acoustic night in the lounge and bar area. All types of performers and all ages will be welcome.

Axminster: Castle Inn, Castle Hill EX13 5NN (01297 35119,
<https://www.facebook.com/howlopenmicnight/>)

Howl open mic: Wednesdays, irregular, 8.30pm.

Howl open mic: Third Sunday of the month, 3pm.

Barton St. David (nr. Somerton): *The Barton Inn, Main Street TA11 6BZ* (01458 850 022,
www.bartoninn.co.uk)

Last Thursday of every month, 7.30pm. Open mic / session – “...often begins as individual performances but nearly always ends in everyone playing together.”

Bath: The Barley Mow, 32 Bathwick Street BA2 6NZ (01225 464845)

Irish session: Every Tuesday, 9:30pm.

Gypsy Jazz session: Last Wednesday of the month.

Bath: Bath Folk Club (<http://bathfolkclub.org/sessions/> , info@bathfolkfestival.org)

Various venues. “Bath Folk Club organises regular events to bring the best of folk music to Bath.”

Bath: The Bell, 103 Walcot St. BA1 5BW (01225 460426)

Every Thursday (except during summer break), 8.30pm. *The Blind Tiger Playgroup*. Open mic, all styles. Held in the back room (The ‘Love Lounge’). Arrive early to book your slot!

Bath: Molloy's, 1 Barton St. BA1 1HQ (01225 789106)

Occasional sessions.

Bath: The Nest, 7 Bladud Buildings BA1 5LS (01225 312508)

Every Monday, 8pm – 11pm. Open mic, hosted by Ben Angel. Free drink for performers. Book a slot. *The Nest* also hosts occasional folk & jazz sessions.

Bath: Pig and Fiddle, 2 Saracen Street BA1 5BR (01225 460 868)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Open Mic Night. All performance styles.

Bath: The Rec House, High Street, Twerton BA2 1DQ (01225 426017, 07861 719707,
<http://www.therechouse.com/live-events/>)

Jam session: Thursdays, once or twice monthly, 8pm. An informal evening of improvised music. Bring an instrument if you have one. Free entry. Bring your own bottle. [See website for dates.](#)

Open mic: Thursdays, once or twice monthly, 8pm. Sign up to perform up to three songs. All styles and abilities welcome. 16+. Free entry. Bring your own bottle. [See website for dates.](#)

Bath: *The Royal Oak*, Lower Bristol Road BA2 3BW (01225 481409)

Irish music session (info@bathfolkfestival.org): Every other Wednesday, alternating with English session, 8.30pm.

English music session (Chris Timson: 01225 864706, chris@concertina.info, www.EnglishMusicPlayedHere.org.uk): Every other Wednesday, alternating with Irish session, 8.30pm.

French music session (www.bathfrenchsession.wordpress.com): First Sunday of the month, 8pm. We play and dance to traditional or new French and Breton tunes: in couples, or in lines without partners. We usually have bagpipes, hurdy-gurdy; accordions, melodeons, and concertina; fiddles and whistles. Everyone is welcome to play, dance or listen.

Bath: *St. James' Wine Vaults*, St. James Square (behind the Royal Crescent) BA1 2TW (01225 310335, www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk)

Bath Acoustic Music Club (Jim Sherry: 07711 647508, jim_sherry2000@yahoo.co.uk; Hilary Pavey: 07930 737829, hilarypavey@gmail.com; <http://www.bathacoustic.co.uk>): First Wednesday of the month, 8pm in the Gallery Room. "Great acoustics and a listening audience. Try to arrive early as there is a booking system where performers choose a slot. We have a Feature Spot each month when one of our regulars will be able to perform for 20 mins."

What a Performance (Richard: 01225 420683, richardg.selby@virgin.net): Occasional, 8pm in the Gallery Room. Guests & floor spots. Hosted by Richard Selby. Spoken word & acoustic music. Free entry.

Open Stage Night: Last Sunday of the month (NOT June, July or August), 8.15pm. Floor spots available to players and singers. Great friendly atmosphere and a listening audience. Free entry.

Bath: *The Star Inn*, 23 Vineyards BA1 5NA (01225 425072)

A Sunday Song (Rob Winder: 07887637589, robthesong@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/347868961968354/>): Every Sunday (except the first) each month, 8.30pm – 11.30pm. Mostly unaccompanied singing but acoustic accompaniment instruments are welcome. Hosted by Rob Winder and Ali George. Check our Facebook blog page 'A Sunday Song' (above) for details of other occasional cancellations.

Music session (mainly Irish) (Henry Ford: 01225 466659): Every Friday, 8.30pm

Bathpool (nr. Taunton): *Bathpool Chapel*, 103 Bridgwater Road TA2 8BD (Dave: 07900 570369, Jane: 07879 812077)

First Wednesday of each month, 8pm till 10.30pm. Singers and musicians circle. All welcome. "We ask for a donation of £2 a head to cover costs, tea/coffee will be provided. As a Nazarene Chapel they don't allow alcohol on the premises, sorry!"

Bawdrip (near Bridgwater): *Knowle Inn*, 115 Bath Road TA7 8PN (Pub: 01278 683330, Drew Simcox: 01278 684809, 07774 968455)

First Wednesday of the month, from 8.30pm. Jam session ("folk/bluegrass/anything"). Musicians & singers welcome. (*Sessions on other Wednesdays at different venues around Bridgwater - they change from week to week – ring Drew for details.*)

Bayford (nr. Wincanton): *The Unicorn Inn* BA9 9NL (Pub: 01963 349411, Annie: 07788 517827)

First Wednesday of each month, 7.30 / 8pm. Music session.

Beer (nr. Seaton): *The Dolphin Hotel*, Fore St. EX12 3EQ (01297 20068, <https://www.facebook.com/dolphinhotelbeer/timeline>)

First Friday of the month, 9pm to 11pm. Open mic.

Bere Ferrers (near Yelverton): *Old Plough* PL20 7JL (Pub: 01822 840 358, contactus@theoldeploughinn.co.uk , Jane: 01822 841064)

Open mic: First Friday of the month, 8.30pm.

Acoustic night: Third Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Acoustic singers, instrumentalists and groups welcome (all styles).

Jam Session: Third Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm.

Bere Regis (nr. Wareham): *Drax Arms, West Street* BH20 7HH (01929 471386)

First Monday of the month, 8pm to 10pm in The Stable Bar. Slow Jam. No entry fee. “Typically playing Carter Family, Woody Guthrie, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, etc - banjo, guitar, fiddle, etc.. All standards are welcome.”

Bideford: *Bideford Folk Club, The Joiner’s Arms, 6 Market Place* EX39 2DR (01237 472 675, John: 01237 424286, bidefolk@gmail.com)

Every Thursday, 7.30pm. “Everyone welcome to sing a song, lead a tune, read a poem - anything goes or just join in choruses. We are essentially a traditional folk club but enjoy and encourage all sorts of music.” Collection – no fee.

Bishop Sutton (nr. Bristol): *3inabar, The Red Lion, Sutton Hill Rd.* BS39 5UT (01275 333042)
[See **Chew Valley & surrounds: 3inabar**]

Bishops Caundle (nr. Sherborne): *The White Hart* DT9 5ND (01963 23519)

Occasional music sessions – usually a long afternoon between Christmas and the New Year. All welcome.

Bishops Hull (near Taunton): *The Old Inn, Bishops Hull Rd* TA1 5EG (01823 334111)

Saturdays (irregular). Folk & blues open mic.

Bishops Waltham (nr. Southampton): *Nonsuch Folk Club, Social Club, Houchin Street* SO32 1AR

(<https://sites.google.com/site/nonsuchfolk/home> ; Mike & Janice: 02380 641732, 83pitmore@talktalk.net ; Sue & Geoff: 02380 434899, 07792 136553)

Every Thursday, 8pm – 11pm. Singarounds every week including guest nights. Sing or play a musical instrument, read a poem or tell a short story (6 mins maximum). Entrance fee: £1 and £2 on guest nights. Free car parking is available after 6pm. The Social Club has a licensed bar.

Bishopsteignton (nr. Teignmouth): *Red Rock Brewery, Higher Humber Farm* TQ14 9TD (01626 773606, info@redrockbrewery.co.uk)

Every Thursday, 7.30pm. ‘Folk Club’. “Not really a club - and not JUST folk music. You can usually expect to play 2 sets - 3 songs overall - and the earlier you arrive, the sooner you play. Come as an individual, or a small group - bring friends and family - join in with others, make new friends. All genres - all levels - all instruments - just NO mic, and NO amps - totally acoustic.”

Bisley (nr. Stroud): *The Bear Inn, George St.* GL6 7BQ (01452 770265)

Alternate Tuesdays, 8pm. Irish Session.

Blackwater (nr. Camberley): *Windmill Acoustic Sessions, The Crown & Cushion, Minley Rd.* GU17 9UA (Pub: 01252 545253, Sherryl or Gary: 01276 609954, sherryl@windmillfolk.co.uk)

Every Thursday (CLOSED August and between Christmas and the New Year), 8.30pm. “Performers and audience welcomed alike - come and join us! We tend to have one guest each month with singers’ nights on the other evenings.” Smallish but friendly club.

Blandford Forum: *The Royal British Legion, The Stables, Legion House, Church lane DT11 7AD*
(Tim Hextall: 07976 282485, timhex@gmail.com)

Second Monday of the month, 8pm. American old-time session.

Blandford Forum: *Wessex Acoustic Folk Club, The Royal British Legion, Church Lane DT11 7AD*
(Kathy: 01202 732239, 07590 411 515, kathy.dunn@btopenworld.com, <http://www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk>)

Fridays (irregular) – check website for next meeting, 8.15pm. *No floor spots at present – not listed in Calendar section.*

Blue Anchor (near Minehead): *Celtic Session, Blue Anchor Hotel TA24 6JP (01984 640239)*

First Wednesday of the month, 8:30pm. General music session. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music.

Boscombe (nr. Bournemouth): *Chaplin's Cellar Bar, 529 Christchurch Rd BH1 4AG (01202 251953)*
Every Wednesday, 9.30pm. Open mic session, hosted by Chris Payn.

Bournemouth: *Bournemouth Folk Club [various venues] (<http://www.bournemouthfolkclub.com/>)*

Every Sunday (except June, July & August), 8pm (doors open 7.15pm). Acts booked in advance (see website). *No floor spots – not listed in Calendar section.*

Bournemouth: *The Cricketers Folk Club, Cricketers Arms, 41 Windham Road BH1 4RN (Pub: 01202 551589; Jason Hinchey: jasonhinchey04@yahoo.com)*

Second & fourth Monday of the month, 8pm till last bell. Second Monday – guests and floor spots. Fourth Monday – singaround.

Bradford on Avon: *The Bear, 26 Silver Street BA15 1JY (01225 862356, Chris Timson: 01225 864706, chris@concertina.info, www.EnglishMusicPlayedHere.org.uk)*

Alternate Mondays, 8.30pm. English traditional session.

Bradford-on-Avon: *The Swan Hotel, 1 Church Street BA15 1LN (01225 868686)*

Bradford-on-Avon Folk Club (Woody: 07986661134, Phil: 01380870734,

Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk , <http://www.boafolkclub.org.uk/>): Every Tuesday, 8pm, in the cellar bar. “Featured guests, spotlight evenings and themed evenings but always having a good sing for all first.”

Irish Session (Phil: 01380870734, Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk): Second Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm, in the main bar. FREE pint for musicians.

Bradford on Tone (nr. Taunton): *The White Horse, Regent Street TA4 1HF (01823 461239, 01278 450780, info@foatmad.org.uk*

Every other Tuesday, 8pm. American Old Time (Appalachian) Session in the bar. Alternates with the session at the Lamb & Flag, Blagdon Hill. “Old Time music only – a rare breed of old timers that are easily vulnerable to invasive species.”

Bradninch (nr. Exeter): *Bradninch Acoustic Music Club, The Baptist Church Hall, Millway EX5 4NL (Jerry: 01392 881916, Colin: 01392 882036, colin@willow1.freeserve.co.uk, www.bradninchacousticmusicclub.org)*

Second Wednesday of the month (NOT August), 8pm - 10.45pm. All styles. £1.50 admission. Please bring your own drinks.

Bradninch (nr. Exeter): *Bradninch Folk Club (Club Night), Ye Old White Lion, 26 High Street EX5 4QL (01392 881 263, 01392 881105, Jerry: 01392 881916, Rob: 01392 881014, <http://bradninchevents.org/groups/bradninch-folk-club/> , <https://www.facebook.com/events/642461335904183/>)*

First Tuesday of the month, 8:30pm - 9pm start. Friendly club, receptive to all kinds of music. Free entry. Promoted by *Bradninch Music Group*.

Bradninch (nr. Exeter): *Bradninch Folk Club (Guest Night), The Castle Hotel, Fore St. EX5 4NN (01392 881378, 01392 881105, Jerry: 01392 881916, Rob: 01392 881014, <http://bradninchevents.org/groups/bradninch-folk-club/>)*

Third Tuesday of the month. Floor spots & meet-the-band slots should be booked in advance on 01392 881105. Promoted by *Bradninch Music Group*.

Bratton (nr. Westbury): *The Duke at Bratton, Melbourne St. BA13 4RW (01380 830242, blue-rose-music@outlook.com , www.facebook.com/WiltshireBlueRose)*

Second Thursday of the month, 8:30pm-ish. Open mic ('just turn up'). Large car park.

Brayford (nr. South Moulton): *Moor Music, Poltimore Arms, Yarde Down EX36 3HA (01598 710381)*

Occasional, 8pm. "Exmoor Music & Song sessions", hosted by Tom & Barbara Brown. "Any sort of music is welcome, as are audience."

Brendon (near Lynton): *The Staghunters EX35 6PS (01598 741222)*

Third Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. Singaround.

Bridgwater: *Bridgwater Arts Centre, 11-13 Castle Street TA6 3DD (Sarah Patten: 01278 422700, info@bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk , <http://bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk/>)*

Bridgwater Morning Voices: Every Tuesday morning from 10.30am – 12pm "£4 a session with a free cuppa! A Fun & Sociable Morning Choir with Elaine. No singing experience required. Absolute beginners of all ages are most welcome."

Community Choir Session: Every Wednesday (NOT August), 7.30pm – 9pm in the Studio. "Come along and sing folk, world and gospel music. No need to read music, everything will be taught aurally. Don't be shy, just come along and have a good sing!"

Folk session (Rob & Jenny: 01278 723521, 07528 259413): Second Wednesday of the month (NOT August), 8pm – 10.30pm. Free, led by Rob and Jenny Williams.

Acoustic Night: Third Thursday of the month (NOT August), 8pm in Lottie's Bar. "Free for all jam session".

Jazz session: Fourth Thursday of the month (NOT August), 8pm in Lottie's bar, hosted by Bob Hitchings or Andy Barrett. "Come and play, sing or just listen."

