



## THE ACOUSTIC CALENDAR: UPDATE 27/9/18

*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,

From time to time we all need to take a break from worrying about the Big Questions like ‘Will the dying sun expand to engulf and vaporize the earth before or after the conclusion of the Brexit negotiations?’ or ‘Are Bert and Ernie really gay?’ and to simply surrender to the healing power of music. Which is why we here at Acoustic Towers (that’s me and my dedicated band of elves) are working 24/7 to bring you the latest news from the world of DIY music. On my website you will find hundreds of open venues where the amateur musician (and the occasional professional) can go and play as many bum notes as they like in the certainty that no music critic will come down on them like a trailer-load of manure.

Tony

### FROM MY INBOX

*“Our Folk club at the Panborough, nr. Wells [Mr. Punch’s] is going from strength to strength..... bringing together local singers, musicians and poets from all around Somerset and down from Bristol. We have been described as a good traditional Folk Club.... where you can hear and join in with both traditional and contemporary songs and music. We meet in the main bar. Now that Autumn is upon us the stove will be lit and a warm welcome assured.” Bernard*

Details of guests, etc. can be found at: <http://punchsfolkclub.yolasite.com/club-dates-and-events.php> and <https://www.facebook.com/Mr-Punchs-Folk-Club-1377760742552453/> .

### TONIGHT!

**Thornford** (nr. Sherborne): **The Kings Arms, Pound Rd. DT9 6QD (Pub: 01935 872294; SomerStep: [info@somerstep.org](mailto:info@somerstep.org) , <http://www.somerstep.org> )**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm. SomerStep Session.** “Session with a bit of step dancing added! All welcome to play, dance, sing or watch.”

**Wellington: The Dolphin, 37 Waterloo Rd. TA21 8JQ (Pub: 01823 665889; Fodo: <https://www.facebook.com/fodohpf> )**

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm.* Open Mic. “Fun, friendly, relaxed. Soloist, singer-songwriter, poet or comic – we'd love for you to join us to perform or watch. To book a slot (advisable) then PM Fodo (<https://www.facebook.com/fodohpf>). Bose PA with a couple of Mics and jack leads. Entry is free, but we will pass a hat for contributions towards PA.”

#### SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Linkinhorne** (nr. Callington): **Church House Inn PL17 7LY (01579 363711)**

*Folk Evening* (first of the former Cross House Inn evenings at its new venue) “Playing, singing, nattering & noggins. All welcome. Bring your instruments and voices.”

*After the 29/9 it will revert to the first Saturday of each month up to and including March next year.*

#### CORRECTION

**South Petherton: David Hall Arts Centre, Roundwell Street TA13 5AA (01460 240340, Chris: 01963 31508, 07715 501157, [folk@chriswatts.org](mailto:folk@chriswatts.org),**

**<https://www.facebook.com/OpenMicNightatTheDavidHall/?ref=h> , [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk)**

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7.30pm. Acoustic Night at the David Hall. The David Hall hands over its professional stage with lights, PA system, and appreciative audience, to performers of all types. Admission £2 audience, £1 performers. To book a performance slot please contact Chris Watts.

*September's Acoustic Night is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, NOT Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> as it first appeared in this month's Calendar. Apologies for any confusion caused.*

#### NEW

**Chideock** (nr. Bridport): **The Clock House DT6 6JW (01297 489423,**

**<https://www.clockhideock.co.uk/events/songwriter-showcase/> )**

Third Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm. Songwriters' Showcase. Hosted by Elijah Wolf.

“Everybody welcome... come and play or listen... we want to hear your songs.”

**Sidmouth: The Marine, The Esplanade EX10 8BB (01395 513145,**

**<http://www.themarinesidmouth.com> )**

First Friday of the month, 9pm. Songwriters' Showcase. Hosted by Elijah Wolf. “Everybody welcome... come and play or listen... we want to hear your songs.”

**Weymouth: The Globe, 22 East Street DT4 8BN (Pub: 01305 786061; Nigel**

**Canter: [nigel.canter@talk21.com](mailto:nigel.canter@talk21.com) )**

Third Thursday of every month, 8pm. “A session for the more advanced acoustic (folk, etc.) musician, with the emphasis on entertaining the crowd. Good beer at very good prices.”

