



THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR: UPDATE 12/1/18

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,

Very soon the 25th of January will be upon us. What do you mean ‘So what?’ It’s Burns Night innit. I shall have to iron my sporrans, polish my haggis and practice the handful of Scottish songs I know. My ancestors on my father’s side were Scottish, you know. They belonged to the McWattie clan. I’m not joking. It’s true! They’re a branch of the Buchanans (you can google it if you’re tired of having a life).

Well, that’s more than enough about me, so please read on. The different capitalised headings under which I organise items reflect the breadth and variety of the means people will adopt in order to make extra work for me (sorry, we’re back to me again.)

Happy... er... what’s the next one after New Year? Oh, I remember, it was Burns Night, wasn’t it? Happy Burns Night... unless you happen to be anticaldonian, in which case you don’t deserve to be happy, you racist bastard.

Love and peace.

Tony

FROM MY INBOX

“You do a wonderful job, you know - we’d all be out mugging people if you didn’t give us somewhere to go.” Marianne

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement. My remit was to get as many muggers off the streets as possible, especially Irish ones.

“Your knighthood is in the post... er ... but the post’s been privatised, so don’t hold your breath!”
Marianne

I was hoping for at least a life peerage. Oh well, beggars can’t be choosers.

“Someone suggested last month about writing a whole song on the ‘didn't wake up this morning’ theme. So here's my humble submission” George

Dead Man Blues

*Well, I woke up this morning, I was feeling kind o' dry,
Yeah, I woke up this morning, I was feeling kind o' dry,
So I had a slug of moonshine, and washed it down with rye.*

*I gotta give up this drinking, it ain't doing me no good,
Yeah, I gotta give up on drinking, it ain't doing me no good,
If I don't give up this drinking, they'll put me in a box of wood.*

*Now I didn't wake up this morning, I had such a heavy head,
Yeah, I didn't wake up this morning, I had such a heavy head,
When I figured out the reason, I reckoned I was dead.*

*So now I've given up drinking, can't even hold my glass,
O yeah I've given up on drinking, can't even hold my glass,
I ain't no good for nothing, 'cept lie here under this grass.*

*It's time you gave up drinking, take my advice my son,
Just give up all that drinking, take my advice my son,
Take it from me who knows it, that being dead ain't much fun.*

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Nice one George. Would you like me to reproduce it in my next newsletter (which means it would be technically 'published') or would you prefer to keep it under your hat for live performance? It's your copyright so the decision is yours.

“By all means spread it around Tony. Always happy for other people to use my songs. Some day someone's going to see one of them, like it, turn it into a huge hit and make me a small fortune.”
George

So, who's going to make George (and themselves) a small fortune?

BRISTOL OPEN MICS

I'm aware that the links to *Bristol Open Mics* take you to the wrong place when you click on them. However, if you copy the link and paste it into your browser it takes you correctly to the Bristol section of the *Open Mic Finder*. I've tried to correct this problem by globally replacing the links in the *Calendar* with the web address from the site (which appears to be identical anyway!) but without success. If anyone can understand this mystery I'd be pleased to hear from them.

NEW

Fivehead (nr. Taunton): ***The Crown Inn, Gange's Hill TA3 6PQ (01460 281919)***

Saturday 17th February, 7.30pm. Folk and Acoustic Evening. “The format will be: 7.30pm: floor singers. 8.30pm: supper – bar meal served by Jacqui (curry?) – pre-order if required. 9.pm: guest act 1 – Laurie & Karen Burn. 9.30pm: guest act 2 – The Farey Family. Possibly finish with jam session?”

Saturday 17th March, 7.30pm. Folk and Acoustic Evening. Irish theme for St Patrick's Night.

Lymington: *The White Hart*, 17 Milford Road SO41 8DF (01590 673495, <http://www.whitehartpennington.co.uk/events>)

Every Sunday, 7pm. Acoustic Jam Night at a “traditional 200 year old inn sitting on the border of Lymington & Pennington.” All styles and abilities welcome.

Plymouth: *Stoke Inn*, 43 Devonport Road PL3 4DL (01752 515749)

Sunday 21st January, 3pm. Folk Session. “Leaders Kathy and St. Aubyn's Folk. All types of singers , musicians, poets, audience welcome. 34 Bus. Car parking at the pub and public car park. The pub is opposite the Co op.”)

So far this seems to be a ‘one-off’. I’ll let you know if it becomes a regular event.

CHANGE OF VENUE & CANCELLATION

Charlton Musgrove (nr. Wincanton): ***The Folk in the Vale*, The Smithy Inn BA9 8HG (Pub: 01963 824899; 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.”

Previously at the Bird in Hand, Henstridge.

*“The Smithy at Charlton Musgrove BA9 8HG is a mile off the A 303 north of the Gillingham turn. The Smithy which had been closed for six years was reopened by Rebecca and Andrew some eight months ago. They have offered us a large room next to the bar from **15th February** onwards every month. We think it will be a very good venue as it is warm comfortable does a good selection food and is very welcoming. **We have cancelled the January session** altogether. The Smithy is 14 miles and 17 minutes from Henstridge and we do hope to see you all there from February and help us to get this new venture off to a good start.”* Kate and Peter

RIP

Downton (nr. Lymington): ***The Royal Oak*, Christchurch Rd. SO41 0LA (01590 718104)**

Alternate Wednesdays. Singaround, hosted by Jamie Adams.

“...currently closed. Unlikely the bi weekly sing-a-round will continue.” Steve

SUSPENDED?

Milford on Sea (nr. Lymington): ***White Horse*, 16 Keyhaven Rd. SO41 0QY (01590 642360)**

Every Wednesday, 8.30pm. Singaround.

“...has been closed and has now re-opened. I will let you know asap when/if the weekly sing-a-round starts up again.” Steve

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

“Music is in the air – you simply take as much of it as you want.” Sir Edward Elgar

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