

The Acoustic Calendar for Wessex

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Venues List

(folk clubs, singarounds, acoustic sessions & open mic in and around Somerset & Dorset -
an alphabetical list of regular venues with full addresses & contact details)

29th August 2010

*This list is based on information that may in some cases be out-of-date
- please check with venue before travelling*

NB: Floor spots are not always available on club guest nights

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Tony (sanchobramble@hotmail.com). The Calendar can also be downloaded from
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***Please help me keep this list up-to-date by e-mailing Tony (sanchobramble@hotmail.com) if you have
any information about schedule changes, cancellations, new venues, etc.***

Ash (nr. Martock): *The Bell Inn*, Main Street TA12 6NS (01935 822727)
(Mainly Irish) session (Laurie Phillips: 01458 274732, 07899 097983): First Monday of the
month, 8.30pm.

Traditional folk session (Martin Hughes: 01458 223123, 07719 712885,
martin.hughes@mrch.freeseve.co.uk, www.mrch.freeseve.co.uk): Fortnightly on
Wednesdays, 8:30pm in the main bar. Mainly jamming, but singers welcome.

Ashcott (near Bridgwater): *Ring o'Bells*, 16 High Street TA7 9PZ (01458 210232, John: 01458
210023)
First Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. Musicians, singers, jamming. Mainly traditional, but all styles
welcomed.

Ashill (near Ilminster): *The Ashill Inn* TA19 9ND (01823 480 471)
Music session (mainly instrumental): First Friday of the month (except August), 8.30pm. Open folk
session.

Singaround (Tony: 01823 480414): Fourth Friday of the month, 8.30pm. Singaround / music
session. All styles, all ages, all welcome.

Atworth (nr. Melksham): *The White Hart*, Bath Road SN12 8JR (Phil: 01380 870734, 07952 540123,
Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk)

Irish Session: First Monday of the month. All welcome.

Unplugged Music Night: Last Monday of the month. All welcome.
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Axminster: Axminster Inn, Silver St EX13 5AH (01297 34947)

Every Wednesday, 9pm. Open mic/acoustic session. "Relatively quiet, but enjoyable!"

Bampton: Bridge House Hotel, Luke Street EX16 9NF (01398 331 298, Clare Penney: 01884 860023, west.land@talktalk.net)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8pm – 11pm. Acoustic music & song session.

Bath: Bear Essentials, The Bear, 6-10 Wellsway BA2 3AQ (01225 425795, <http://sites.google.com/site/thebearom/home>)

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 8.30pm – 11pm. Acoustic open mic. Easy to find on the Somerset side of South Bath. "It's called the Bear Essentials because we like stripped down music. We always welcome singer songwriters, particularly those who haven't played or rarely play in public. There's no limit on style of music as long as it's suitable for public performance. Please arrive early if you want to perform as it often gets busy. Ask for Richard and have your name put on the list. It's first come first served... and it's FREE. We have a quality PA and microphones which you are welcome to use. Musicians, poets and storytellers welcome. The pub is friendly and lively and does great food. Parking is free in the car park behind the pub."

Bath: Groundswell Open Mic Night, Porter Cellar Bar, 14 George St. BA1 2EN (01225 424104, 01225 404445)

Every Monday, 8pm.

Bath: Pig and Fiddle, 2 Saracen Street BA1 5BR (01225 460 868)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Open Mic Night. All performance styles.

Bath: The Playgroup, The Bell, 103 Walcot St. BA1 5BW (01225 460426)

Every Thursday (except during summer break), 9pm. Open mic, all styles. In the back room (The 'Love Lounge') or on the main stage in the bar. Arrive early to book your slot!

Bath: Revolution Bar, York Buildings, George Street BA1 2EB (01225 336 168)

Every Sunday. 8.30pm – midnight. Open mic. FREE entry.

Bath: The Royal Oak, Lower Bristol Road BA2 3BW (01225 481409)

Irish session: Every other Wednesday, alternating with jazz session, 8.30pm.

Jazz session: Every other Wednesday, alternating with Irish session, 8.30pm.

Bath: St. James' Wine Vaults, St. James Square (behind the Royal Crescent) BA1 2TW (01225 310335, www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk)

Bath Acoustic Music Club (Mary: 01225 315718, info@bathacoustic.co.uk, www.bathacoustic.co.uk): First Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm in the Gallery Room. Free entry. Acoustic musicians / singers/ songwriters welcome. "A place for acoustic music to spread its wings."

