



THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR: UPDATE 13/7/19

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,

After much heart-searching with a blunt scalpel, I've decided that I can reduce my workload to something more in keeping with my advancing years simply by abandoning the *Festivals List*. I hope you'll agree that, while the monthly *Calendars* are unique in bringing together so many events under their specific dates, the *Festivals List* only reproduces information that can easily be found elsewhere online, notable in the excellent and comprehensive <http://www.ukfolkfestivals.co.uk/> which can be searched by month. I hope this decision will cause no more than a modicum of distress (I'd feel bad if the suicide rate amongst musicians suddenly went through the roof).

Tony

FROM MY INBOX

"I trust that you'll apply the appropriate number of points to my electronic AC loyalty card." Paul

There are so many points on your AC loyalty card that you'll swear you had a hedgehog in your pocket.

"I was up in Cumbria at the weekend for the All Britain Fleadh Cheoil, which was held in the lovely little town of Kirkby Lonsdale – set among the most glorious countryside! Swifts galore and fields full of lapwings! And I won the Lilting, the Ladies' Singing in English and the Singing in Irish as well!!!" Marianne (McAler)

Big, six foot high, illuminated CONGRATULATIONS, Marianne. I'm so glad the judges knew what they were about.

NEW

East Worldham (nr. Alton): *The Three Horseshoes*, Cakers Lane GU34 3AE (01420 83211)
First Tuesday of the month, 8pm. *Alton Steady Session*. led by David Johnson. "The Hampshire session for the beginner and improving musician... play English folk tunes together at an easy pace... experienced musicians are also welcome."

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

Last Thursday of the Month. Open Mic Night.

Southampton: *The Hobbit Pub*, 134 Bevois Valley Rd. SO14 0JZ (07462 811506)

Every Sunday, 3pm. Irish Session. "Join Pat Begley and friends every Sunday for a free traditional Irish acoustic session, with players, singers and dancers coming from far and wide. Come on down, make some new friends and join in the fun - whether you are playing or just enjoying the craic is mighty!"

Totton (nr. Southampton): *The Salmon Leap*, Testwood Lane SO40 3BR (023 8086 2694)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Folk Session.

REVISED ENTRY

Southampton: *The Guide Dog*, 38 Earls Rd, Bevois Valley SO14 6SF (023 8022 5642)

FolkSoc Session: Every Monday (except fourth Monday), 9pm. "... student-led session catering for all abilities and styles, though you don't have to be a student to take part."

Acoustic Session (Nic Bradford: nic@meltingpot.org.uk): Every fourth Monday of the month. Acoustic music / song / poetry session ('joining in' encouraged).

'Swing Steady' Session (Nic Bradford: nic@meltingpot.org.uk): Third Tuesday of the month, in the back room ('The Doghouse'). Swing and Gypsy Jazz repertoire. "For newcomers to jazz, or improvers. A chance to try things out in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Tunebook and other details on 'Swing Steady Session' Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/events/779407425786185/>. All acoustic instruments welcome."

Sam's Session: First Wednesday of the month. "Slow session of mainly English tunes, for beginners and improvers."

Focsle Music (Jon Ellis: 077 7598 2908, jon@focsle.org; Paul Clarke: 023 8046 2723, paul@focsle.org, www.focsle.org):

Normally on the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month, 8pm in the back room ('The Doghouse'). "Quirkily good-humoured atmosphere. Free entry, with voluntary raffle. No pressure to perform, but everyone is invited to. Cosy little room in proper old-fashioned Real Ale haven: some 10 craft beers on tap. Always check website, or ring for updates on [sometimes] short-notice enforced changes, due to Southampton home matches."

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF VENUE

Lympstone (nr. Exmouth): *Lympstone Folk, Roots & Acoustic*, The Redwing Inn, Church Rd EX8 5JT (Pub: 01395 222156; Olly: 01395 225075, 07741409265, ollydavey1950@gmail.com)

Wednesday 24th July, 8.30pm. All acts welcome.

"*Lympstone Folk are taking a break for August, and in July, we are meeting in the upstairs room at the Redwing pub in Lympstone, not the Saddlers, which expects to be very busy with diners.*" Olly

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

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