[Bridgwater area] (Drew Simcox: 01278 684809, 07774 968455)

Wednesdays. Jam sessions at different venues around Bridgwater (they change from week to week – ring Drew for latest details.) Sessions start about 8pm. Musicians & singers welcome.

Bridport: *The George, 18 George Street, West Bay DT6 4EY (01308 423191, Chris: chris@westbay24.freeserve.co.uk , sessions@westbay24.freeserve.co.uk)*

Second Sunday of the month, 3pm – 6pm (CLOSES FOR THE WINTER). Open mic with guest bands & artists. "Although it's an open mic format, all acts are pre booked, so anyone wishing to book a spot should do so by email."

Bridport: *The Hope & Anchor, 13 St. Michael's Lane DT6 3RA (01308 422160)*

Third Sunday of the month, 4.30pm – 7pm. Jam session.

Bridport: *No. 10 Cafe Bar, 10 East Street DT6 3LF (Pub: 01308 420032, <https://www.facebook.com/howlopmicnight/>)*

Last Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm. *Howl Open Mic*.

Bridport: *The Ropemakers*, 36 West Street Mews DT6 3QP (01308 421255)

First Wednesday of the month, 8:30pm. Open mic, hosted by Kes. "All are welcome to come along and perform."

Bridport: *The Woodman Inn*, 61 South Street DT6 3NZ (Pub: 01308 456455, Val: 01308 421252, Chris: chris@westbay24.freeserve.co.uk)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Singers and musicians welcome.

For Bristol Open Mics go to: <http://openmicfinder.co.uk/Bristol>

Bristol: *Bristol Brewhouse and Kitchen*, 31 Cotham Hill BS6 6JY (0117 973 3793, <https://bathfrenchsession.wordpress.com/>)

Third or fourth Sunday of the month, 7.30pm. We play and dance to traditional or new French and Breton tunes: in couples, or in lines without partners. We usually have bagpipes, hurdy-gurdy; accordions, melodeons, and concertina; fiddles and whistles. Everyone is welcome to play, dance or listen.

Bristol: *Bristol Songwriters Circle*, Cafe Kino, 108 Stokes Croft BS1 3RU: (<http://www.bristolsongwriters.co.uk/> , <https://www.facebook.com/BristolSongwriters>)

Once a month on a Wednesday (*Check website for details and next date*), 7.30pm till 11pm. £2 entrance.

Bristol: *Chums Micropub*, 22 Chandos Rd, Redland BS6 6PF (0117 973 1498)

Occasional singarounds.

Bristol: *The Cross Hands*, 1 Staple Hill Rd. Fishponds BS16 5AA (0117 965 7759)

Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month, 8pm. Acoustic folk club (upstairs), hosted by Tony O'Hare. £2 admission. Open Stage, no amplification. Easy parking nearby.

Bristol: *The Crown Inn*, 14 High Street, Staple Hill BS16 5HP (0117 907 0142)

Second Wednesday of each month, 8pm. "A convenient playing area for musicians on a raised platform just beyond the bar. English tunesets - plus some Irish and American tunesets and a few songs."

Bristol: *Dragon Folk Club*, Bridge Inn, Main Road, Shortwood, Mangotsfield BS16 9NG (Pub: 0117 937, Colin Owen: 0117 9600273, dragonfolk@rosma.co.uk , <http://dragonfolkclub.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/Profile>)

Every Friday night, 8.15pm.

Bristol: *The Farm Pub*, Hopetoun Rd, St. Werburghs BS2 9YL (0117 944 2384)

First Thursday of the month, 8.30pm. Irish trad session. Open to all. (Formerly at The Foresters Arms).

Bristol: *The Gloucester Old Spot*, 138 Kellaway Avenue BS6 7YQ (0117 924 7693)

Quarterly singaround (dates in *Calendar* as available), 8pm to 10pm. "Anyone is welcome. All styles of acoustic, unplugged singing and playing. I run it on a very informal basis and we have a great turnout." Guy Hawthorn

Bristol: *The Greenbank*, 57 Bellevue Road (corner of Greenbank Road), Easton BS5 6DP (0117 939 3771, <http://thegreenbankbristol.co.uk/#Events>)

Occasional – *see website*, 8.30pm, in the upstairs function room. Acoustic open floor.

Bristol: *The Inn on the Green*, 2 Filton Road, Horfield BS7 0PA (0117 952 1391)

Singaround: First Monday of the month, 8pm – 10.30pm, upstairs in the function room.

Folk session: Third Monday of the month, 8pm in the bar. Mostly English, with some Irish, Scottish, French, American, etc. "I run an email reminder list. Those interested can subscribe by sending an email to bristolfolksession+subscribe@googlegroups.com." Richard Toller

Bristol: *Merchants Arms, Merchants Rd, Hotwells BS8 4PZ (0117 904 0037)*

Monday, fortnightly, 8.30pm-ish till 11pm sharp. Irish tunes session in the back room behind the bar. "This is not a beginners session but we welcome anyone."

Bristol: *Nova Scotia Folk Club, The Nova Scotia Inn, 1 Nova Scotia Place, Hotwells BS1 6XJ (Pub: 0117 9297994, Jim Tigwell: 07850 352825, JamesJmtgwill@aol.com, www.theacousticroom.co.uk)*

Every Monday at 8pm. Open stage for musicians and singers. Floor spots welcome on all nights. £3 on Guest Nights; £1 on Open Floor Nights. "We call ourselves a folk club, but all styles of music are very welcome as well as storytelling, poetry and performance. Please note though that we don't have a PA."

Bristol: *The Rope Walk, 5 Nelson Parade BS3 4JA (Pub: 0117 966 1307, Richard Pring: 0117 9657026)*

Alternate Sundays, 8pm. Irish session.

Bristol: *The Saltcellar Folk Club, Totterdown Baptist Church, Wells Rd. BS4 2AX (Laurie Burn: 0117 941 8326, laurieburn@tbc.org.uk, <http://www.saltcellarfolk.org.uk/>)*

First Saturday of the month (except August), 7.30pm. £6 entry, payable on the door. "The Saltcellar is in the basement of Totterdown Baptist Church. The entrance is on Cemetery Road, off Wells Road and access is down a flight of stairs. A coffee bar will be selling coffee, tea, soft drinks and homemade cakes. The venue does not have a licence to sell alcohol, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. Bottle openers and glasses will be provided. The Co-op just a few doors downhill has a good range of wines and beers. Floor singers and musicians are invited to perform during the first part of the evening. Performances will be on a first-come basis so get there early and make yourself known! Ann and Eddie"

Bristol: *The Three Tuns, 78 St. George's Road BS1 5UR (0117 329 4310)*

Every Monday, 8pm. Traditional music & song session: Irish etc. Session organisers are Dave Rowlands and Mike Edwards of local band *Gipsy's Kiss*. "Ideal session pub, with ample playing space, good acoustics and a nice selection of real ales. Lots of spontaneous applause from friendly and appreciative locals."

Bristol: *University of Bristol Folk Club, Coach & Horses, 2 Highland Square, Clifton BS8 2YB (0117 974 5176)*

Every Monday from 9pm till 11pm. "Primarily English traditional music - however tunes (and songs) from all over the place crop up as well. It is a very relaxed and friendly session. There is a tune book containing the written music for a lot of the tunes which are played, to assist those who do not know them well. Everyone welcome (not just Uni folk) even if you've never played folk music before. Bring an instrument or a song or just come along to enjoy. Sessions are sometimes themed, usually something seasonal or topical. Mostly playing together with occasional solo spots." *Doesn't always happen outside term time, so check before turning up.*

Brixham: *Brixham Folk Club, Brixham Theatre, Bolton Square TQ5 8TA (John Miles: 01803 858394, <http://www.brixhamtheatre.org.uk/brixham-folk-club>)*

The first Friday of each month, 7.30pm in the Lounge Bar. Hosts are Anne and Steve Gill with Maggie Duffy. All performers welcome. £3 / £2 performers.

Brixham: *Maritime Inn, 79 King Street TQ5 9AH (01803 853535)*

Traditional/acoustic session (Gordon: 07877 376854): Third Wednesday in the month, 9pm to 11pm. All singers/musicians very welcome.

BBT2 (Brixham Blues Second Thursday) (Stuart: 01803 855256, stuart1929@btinternet.com): Second Thursday of the month, 8.30pm. Acoustic blues club, hosted by Devon Delta. Plenty of

time for blues floor spots.

Brixham: Quayside Hotel, 49 King St. TQ5 9TJ (01803 855751,

<http://www.quaysidehotel.co.uk/ernie-lister-bar-brixham/>)

First Thursday of the month, 8pm. Folk Night in the Ernie Lister Bar. Music & song.

Broadclyst (nr. Exeter): East Devon Folk Orchestra, Victory Hall, The Green EX5 3DX

(info@wrenmusic.co.uk, www.wrenmusic.co.uk)

Every Monday (term-time only), 6.45pm. “No auditions, no music reading needed - all voices and acoustic instruments welcome - just turn up on the night!” See website for charges. *Not listed in Calendar section.*

Broadmayne (near Dorchester): Sunray Folk Club, The Village Hall, Main Street DT2 8ES (07786 654 074, <http://www.bobkirkpatrick.co.uk/sunrayfolkclub.htm>)

Every 4th Thursday of the month, 8pm – 10.30pm with a half-hour break at 9pm (doors open 7.35pm). ‘The aim of the club is to encourage and provide folk music. During each evening there will be a jug collection - the proceeds of which will be given over to the featured guests.’ Refreshments available to members. Membership is £1 for a year. ‘People who wish to sing are advised to contact the club as we rarely accept walk-ins. We tend to favour people who are supporters of the club.’

Bruton: Castle Inn, 45-49 High Street BA10 0AW (01749 812104)

Open Mic: First Wednesday of the month. Starts “when people turn up”.

(*Mainly*) *Irish session:* Third Thursday of each month, 8pm.

Burnham-on-Sea: Ritz Acoustic Club, 24 Victoria St. TA8 1AN (01278 794414,

<http://www.ritzacoustic.com/>)

Every Thursday, 8pm. Open mic (the third Thursday of the month is a Buffet/Showcase night). If you would like to play or sing, then get along early to book a slot - two song slots normally offered, maybe more if it's not a busy night. Come along if you sing, play or just like listening. See website for entrance fee details (may be free for students).

Burnham on Sea: The Waterfront Bar, 8 Esplanade TA8 1BE (Pub: 01278 782004)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm. Unplugged acoustic session (music & song).

Bursledon (nr. Southampton): Woolston & Bursledon Folk Club, Bursledon Village Hall, Long Lane SO31 8BZ (023 8043 4209, 079 1269 5004, <http://woolstonandbursledonfc.co.uk/wp/contact-us/>)

Every Sunday, 7:30pm to 10:45pm (doors open 7pm). Licensed bar at 'club' prices. “We are a group of like-minded people who meet weekly to share our love of live acoustic music. The club has a membership but is open to members and non-members alike. All are welcome to come and join us. Although we are a folk club, we do not restrict ourselves to purely traditional or contemporary folk music. Blues, Country, Music Hall and sometimes even 60s pop may be heard! Indeed, any good acoustic music.”

Burton Bradstock (nr. Bridport): The Anchor Inn, High Street DT6 4QF (01308 897228,

<https://www.facebook.com/Anchorsessions>)

Fourth Thursday of the month. *The Anchor Sessions.* “Welcomes new musicians and established local bands/solo artists.” Book slot.

Calne: The White Hart Hotel, 2 London Road SN11 0AB (01249 812413)

Last Sunday of each month, 8pm – 10:30pm. Open mic. Free entry.

Carhampton (nr. Minehead): Butcher's Arms TA24 6LP (01643 821333)

The Blazing Stump Folk Club (Lynda Baker: 01643 702994, lyndabaker731@gmail.com , www.theblazingstump.co.uk , <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheBlazingStumpFriends/>):
Second Friday of the month, 8pm. Very friendly singaround and session. All genres of acoustic music welcome. The club organisers also run a series of concerts.

Open mic: Last Friday of each month, 8.30pm.

Castle Cary: *The George Hotel*, Market Place BA77AH (Pub: 01963 350761; John Anderson: 07746 605523)

Second Sunday of the month, from 8pm. "An informal (round the room) acoustic folk music session."

Cattistock (nr. Dorchester): *Fox & Hounds, Duck St. DT2 0JH (01300 320444, Chris Slade: 01300 320777)*

Second Monday of every month, 8-ish till late-ish. Music & Song session. Gentle, relaxed, folky session - very laid back! Led by Mike Cox of Sydling Stompers fame.

Chagford (nr. Newton Abbot): *The Globe Inn, 9 High Street TQ13 8AJ (01647 433485)*

Last Wednesday of the month, 8.15pm. Open mic.

Chagford (nr. Newton Abbot): *Sandy Park Inn, Sandy Park TQ13 8JW (01647 433267)*

Third Sunday of each month, 8pm. Open mic. Free entry.

Chard: *Perry Street Social Club*, Knapp Mill House, Waterlake Road, South Chard TA20 2SU (01460 220239, <https://www.facebook.com/howlopenmicnight/>)

Last Sunday of the month, 3pm. *Howl Open Mic*.

Charmouth (nr. Bridport): *Royal Oak, The Street DT6 6PE (01297 560277, Chris chris@westbay24.freeserve.co.uk)*

First Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Folk & acoustic session.

Cheddar: *Moor Harmony*, Hannah More Cottage, Lower North St. BS27 3HE (Issy: 01934 741551, issy@emeney.com)

Every Thursday. 7pm – 8.30pm. Run by well-known local folk musician and experienced choir leader Issy Emeney. A very friendly and relaxed choir singing mostly traditional English songs arranged especially by Issy for the choir. *Moor Harmony* have grown into a first class choir with a fabulous sound and beautiful harmonies. Some harmony singing experience would be helpful for new members. Occasionally joins forces with *Moor Voices* (see below) for special events. Ring Issy for more information.

Cheddar: *Moor Voices*, Hannah More Cottage, Lower North St. BS27 3HE (Issy: 01934 741551, issy@emeney.com)

Every Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm. A sister choir to *Moor Harmony* (see above), singing gorgeous traditional songs in harmony. Everybody welcome regardless of experience and no need to read music. A very friendly and supportive group. Come for a taster session.

Cheddar: *Riverside Inn*, Cliff Street BS27 3PX (01934 742 452, Barry Walsh: 07891832799)

Second Friday of each month, 8.45pm - 11pm. Open mic. PA supplied and 2x SM58 mics. All welcome.

Cheltenham: *Cheltenham Folk Club*, Sandford Park Alehouse, 20 High St. GL50 1DZ (Chris: 01242 571185, Judith: 01242 577506, www.cheltenhamfc.org.uk)

Second & fourth Sundays of the month (except February, August & December), 7.45pm to 10.30pm.