What a Performance: Last Friday of the month (NOT July or August), 7.30pm in the Gallery Room. Guests & floor spots. Hosted by Nikki Bennett-Willets and Richard Selby. Free entry.

Open Stage Night: Last Sunday of the month, 7pm – 11pm. Floor spots available to players and singers. Great friendly atmosphere and a listening audience. Free entry.

Bath: The Star Inn, 23 Vineyards BA1 5NA (01225 425072, Henry Ford: 01225 466659)

Every Friday, 8.30pm. Music session – mainly Irish.

Bath: Widcombe Social Club, Widcombe Hill BA2 6AA

The Bath Folk Club (01225 463362, info@inu-music.com, www.inu-music.com):

8 till late, monthly (not necessarily on the same day). Music, song, dance. Guests, floor spots.
“A friendly clean venue with a really nice sound and cheap beer.”

Bath Folk Club Singers Group (Louis: 078339 41982, info@nu-music.com, www.inu-music.com): 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm – 10pm. £3 for singers and £4 for listeners. Mostly unaccompanied singing but acoustic accompaniment instruments are welcome. Hosted by Nancy Kerr with some help from Louise Baxter (from Inu), Jennifer Crook and Sue Hart (from Baka Beyond). “They are all singers with a wealth of experience behind them and will be using this night to share songs and traditions and to get everybody singing together.” The money raised will go towards the running costs of Bath Folk Club.

Bere Ferrers (near Yelverton): Old Plough PL20 7JL (01822 840 358, Jane: 01822 841064)
Third Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Acoustic night. Acoustic singers, instrumentalists and groups welcome (all styles).

Bideford: Bideford Folk Club, The Joiner’s Arms, 6 Market Place EX39 2DR (01237 472 675, Jerry & Hilary Bix: 01237 470792, <http://bidefordfolkclub.clubbz.com>)
Every Thursday. “Everyone welcome to sing a song, lead a tune, read a poem - anything goes or just join in choruses. We are essentially a traditional folk club but enjoy and encourage all sorts of music.”
Collection – no fee.

Blackford (near Wedmore): Sexey’s Arms, Sexeys Road BS28 4NT (01934 712487, Pete & Pat Slade: 01934 631117)
Every other Wednesday, 8.30-ish. Music & song sessions.

Blagdon Hill (near Taunton): Claw Hammer Folk Club, The Lamb and Flag TA3 7SL (01823 421736, Derek Parsons: 01823 442713)
Alternate Tuesdays, 8pm. American old time session (mainly Appalachian).

Blandford Forum: Wessex Acoustic Folk Club, The Royal British Legion, Church Lane DT11 7AD (Kathy 01202 732239, 07590 411 515, kathy.dunn@btopenworld.com, <http://www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk>)
Fridays (irregular) – check website for next meeting. *No floor spots at present – not listed in Calendar section.*

Blue Anchor (near Minehead): Half-Pace Sessions, Blue Anchor Hotel TA24 6JP (01984 640239, Tad Mandzej: 01984 633618)
First Wednesday of the month, 8:30pm. General music sessions. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music. (*Half-Pace Sessions* are held each Wednesday at one of five different venues in the Exmoor area.)

Boscombe (nr. Salisbury): Bourne Folk, Boscombe Social Club, Tidworth Road SP4 0AB ((Dave Baker: 07743 667047, davebaker22@hotmail.co.uk, info@salisburyfolk.co.uk, www.salisburyfolk.co.uk)
Normally 3rd Friday of the month (September till April). Doors open from 7.30pm - admission £7.50. Guests & floor spots. Book in advance for a spot. (The club is situated on the A338 Salisbury - Marlborough about three miles from Salisbury.)

Bournemouth: The Bourne Spring Acoustic Folk Club, The Cricketers Arms, 41 Windham Road, Springborne BH1 4RN (01202 551589, John Smith: 01202 720630, Jason Hinchey: 07731 522515)
Fourth Monday of the month (NOT July or August), 8pm till last bell. Guest artists & floor spots.

