



THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR: UPDATE 11/11/19

This newsletter is an attempt to keep you abreast of the latest developments in the acoustic DIY scene in the west of England (singarounds, sessions, open mic, etc.)

Hello People,

I've got a new poetry collection out. It's called *Stiles* and it's published by the *Paekakariki Press* <https://www.paekakarikipress.com/?content=publications.php>. In case you're wondering (which I know you are), Paekakariki is the name of the village in New Zealand after which the publisher, a New Zealander, named his Press, which is not in Paekakariki but in Walthamstow. Copies are available from me for £10 + postage. I should warn you that the collection has nothing whatsoever to do with acoustic music, and the only reason I'm plugging it here is because I can.

If you're wondering which gang of miscreants to vote for in the impending election, don't worry: this year's votes will be cast according to the decisions of the Sorting Hat (on loan from the Harry Potter franchise). Instead of that business with crosses and ballot boxes, you simply put the hat on and it will decide which party suits you best and your 'vote' will be registered automatically. The Sorting Hat will, of course, be renamed Voty McVoteface. Allegations that I sought the help of Vladimir Putin in order to rig the Hat in favour of the Acoustic Party are entirely without foundation.

Tony

FROM MY INBOX

Thank you, Paul [for your sterling detective work on behalf of the *Acoustic Calendar*]. Prepare to receive the *Acoustic Calendar Special Services Award for Action Above and Beyond the Call of Duty*.

"I hope you know a cheap engraver, or getting a medal struck with such a long name will blow all of AC's budget for the year (not to mention ripping the fabric, when it's pinned on, of the cheap clothing I'm wont to wear)." Paul

I was thinking more in terms of you pasting the words onto a document, printing it out, cutting round it and sticking it on your shirt with blue tack.

"Like I said, blowing AC's whole year's budget." Paul

"Thanks for the advice about the spoon, but remember, he who sups with the devil needs a long one." Giles

I'll remember that next time I get invited to No. 10.

"Explanational quote of the year: 'When one door shuts and another one opens it means you're in prison!'" Bryony

NEW

Beaworthy: *Junction Inn*, Halwill Junction EX21 5XR (01409 221239, <http://www.drjams.co.uk/>)

Second Tuesday of the month, 9pm till 11pm. Open mic. "We do not allow backing tracks as we're all about live music."

Broad Campden (nr. Chipping Campden): *The Bakers Arms*, Angel Lane GL55 6UR (01386 840515)

Fourth Sunday of the month, 8pm-ish. Music session.

Westbury: *The Angel Hotel*, 3 Church Street BA13 3BY (01373) 822648, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Pub/Angel-Inn-118515798203298/>)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Open mic. All are welcome.

VENUE CHANGE

Calstock: *The Boot Inn*, Fore Street PL18 9RN (Pub: 01822 481589)

Folk evening: First Saturday of each month (October to March), 8.30pm. "Playing, singing, nattering & noggins. All welcome. Bring your instruments and voices."

Formerly at the Church House Inn, Linkinhorne, which has closed. The "December" session will be on Saturday 30th November.

Liskeard: *The Red Lion*, 5 Lower Lux Street PL14 3JL (015 7934 4354, Andrew Card: Dynlisk@hotmail.co.uk)

First Sunday in each month, 2pm. Acoustic session. "All styles welcome and played".
Formerly at the White Horse Inn.

Minchinhampton (nr. Stroud): *Minchinhampton Folk Club*, The Cotswold Club, 11 High Street GL6 9BN (01453 882315, <http://www.minchfolkclub.org/home/4588085076>)

Every Thursday, 8.15pm. Every night is a singers' night – come early for a spot.
Returned to its home town after three and a half years in Paganhill, Stroud.

SUSPENDED

Bishopstoke (nr. Eastleigh): *The Anglers Inn*, 17 Riverside, SO50 6LQ (023 8061 2995)

Last Thursday of the Month, 8.30. *Del's Open Mic*, run by Derick Ince (Del).
Back in January.

Poole: *Picking 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,

"Regretfully I have to temporarily cancel "Picking at the Pilot". For health reasons and the absence of anyone willing to take over, I am unable to run the session. It is hopefully only a temporary closure for maybe 6 months... I propose to start the session again when I am able, and will let you know when this happens." Robin

CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER

Chipshop (nr. Tavistock): **Copper Penny Inn, PL19 8NT (Pub: 01822 833288, Mike & Tilly: 07725 579718, mitilmusic@gmail.com , www.mikeandtillymusic.co.uk)**

Normally on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 8pm. Acoustic evening, held in the large skittle alley next to the bar. Hosted by Mike & Tilly. All are welcome to play or sing or just listen. "The format is individual or group performances and not a jam session and absolutely no amps!"

"The Copper Penny sessions in November and December are cancelled due to holidays and Christmas. Normal service will resume on 28 January. The Boot Inn sessions are unaffected."

Mike and Tilly

CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

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

Song session (Lesley: lesleyandrew@yahoo.co.uk): Second Thursday of the month. "Starts at 8.00 and continues till we run out of songs or get kicked out (usually at 11.00). All types of songs and singers welcome."

"As most people are busy and the weather is not always kind, there will be no session in either December or January. We will pick up again in February and hope for decent weather then."

Lesley

REVISED SCHEDULE

Bath: Barton Street Wine Bar, 28 Barton St. BA1 1HG (01225 315122, <http://bartonstreetwinebarcafe.com/>)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Irish music session. All-comers welcome.

NB: The Balkan and Klezmer sessions have been discontinued.

RIP

Basingstoke: The White Hart, London Rd. RG21 4AE (01256 464384, <https://www.thewhitehartbasingstoke.com/live-music>)

First Thursday of every month, 8pm. Jam Night, hosted by Lizgonmad. "Try out new material or just get a feel for performing in front of a welcoming audience. Whatever your style or ability, everyone gets a chance to perform."

Discontinued due to lack of interest.

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

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

Discontinued.

Bridgwater: The Purplespoon, The YMCA, The George Williams Centre, Friarn Avenue TA6 3RF (01278 726011, https://www.facebook.com/pg/Thepurlespoon/events/?ref=page_internal)

Last Thursday of the month, 7pm. Open mic.

Discontinued.

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).

"With regret, I have to tell you that Shammick Acoustic nights (2nd Saturdays) will be discontinued after 9th November. The concert nights (4th Saturdays usually) will continue however." Barbara

ACOUSTIC QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It's a folk singer's job to comfort disturbed people and to disturb comfortable people."

(Woody Guthrie)

[If you have been affected by any issues arising from this newsletter, that's your problem. Deal with it.]

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