[Chew Valley & surrounds]: *3inabar* (Colin: 01275 332735, 3inabar@gmail.com)

Irregular (monthly in wintertime), 8pm. Acoustic music session (no PA). Meets in various pubs but mostly **The Red Lion, Bishop Sutton BS39 5UT**. “Originally based on a group of local Morris musicians, *3inabar* today includes a wider range of talents and meets most months during the winter. Anyone can come along and play and we have been known to burst into song. New blood is always welcome. We generally start with an energetic morris tune, then anything from Northumbrian pipes to a tuba. We are a friendly welcoming group with a good deal of banter.”

Chickerell (near Weymouth): ***The Victoria Inn, Knights In The Bottom DT3 4EA (01305 784463)***
(The pub is on the B3157 Bridport Road out of Weymouth, about a mile outside the main village of Chickerell.)

Acoustic music session (alan_mcintosh7@hotmail.co.uk , gill_mcintosh17@hotmail.co.uk):
First Friday of the month, 8pm. “A fairly informal open session but with the emphasis on having fun. Come and sing a song, play a tune, join in with others or just enjoy the music.”

Music session (Bluegrass, Old-Time, American Folk, Roots and Country (Lynn: 01258 881443, Bill: 01305 854178)): Last Friday of the month, 8pm. Musicians and singers of any ability welcome, plus anyone interested in supporting live music

Chideock (nr. Bridport): ***The George Inn, Main Street DT6 6JD (01297 489419, Chris: chris@westbay24.freeserve.co.uk)***

Third Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Folk / acoustic session.

Child Okeford (nr. Blandford Forum): ***The Baker Arms, The Cross DT11 8ED (01258 860260)***
Second Thursday of the month. 8pm. Run by Chaz (who lives next door to the post office). Folk Club format - ie everyone does a solo spot - but very kind to beginners. Wide variety of music. Warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Chippenham: *Old Road Tavern, Old Road SN15 1JA (01249 652094)*

Irish session: First & third Sunday of the month (& fifth when there is one – simultaneously with open mic but in different room), 9pm.

French Session: Second Sunday of the month, 9pm.

Open mic: Last Sunday of the month, 9pm.

Chipping Campden: *Red Lion Inn, Lower High Street GL55 6AS (01386 840760)*

Third Thursday of the month, 8pm. Music session.

Chipping Sodbury (nr. Bristol): ***The Beaufort Hunt, 72 Broad Street BS37 6AG (01454 312871)***

Lunchtime session (Terry: helyarterry@gmail.com): First & third Mondays of the month, 12 noon to 3.30pm. Mixed song/music session, hosted by Terry Helyar.

Chipping Sodbury Folk Night: First Thursday of the month, 8pm.

Chipshop (nr. Tavistock): ***Copper Penny Inn, PL19 8NT (01822 833288, 07725 579718, mitilmusic@gmail.com)***

Fourth Tuesday of each month, 8pm. Acoustic evening, held in the large skittle alley next to the bar. All acoustic musicians and singers welcome. “The format is individual or group performances and not a jam session and absolutely no amps!”

Chiselborough (nr. Yeovil): ***Community Folk & Performance Night, Village Hall, Cat Street TA14 6TR (natalielamb@hotmail.com)***

Last Friday of each month (NOT May, June, July or August), 7.30pm - 10.30pm. “A ‘community joining in’ event run by the villagers. They hope to encourage more village participation on a less formal stage.

Welcoming musicians, singers and poets alike, interspersed with shorter solo spots. Refreshments (some hot nibbles), swap shop and kids area.”

Chittlehampton (nr. Umlerleigh): *The Bell Inn* EX37 9QL (017695 40368, Rob Jenkins: 01271 378321)

Second Monday of the month, 8pm. Music session (informal jam with occasional songs).

Christchurch: The Coda Folk Orc, CODA Music Centre, Chewton Farm Road BH23 5QL (01425 276161, <http://www.folkorc.co.uk/>)

Every Thursday in term time, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. “The *Folk Orc* is somewhere between a workshop and a session... It is for anybody who plays an acoustic instrument to come along and learn to play folk tunes and songs in group, getting expert guidance from experienced tutor and performer Chris Hopgood. It's an opportunity to learn about the music, improve your playing and build your confidence as a musician. All ages and abilities are welcome.”

Christian Malford (nr. Chippenham): *The Rising Sun*, Station Rd. SN15 4BL (01249 721 571, Natasha: tashabelle80@googlemail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/464089443707969/>)

The penultimate Sunday of the month, 7.30pm. Open mic. “Come and share your original or public domain music and poetry, or just come out for a night of fun and free entertainment.”

Christow (nr. Exeter), *Teign House Inn*, Teign Valley Road EX6 7PL (01647 252286)

Third Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm. Folk session.

Churchstow (nr. Kingsbridge): *Church House Inn* TQ7 3QW (01548 852237, 01548 810806)

First Thursday of each month, 8.15pm. Music session, organised by John O'Connor.

Clevedon: The Moon & Sixpence, 15 The Beach BS21 7QU (01275 872443)

Every Wednesday, 9pm. Open mic, run by Mike Panes and Paul Anslow. Three songs each (depending on how many turn up).

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

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

Combe Martin (nr. Ilfracombe): *Annual Evening Of Midwinter Carols*, The Castle Inn, High Street EX34 0HS (Pub: 01271 883706; Tom & Barbara: 01271 882366, 07977 914736)

Last Sunday before Christmas, 7.30pm. “Strictly participatory. Words & music provided. Bring your voices & your instruments.” Organised by *Shammick Acoustic*. Collection for *The Friends of St. Peter ad Vincula*.

Combe Martin (nr. Ilfracombe): *Shammick Acoustic*, Pack of Cards, High Street EX34 0ET (Tom & Barbara Brown: 01271 882366, 07977 914736, contact@shammickacoustic.org.uk, www.shammickacoustic.org.uk)

Second Saturday of the month, 8pm (NOT August). “Everybody is welcome, to perform or not, as we go around the room. You can hear poems, stories, modern songs and various musics as well as folk stuff. Occasionally we also have a Visiting Performer, from 'furrin' parts, who we ask to do a few extra items! There is no admission charge, but we pass the pot round during the evening.” For details of regular CONCERTS & WORKSHOPS go to www.shammickacoustic.org.uk.

Combe St Nicholas (near Chard): *The Green Dragon* TA20 3NG (01460 63311)

Last Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Session for musicians and singers.

Copplestone (nr. Crediton): *The Cross* EX17 5NH (Pub: 01363 84418; Dave: 01363 84914)

Last Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic night. Run by Dave Brassington.

Corsham: *Acoustic Oak*, The Royal Oak, 72 High Street SN13 0HF (01249 713607, Judi Beverley: 01249 817034, judibev@gmail.com , <http://www.finemusicworks.com/>)

Every Thursday, 8pm. Acoustic night, hosted by Judi Beverley.

Corston (nr. Bath): *3inabar*, The Wheatsheaf BA2 9HT (Pub: 01225 872915, Colin: 01275 332735, 3inabar@gmail.com)

Irregular (monthly in wintertime), 8pm. Acoustic music session (no PA).

See 3inabar details under [Chew Valley & surrounds.]

Countisbury (near Lynton): *Moor Music*, The Blue Ball Inn (top of Countisbury Hill on the A39) EX35 6NE (01598 741263, Tom & Barbara Brown: 01271 882366)

Occasional, 8pm. "Exmoor Music & Song sessions", hosted by Tom & Barbara Brown. "Any sort of music is welcome, as are audience."

Crewkerne: *The Royal Oak*, 54 Hermitage St. TA18 8ET (01460 72534, <https://www.facebook.com/howloopenmicnight/>)

Alternate Mondays, 8.30pm. "Happy Monday *Howl Open Mic*". Everybody welcome.

Cricklade (nr. Swindon): *The Red Lion*, 74 High St. SN6 6DD (Pub: 01793 750776, Debbie: 01793 770699, debbie@music-alive.org.uk , <https://www.facebook.com/groups/121719078588/>)

First & third Mondays of the month, 8.30pm. Folk, roots and acoustic music session. "Sessions are open to all, whether maestro or beginner. We welcome visitors. There are some tunes published on the website: they aren't prescriptive - feel free to play whatever you want."

Croscombe (nr. Wells): *The George Inn*, Long St. BA5 3QH (01749 342306)

Every Monday. Traditional music session: 7pm-ish. "...sharing tunes (some Irish, some not!) All players welcome, all abilities - some music is available. My tune book will give you an idea of a few tunes that crop up: <https://thesession.org/members/95662/tunebook> "

Crowcombe (nr. Taunton): *Halsway Manor* (situated between Crowcombe & Bicknoller, off A358) Halsway Lane TA4 4BD (01984 618274, <http://www.halswaymanor.org.uk/> , Roger: 01278 671685)

First Sunday every month (except August) in the bar from 8pm till 11pm. *Sunday Club*: folk & acoustic music & song club, hosted by Roger Phipps. "Play, sing, read poems or recite. All welcome!"

Denbury (nr. Newton Abbot): *Union Inn*, The Green TQ12 6DQ (01803 812 595, Vic Connell: 01803 812535)

Every Thursday, 9pm. Acoustic mixed session.

Devizes: *Devizes Folk Club*, The Lamb Inn, 20 St John's St. SN10 1BT (Bob Berry: 07714 550990, info@devizesfolkclub.co.uk, <http://www.devizesfolkclub.co.uk>)

Every Monday, 8pm – 10.30pm (except Bank Holidays and August). Traditional and contemporary folk music and song for all. Entry Fees are between £3.50 and £7. Floor spot discounts are available. Under 16's half price. (Entry fees include free club membership for that evening only). 'PLEASE NOTE: It's always a good idea to pre-book guest night tickets.'

Dilton Marsh (nr. Westbury): *The Prince of Wales*, 94 High Street BA13 4DZ (01373 865 487)

Second & fourth Mondays of the month, 8pm. Acoustic Night. Singers / musicians: please come early. Free admission.

Dinnington (nr. Hinton St. George): *Dinnington Docks* (pub): TA17 8SX (01460 52397)

Occasional sessions.

Dorchester: *Blue Raddle*, 9 Church Street DT1 1JN (01305 267762, Jerry Bird: 01305 880150)

Open traditional music session: First Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm to 10.30pm. Hosted by Fingerz 'n' Fretz, who are James Findlay (singer, guitarist and fiddler - winner of the BBC Young

Folk Musician of the Year Award 2010) and Jerry Bird (fiddle player and guitarist in State of Undress - see www.stateofundress.com). Singers and musicians are welcome to join in.

Irish music session: Third Wednesday of the month, 9pm.

Dorchester: *The George*, Trinity Street DT1 1TU (01305 263534, <https://www.facebook.com/howlopenmicnight/>)

Every Thursday, 8.30pm. *Howl Open Mic*.

Dorchester: *Tom Brown's*, 47 High East Street DT1 1HU (01305 264020)

Troubadour Showcase (<https://www.facebook.com/howlopenmicnight/>): Alternate Mondays, 9pm. "100% original songs night. All musicians welcome. We want to hear you. Encouraging atmosphere guaranteed."

Tom Brown's Folk Tuesdays (**Jerry Bird: 07747072306, <http://www.facebook.com/folksundays>**): Every Tuesday, 7.30pm. Floor spots, followed by a singaround/tune session. "Please arrive early to claim a floor spot or phone/text Jerry in advance. All genres of folk welcome, but no mics or amps, please."

Douling (nr Shepton Mallet): *The Beacon Acoustic Club, The Waggon & Horses, Frome Road, Beacon BA4 4LA (01749 880302, Bill & Maggie Johnson: 01749 346494, www.beaconacoustic.co.uk*

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Second Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Music & song – all ages, all styles. Everyone welcome.

Draycott (nr. Cheddar): *The Cider Barn, Draycott Rd BS27 3RU (Pub: 01934 741837; Pete: greybloke@aol.com*

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First & third Wednesdays of the month, 7.30pm till 9.30pm. Open mic, hosted by Pete and Will. Free drink for all performers.

Dursley: *Dursley Acoustic Music Nights, 13 Five Acres GL11 4JP (David & Hilary Cheffings: 01453 545065, 07973 994711, folksongs@tiscali.co.uk, www.dursleyamn.org.uk*

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Third Sunday of the month, 7.30pm onwards at David's home. "Bring & Share a song, a tune, a story, a poem, or just listen... bring & share a buffet or just starve ! Put post code GL11 4JP into www.streetmap.co.uk & the arrow is on our house."

Dursley: *Ye Olde Dursley Hotel* (formerly the *Old Bell*), 13 Long Street GL11 4HL: (01453 542 821, Anne & John: 01453 548860, 07968 104626)

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Every other Tuesday, 8pm. Music Session run by Anne & John Roberts. "We play a mix of Irish, English, Scottish and occasional songs and new players are ALWAYS welcome."

Easton in Gordano (nr. Bristol): *Gordano Folk Club: The Kings Arms, 12 St. George's Close BS20 0PS (Pub:01275 372208, Club: 07585 228713, <https://www.facebook.com/Gordano-Folk-Club-883396228408900/>*

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Third Tuesday of each month. Features local acts and plenty of floor spots.

Ebrington (nr. Chipping Campden): *The Ebrington Arms GL55 6NH (01386 593223)*

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First Monday of the month, 8pm. Folk session (tunes & some songs).

Edmondsham (nr. Wimborne): *Acoustic night at Folk in the Hut, Edmondsham Hut BH21 (Sam: 07870 642286, 01725 517522, samjallen@yahoo.co.uk*

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Second Thursday of each month, 8pm. Acoustic music & song session. All styles. All welcome.

Emborough (nr. Radstock): *Old Down Inn BA3 4SA (01761 232 398, Jeff: 01761 433427)*

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Third Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. *Traditional Singers Night*, lead by Jeff Blake.

Ermington (nr. Ivybridge): *Crooked Spire Inn, The Square PL21 9LP (Pub: 01548 831288)*
Second Friday of the month, 8.30pm. Open mic. Music and song.

Exeter: *The Angel Bar, 32 Queen Street EX4 3SR (01392 432611,*
<https://www.facebook.com/AngelBarExeter>)

Every Wednesday (except during summer break), 8:30pm – 11pm. Open mic. Free entry.

Exeter: *The Barnfield Music Club, Barnfield Theatre, Barnfield Road EX1 1SN (01392 270891,*
Jerry: 07596 843373, 01626 772270, jandem@tiscali.co.uk, www.barnfieldmusicclub.co.uk

First Friday of the month, usually 7.45pm in the Clifford Room. “We have a stage, amplification and lighting - it is a great venue - and regularly get 60-70 people attend what is a popular night for performers and audience alike. Cafe and bar open, and free parking nearby. Musicians, singers and audience very welcome. Performers should arrive early to get on the list, as it does get very busy.” Admission: a £1 draw ticket. “An opportunity for singers with instrumental or harmony accompaniment to display and improve their talents and abilities before an audience in an amplified theatre setting”.