Bournemouth: Bournemouth Folk Club, Centre Stage, Pig and Whistle, 14 Queen’s Rd. BH2 6BE (01202 540061, paul@fawm.net, www.bournemouthfolkclub.com)

Every Sunday & Thursday, 8pm (doors open 7.15pm). Capacity 160 in cabaret setting. Acts booked in advance (see website) - *no floor spots*.

Bradford on Avon: *The Canal Tavern*, 49 Frome Road BA15 1LE (01225 867426)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Open mic.

Bradford on Avon: *The George*, 67 Woolley Street BA15 1AQ (01225 865650, Chris Timson: 01225 863762, chris@concertina.info)

Second & fourth Mondays of the month. English traditional session.

Bradford-on-Avon: *The Swan Hotel*, 1 Church Street BA15 1LN (01225 868686, Alan: 01225865883, alan.jenni@virgin.net)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Folk Club.

Bradford On Tone (nr. Taunton): *The White Horse* TA4 1HF (Glen: 01823 461239, glenwhitehorse@googlemail.com)

First Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic evening in the bar. Informal acoustic session (music and song). All types of music and musicians of all abilities welcome. Free entry.

Bradninch (nr. Exeter): *Bradninch Acoustic Music Club*, St. Disen's Hall, 1 Church St. EX5 4NS (Jerry: 01392 881916, Colin: 01392 882036, colin@willow1.freerve.co.uk)

Second Wednesday of the month, 8pm - 10.45pm. All styles. £1.50 admission. Please bring your own drinks.

Bradninch (nr. Exeter): *Bradninch Folk Club* (01392 881105, Jerry: 01392 881916, Rob: 01392 881014)

Fortnightly, 8:30pm - 9pm start. Alternates between *The Castle Hotel*, Fore St. EX5 4NN (01392 881378) and *Ye Old White Lion*, 26 High Street EX5 4QL (01392 881 263)

Promoted by Bradninch Music Group. Friendly club, receptive to all kinds of music.

Bradpole (nr. Bridport): *The Kings Head*, 304 St. Andrews Road DT6 3DS (01308 422520, Annelie: 01305 775802, talbotannelie@hotmail.com)

First Monday of the month, 8.30pm. Open acoustic session, hosted by Mezzo, a four piece a capella group from Bridport. Singers, poets and musicians (all styles) welcome.

Brendon (near Lynton): *The Staghunters* EX35 6PS (01598 741222)

Third Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. Singaround.

Bridgwater: *Bridgwater Arts Centre*, 11-13 Castle Street TA6 3DD (01278 422700)

Acoustic Session: Roughly monthly (usually a Friday or Saturday), 8pm in the bar.

Acoustic Jazz Session: Thursdays (monthly – not always the same Thursday), 8pm. Jazz in the bar, hosted by Bob Hitchings of CL Jazz. “Come and play, sing or just listen.” (Bob also runs a Jazz Workshop at the Arts Centre, fortnightly on a Tuesday, 7.30pm – 9.30pm.)

[Bridgwater area] (Drew Simcox: 01278 684809, 07774 968455)

Wednesdays. Jam sessions at different venues around Bridgwater (they change from week to week – ring Drew for latest details.) Sessions start about 8pm. Musicians & singers welcome.

Bridport: *No. 10 Cafe Bar*, 10 East Street DT6 3LF (01308 420032)

Last Thursday of the month, 9pm-ish. Open mic.

Bridport: *The Ropemakers*, 36 West Street Mews, DT6 3QP (01308 421255, www.theropemakers.com)

First Thursday of the month, 8pm. Hosted by Anne and Dave Rickard from String Whistle. "All are welcome to this folk and acoustic night. Although billed as a folk night, all forms of music are accepted as long as it is acoustically based. No drum kits."

Bridport: *The Woodman Inn*, 61 South Street DT6 3NZ (01308 456455, Val: 01308 421252)

2nd Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Singers and musicians welcome.

Bristol: *The Arts House*, 108a Stokes Croft BS1 3RU (www.theartshouse.org)

Every Thursday, 8pm, in the café/bar. Open mic hosted by Antonia.

