



## THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR: UPDATE 13/3/19

*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 expect some of you work (or have worked) in Education and are therefore familiar with grotesque, mutant forms of English. My four-year-old great-grandson has just been awarded something called a 'Learning Warrior' certificate for (among other things) 'showing a fantastic Growth Mindset attitude' (*What????!!!*) Imagine that - four years old and he's got an attitude as well as a 'mindset'! Still, it's not all bad - at least they gave him a daffodil to give to his mum.

In the unlikely event of the Voice of Reason ever being heard in the House of Commons, it would be suspended immediately and forced to make a grovelling apology: such have we in this country come to value free speech and rational discourse. Sorry, I couldn't resist including that in this totally and utterly non-political newsletter. Sometimes my inner Grumpy Old Man comes out with these assertions and until I've committed them to typescript he won't shut up and lie down and let me get on with the important task of ... you know.

Tony

### FROM MY INBOX

*"FOCSLE Music singaround on Weds. 27th MIGHT be moved to Tues. 26th (or possibly cancelled, if room not free), so check the relevant date on [www.focsle.org](http://www.focsle.org) for confirmation". Paul*

Stop it! You're reminding me of Brexit (Shit! There I go again).

*"Is it possible to flag up **To Win The Day** at the Shire Hall, Dorchester on 27th March 2019? I know you don't usually publicise this sort of thing but it's very much about the 'roots' of folk -from the historical story, the place of the performance and the singers of Time & Tide who will be presenting it. The story touches on the well-known story of the Tolpuddle Martyrs but is the untold one of their extraordinary wives, sisters and mothers. The performance will be at the Shire Hall, Dorchester - the venue of the trial of the Tolpuddle men in March 1834. This powerful and original folk-drama has a great cast of singer-performers.... Contact: [info@shirehalldorset.org](mailto:info@shirehalldorset.org) or 01305 261849." Sophie*

You're right, Sophie, I don't usually publicise this sort of thing, which is why it's hidden away in the 'From my inbox' section. But I agree it is about an important and underappreciated episode in our folk history.

#### SPRING EQUINOX SESSION

**Sandford Orcas** (nr. Sherborne): *The Mitre Inn* DT9 4RU (Pub: 01963 220271, Linda & David Chiplen: 07530 926496, [lindachiplen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindachiplen@yahoo.co.uk) )

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 8pm.* An informal evening of acoustic folk song and music (*no PAs please*). Hosted by David and Linda Chiplen. Everyone welcome to sing a song, play a tune or just listen.

#### FOLK DAY

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

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, between noon and 10.30pm.* Folk Day. "A whole free day of music and dance. The event will be an opportunity to come along and hear and see some of the best local and regional traditional & contemporary folk singers, musicians, dancers and poets... There will be plenty of opportunity to sing along... Between the two concerts we will have an open mic session... a chance for visitors to perform (first come first served)." For more details phone above.

#### BACK IN BUSINESS

**Lymington: The Borough Arms, 39 Avenue Rd. SO41 9GP (01590 672814)**

Every Monday, 8pm. Sing-a-round.

*Re-opened after refurbishment.*

#### NEW

**Exeter: The Port Royal, Weirfield Rd. EX2 4DR (01392 272360,**

[www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777](http://www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777) )

Fourth Sunday of the month, 4.30pm. Gypsy, klezmer, Mediterranean and European music session.

**Exeter: Timepiece Nightclub & Wine Bar, Little Castle St. EX4 3PX (01392 493096,**

[www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777](http://www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777) )

Every Thursday, 8pm-ish to 12.30pm. Open mic.

**Plymouth: Millbridge Inn, 23 Molesworth Rd. PL1 5LZ (01752 563056,**

<http://www.themillbridgeinn.com/> , [www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777](http://www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777) )

Every Wednesday. 8pm to 11pm. Open mic.

**Talaton** (nr. Exeter): *The Talaton Inn* EX5 2RQ (01404 822214,

[www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777](http://www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777) )

Last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm. Folk session. "Open to all styles of folk music and all musicians and singers of all abilities."

**Torquay: Boots & Laces, Marnham Rd. TQ1 3QW (01803 313377,**

[www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777](http://www.facebook.com/groups/173833436777) )

Last Sunday of the month, 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Open mic.

#### REVISED SCHEDULE (2 NEW EVENTS)

**Lymington/Pennington: The White Hart, 17 Milford Road SO41 8DF (01590 673495,**

<http://www.whitehartpennington.co.uk/events> )

*Rock & Blues Jam:* First Sunday of the month, 7pm to 10.30pm.

*Open Mic:* Second Sunday of the month, 8pm to 11pm. Open mic and featured band.

*Acoustic Jam Night:* Last Sunday of the month, 8pm to 10.30pm. All styles and abilities welcome.

#### CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

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

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

*Used to be on the first Wednesday.*

#### CHANGE OF VENUE

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

*The Somerset Story Circle* (Sharon or Jem: 01458 259553, [sharonjacksties@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjacksties@hotmail.com)):

Second Sunday of the month, 7pm. Free drop-in session to share traditional stories. “As we gather to celebrate the oral tradition, we tell rather than read. Songs, poems and music are also welcome. Open to all – listeners as well as tellers.

*Moved back to Eli's after a sojourn at the Somerset Museum of Rural Life.*

#### RIP

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

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

*Discontinued.*

**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.”

*Not happening.*

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

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

*Discontinued.*

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Death is nature's way of telling us to stop tweeting.” Henry Normal

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

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