Exeter: *d'Accord! (French music and dance), St. Matthews Church Hall, Newtown EX1 2LJ (Tim*
Stokes: t.stokes@bluevonder.co.uk <http://www.daccordexeter.co.uk/>)

Third Friday of the month (September to June), 7.30pm. “*d'Accord!* welcomes musicians of all levels on normal club nights, with anyone wishing to play for dancing being accommodated as time and demand allows.” *Contact by email before turning up.*

Exeter: *Exeter Folk & Acoustic Music Club, Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road, St.*
Leonards EX2 4NX (Cornelius family: 01392 210983, www.exeterfolkclub.org)

Last Friday of the month (except July and December), 8pm in the Function Room. Admission: £1. Bar & refreshments. Full wheel-chair access and disabled toilet. Parking: club car park & street (free outside club).

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.

Exeter: *The Oddfellows, 60 New North Rd. EX4 4EP (01392 209050)*

Every Monday, 9pm. Open mic.

Exford (Exmoor National Park): *Exmoor White Horse Inn TA24 7PY (01643 831229)*

Occasional, 8pm. “Exmoor Music & Song sessions”, hosted by Tom & Barbara Brown. “Any sort of music is welcome, as are audience.”

Exmouth: *The Bicton Inn, 5 Bicton St. EX8 2RU (01395 272589,*
http://www.bictoninn.co.uk/whats_on.html , alison.brockbank@gmail.com)

Bicton Ukulele Group (BUG): Wednesdays (irregular), 7.30pm.

(Various sessions & open mics): Thursdays (irregular), 8.30pm.

Exmouth: *Exmouth Folk Night, The Manor Hotel, The Beacon EX8 2AG (01395 272549, Jeff*
Lewis: 01395 269232, jeff.lewis58@yahoo.co.uk)

Third & fifth Tuesdays of the month (fifth Tuesdays will be half hour showcases, to be booked in advance), 8pm. Acoustic song and music, all performers and supporters welcome. Come early for a spot or email Jeff.

Exmouth: *The Famous Old Barrel, 1 Princes Street EX8 1JA (01395 741628)*

Every Monday, 8.30pm. Acoustic open mic. All styles. FREE PINT for performers.

Farringdon: *see Lower Farringdon*

Flax Bourton (nr. Bristol): ***The Greedy Goose, Gatcombe Farm, Gatcombe Lane BS48 3QT***

Every first & third Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm to 11pm. Open Mic run by Jelli Records in association with the Greedy Goose. Free drink for performers. A PA is provided and there is plenty of car parking space.

Frampton on Severn (nr. Gloucester): ***Folk at Frampton, Village Hall, The Green GL2 7DY (Tony Kerton: 01452 616121, Jo Neville: 01453 752089,***

http://www.framptononsevern.com/html/folk_at_frampton.html)

Every Tuesday, 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Entry £2, including refreshments. “The Folk club is mainly a music club, although the ‘Folk’ is to do with people more than music. Anyone can come along to play a tune, sing, read a poem etc., or just come along and listen. The music played is not just traditional but can include anything from rock to modern jazz.” (The pub is next to the Three Horseshoes.)

Frogmore (near Kingsbridge): ***The Globe Inn TQ7 2NR (01548 531351, Nigel & Sarah: 01548 531525)***

First Tuesday, third Thursday & last Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Mixed folk session.

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

First Sunday of the month, 8pm. Mixed/jazz jam session, hosted by Simon Williams.

Frome: ***The Griffin, 25 Milk Street BA11 3DB (01373 467766)***

Celtic Session: Last Tuesday of the month, 8:30pm.

Open mic: Second Thursday of the month.

Frome: ***Lamb and Fountain, 57 Castle Street BA11 3BW (01373 463414, Trevor: 07743165432)***

Second Thursday of the month, 8.30pm. Mainly Celtic session, “but known also to play bluegrass, Appalachian, old time etc. Great old traditional pub, usually has Doom Bar and Guinness on tap.”

Glastonbury: ***Hawthorns Hotel, 8 Northload Street BA6 9JJ (Simon: 01458 831255, Steve: 07929 503231, www.hawthornshotel.com)***

Blues Jam: Every Sunday, 5pm till 7pm.

JJ's Unplugged Acoustic/Folk Jam Session: Every Monday, 8pm (for 8.30pm start) till 11pm. Hosted by JJ Livingstone. “Open to all Musicians and Music Lovers. Bring your Acoustic Instrument/s and/or Voice for a Contemporary & Traditional Music Sing/Play-Around. Solo Spots or invite others to join in on your turn. Contemporary to Classical, Folk to Funk. If you don't need to plug it in, anything goes - exception made for Sympathetically Volumed Keyboards. Come along to sing, play or simply enjoy some great music.” FREE ENTRY.

Open mic: Every Tuesday, 8.30pm — 11.30pm. Folk, Rock, Pop and Poetry, both covers and originals. All levels and abilities.” Phone Steve to book a performance slot or simply turn up early to ensure one. Call Simon to book a table for food and a slot.

Glastonbury: ***The King Arthur, 31-33 Benedict Street BA6 9NB (01458 830338,***

<http://thekingarthur.co.uk/wp/>)

Free Bluegrass session: First Monday of the month.

Open mic: Every Wednesday.

Glastonbury: *Red Brick Building Centre*, Morland Enterprise Park, Morland Road BA6 9FT (01458 899564; John Fleming: 07984325507, 01458 833670; Laurie Phillips: 07899 097983)

Second to last Sunday of every month, 2pm to 5pm. *Penultimate Sunday Red Brick Open Acoustic Session*. "This is a lovely venue, with the Bocabar café close by for refreshments and food." Morland Road is the road between Street and Glastonbury.

Gloucester: *Believe Fundraiser*, The Deans Walk Inn, 86 St Catherine's Street GL1 2PX (01452 415762)

Sporadic, Saturdays. Open mic. Free entry.

Gloucester: *Cross Keys Inn*, Cross Keys Lane GL1 2HQ (01452 523358, <https://www.facebook.com/crosskeysinngloucester>)

Every Wednesday, 8:30pm – 11:30pm. Acoustic open mic. Free entry. "...one of Gloucester's oldest inns... compact and bijou - very much like a house party. We tend to appeal to musicians and we also have comedian/impressionists who perform too."

Gloucester: *England's Glory*, 66-68 London Road GL1 3PB (01452 412964, Bill Taylor: 07787 713758)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. (Mainly) English music session.

Gloucester: *The Fountain Inn*, 53 Westgate Street GL1 2NW (01452 522562, Bill Taylor: 07787 713758)

First Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. (Mainly) English music session.

Gloucester: *Great Western*, 91 Alfred Street GL1 4BU (01452 538888)

Second Tuesday of the month. (Mainly) Irish music session.

Great Torrington: *see Torrington*

Hambledon (nr. Waterlooville): *Hambledon Folk Club*, Village Hall, West Street PO7 4RW (Rod Smith: 02392 632504, folkclubhambledon@hotmail.co.uk , <http://www.hambledon-hants.com/HFC/Hambledon%20Folk%20Club.htm>)

The second Wednesday of each month, 8:30pm, in the Youth Club building in the Village Hall car park next to The Vine. "There are guest performers most months, usually acoustic, covering a wide range of styles. Members of the club get a discount on guest nights. Membership costs just £3 per year. There are floor spots... and an occasional Anything Goes evening. Visitors are always welcome, be they singers, musicians or listeners. It's a friendly club. We bring drinks in from the Vine or bring our own."

Hanham (nr. Bristol): *Hanham Community Centre*, 118-124 High St. BS15 3EJ (44 (0117 967 4439, admin@hanhamcentre.org, <http://www.hanhamcentre.org/openmic.shtml>)

Second Sunday each month, 7:45pm for an 8pm first spot. Open mic, hosted by Austin Ferrante. All welcome, especially families. Poetry, song, music or comedy. PA system provided. Bar opens 7:30pm.

Harbertonford (nr. Totnes): *Maltsters Arms* TQ9 7SZ (01803 732258, 01803 732630)

Fourth Thursday of the month, 8pm. Session hosted by Andy Clarke. "A friendly mixed acoustic session for singers and musicians of all abilities and styles whether contemporary or traditional within the folk genre."

Hartland (nr. Bideford): *The Hart Inn*, The Square EX39 6BL (01237 441474)

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30pm onwards. "Irish/Scottish/Shetland/Appalachian tunes and songs and the odd sneaky tune from elsewhere! Not for beginners."

Hartland (nr. Bideford): *Hartland Quay Hotel* EX39 6DU (01237 441218)

Third Sunday of the month, from 6pm. All welcome. "Mainly Irish and Scottish trad, but also American, Appalachian, some Eastern European tunes and whatever folk music takes your fancy! Come along and sing, dance and play! Nice family atmosphere in a fantastic setting."

Hatherleigh: *Tally Ho*, 14 Market Street EX20 3JN (01837 810306, Dave: 07792 259338, <http://www.drjams.co.uk/>)

Third Wednesday of every month, 9pm. Open mic. "Space is a 'tad' limited but small bands are do-able."

Havant: *Havant Folk Club*, Havant Hockey & Cricket Club PO9 1HH (<https://www.facebook.com/HavantFolkClub>)

Every third Sunday of the month (NOT June, July or August), 7:45pm. Informal singaround - all styles and standards welcome. "We generally have a good mix of songs and tunes. As well as 'folk' and traditional music we've also enjoyed some fine classical guitar and jazz standards - anything acoustic is welcome." See website for directions.

Haytor (nr. Newton Abbot): *Tinpickle and Rhum*, The Moorland, Dartmoor National Park TQ13 9XT (01364 661407)

First Friday of the month, 7pm. *Tinpickle Session*. "Very friendly folk and acoustic tune and song session. From 8.30pm anything goes!"

Henstridge (nr. Templecombe): *The Folk in the Vale*, Bird in Hand, 2 Ash Walk BA8 0QD (Pub: 01963 362255, Kate & Peter Abbott: 01963 32125, folkinthevale@aol.com)

Third Thursday of the month, 8pm. Entrance is free but there will be a raffle for charity. "Singer, Songwriter, Poet, Comedian or Conjuror or anybody who is interested or simply wants to join in, listen and enjoy. Please contact Kate or Peter (see above) if you want to perform. We want to try to give anyone who attends the opportunity to perform a 10 to 15 minute set. You do not need to be club members as we sign audience & performers in."

Highbridge: *The Coopers Arms*, 24 Market Street TA9 3BT (01278 784517)

First Wednesday of each month, 8pm – 11:30pm. Open mic. Free entry. Some equipment available for loan or bring your own. All genres.

Highworth (nr. Swindon): *White Horse Folk Club*, St. Michael's Church Room SN6 (Derrick Beer: 01793 762070, Geoff Davies 01793 706753, <http://www.whitehorsefolkclub.co.uk/>)

First & third Wednesdays of the month, 8pm. "We are a small, welcoming and diverse group of people who meet to sing and play... We have singarounds and guest nights and a wide range of music..." *Bring your own drinks*. "...a short walk from the High Street, Market Square car park. Walk up Sheep Street into the church grounds and the hall is on your right."

Holt (nr. Trowbridge): *Music Makers*, The Old Ham Tree, Ham Green BA14 6PY (01225 782581, Phil Deverall: 01380 870734, 07952 540123, Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk)

Third Monday of the month, 8.30pm. Singaround/session. Join in or do your own thing. Singers and musicians welcome.

Holwell (nr. Sherborne): *Village Hall*, Packers Hill DT9 5LL (01963 23145, SamiJay: Samantha-Jane-@hotmail.co.uk , Glenn: glenn_prigmore@hotmail.com, <http://www.bearcatcollective.co.uk/diary.html>)

First Friday of certain months (check website for dates), 7pm. Performance Night. "Perform, Swap & Make Merry. Live Music, Kids Area & SwapShop & ToySwap. The evening is also for poetry, art, storytelling, games, or any other form of shared entertainment we can all enjoy. Children welcome." Refreshments & Snacks Available (no alcohol served, so bring your own.). £4 entry on the door. *Anyone wishing to perform, exhibit or get involved email BearCat Glenn.*

Honiton: *Beehive Folk & Acoustic*, Beehive Arts Centre, Dowell Street EX14 1LZ (01404 384050, www.beehivehoniton.co.uk)

Second Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm – 10pm. Folk and Acoustic in the bar – unplugged – hosted by Sue King. All styles of music. Free entry. “Everyone is welcome whether it is to come along, have a beer and listen or to play and sing.”

Horsington (nr. Templecombe): *The Half Moon Inn BA8 0EF (01963 370 140, Anna Joyce: 01963 370749, annapiechna@yahoo.co.uk)*

Singaround: First Wednesday of the month, 8.45pm. “The session is for musicians, singers and absolutely anyone else who is happy to join in - it's all free apart from the beer!”

Folk music session: Third Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm.

Horton Cross (nr. Ilminster): *The Monks Yard, Horton Cross Farm TA19 9PT (01460 200020, Neil: 01460 54759)*

First Friday of every month, 7.30pm. Acoustic session. Optional mic. “Coffee and both alcoholic and soft beverages will be available for purchase. We invite singers, musicians, poets and storytellers to share their talents at whatever level of competence, in a safe ambient setting and to an appreciative audience of peers and others who simply come to enjoy acoustic style music, whether traditional or contemporary.”

Huish Episcopi (nr. Langport): *Eli’s (The Rose & Crown, on the A372) TA10 9QT (01458 250494)*

Music Night with Diaspora (John: 01458 250005): Last Thursday of the month (NOT AUGUST), 8.30-ish. Friendly band Diaspora host an acoustic evening. Jam with the band or do your own thing. Relaxed hospitable session in an old-style pub.

Traditional singaround (Rod Harrington: 01823 481253): Third Saturday of the month (September to May, inclusive), 8.30pm.

Somerset Story Circle (Sharon or Gem: 01458 259553, sharonjacksties@hotmail.com): Second Sunday of the month (NOT July or August), 7pm. Traditional storytelling session. “All welcome to just listen or tell a short traditional story. As we celebrate the oral tradition we tell rather than read. Singers, musicians, poets also welcome.”

Kempley (nr. Dymock): *Village Hall: GL18 2BP (01531 890901; Andy: 01531 660253)*:

First Thursday of the month (closed August). Music session.

Kilminster (nr. Axminster): *The New Inn, The Hill EX13 7SF (01297 33376)* Second Sunday of the month, 3pm: *Howl Open Mic*. “As always, these nights are about you. We want to hear you...”