Bristol: *The Bank Tavern*, 8 John Street, Broadmead BS1 2HR (0117 930 4691)

Second & fourth Thursdays, 8.30pm till midnight. Open mic. "In an alley which runs from Broad Street down towards the Central Police Station in Broadmead - it's a little tricky to find if you don't know it. It's run by Neil Murray (aka 'Rufus T Firefly'). PA in situ."

Bristol: *Beeses Riverside Bar & Tea Gardens*, Eastwood Road BS4 4RP (0117 977 7412, www.beeses.co.uk)

Third Thursday of the month (but closed from October to Easter), 8.30pm, but this can be subject to the Avon's high tides! Open mic. Food available.

Bristol: *Blue Lagoon Coffee Shop*, 20 Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Bristol, BS7 8AE (0117 9 427 471)

Every Tuesday, 8.45pm. Open mic, hosted by Stanley Forbes.

Bristol: *The Bristol Cider House*, 8-9 Surrey Street BS2 8PS (0117 942 8196)

Every Thursday, 9pm. Open mic + regular featured artists. Hosted by Acoustic Satch. PA and guitar available. Free entry and free cider for performers! (200 metres from Cabot Circus, just off Portland Square.)

Bristol: *The Cross Keys*, 627 Fishponds Road BS16 3BA (0117 965 3571, 0871 917 0007 [ref 24366], swampmen@blueyonder.co.uk)

2nd Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic folk club. Free entrance. Open Stage, no amplification.

Bristol: *Dragon Folk Club*, Bridge Inn, Main Road, Shortwood, Mangotsfield BS16 9NG (Maggie Starkey: 01454 321943)

Every Friday night, 8.15pm.

Bristol: *The Full Moon*, 1 North Street, Stokes Croft BS1 3PR (0117 924 5007)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Open mic, hosted by Bobby Anderson of *Yes Rebels*. PA provided, but please bring your own instruments. Good location map on Full Moon website.

Bristol: *The Golden Guinea*, 19 Guinea Street BS1 6XS (0117 987 2034)

Every Sunday, 8pm – 11pm. Invited guests plus some opportunities for open mic performers. House guitar available. Hosted by Alex Furr and Paul Tierney.

Bristol: *The Golden Lion*, 244 Gloucester Road, Bishopston BS7 8NZ (0117 924 6449)

Every Monday. Open mic, hosted by Bobby Anderson of *Fortune Drive*. Bar open till midnight. PA system is set fairly loud. Free drink for performers.

Bristol: *Halo lounge bar and restaurant*, 141 Gloucester Road, Bishopston BS7 8BA (0117 944 2504, Andi: 07900 432533, www.acousticnight.com)

Usually every other Monday, 8.15pm, but *check website for dates* (register to perform at 7.45pm prompt.) Acoustic Night. Open mic for poets and musicians (50/50 poetry and music mix). 'Join the ranks of seasoned artists and newcomers for a great night of creativity. We feature special guests throughout the year.' P.A provided and limited leads available. FREE entry.

Bristol: Hillgrove Porter Stores, 53 Hillgrove Street North (off Dove Street), Kingsdown BS2 8LT (0117 944 4780)

First Monday of the month, 8pm. Hosted by Doreen Ashley and partner Stewart. A small PA and mic is provided.

Bristol: The Junction, 51 Stokes Croft BS1 3QP (0117 942 4470)

Open mic, hosted by Lady Nade. First Thursday of the month, 9pm. One free drink per performer. All welcome.

Open mic, hosted by Annie Callaghan and Jimmy Aldridge: Third Thursday of the month, 9pm. PA supplied. All welcome.

Bristol: Kebele, 14 Robertson Road, Easton BS5 6JY (07724 077505)

1st Friday of the month, 8pm. A 50% poetry / 50% music mix. Amplification is provided, but generally not used as it's a smallish room. "Kebele welcomes all to this unrestrained and uproarious monthly Open Mic session".

Bristol: Kings Head, 91 Bridgwater Road, Uplands BS13 BAE (near the junction with Kings Head Lane, Bedminster Down) (0117 9643582)

Every Thursday, 8pm. Open mic, held in the large Lounge Bar with PA already set up. Hosted by Mark Venus. Sometimes has 'Special Guest' spots.

Bristol: Kingsdown Wine Vaults, 29-31 Kingsdown Parade BS6 5UE (0117 924 9134)

Open Mic (www.myspace.com/evertonuk): Every Thursday, 8.30pm. Hosted by Everton. P.A. in situ.