#### BLACK VEN POETRY AND FOLK OPEN MIC

The Black Ven spoken word and acoustic music open mic nights have restarted. The first one was at the *Ilchester Arms* in Symondsburry on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The second will also be at the *Ilchester Arms* on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. After that, from November, they move to the *Galley Cafe*, Broad Street, Lyme Regis, where they are planned to happen regularly on the third Saturday of every month:

**Symondsburry** (nr. Bridport): **Ilchester Arms DT6 6HD (01308 422600,**

**[blackvenpress@gmail.com](mailto:blackvenpress@gmail.com) ,**

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/157574378227277/> )**

*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.* *Black Ven* spoken word and acoustic music open mic in the Barn. £2 on the door. Sign up for a 5 minute slot. “Come one, come all: be you poet, bard, balladeer, musician, pirate, traveller or folk friend - all welcome to our fairy-lit mic stand. All welcome.”

**Lyme Regis: Galley Café, 14 Broad Street DT7 3QD (01297 445008, [blackvenpress@gmail.com](mailto:blackvenpress@gmail.com) , <https://www.facebook.com/events/157574378227277/> )**  
*From Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Third Saturday of the month, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Black Ven spoken word and acoustic music open mic in the Barn. £2 on the door. Sign up for a 5 minute slot. "Come one, come all: be you poet, bard, balladeer, musician, pirate, traveller or folk friend - all welcome to our fairy-lit mic stand. All welcome."*

#### CHANGE OF VENUE

**Cattistock (nr. Dorchester): Fox & Hounds, Duck St. DT2 0JH (01300 320444, Ruth Thompson: 01300 321396, [fiddler@casterbridge.net](mailto:fiddler@casterbridge.net) )**  
Third Sunday of the month (except August), 5pm to 8.30pm in the skittle alley. Friendly session. "Mostly English tunes, but we are flexible. Contact Ruth first."  
*Moved from The Chalk & Cheese at Maiden Newton.*

**Southampton: Platform Tavern, Town Quay SO14 2NY (023 8033 7232, (Cath Watkins: [cath@meltingpot.org.uk](mailto:cath@meltingpot.org.uk) , <http://englishtunes.wordpress.com/> )**  
Second Tuesday of the month (except August), 8:30pm. English tunes session.  
*"Since our current venue, The Talking Heads, is closing at the end of September, our Southampton English tunes session is moving..." Cath*

#### CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

**Portsmouth: Shenanigan's Irish Bar, 57 Osborne Road, Southsea PO5 3LS (02392 293 756)**  
Alternate Thursdays, 7.30pm. (Mainly) Irish session. "The aim of this session, in a nutshell, is to create a friendly, welcoming environment for musicians and singers to participate together and hone their craft in the relaxed, informal setting of the Irish pub. We have a very welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, the smell of turf and great Guinness! Come and join us, whatever your skill level!"  
*Next one: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Used to be on the second Thursday of the month.*

#### RIP

**Sidmouth: The Marine, The Esplanade EX10 8BB (01395 513145, <http://www.themarinesidmouth.com> )**  
Alternate Fridays, from 9.30pm. Open mic. Free entry.  
*Discontinued.*

**Southampton: The Talking Heads, 16-22 The Polygon SO15 2BN (023 80 361 970, [enquiries@thetalkingheads.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thetalkingheads.co.uk) ), <http://www.thetalkingheads.co.uk/> )**  
*Traditional Irish Acoustic Session: Every Sunday afternoon, 2pm. Free Entry.*

*The Candle Club: Every Monday evening, 8.30pm. Open mic. "Welcoming talent of all ages, experience, background and ability."*

*Southampton Ukulele Jam: Every other Monday, alternating with 'beginners/improvers group'.*

*Due to close end of September.*

#### BARBARA'S ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS NO. 8

The music class won't let me sing;  
So they gave me this triangle thing  
And told me to wait  
For bar 678  
Then give one pianissimo 'ting'.

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