Kingsbridge: *The Creeks End Inn, Squares Quay TQ7 1HZ (01548 853434)*

First Wednesday of the month, 8pm-ish. Open mic session.

Kingsteignton (nr. Newton Abbot): *Acoustic Warehouse, Passage House Hotel, Hackney Lane TQ12 3QH (01626 355515, 01626 353243, Nigel: 07989 180091)*

Every Monday, except Bank Holidays, 7.30pm – 10.30pm. Open stage. Takes place in a building just over the road from the hotel. “Keep music live... all acoustic welcome. Full PA provided. £1 entry, which includes the raffle.”

Kingston (nr. Kingsbridge): *The Dolphin Inn TQ7 4QE (Pub: 01548 810314, book a slot: 01548 810806, www.facebook.com/dolphinopenmic.connor.1?fref=ts)*

Occasional, 8pm. Open mic, run by John O’Connor.

Knockdown (nr. Tetbury): *The Holford Arms GL8 8QY (01454 238669)*

Alternate Fridays, 8pm. Bluegrass session. All welcome.

Laymore (nr. Winsham, Chard): *The Squirrel Inn TA20 4NT (01460 30298, <https://www.facebook.com/howlopenmicnight/>)*

First Sunday of the month, 3pm. *Howl Open Mic*.

Lechlade: *Riverfolk Acoustic Club*, The Trout Inn, St.John's Bridge, Faringdon Road GL7 3HA (Pub: 01367 252313, Club: 01367 860 869, riverfolk@mac.com , <http://www.riverfolk.co.uk/>)

Every second and last Friday, 8pm. Singaround. "We welcome performers of all standards who would like to share their music and songs with us. We try to ensure all performers have a chance to sing or play once in each half. Duos and groups can perform two songs in each half (time and numbers of performers permitting). It would help if you could have your instrument ready, out of its case to save time when it is your turn to play. If you are performing for the first time at River Folk, please make yourself known to us so that we can ensure we can support you in your debut performance!" Entrance £2 (performing or listening).

Lee Mill (nr. Ivybridge): *Folk on the Moor*, The Westward Inn, Lee Mill Bridge PL21 9EE (Pub: 01752 892146; Club: www.moorfolk.co.uk)

Every Sunday (except August), 7.30pm.

Littlehempston (nr. Totnes): *Tally Ho* TQ9 6LY (01803 862316)

First Tuesday of every month, 8pm. 'Join the band' session with *Amber Fire Ceilidh Band*. "Bring an instrument and sit in with one of the most experienced ceilidh bands in Devon."

Lower Farringdon (nr. Alton): *Green Man Folk Club*, The Golden Pheasant, Gosport Road GU34 3DJ (01420 588255, alan.f.wilkins@hotmail.co.uk , greenmanfolkclub@hotmail.com , www.greenmanfolkclub.weebly.com)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Singaround. Free (but "beware the raffle").

Lydford (nr. Okehampton): *The Castle Inn* EX20 4BH (01822 820241, Dave: 07792 259338, <http://www.drjams.co.uk/>)

Every second Thursday of the month. Small open mic featuring mainly acoustic instruments. "No backing tracks as we're all about live music. It's a very friendly pub with a lovely atmosphere. They do excellent food also, however cake bearers definitely are welcome."

Lymington: *Lymington Folk & Blues Club*, The Thomas Tripp, Stanford Road SO41 9GF (Steve West: stevewest82@btinternet.com , www.lymingtonfolkandblues.org , <https://www.facebook.com/events/1534741310140416/?fref=ts>)

First Wednesday of the month, 8pm. All ages, abilities & styles of acoustic-based music are welcome. Special feature nights advertised on website & facebook. (The pub is opposite Waitrose.)

Lympstone (near Exmouth): *Lympstone Folk*, The Globe Inn, The Strand EX8 5EY (01395 263166, Olly Davey: o.davey@talktalk.net)

Second Wednesday of each month (except August), 9pm. "Small, friendly folk and acoustic club with all singers, players, storytellers, etc welcome." Close to station, with trains back to Exmouth and Exeter.

Lynmouth: *Moor Music*, The Village Inn, 19 Lynmouth Hill EX35 6EH (Pub: 01598 752354, Tom & Barbara Brown: 01271 882366)

Occasional, 8pm. Exmoor music/song session. Hosted by Tom & Barbara Brown. "Any sort of music is welcome, as are audience."

Maiden Bradley: *Somerset Arms*, Church Street BA12 7HW (01985 844207)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Singers and musicians night.

Maiden Newton (near Dorchester): *The Chalk & Cheese*, 53 Dorchester Road DT2 0BD (Ruth Thompson: 01300 321396, fiddler@casterbridge.net)

Normally on the third Sunday of the month (except August), 7.30pm in the skittle alley. Friendly session. Real ale. "Mostly English tunes, but we are flexible. Contact Ruth first."

Manston (nr. Sturminster Newton): *The Plough Inn* DT10 1HB (Pub: 01258 472484, Dave & Edna: 01747 812022, david.edna@btinternet.com)

Fourth Thursday of the month, 8pm. Friendly get-together. All welcome to sing, play, read a poem or just listen.

Manton (nr. Marlborough): *The Outside Chance*, 71 High Street SN8 4HW (01672 512 352, Kerry: 07540 071337, <http://www.theoutsidechance.co.uk/events> , https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Outside-Chance-516531731800311/events/?ref=page_internal)

Occasional (3 or 4 times a year), 7.30pm – 11pm. Open mic. “Amateurs and professional musicians alike are warmly welcome to come along and sing / tell jokes / tell poetry / play instruments (sorry no drum kits) and generally strut your stuff. PA/mics/leads supplied. Come around 7 to 7.30 to put your name on the list. Free drink for performers. Free raffle. Lovely friendly atmosphere.” See website & Facebook page for dates.

Marldon (nr. Paignton) *Ye Olde Smokey House (top bar)*, Vicarage Rd. TQ3 9NNA (Pub: 01803 557630, Paul: 01803 550153, 07894 961010)

Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. *Folk Plus Acoustic Music Club*, hosted by ‘folk-inspired’ duo Paul & Chris Woodhouse. “...offering a warm welcome to performers and audiences who enjoy sharing music that comes from and moves on from folk and singer/songwriter traditions. Undiscovered talent, inexperienced and experienced performers all made very welcome. Encouraging, supportive and friendly. Mics /amplification/ music stand available.”

Melksham: Melksham Folk Club, Rachel Fowler Centre, Market Place SN12 6EX (Phil: 01380 870734, 07952 540123, Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk)

Second Sunday of the month, 8pm. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Midsomer Norton (nr. Radstock): *The White Hart*, 7 The Island BA3 2HQ (01761 418270)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic open mic. P.A. “Please bring your instruments along or just come and listen. Any kind of music is encouraged, although if you are a symphony orchestra you may have to stand outside!”

Milford on Sea (near Lymington): *Milford Folk Club*, Community Centre, Sea Road SO41 0PH (Sue Whitlock: 01590 643404, <http://milfordfolkclub.org.uk/>)

Second Thursday of the month (except August), 7.30pm. Hosted by Bill Hesp. Floor singers welcome.

Milton Abbot (nr. Tavistock): *Milton Abbot Folk Club*, Village Hall PL19 0PA (Ray Cornish: 01822 870247)

Third Friday of every month, 8pm.. (The village is midway between Launceston and Tavistock.)

Milverton (near Taunton): *Milverton Music Club*, The Victoria Rooms, Fore Street TA4 1JU (Trish: 01823 400416 or 400538, www.milvertonmusic.co.uk)

First Friday of every month (except August), 7.30pm for 8pm start. Come early if you want to play or sing. Phone to book a spot if travelling a distance. BRING YOUR OWN TIPPLE, apart from guest nights, when there is always a bar. Everyone who plays and sings uses the club PA : 4 mikes, 4 DI's, fold back, lights. Sound quality is assured by a sound engineer on the mixing desk. Welcomes musicians and singers from six to sixty + and a wide range of musical styles.

Minehead: The Acorn Acoustic Music Club, The United Reformed Church Hall, Bancks Street TA24 5DJ (01643 709394, 07811 744158, www.acornfolkclub.co.uk)

Meets several times a year, hosting leading professional guests supported by good quality floor spots. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Entry £7 and raffle. Please contact above for further details or to book a spot.

Minehead: The Britannia Inn, 1 Manor Road, Alcombe TA24 6EH (01643 702384)

Every Sunday, 4pm until just before the start of the Quiz Night at 8pm. Open Acoustic Session. “No stage, no mics, no guest artists and no charge for entry. We sit round in a circle and each person in turn is invited to start a song or tune of their choosing then everyone else joins in.”

Minehead: *Café Cream*, 20a The Avenue TA24 5AZ (01643 708 022, <https://www.facebook.com/creamMinehead/timeline>)

Occasional – see Facebook page, 8pm. Open Mic Night. All performance styles.

Minehead: *Kildare Lodge*, Townsend Road TA24 5RQ (01643 702 009)

Second Wednesday of the month, 8pm – 11pm. Performance Evening (singaround). “Through the main door and turn left. All styles, all abilities... relaxed opportunity to play along with friends old and new. This is intended primarily to be a performance event in the round, not a jam or session.”

Minehead: *The Quay Inn*, Quay Street TA24 5UJ (01643 702839, <http://www.mineheadmusic.co.uk/>)

First Wednesday of each month, 8pm – 11pm. Open mic.

Mitcheldean: *White Horse Hotel*, High Street GL170AT (01594 542375, Bill Taylor: 07787 713758)

Third Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. (Mainly) English music session.

Modbury: *The Exeter Inn*, Church St. PL21 0QR (01548 831225)

Occasional. Open mic, run by John O’Connor.

Monkton Heathfield (nr. Taunton): *Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre*, School Rd. TA2 8PD (01823 414141, Kev: 07540 432394)

Occasional, 7pm till late. Open Mic Night in the bar. PA, piano, leads, etc. provided. 16+ event.

Moretonhampstead (nr. Newton Abbot): *White Horse Inn*, George Street TQ13 8PG (01647 440242)

Open mic: First Monday of the month.

Music session: Last Monday of the month, 9pm. .

Mosterton (nr. Beaminster): *The Admiral Hood* DT8 3HJ (Pub: 01308 868338; Rainer Wittlin: 01460 75576, rainer.wittlin@btinternet.com)

First Monday of each month, 8.30pm. Traditional folk session.

Nadderwater (nr. Exeter): *Royal Oak Inn* EX4 2JH (01392 272 352, Barry Lister: 01395 579241, 07812 4863621)

Third Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Traditional singaround, led by Barry Lister.

Nailsea (near Bristol): *Blue Flame*, West End BS48 4DE (01275 856 910)

First Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Really informal singers / musicians night.

Nailsea (near Bristol): *Nailsea Folk Club Singers & Musicians Night*, Grove Sports Centre, St Marys Grove BS48 4NQ (opposite *Ring of Bells*) (01275 790 915, nailseafolkclub@hotmail.co.uk, www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8pm. No fee.

Nailsworth (nr. Stroud): *The George*, Newmarket GL6 0RF (01453 833228)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm. Session and songs. All welcome to play or sing in the bar.

Nailsworth (nr. Stroud): *The Old Village Inn*, Bath Road GL6 0HH (01453 835715)

Every other Wednesday, from 8.30pm. Open mic. “Anything goes. All acts are welcome: comedy/music/poetry/other? (Bring it on!) A full PA system is available, with mics, leads and monitoring system. If you’d like to perform, turn up before 8.30pm and give your names to either Johnny

or Anna. Our house band 'The VIPs' aka 'The Village (Inn) People' are available to accompany you as needed. Please bring a chord sheet if your requirements are complex. A very enthusiastic crowd will be on hand to cheer you on!"

New Milton: Memorial Centre, Whitefield Rd. BH25 6DE (01425 629451, <http://www.memcentre.co.uk/events-page>)

Blues night: First Friday of the month, 7.30pm for 8pm.

Acoustic Folk Night: Third Friday of the month, 7.30pm for 8pm.

Newent: King's Arms, Ross Road GL18 1BD (01531 820 307, Bill Taylor: 07787 713758)
Fourth Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. (Mainly) English music session.

Newton Abbot: Ye Olde Cider Bar, 99 East St. TQ12 2LD (01626 354221)
Second Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Music session.

Newton Saint Cyres (nr. Exeter): Folk at the Brewery (Hanlon's Half Hours), Hanlons Brewery, Hill Farm, Half Moon Village EX5 5AE (01392 851160, folk@bowstation.com , www.reynardine.co.uk)
Second Tuesday in March, June, September & December, 7.30 for 8pm start. A 'platform folk evening' (half-hour sets + floor spots & a draw). £6 entry (includes a pint and a pasty!).

North Boarhunt (nr. Fareham): Forest Folk, Social Club, Trampers Lane PO17 6DD (Charles Gale: 01329 833625, Janet Wiles: 023 9226 4288, info@forestfolk.co.uk , <https://sites.google.com/site/forestfolkden/>)

First Monday of the month, 7.45pm (closed during August). Singarounds. Free with jug collection. Friendly club - all welcome. [Third Monday concerts take place in the adjoining *Village Hall*]

North Cadbury (nr. Yeovil): Catash Inn, Cary Rd. BA22 7DH (Pub: 01963 441531, Ron Wood: 01963 441192, four.posts@btinternet.com)

First Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm – 10.30pm. Folk/Acoustic Club. Please contact Ron in advance if you would like a slot.

Northlew (nr. Okehampton): The Green Dragon Inn, The Square EX20 3NN (01409 221228)
First Monday of the month, 8.30pm – 11.30pm. Open mic.

Nunney (near Frome): Nunney Acoustic Café, The Village Hall, Berry Hill BA11 4NR (Keren Hayden: 01373 836315, kerenhayden@gmail.com , www.eventshorizonofficial.com)
Second Sunday of the month (except July and August), 2pm - 5pm. Open mic session with featured guests. £4 for adults; children free. Full PA set-up with engineer on hand. Full lunches, children's meals, teas and cake – newspapers, activities for children. Come early or contact to book a spot.

Okehampton: The Kings Arms, St. James St. EX20 1DW (01837 52809, Dave: 07792 259338, <http://www.drjams.co.uk/>)

Last Thursday of the month, 9pm – 11pm. Jam. Big enough to have bands and a full PA is provided. "No backing tracks as we're all about live music." Contact Dave to book a slot or just turn up on the night.

Okehampton: Plymouth Inn, 26 West St. EX20 1HH (01837 53633, Dave: 07792 259338, <http://www.drjams.co.uk/>)

First Thursday of each month, 9pm – 11pm. Jam. Small PA.