Irish Session (Jill: 01275 847909, jillyelliott@gmail.com, www.fiddlelessons.co.uk, John Smallhorne: 07899 890827): Alternate Saturdays, 8pm. Run in conjunction with the Hibernia Centre's morning workshops at St Andrew's Hall, Avonmouth (information@hiberniacentrebristol.org, www.hiberniacentrebristol.org). Jill also runs a couple of groups to teach traditional tunes on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (£8.00 per person).

Bristol: Leftbank Centre, 128 Cheltenham Rd, Montpelier BS6 5RW (0117 944 4433, nick@leftbankcentre.co.uk, www.leftbankcentre.co.uk)

Every Wednesday, 7pm. Open mic, hosted by Oliver.

Bristol: The Mall (pub), 66 The Mall BS8 4JG (01179 745318)

Every Monday, 9pm till 11pm. Open mic, hosted by Jocasta. PA supplied.

Bristol: The Miners Arms, 136 Mina Road, BS2 9YQ (0117 955 6718)

Acoustic session, hosted by Sarah Joy: Every Tuesday in the upstairs room. "The lighting is low, one or two incense sticks burning, candles and a few 'string-lights', attentive audience. Well-attended by both musicians and audience alike. It's close to St.Werburgh's Church."

Traditional Singers' Circle (Jude: 0798 936 1389, jude.blodwen@blueyonder.co.uk, Sue: 0784 2233085, suegorgeous@hotmail.co.uk): Second & fourth Thursdays of the month, 8pm. "A space to sing - try out new songs and experiment - gain experience, improve performance - meet and learn from other singers - maybe workshop sessions, performances etc. All unaccompanied traditional/folk singers welcome, whatever your level of experience (no instruments please.)"

Bristol: Mr. Wolf's, 33 St. Stephen's Street BS1 1JX (0117 9273221)

Every Wednesday. Open mic hosted by Ruth Royall, with a headline band to round off the night.

Bristol: *Naval Volunteer*, 17-18 King Street BS1 4EF (0117 9291763, Chris Legge: 0117 9293508, chrislegge@tantraweb.co.uk)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm. Small, very friendly session. Mostly English tunes, but some other material (e.g. Irish, Scots, French) played as well. The tunes are all played at a very steady pace, but not so slow as to ruin them. By custom, this session always starts with a tune set consisting of 'Three Around Three' and 'Highland Mary'. Learn those two, and you'll be able to join in straightaway ("*although I suppose we may change the starting tunes sometime!*" Chris).

Bristol: *Nova Scotia Folk Club*, The Nova Scotia Inn, 1 Nova Scotia Place, Hotwells BS1 6XJ (0117 9297994, Jim Tigwell: 07850 352825, James.Jmtgwill@aol.com, www.theacousticroom.co.uk)

Every Monday at 8pm. Open stage for musicians and singers. Floor spots welcome on all nights. "We call ourselves a folk club, but all styles of music are very welcome as well as storytelling, poetry and performance. Please note though that we don't have a PA."

Bristol: *The Old Duke*, 45 King Street BS1 4ER (0117 9277137)

Every Tuesday, 9pm. Eddie Martin's open mic night.

Bristol: *The Old Fox Inn*, 301 Gloucester Road, Horfield BS7 8PE (0789 977 8443, russellhorner23@hotmail.com)

First & third Thursdays of the month, 8.30pm - 11.30pm. Open mic hosted by *The 19 Sixties* (3-piece covers band). PA, mics and drums supplied. All welcome. "*The 19 Sixties* can provide accompaniment if required (please get in touch beforehand to tell us what songs you'd like to perform.)"

Bristol: *The Ostrich Inn*, Lower Guinea Street BS1 6TJ (0117 927 3774)

Every Thursday, 9pm till 11pm. Open mic, hosted by Barry Walsh. Free drink for performers. PA supplied.

Bristol: *The Oxford*, 120-122 Oxford Street, Totterdown BS3 4RL (0117 977 6494)

Open mic: Every Thursday, 8pm. Hosted by Stevie Yeomans. Free drink for performers. P.A.

Irish Music Session: Last Sunday of the month. All welcome.

