



## THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR: UPDATE 11/2/18

*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,

Here's a valentine pome wot I rote:

Commercial Cupid aims his dart  
Not at the vulnerable heart:  
As any stationer can vouch,  
His target is the money-pouch.

So rosy hearts are everywhere:  
On either side the thoroughfare  
In crowded windows you can see  
Their plump, heraldic symmetry.

Nonetheless, I'm bound to say  
On this hearty-darty day  
Devoted to St. Valentine  
That I am yours and you are mine.

That's about all I've got for you today apart from one new venue and a couple of casualties, so I'll run along and practice my love songs.

Love, peace and big red silky hearts,

Tony

### FROM MY INBOX

*"Completely agree about the Elephant in the Bar. I wonder, chuckling over it, whether this is a gentle hint to someone you've had to listen to who thinks it's OK to be snooty about off-key singers. (I've been guilty of that myself in the past.) I find in my dance classes that the person who absolutely cannot hear the beat or always goes the wrong way is often highly skilled in things I'm bad at - like*

*remembering to put the kettle on, or saying the right thing to an unhappy dancer. I - we? - need people like that to make up for all my failings!" Ann*

It wasn't a hint – at the singarounds I go to, I've found people to be wonderfully tolerant. As you say, everyone is good at something... I think... possibly. I'm pretty useless at most things that don't involve words or music: I can't drive; can't swim; don't understand money; and it took me 70 years to learn how to be a human being (I think I've almost got the hang of that).

*"When you get your first-class honours in being human, well deserved, please please offer me beginners classes." Ann*

For you, anything.

#### NEW

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

First Sunday of every month, 8pm to 10.30pm. Acoustic session. All musical styles/genres, levels and instruments are welcome, including unaccompanied singers. Organised by John Hanratty.

"Seavington St. Michael is 3.5 miles from Ilminster, close to the A303, and the pub is on the main road through the village."

#### RIP

**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."

*Pub closed.*

**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.

*No longer happening, according to pub staff.*

#### BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

What's the difference between a seamstress and a fiddler?

*The seamstress tucks up the frills.*

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