Paignton: Folk Orchestra Of Torbay, Palace Theatre, Palace Avenue TQ3 3HF (Jon Dyer: 01837 53754, jondyer@wrenmusic.co.uk ; info@wrenmusic.co.uk, www.wrenmusic.co.uk)

Every Thursday (term-time only), 7pm to 9pm. "No auditions, no music reading needed - all voices and acoustic instruments welcome - just turn up on the night!" See website for charges. *Not listed in*

Calendar section.

Paignton: *The Parkers Arms*, 343 - 347 Totnes Road TQ4 7DE (01803 551011)

Alternate Sundays, 4pm. Open mic, hosted by Chris Thomas. Free entry. "In house PA provided with bass guitar and some percussion. Musicians are encouraged to bring their own instruments. If they like you the locals might get you a beer! They're a friendly bunch!). Please check ahead for times and dates as they can change."

Panborough (nr. Wells): *Mr Punch's Folk Club*, The Panborough Inn BA5 1PN (01934 712554, 01934 710020, 01934 712144, <http://punchfolkclub.yolasite.com/>)

Every other Friday (break in August), 8pm. £1 entrance. "Singers and musicians very welcome. Good music, good beer & good company. The pub is 3 miles along the road from Wedmore to Wells, just past Theale."

Parracombe (nr. Barnstaple): *The Hunters Inn*, Heddon Mouth EX31 4PY (01598 763230)

Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 8pm. Folk evening.

Pennington (nr. Lymington): *The Musketeer*, 26 North St. SO41 8FZ (01590 676527)

Every Thursday, 9pm. Sing-a-round.

Pennington (nr. Lymington): *The Wheel Inn*, Sway Road SO41 8LJ (01590 676122, Steve West: 01425 619958)

Every Monday, 8pm. "Very friendly singaround". All singers & instrumentalists welcome.

Pennymoor (near Tiverton): *Cruwys Arms* EX16 8LF (01363 866662, Nicola King: 01363 877748, nicola@beechhill.eclipse.co.uk, <http://www.pennymoor.org.uk> , <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1221430771269195/>)

Pennymoor Singaround: Third Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Mainly song, but starts with a 30 minute music spot (song & music all acoustic). All contributors and listeners welcome - come early for a seat!

Acoustic session (Clare Penney: 01884 860023, west.land@talktalk.net): Last Sunday of the month, lunchtime (12 noon -). Small acoustic folk music gathering of some local musicians.

Physical space is limited but visiting musicians are always made welcome, space permitting!

Pensford (nr. Bristol): *The Sunday Social(ist)*, George & Dragon, High St. BS39 4BH (Pub: 01761 490 630, Mike & Maire: 01761 221448)

First Sunday of each month, 2pm - 5pm. Acoustic session in the skittle alley. Arrive promptly to book a spot. All welcome. "3 hours of music, good vibes, a little bit of politics... oh, and a quiz!" Entry is by donation. All proceeds go to Chew Valley Branch Labour Party.

Petersfield: *The Good Intent*, 40-46 College Street GU31 4AF, (01730 263838, info@goodintentpetersfield.co.uk , <http://www.goodintentpetersfield.co.uk>)

Folk Session: Second Tuesday of every month, 7pm. "Acoustic tunes and songs, mainly English, Irish, Scottish trad, but also anything unplugged and roots/folk." All welcome. Friendly pub with excellent ales.

Open mic: Every Thursday, Free entry.

Pewsey: *The Crown Inn*, 60 Wilcot Road SN9 5EL (01672 562 653)

Last Thursday of the month, 8pm. Folk jam.

Pitminster (nr. Taunton): *Queens Arms* TA3 7AZ (01823 421529)

Every other Tuesday, 8pm. American Old Time (Appalachian) session. Alternates with the session at the White Horse, Bradford on Tone.

Plymouth: Artillery Arms, Pound Street, Stonehouse PL1 3RH (01752 262515)

First & third Tuesdays of the month, 8.30pm. Mixed folk session. Singers particularly welcome.

Plymouth: Bristol Castle, 6 Duncan Street (off Duke St.), Devonport PL1 4EP (Pub: 01752 550402, Kathy & Tim: 01752 550402)

Second Sunday of the month, 3pm till 5pm. *Devonport Folk*. "Bring your voice, your instruments, your friends. Singers and listeners all welcome. Hosts, Kathy Dale and Tim Woods.

Plymouth: The Dolphin, 14 The Barbican PL1 2LS (01752 660876)

Come All Ye (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/763774587081300/?fref=ts>): Second Monday of the month, 7.30pm. Mixed tunes and song session, run by Fran and Jake.

Mixed session (Greg: napguard10-folk@yahoo.co.uk): First Sunday of the month, 1.30pm onwards. Mainly instrumental, some songs. "We are a friendly bunch - it is not suitable for beginners although we will do our best to encourage you."

Plymouth: Minerva Inn, 31 Looe Street PL4 0EA (01752 223047, Ned: 07792 731 728)

Every Thursday, 8.30pm. Folk session (music & singing) hosted by Ned Couch.

Plymouth: The Morley Arms, Billacombe Road PL9 7HP (01752 401191)

First Sunday of the month, 3pm to 6pm. Bluegrass, blues and skiffle session.

Poole: Branksome Railway Hotel, 429 Poole Rd. BH12 1DQ (01202 769555)

Every Sunday afternoon, 3pm till 5.30pm. Folk session. "Run by Mick Ryan on the singaround, take your turn, system."

Poole: Pickin at the Pilot, The Pilot, Adastral Square, Canford Heath BH17 8SA (Pub: 01202 673113, Robin Packham: 01929 554545, 01202 600032, falconshockabsorbers@hotmail.co.uk)

Third Monday of the month, 8pm – 11pm. . Americana: Bluegrass, Old Time, Country, Blues, Cajun, Jazz, etc,

Porlock Weir: Moor Music Session, The Ship Inn (The Bottom Ship), 5 Anchor Rd. TA24 8PB (Pub: 01643 862274, Tom & Barbara: 01271 882366)

Occasional, 8pm. "Exmoor Music & Song sessions", hosted by Tom & Barbara Brown. "Any sort of music is welcome, as are audience."

Portland: The Cove House Inn, 91 Chiswell DT5 1AW (01305 820895)

Every Thursday night, 8.30pm. Traditional Tune Session. The playing of tunes from Ireland and from everywhere else is encouraged and musicians of all levels of ability are always welcome to bring their instruments and join in.

Portsmouth: Broadside Folk Club, The Old House At Home, 104 Locksway Road, Southsea PO4 8JR (07986 144 393, info@broadside-folk-club.co.uk, www.broadside-folk-club.co.uk)

Every Wednesday evening, 8pm.

Portsmouth: Rose in June, 102 Milton Road PO3 6AR (023 9282 4191, johnfourfive@gmail.com, <http://www.broadside-folk-club.co.uk/roseinjune/contact.asp>)

Second Sunday of the month, 2pm to 5pm(ish). Folk music session. "Folk tunes are our mainstay and any music that falls into the broad category of folk is welcome. Singing is welcome to leaven the session but, again, it needs to fall into the broad category of folk music and be accessible to music players and other singers - it needs to be 'joiny-inny' rather than a performance. Summing up, we will keep a folk tune and music session identity as opposed to an open mic / old pop songs / anything goes type event."

Portsmouth: *Shenanigan's Irish Bar*, 57 Osborne Road, Southsea PO5 3LS

(02392 293 756, <http://www.shenanigansirishbar.co.uk>,

https://www.facebook.com/groups/517695008253324/?group_id=0)

First & third Thursdays of the month, 7.30pm. (Mainly) Irish session. "The aim of this session, in a nutshell, is to create a friendly, welcoming environment for musicians and singers to participate together and hone their craft in the relaxed, informal setting of the Irish pub. We have a very welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, the smell of turf and great Guinness! Come and join us, whatever your skill level!"

Portsmouth: *Thatchers Bar*, 95 London Road PO2 0BN (023 9266 2146)

Every Monday, 9pm – 11pm. Open mic. Free entry.

Prestbury (nr. Cheltenham): *The Plough*, Mill St, GL52 3BG (Pub: 07792 986332, Chris: 01242 571185)

Every Thursday. Music session.

Priddy (near Wells): *Hunters Lodge Inn* BA5 3AR (Roger Dors: 01749 672275)

Every Tuesday, 7.30pm onwards. Instrumental session.

Priddy (near Wells): *The Queen Victoria*, Pelting Drove BA5 3BA (01749 676385, John Pudduck: 01749 870383, 07801 353487)

Second Monday of each month, 8.45pm. Folk session. "Please come and join in, all welcome."

Pucklechurch (nr. Bristol): *Pucklechurch Village Sports & Social Club*, St. Aldam's Drive BS16 9QQ (0780 907 5784, PucklechurchOpenMic@puckleopenmic,

<http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/openmic.html>)

Last Friday of each month, 8pm – 11:30pm. Open mic. Free entry. "Club has full bar with real ale. Complimentary drink for all performers. We have a small stage, PA, sound desk with engineer."

Pulham (nr. Dorchester): *The Halsey Community Choir*, The Halsey Arms DT2 7DZ (01258 817 344, samantha-jane-@hotmail.co.uk, <http://halseycommunitychoir.weebly.com>)

Every Wednesday, 7pm - 8.30pm. Rehearsal in the function room. "Friendly and informal choir, wide range of songs, modern/shows/gospel, suitable for beginners and those with a little experience." All welcome.

Queen Camel (near Yeovil): *Mildmay Arms*, High Street BA22 7NJ (Pub: 01935 850 456, Steve Cunio: 07811 680534, *Somerstep*: <http://www.somerstep.org>)

Occasional sessions.

Redhill (nr. Bristol): *Redhill Village Hall Club*, Church Road BS40 5SG (01934 862619, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Redhill-Village-Hall/396445513747729>)

First Friday of the month, 8pm – 11pm. Open mic, hosted by Jerry Blythe. "It's your chance to showcase your talent. Bring your voice, your instruments and show us what you are made of - a great opportunity for open mic performers." (Near Bristol International Airport.)

Ringwood: *Ringwood Folk Club*, Bisterne Village Hall, B3347, Bisterne BH24 3BN (Rod Biggs: 01425 673713, www.ringwoodfolk.org.uk)

Every Tuesday, 8pm to 10.50pm (NOT July or August). No bar - bring your own drinks. Floor spots may not be available on guest nights (phone in advance).

Romsey: *The Old House At Home*, 62 Love Lane SO51 8DE (01794 513175)

Every Monday, 8pm – 11pm. "Good mix of Irish and English tunes and very welcoming too."

Salwayash (nr. Bridport): *Colmers Folk Club*, The Anchor Inn DT6 5HU (01308 488 398, Chris Deacon: chris@westbay24.freeserve.co.uk)

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. "Being a freehouse is a bonus, as are the welcoming hosts Jackie and Geoff. Musicians, singers and listening peoples very welcome!"

Sampford Arundel (nr. Wellington): *The Beambridge Inn* TA21 0HB (Pub: 01823 672223; Mark Venus: 0117 3708521, 07506121644, <https://www.facebook.com/mark.venus.music/>)

First Sunday of every month. Sign in 7pm. Open mic, run by Mark Venus.

Sandford (nr. Crediton): *The Lamb Inn, The Square* EX17 4LW (01363 773676, 01363 776275)

First Tuesday of the month. Mixed folk session (mainly song), run by Paul Watts & Hazel Underwood.

Sapperton (nr. Cirencester): *The Daneway Inn* GL7 6LN (01285 760 297,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/DanewayInn/209692042395002?rf=414318022074900>)

Alternate Thursdays of the month, 8.30pm in the bar. Eclectic folk session. (To find the Daneway, turn off the A419 opposite the White Horse, 1 mile east of Aston Down, then follow the road for 2 miles to a crossroads and turn sharp left down the hill - you'll find the pub half a mile down on the right.)

Scoriton (nr. Buckfastleigh): *Trade Winds, The Tradesman's Arms* TQ11 0JB (01364 631206, Sue & Simon Williams: 01364 631308, susan@farmhouse.ac)

Fourth Sunday of the month (NOT July or August), 7.30pm. "A Dartmoor come-all-ye pub session for singers, storytellers, poets, musicians and everybody else. Trade a poem for a song for a story for music for fine company. As always, anything you want to do would be very welcome."

Seaton: Jurassic Folk and Jam, The Eyre Court Hotel, 2 Queen St. EX12 2NY (Hotel: 01297 21455, Andrew or June: 01404 46451, 07976 533520, www.jurassicfolkandjam.com)

First & third Wednesdays of each month (except August). Doors open 7.30pm and starts prompt at 8pm. One interval and finish at 10.30pm. FREE ADMISSION. Takes place in air-conditioned conservatory. "No slots are booked. All abilities of musician will receive a warm welcome. All music will be acoustic so that there will be no gaps between slots."

Seavington St. Michael (nr. Ilminster): *The Volunteer Inn, New Road* TA19 0QE 01460 240126)

Occasional sessions.

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.

Sidmouth: East Devon Folk Song Club, The Anchor Inn, Old Fore Street EX10 8LP (01395 514129, Barry Lister: 01395 579241, 07812 486362)

First Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm. Traditional singaround with *The Claque*.

Sidmouth: The Marine, The Esplanade EX10 8BB (01395 513145,

<http://www.themarinesidmouth.com>)

Alternate Fridays, from 9.30pm. Open mic. Free entry. All welcome. In-house PA, mics and guitar available if required.

Sidmouth: Radway Inn, 1 Radway Place EX10 8PY (01395 578305)

Last Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Open mic, hosted by *Sweet Black Angels*. "P.A. and acoustic guitars are available but feel free to bring your own instruments. All singers and musicians are very welcome to try out original or cover material."

Simonsbath (nr. Minehead): *Moor Music, Exmoor Forest Inn* TA24 7SH (01643 831431, Tom & Barbara: 01271 882366)

Occasional, 8pm. "Exmoor Music & Song sessions", hosted by Tom & Barbara Brown. "Any sort of music is welcome, as are audience."

Sourton (nr. Okehampton): *The Highwayman Inn* EX20 4HN (01837 861243)

Last Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Open mic.

South Brent: Pack Horse Hotel, Plymouth Road TQ10 9BH (01364 72283)

Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month, 8pm. Mixed folk session - mainly song, but instruments welcome.

South Brent: The Royal Oak, Station Road TQ10 9BE (01364 72133)

Traditional folk and song (Caroline or Steve: 01364 631308, 01364 73490): Every Wednesday, 8.30pm (once a fortnight preceded by a *Children's Folk Night* at 7.30pm).

Mixed Folk Session: Third Thursday of the month, 8pm.

Bluegrass session: Second Sunday of the month, 7.45pm.

South Cerney (nr. Cirencester): *Eliot Arms, Clarks Hay* G17 5UA (01285 860215)

Alternate Wednesdays. Music session.