Bristol: *The Prom Bar*, 26 Gloucester Rd, Bishopston BS7 8AE (0117 9427319, www.theprom.co.uk)

Every Sunday, 9pm. Open mic hosted by local musician Rimas Mollis. Excellent PA and lights (and a couple of video screens!). Spotlight gigs for the best performers. 'Bring your own instrument and join in, for the fun of it! Or simply come and watch.'

Bristol: *The Rose of Denmark*, 6 Dowry Place, Hotwells BS8 4QL (07891 66834)

Every Wednesday. Open mic.

Bristol: *The Royal Oak*, 50 The Mall, Clifton BS8 4JG (01179 738846, Tony 01179 023892, swampmen@blueyonder.co.uk)

Every Thursday, 9pm till 11.30pm. Open mic, hosted by Lee Chaplin. Everybody welcome, PA supplied. Evening finishes with a jam session. The pub is just off Princess Victoria Street. Parking on Clifton Down Road, just a short walk away.

Bristol: *Saturday Night Music Club*, Bar 155, 155 St. Michaels Hill BS2 8DB (0117 973 9393)

First Saturday in the month, 7pm. An acoustic showcase of at least two featured artists and open mic session, hosted by Mark Venus.

Bristol: *The Scotchman and his Pack*, 20 St Michaels Hill BS2 8DX (0117 373 0138)

Every Tuesday, 9pm. Acoustic session - trad. Irish.

Bristol: *Seven Stars*, 1 Thomas Lane BS1 6JG (0117 9272845)

Open Irish Session: Every Thursday, 8.30pm – 10.30pm. Hosted by David Garner and Pete Airey. Friendly atmosphere.

Open music session: Every Saturday & Sunday, 3pm.

Bristol: *The Shakespeare*, 1 Henry St, Totterdown BS3 4UD (Jim: 07850352825, James.Jmtgwill@aol.com, www.myspace.com/theshakeymusic)

Every Tuesday (except for summer break – July & August), 7.30pm. Open mic. “3 songs each (unless it gets busy), plenty of chances for a 30min spotlight set and a plate of Nacho's with one of Emma's wonderful chilli sauces (only £3!) What better way to spend a Tuesday evening - Great music, good beer and a heart warming supper. Hope to see you there.”

Bristol: *The Shakespeare*, Lower Redland Road BS6 6SS (0117 973 3909)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm – 11pm. Open mic. hosted by Barry Walsh. In-house PA. All are welcome and performers will get a free drink.

Bristol: *The Somerset House*, 11 Princess Victoria Street BS8 4BX (0117 923 7214)

Every Tuesday, 8:30pm. Open mic, hosted by Anthony Noel. House piano available.

Bristol: *The Somerville Club*, 23 Somerville Road, Bishopston BS7 9AD (0117 940 1355)

Every Thursday, 8pm – 11pm. Open mic.

Bristol: *The Stone House (Jongleurs)*, 28 Baldwin Street, Old City BS1 1NG (0117 946 8160, www.thestone-house.co.uk)

Every Tuesday, 10pm until 3am. Open mic, hosted by Andy Anderson of 'Classic Sadie'. PA supplied.

Bristol: *The Sublime Bar*, King Street BS1 4DZ

Every Wednesday, 8.30pm till 11pm. Open mic, run by James Wagstaff and InSession. Performers need to get there at 8pm to book a slot. A featured artist will play from 10pm till 10:30pm. All welcome. Free drink for performers. (Pub is by the Old Vic).

Bristol: *The Three Tuns*, 78 St. George's Road BS1 5UR (0117 926 7699)

Every Monday, 8.30pm. Traditional music & song sessions - Irish etc. Session organisers are Dave Rowlands and Mike Edwards of local band Gipsy's Kiss. “Ideal session pub, with ample playing space, good acoustics and a nice selection of real ales. Lots of spontaneous applause from friendly and appreciative locals. Smokers will appreciate the palatial covered (and heated!) area which leads off from the bar. At the time of writing, the session consisted of about 50% Irish tunesets and about 50% songs (some modern). The landlord is very enthusiastic, and it would be good to see plenty of support for this session from local musicians.”

Bristol: *University of Bristol Folk Club*, The Ship Inn, 7-9 Lower Park Row, West End BS1 5BJ (01179294390, 0117 973 3203, emma.richardson@bristol.ac.uk)

Every Monday from 9pm in the front Bar. *FCUB* is the *University of Bristol Folk Club*. Everyone welcome (not just Uni folk) even if you've never played folk music before. Bring an instrument or a song or just come along to enjoy. Sessions are sometimes themed, usually something seasonal or topical. Mostly playing together with occasional solo spots.

Broadmayne (near Dorchester): *Sunray Folk Club*, The Village Hall, Main Street DT2 8ES (07786 654 074, <http://www.bobkirkpatrick.co.uk/Sunrayfolkclub.htm>)

Every 4th Thursday of the month, 8pm – 10.30pm with a half-hour break at 9pm (doors open 7.35pm). ‘The aim of the club is to encourage and provide folk music. During each evening there will be a jug collection - the proceeds of which will be given over to the featured guests.’ Refreshments available to members. Membership is £1 for a year. ‘People who wish to sing are advised to contact the club as we rarely accept walk-ins. We tend to favour people who are supporters of the club.’

Broughton Gifford (near Melksham): *The Bell, The Common* SN12 8LX (Phil: 01380 870734, 07952 540123, Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk)

Second Wednesday *and* last Sunday of the month, 8.30pm. Irish Session.

Buckfastleigh: The Globe Inn, 123 Plymouth Road TQ11 0DA (013646 42223)

Open Mic: Second Thursday of the month, 9pm – 11pm. Music includes folk, rock, pop, blues and jazz with singer-songwriters playing their own material.

Unplugged Jam Session: Every Thursday accept the second.

Burnham on Sea: Chaplins Bar, 8 Esplanade TA8 1BE (01278 782004, Pete Beach: 07759 839387)

Second Tuesday of the month, 8.00pm. Unplugged acoustic session (music & song).

Burnham-on-Sea: Ritz Acoustic Club, 24 Victoria St. TA8 1AN (01278 794414, www.ritzclubburnham.co.uk)

Open Mic Nights every Thursday. Doors Open at 8pm and cost for non members is £1.50. Students can get in free of charge on production of their Student Card (except Buffet Nights, see below). Every third Thursday of the month is a Buffet/Showcase night and the cost increases to £3.00 for members, £3.50 for non members and £2.00 for students. If you would like to play or sing, then get along early to book a slot - two song slots normally offered, maybe more if it's not a busy night. Come along if you sing, play or just like listening.

Cattistock (near Dorchester): *Fox & Hounds, Duck St. DT2 0JH (01300 320444, Chris Slade: 01300 320777)*

Second Monday of every month, 8-ish till late-ish. Music & Song session. Gentle, relaxed, folky session - very laid back! Led by Mike Cox of Sydling Stompers fame.

Cheddar: Cheddar Valley Jazz Club, The Bath Arms, Bath Street BS27 3AA (01934 742425)

First *or* second Wednesday of the month. Open mic. Informal get-togethers where amateur musicians play trad jazz. Membership is £6 annually. *NOT IN CALENDAR - RING PUB FOR NEXT DATE.*

Cheddar: King's Head, 1 Silver Street BS27 3LE (01934 742153, Pete & Pat Slade: 01934 631117)

Every Thursday, 8.45pm. Music & song session. All welcome.

Cheltenham: Cheltenham Folk Club, Beaufort Inn, 184 London Road GL52 6HJ (John: 01242 603187, john@shorterj.freereserve.co.uk, www.cheltenhamfc.org.uk)

Second & fourth Fridays of the month (except August), 8pm.

Chickerell (near Weymouth): *The Victoria Inn, Knights In The Bottom DT3 4EA (013057 84463)*

(The pub is on the B3157 Bridport Road out of Weymouth, about a mile outside the main village of Chickerell.)

Acoustic jam for singers & musicians: 2nd Friday of the month, 8.30pm.

Music session (Bluegrass, Old-Time, American Folk, Roots and Country) (**Lynn: 01258 880039, Bill: 01305 854178**): Last Friday of the month, 8pm. Musicians and singers of any ability welcome, plus anyone interested in supporting live music.

Chideock (nr. Bridport): *The George Inn, Main Street DT6 6JD (01297 489419, Chris: chrisQD@westbay24.freereserve.co.uk)*

Third Tuesday of the month, 9pm. Folk / acoustic session.