South Molton: The Coaching Inn, Queen Street EX36 3BJ (01769 572526)

Third Thursday of every month, 8pm. Open acoustic event. "All types of performers at whatever level of ability are always made very welcome, as are those who only want to listen and enjoy the entertainment. There is no entrance charge."

South Molton: Conservative Club, 21 Broad St. EX36 3AQ (01769 572358)

Third Saturday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic session. hosted by Ian Hudson and Su Scott-Goldstone. All styles of music welcome. Play, sing, recite, or just listen.

South Petherton: David Hall Arts Centre, Roundwell Street TA13 5AA (01460 240340, Chris: 01963 31508, 07715 501157, folk@chriswatts.org ,

<https://www.facebook.com/OpenMicNightatTheDavidHall/?ref=h> , www.thedavidhall.org.uk)

Monthly (see website or Facebook page for next date), 7.30pm. Acoustic Night at the David Hall. The David Hall hands over its professional stage with lights, PA system, and appreciative audience, to performers of all types. Admission £2 audience, £1 performers. To book a performance slot please contact Chris Watts.

South Zeal (nr. Okehampton): *King's Arms* EX20 2JP (01837 840300)

Open mic (Dave: 07792 259338, <http://www.drjams.co.uk/>): Second Monday of every month, 9pm till 11pm.

Music session (Mark Bazeley: 01837 840775): Third Monday of the month, 8pm.

Southampton: the d.@rt centre, Wildern Lane, Hedge End SO30 4EJ (01489 779 471, <http://thedart.co.uk/>)

Third Thursday of each month, 7pm to 9pm. Open mic. Free entry. "We provide a free platform for anyone to perform in front of an appreciative community audience. House equipment includes PA with 2x SM58s, Electric Piano, DI boxes and Guitar Amp. Any additional equipment will need to be arranged in advance."

Southampton: Fo'c'sle Folk Club, The Richmond Inn (back room through garden), 108 Portswood Rd, Portswood SO17 2FW (corner of Portswood Avenue) (Brian Hooper: 02380 510309, brian@focsle.org.uk , club@focslefc.org.uk, <http://www.focsle.org/>)

Every Friday, 8pm - 11pm (summer break: August & part of September).

Southampton: *The Hop Inn*, Wood Mill Lane SO18 2PH (02380 557723, rachel@cmac.eclipse.co.uk, <http://www.folk-at-the-riverside.net/>, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Folk-at-the-Riverside/266880086764?fref=ts>)

Every Wednesday from 8.30pm. *Folk at the Riverside*. Singaround and Songs/Tunes Session. "Come play, sing or drink Beer" Compare: Rachel or Nick.

Southampton: *Junction Inn*, Priory Rd, St. Denys SO17 2JZ (Pub: 02380584486, Cath Watkins: cath@meltingpot.org.uk, <http://englishtunes.wordpress.com/>)

Second Tuesday of each Month, 8:30pm. English Tunes Session.

Southampton: *The Stile*, 163 University Rd. SO17 1TS (023 8058 1124)

Every Monday, 9pm. *University of Southampton Folk Society's* weekly session. "We play a wide variety of tunes and songs from English, Scottish, Irish, American, Scandinavian and European traditions."

Southampton: *The Talking Heads*, 320 Portswood Road SO17 2TD (023 8067 8446, www.thetalkingheads.co.uk)

Traditional Irish Acoustic Session: Every Sunday afternoon, 2pm. Free Entry.

The Candle Club: Every Monday evening, 8.30pm. Open mic. "Welcoming talent of all ages, experience, background and ability. Whatever you play or do, come down and book a 10 minute slot on the stage. Free entrance. Bar open until midnight."

Southampton Ukulele Jam: Every other Monday, alternating with 'beginners/improvers group'.

Staunton (nr. Gloucester): *Swan Inn*, Ledbury Road GL19 3QA (01452 840323, Bill Taylor: 07787 713758)

Fifth Tuesday of the month (when there is one), 8.30pm. (Mainly) English music session.

Sticklepath (nr. Okehampton): *Devonshire Inn* EX20 2NW (01837 840626)

First Sunday of the month, 8pm. Mixed folk session - music & song - run by Derek Moore.

Stourton Caundle (near Sturminster Newton): *The Trooper* DT10 2JW (01963 362405, <http://www.thetrooperinn.co.uk/events/folk-nights.html>)

Singaround (John Waltham: 01963 362890): Second Sunday of the month (except August), from 8pm. Songs mostly - but musicians welcome.

Music session (Mandy Waltham: 01963 362890, mandy.waltham@googlemail.com): Fourth Sunday of each month (not August), from 8pm. Mainly aimed at musicians but singers will be welcome.

Street: *Mullions Hotel*, 51 High St. BA16 0HP (Pub: 01458 445110; Brian Jefferson: 01458 224568, bjeff1@btinternet.com)

Every other Friday (except during summer break), 8.30pm. "We are a floor singers' club and welcome all types of (acoustic) music. The resident group is *Hoodwink*."

Stroud: *Crown & Sceptre*, 98 Horns Rd. GL5 1EG (01453 762588)

Last Thursday of the month, 7.30pm. Irish session.

Stroud: *Minchinhampton Folk Club*, The Old Crown, Paganhill, Park End GL5 4AZ (01453 763288, <http://www.minchfolkclub.org/home/4588085076>)

Every Thursday, 8.15pm. Every night is a singers' night – come early for a spot.

Stroud: *Mr Twitchett's Coffee House & Bar*, Subscription Rooms, George Street GL5 1AE (01453 760 992; Barry Watkins: 01453 750494)

Every second Wednesday of the month. *Twitchetts Live*. Open session with guest spot. Free admission.

Stroud: *The Prince Albert*, Rodborough Hill GL5 3SS (01453 755 600, <http://www.theprincealbertstroud.co.uk/>)

Thursdays (“almost fortnightly”), 8pm – 11pm. Open mic.

Stroud: *Queen Victoria Inn*, 5 Gloucester St. GL5 1QG (01453 762396)

[The *Queen Victoria* is on Gloucester Street, (the steep one with all the takeaway restaurants at the Painswick end of town). The *Little Vic* is part of the same premises.]

Barny's at The Little Vic, (Barny's: 01452 770007, Info: 01453 886879,

Karina.gabner@btinternet.com , <https://www.facebook.com/BarnysLiveMusic>):

Second Sunday of the month, 7pm - 10.30pm. £2 Entrance. Floor singers welcome.

Song Sessions At The Little Vic (Bob Bray: 01453 764885, bob@robertbrayassociates.co.uk , Rod Stradling: 01453 759475): Every first & third Wednesday in the month, from 8.30pm. (Mainly traditional) singaround.

Sturminster Marshall (near Wimborne): *The Old School*, Church Street BH21 (Rick: 01258 857143, www.oldschoolsession.org)

“Generally the second Friday of the month”, 8pm – 10.30pm. Irish session for beginners. Tunes can be downloaded from above website. “The purpose of the sessions is to allow novice folk musicians to practice at a nice slow pace (as slow as necessary).”

Swanage: *The Black Swan*, 159 High St. BH19 2NE (01929 423846, email@blackswanswanage.co.uk , www.blackswanswanage.co.uk)

The Folk Orc Folk Club: First Wednesday of the month. 9pm till 11pm. Guest and floor spots.

Acoustic session: Third Wednesday of the month, 9pm. “If you play or sing, come along for an informal session. Bring your guitar, your banjo, your harmonica or your washboard and feel free to join in!”

Swanage: *The Swanage Folk Orc*, The Globe Inn, 3 Bell St. BH19 2RY (01929 423515, <http://www.folkorc.co.uk/>)

Tuesdays, fortnightly, 7pm - 9pm. “The *Folk Orc* is somewhere between a workshop and a session... It is for anybody who plays an acoustic instrument to come along and learn to play folk tunes and songs in group, getting expert guidance from experienced tutor and performer Chris Hopgood. It's an opportunity to learn about the music, improve your playing and build your confidence as a musician. All ages and abilities are welcome.”

Swimbridge (nr Barnstaple): *The Jack Russell* EX32 0PN (Pub: 01271 830366; Rob Jenkins: 01271 378321)

First Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm. Music session (informal jam with occasional songs).

Swindon: *The Beehive*, 55 Prospect Hill SN1 3JS (01793 523187, Debbie: 01793 770699, debbie@music-alive.org.uk , <https://www.facebook.com/groups/121719078588/>)

Second, fourth & fifth (when there is one) Mondays of the month, 8.30pm. Folk, roots and acoustic music session. “Sessions are open to all, whether maestro or beginner. We welcome visitors. There are some tunes published on the website: they aren't prescriptive - feel free to play whatever you want.”

Swindon: *The Nine Elms*, Old Shaw Lane, Nine Elms SN5 5PD (01793 770442; John Wilmott: 01793 887099; John Lammin: 01793-539670, john@swindonbluegrass.co.uk , www.swindonbluegrass.co.uk)

Every Wednesday, 8:30pm. Bluegrass session. “Each session is a mixture of Bluegrass, Old Time, Irish, Country Music and Blues - it depends on which musicians turn up! Anyone is welcome to come along

and listen and we always appreciate an audience. Even better still come along and play. Please note this is an acoustic session. No electric guitars!!!”

Swindon: *The Sun Inn, Coate SN3 6AA (01793 523292)*

Every Thursday, 7.30pm(-ish). Open Mic with the *Chisledon Jammers*.

Swindon: *Swindon Folksingers Club, Ashford Road Social Club (upstairs), 17-18 Ashford Road SN1 3NT (01793 534643 Eric Stott: 01793 521301, eric.stott2@ntlworld.com ,*

<http://www.swindonfolk.org/whatson.html> , <https://www.facebook.com/SwindonFolksingersClub>)

Every Friday evening, 8.15pm – 11pm. Regular guests. Admission prices: Guest Nights £4.50 (Oap/Student £3.50); Club Nights £3.50 (Oap/Student £2.50). “During July and August there are no official events, but you should find a few of us there anyway!” Singers meet upstairs. The club has a licensed bar.

Taunton: *Blackdown Hills Market, Castle green TA1 4AA (01823 681484, Tony Woollard: 01823 660969)*

Occasional open mic.

Taunton: *The Creative Innovation Centre, Memorial Hall, Paul St. TA1 3PF (01823 337477,*

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

Open Mic Night: First Friday of every month, 7.30pm till 11pm. “A space for performers and artists to offer new ideas / pieces / songs / poems/ comedy theatre / music etc! Performers simply book a slot and perform for free and there is no admission fee for the audience.”

The Mic Shack (John Stuart: wj.stuart@sky.com , Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/974074172662052/>)

Quarterly (dates vary), 8pm. Email John if you would like to book an open mic slot. “The evening is comprised of an eclectic group of Poets, Musicians, Comedians and Rappers that are always looking for new people to share in our mutual enjoyment of the arts.” (Ross) “For musicians, I would encourage you to think singer/songwriters as we are interested in original words and music rather than songs written by other people or music alone.” (John)

Taunton: *The Plough Inn, 75 Station Road TA1 1PB (01823 324404)*

Every Sunday, 9pm – 11pm. Open mic. Covers and Originals are welcome.” *All performers get a free drink.* (The Plough Inn is situated near the train station and within 100 yards of the cricket ground.)

Teignmouth: *Oystercatchers Café, 12 Northumberland Place TQ14 8DD (01626 774652)*

Acoustic Blues Night: Every Third Wednesday of the Month, from 8.30pm. “Come along and play or listen.”

Teignmouth Folk Club: Last Thursday of the month (except December), 8pm. “The club presents folk music and songs in an informal and friendly setting mainly on a sing-around basis but featuring guests every three months. All nights are free but visitors are very welcome to participate in the raffle! A collection will be taken on guest nights (please be generous.) If you sing, play or merely enjoy listening you can be assured of a warm welcome.”

Thornbury (nr. Bristol): *Christ the King Social Club, 11 Castle Street BS35 1HA (01454 412389)*

Third Thursday of the month (not August), 8pm. Music session.

Tiverton: *Exe Valley Voices, Old Heathcote School Community Centre, 81 King St. EX16 5JJ*

(Claire Anstee: 01363 866819, <https://sites.google.com/site/tivertonchoir/>)

Every Tuesday, 7.30pm – 9pm. £4.50 a week if you pay for the term (or £6 to drop in). First session FREE to try! “...glorious songs from all around the globe in 3 and 4 part harmony. All abilities most welcome. From Folk to Pop, Gospel to Jazz and World Music! You don’t have to read music: all songs learnt by ear.”

Tiverton: *The Oak Room*, 2c St. Peter Street EX16 6NU (07818 073660,

<http://oakroomtiverton.com/events/> ,

<https://www.facebook.com/acousticnightsattheoakroom/info/?tab=overview>)

Acoustic night: Second Friday of the month, 7.30pm (doors open), 8pm start. Hosted by Jim Watts. “We are keen to hear from any musicians that wish to perform.” Bar available.

Folk session: Fourth Friday of every month, 8pm – 10.30pm. Instrumental folk music session. All welcome. Bar available. “Come and join us in this unique venue - a former Victorian church with amazing acoustics!”

Topsham (nr. Exeter): *The Bridge Inn*, Bridge Hill EX3 0QQ (01392 873862)

Blues at The Bridge: Second Monday of the month, 8pm for 8:30pm. “Open mic and Blues Jam Session - acoustic only. NO Bands, but solo artists and duos are VERY welcome.”

Instrumental Session (mainly English) (**John Stephens: 01392 875332**): First Tuesday of the month (NOT August), 8pm – 10.30pm.

Lunchtime Folk Session: First Sunday of the month.

Topsham (nr. Exeter): *Topsham Folk Club (Guest Nights)*, Matthews Hall, Fore Street EX3 0EF (John Stephens: 01392 875332, webmaster@topshamfolkclub.co.uk, www.topshamfolkclub.co.uk)

Occasional Sundays (monthly – NOT August), 8pm. There are floor spots available on guest nights but it will need to be arranged with the compere beforehand.

Topsham (near Exeter): *Topsham Folk Club (Singers Nights)*, The Globe Hotel, 34 Fore Street EX3 0HR (Hotel: 01392 873471, Club: www.topshamfolkclub.co.uk)

Every Sunday (NOT in August), 7.30pm – 10.30pm in the Malt House. Singers and musicians welcome. FREE admission.

Torquay: *Artizan Gallery*, 7 Lucius Street TQ2 5UW (01803 428626, 01803 613647)

Last Monday of each month. Open mic. “The format: purely acoustic because the room has amazing acoustics, so no amps, no drum kits, all genres be they trad or contemporary folk, jazz, blues, a cappella, americana. All welcome for the modest door charge of £2 musicians, £5 non-musicians. 3 songs in the first go-round and we'll see how much time is left since we have to call a halt at 10pm. Come and play your music surrounded by fine artwork and enjoy the reasonably-priced refreshments, unfortunately the licence does not allow bringing a bottle! Your M.C. Robert Spence.”

Torquay: *Crown and Sceptre*, 2 Petitor Road TQ1 4QA (01803 328290)

Open mic: Every Monday, 8.30pm.

Jazz session: Every Tuesday.

Appalachian session: Alternate Wednesdays.

Folk session: Every Friday, 8.30pm.

Torrington: *Folk Orchestra of N. Devon*, Plough Arts Centre, 9–11 Fore Street EX38 8HQ (info@wrenmusic.co.uk, www.wrenmusic.co.uk)

Every Monday (term-time only), 7.30pm till 9pm. “No auditions, no music reading needed - all voices and acoustic instruments welcome - just turn up on the night!” See website for charges. *Not listed in Calendar section.*

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

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

Totnes: *The Albert*, 32 Bridgetown TQ9 5AD (01803 863214)

Every Wednesday, 8pm. Open mic.

Totnes: *Barrel House*, 59 High Street TQ9 5PB (01803 849290)

Monthly on a Thursday or Sunday (irregular – ring for next date). Jazz session.

Totnes: *Bay Horse Inn*, 8 Cistern Street TQ9 5SP (01803 862088, <http://www.bayhorsetotnes.com/>)

Traditional Open Session: First & third Mondays of every month, 8.45pm – 11pm. Players and singers welcome.

Irish session: Fourth Monday of every month, 8.15pm.

Traditional Singing Session: Second & fourth Wednesdays of the month, 8.45 - 11pm. Exploring British folk.

Eli's Open Session: Every Thursday, 8.45 - 11pm. Open mic. Singer/songwriters, musicians, percussionists – all welcome.

Jazz Session: Second Sunday each Month, 8.30pm - 11pm. Players welcome.

Totnes: *Thrive Café*, Arcturus Centre, 47 Fore Street TQ9 5NJ (01803 840202, Simon & Susan: susan@farmhouse.ac , 01364 631308)

Occasional, 7pm for 7.30pm. Open mic, hosted by *Trade Winds*. The evening is in two halves, each with 5 x 5-minute slots for poetry, song, story or music and a 20-min guest slot. Some slots by invitation, others available to sign up for by email before the event.

Totnes: *Totnes Folk Song Club*, Dartmouth Inn, 28 Warland TQ9 5EL (01803 863252, Steve & Anne Gill: 01803 290427)

Second Thursday of the month, 8pm.

Trowbridge: *The Village Pump Folk Club*, The Lamb Inn, Mortimer Street BA14 8BN (Pete MacGregor: 01225 865107, <http://www.villagepump.org.uk/FridayFolkClub/FridayFolk.html>)

First & third Fridays of the month, 8pm (first Friday only during June, July & August). “Regular guests, including some of the biggest names in folk and roots music. Only the third Friday is an open mic. Some floor spots might be used on the first Friday, but not many.”

Uffculme (Nr Cullompton): *Culm Valley Music & Performance Club*, Magelake Hall EX15 3DR (Brian & Gwyneth: 01884 840192 or 07790 774945, www.culmvalleymusicclub.co.uk)

Last Wednesday of every month (except August), 8pm to 11pm. Bar. Everyone welcome. £2 on Open Floor Nights (*no floor spots on Guest Nights*).

Uphill (nr. Weston-super-Mare): *The Dolphin*, 82-84 Uphill Way BS23 4TN (01934 620248)

First Monday of the month (NOT August), 8.30pm. English folk jam. All welcome to sing/play.

Wareham: *Anglebury House*, 15 - 17 North Street BH20 4AB (01929408094, Jacquie Hall: 01929 551979)

Third Thursday of the Month, 8pm. Singaround. “Wareham Whalers... singing in the company of friends. The mix covers a broad range, but you can always count on shanties and sea songs as the Whalers are the resident group. Come along and have a sing. Bring your instruments. All kinds of folk music welcome. Very informal and no charge.”

Washford (nr. Watchet): *Celtic Session*, Washford Inn TA23 0PP (01984 248648)

Fifth Wednesday of the month, 8pm. General music session. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music

Watchet: *The Bell Inn*, 3 Market Street TA23 0AN (01984 631279)

Second Wednesday of the month, 8pm in the bar. Open mic, run by Gillian Taplin.

Watchet: *The Esplanade Club*, 6 The Esplanade (Harbourside) TA23 0AJ (01984 634518)

Open mic: First Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm – 11pm. PA provided. All welcome.

Celtic session: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 8pm. General music session. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music.

Watchet: *Pebbles Tavern*, 24 Market Street TA23 0AN (01984 634737)

Acoustic evening (Ben & Tania: 07977 684211, Tanya.phipps@virgin.net): Second Tuesday of the month, 8pm till 11pm. No Amps. Everyone welcome to play and sing or just listen.

Shanty Night: Third Tuesday of the month. “Come along and sing some sea shanties and other songs with others.”

Weare Giffard (nr. Bideford): *Dambuskers Acoustic Night*, Cyder Presse EX39 4QR (01237 425517)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm.

Welcombe (nr. Bideford): *The Old Smithy* EX39 6HG (01288 331305,

<http://www.theoldsmithyinn.co.uk/regular-events.aspx>)

Folk Night: Second Monday of the month, 9pm till late.

Jam session: Every Tuesday, 9pm.

Wellington: *The Cottage Inn*, 31 Champford Lane TA21 8BH (01823 664650)

First Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm. Acoustic session.

Wellington: *Rule 7 [wine bar]*, 21 High Street TA21 8QT (07879 813062)

First Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Open mic.

Wellington: *Wellington Acoustic Music Club*, Wellington Arts Centre, Eight Acre Lane TA21 8PS (Tony Woollard: 01823 660969, tony.woollard@btinternet.com)

Third Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. “Players of all ages, genres and abilities are welcome. Play on a first come first served basis. Its FREE but we do pass the 'pot' round during the evening to help fund special events (workshops, guest stars). The beer is very reasonable in price.”

Wells: *The Full Moon*, 42 Southover BA5 1UH (01749 675592)

Folk music session (John Pudduck: 01749 870383, 07801 353487): Third Monday of the month, 8.30pm. Hosted by John & Wayne. “Please come and join in, all welcome.”

Open mic (Ross: 07950 848697, rosskirkmusic@live.co.uk, <http://rosskirkmusic.webs.com/>):

First & third (and sometimes fifth) Wednesdays of every month, 8pm – 11pm. Hosted by Ross Kirk.

Wells: *Jazz in Wells*, The Venue, 42 South Street BA5 1SL (Pub: 01749 679346, Paul Cannon: 01749 674913, milton.bluesman@hotmail.com)

Third Monday of each month, 8pm. Jazz Night. “A professional trio backs aspiring jazz singers and players. Free admissions to performers and listeners but donations are welcome to help support *Wells Jazz Collective*.”

West Camel (nr. Yeovil): *Camelot Music Night*, The Davis Hall, Howell Hill BA22 7QX (Iain or Martine: 01935 851556, martine.hardy@live.co.uk, www.facebook.com/pages/Camelot-Music-Night/120673194641611)

Last Wednesday of the month (except December), 7.30pm for 8pm start. Stage & P.A. Words, music – all styles of entertainment. £3 entry (FREE TO PERFORMERS – PRE-BOOK FOR A SLOT) All are welcome. Bar, Raffle, Caption Competition. “We are always interested in new artists who wish to perform. The Davis Hall is 500 yards off the A303 between Podimore & Sparkford roundabout.”

West Parley (nr. Bournemouth): *The Owls Nest*, 196 Christchurch Road BH22 8SS (Pub: 01202 572793, Adrian: adrianharman@gmail.com)

First Thursday of every month, 8pm. (Mainly) Irish music session. “The pub always keeps good real ale, currently Ringwood Best and Otter with a couple of guest beers.”

Weston Super Mare: *Cheers*, 124 High St. BS23 1HP (01934 621370, <https://www.facebook.com/BACK-BAR-LIVE-CHEERS-BAR-Weston-s-Mare-90747517089/>)

Every Thursday, 9pm – 1am. *Back Bar Live*. Acoustic night in the Back Bar. Open mic.

Weston-super-Mare: *The London Inn / The London Oak*, 110-114 High St BS23 1HP (01934 620387)
Every Thursday, 9pm. Acoustic open mic.

Westward Ho! (nr. Bideford): *The Village Inn*, Youngaton Rd. EX39 1HU (01237 477331)
Every Tuesday, 8pm. Jam session, hosted by Ian Hudson.

Weymouth: *Quaystage2*, Pilgrim House, Hope Square DT4 8TU (01305 761828, gill_mcintosh17@hotmail.co.uk)

First Tuesday of the month, 8pm. “We welcome all kinds of Folk/Acoustic music/songs and will endeavour to fit everyone in. There is a small charge on the door to contribute towards the venue (which is run by a charity).”

Weymouth: *Wessex Folk Nite*, The Sailor’s Return, 1 St. Nicholas St, The Quay DT4 8AD (01305 773377)

Every Wednesday, 8pm. Music & song session. Raffle to raise funds for the Wessex Folk Festival.

Wherwell (nr. Andover): *White Lion Folk Club*, The White Lion, Winchester Road SP11 7JF (01264 860317, Roly Clarke: 07919 120159)

Third Thursday of the month, 8.30pm – 11pm.

Whitecroft (nr. Lydney): *Forest Folk Club*, Royal Oak, Park Hill GL15 4PG (01594 562 356, Jan Bayliss: jan@forestfolkclub.com, www.forestfolkclub.com)

First and third Sundays of the month, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Singers' nights normally on first Sunday, booked acts on third. “A proper platform stage and a warm and friendly atmosphere. We welcome floor spots and especially want to encourage new acts to our Singers’ Nights, where they can be assured of a warm welcome and an attentive and appreciative audience. All acoustic music, contemporary or traditional, is welcomed.”

Whitecroft (nr. Lydney): *Miners Arms* GL15 4PE (01594 562483, https://www.facebook.com/minersarmswhitecroft/timeline?ref=page_internal)

Fortnightly on a Friday. Open mic. Free entry. “Come play, come sing or just drink and dance!”

Willand (nr. Cullompton): *Methodist Church Hall*, Gables Road EX15 2PL (Mary Marker: 01626 854141)

First & third Thursdays of the month (except August), 7.30 - 10.30 pm. *The More the Merrier* musicians. The group plays folk dance music from England, Scotland, Ireland and America. £2 entry. All welcome to join in.

Wimborne: *Brunny Folk*, Royal British Legion Club, West Borough BH21 1LT (01202 885541)

First & third Sundays of every month (NOT July or August), 7pm till 10pm. *Performers should book their 15 min slots in advance.* “Monthly headliner spots of 45 mins... a warm welcome for friends old & new.”

Wimborne: 'I Can't Believe it's not a Folk Club', Oddfellows Arms, 2 Church Street BH21 1JH27 (01202 885067)

Third Monday of each month, 8.30pm. “Cross between an open mic session and a singaround.”

Wimborne: Wimborne Folk Club, The Horns Inn, Burt's Hill BH21 7AA (01202 883557, <http://www.wimbornefolkclub.weebly.com>)

Every Thursday, 8.15pm for an 8.30pm start. Singaround. Songs, music, jokes, stories. Admission free.

Winchcombe (nr. Cheltenham): Corner Cupboard Inn, 83 Gloucester St. GL54 5LX (01242 602303, <http://happenstancemorris.org.uk/wp>)

Fourth Thursday of the month (October to April), 9.40pm. A monthly singaround after the Happenstance Border Morris practice. “A chance to sing together, drink and enjoy each other’s company... You are very welcome, singing or listening.”

Formerly at the Plaisterers Inn.

Winchcombe (nr. Cheltenham): White Hart Inn, High Street GL54 5LJ (01242 602359, Chris: 01242, 602236, Bob: 07578 808019)

First Tuesday of each month, 8pm. Folk Club. Occasional guests.

Winchester: The Golden Lion, 99 Alresford Rd. SO23 0JZ (01962 865512)

Last Tuesday of each month, 8.30pm. Bluegrass session.

Winchester: The Hyde Tavern, 57 Hyde Street SO23 7DY (01962 862592)

Traditional folk jam: Second & fourth Mondays of the month, 8pm.

Winchester Folk Club Singaround: Third Wednesday of the month, 8pm.

Winchester: Winchester Folk Club, The Railway Inn, 3 St Pauls Hill SO22 5AE (01962 867795, Rick: winchesterfolkclub@gmail.com , <http://www.winchesterfolkclub.co.uk/>)

First Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Club Night in the Attic. £5 at the door. “Where possible floor singers will be accommodated. If you would like to perform please contact Rick Monaghan [see above].” (For *singarounds* see entry for **Winchester: The Hyde Tavern**).

Winford (nr. Bristol): Crown Inn, Crown Hill, Regil BS40 8AY 8AY (01275 472388, <http://www.thecrownregil.co.uk/>)

First Sunday of each month, 6pm - 10pm. A “folk(ish...wont be strict about genres)” open mic, hosted by local singer/songwriter Susanna Waters. Free entry. Musicians welcome.

Wiveliscombe: White Hart Hotel, West Street TA4 2JP (01984 623344, fionalk@me.com)

Third Sunday of the month, 6pm to 9pm. Acoustic singaround/session in the bar. “...a friendly and informal session and everyone is welcome, whether to perform or to listen.”

Yateley: Poppy's Folk & Acoustic Music Club, Blackwater Valley Golf Centre, Chandlers Lane GU46 7SZ (01252 874725, Felix & Kathy Kelly: 01344 771887, Kathleen.kelly19@btinternet.com)

Second Friday of the month (NOT August), 8pm for 8.30pm in the Club House. “There are occasional guests but we always have floor singers in the first half and welcome all - whether they want to perform or just relax and enjoy good music.”

Yeovil: The Courtyard (formerly The Hub), 27 Market Street BA20 1HZ (01935 472 407, glenn_prigmore@hotmail.com , <http://www.bearcatcollective.co.uk/diary.html>)

Third Thursday of certain months (check website for dates), 7pm – 10pm. Folk & Roots Night, FREE.
To perform email Glenn (above).

Yeovil: *The Great Lyde*, 1 Cavalier Way BA21 5UA (01935 429707)

Third Tuesday of the month, 9pm till late. Open mic. “All styles of music acceptable. You can bring your own equipment or use what's there from the house band.” “... an extremely competent set of musicians prepared to back you and support you... a fantastic opportunity for anyone who has not played before with a group of people to experience being part of a much larger group.”

Yeovil: *The Red House*, Dorchester Road BA22 9RA (01935 477 744)

Last Monday of the month, 8pm. Music & song session, organised by Mike Cox.

Yeovil: *Woods Wine Bar*, 70 Middle Street BA20 1LU (01935 428 129,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Woods/184891241017>)

Every Wednesday, 8pm. Open mic.