Child Okeford (near Blandford Forum): *The Baker Arms, The Cross DT11 8ED (01258 860260)*

Second Thursday of the month. 8pm. Run by Chaz (who lives next door to the post office). Folk Club format - ie everyone does a solo spot - but very kind to beginners. Wide variety of music. Warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Chippenham: Old Road Tavern, Old Road SN15 1JA (01249 652094)

Folk session: First & third Sunday of the month (& fifth when there is one – simultaneously with open mic but in different room).

French Session: Second Sunday of the month.

Open mic: Last Sunday of the month.

Chittlehampton (nr. Umlerleigh): The Bell Inn EX37 9QL (017695 40368)

Second Monday of the month. Music session.

Christchurch: The Coda Music Centre, Chewton Farm Road BH23 5QL (01425 276161, contact@coda.org.uk, www.coda.org.uk)

Coda Music Night: Usually second Sunday of the month (RING TO CONFIRM – not listed in *Calendar* section). Open to all acoustic performers. Free entry for all, but please call to book your place as space may be limited. Retiring collection with proceeds towards Coda Music Trust, which supports Music Therapy.

New Folk Orchestra sessions: Alternate Thursdays, 7pm to 9pm (RING TO CONFIRM – not listed in *Calendar* section). “Coda's new Folk Orchestra has started and the sessions are attracting musicians of all ages and abilities to Coda for fortnightly sessions playing traditional folk music. Under the leadership of Chris Hopgood (of Arlen and Lady Winwood's Maggot) and with special guests throughout the year, we aim to create a large ensemble that meet regularly and perform throughout the South West. Musicians of all abilities are welcome especially players of mandolin, guitar, banjo, fiddle, bodhran and singers. Sessions cost £5. To book or for more information call us on 01425 276161.”

Christchurch: The Nelson Tavern, 75 Mundeford BH23 3NJ (01202 485105, enquiries@nelsontavern.com, www.nelsontavern.com)

Every Sunday from 8pm. “Nelson Unplugged, an open mic night for all folk & acoustic artists wishing to play songs they've written or covers to a friendly group of people. All artists are eligible for a free pint / small glass of wine / soft drink at the bar after they've played. There is a small car park and street parking available.”

Christchurch: Ye Olde George Inn, 2a Castle Street BH23 1DT (Ted: 01202 394240, tteddavies@hotmail.com, www.communigate.co.uk/dorset/christchurchfolk)

Last Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm in the Barn Bar. Traditional tunes and songs from Britain and Ireland. All welcome. Admission FREE.

Clayhidon (near Cullompton): Half Moon Inn EX15 3TJ (01823 680291)

Every Wednesday, 8pm till late. Open mic / jam session with Tim Royce or Alex Hart. All are welcome.

Clevedon: The Moon & Sixpence, 15 The Beach BS21 7QU (01275 872443)

Every Wednesday, 8.30pm. Open mic, run by Mike Panes and Paul Anslow. Three songs each (depending on how many turn up).

Clevedon: The Royal Oak, 35 Copse Road BS21 7QN (01275 547 416)

Every Wednesday, starts about 8.30pm. Folk Night. “People generally go along for a jamming session. Everyone plays together/sings together, sometimes busy from the start, sometimes not till later on, any types of instrument or music. Back room used is small and maybe room for up to 30 people. Can be a really interesting night and lots of fun.”

Combe Martin (nr. Ilfracombe): Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, High Street EX34 0ET (01271 882366, contact@shammickacoustic.org.uk, www.shammickacoustic.org.uk)

2nd Saturday of the month, 8pm (NOT August). “Everybody is welcome, to perform or not, as we go around the room. You can hear poems, stories, modern songs and various musics as well as folk stuff. Occasionally we also have a Visiting Performer, from 'furrin' parts, who we ask to do a few extra items! There is no admission charge, but we pass the pot round during the evening.” For details of regular CONCERTS & WORKSHOPS go to www.shammickacoustic.org.uk.

Combe St Nicholas (near Chard): *The Green Dragon* TA20 3NG (01460 63311, Jonathan Farey: 01460 234335, fareys@btinternet.com)

Last Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Session for musicians and singers.

Corfe Mullen (nr. Wimborne): *Holme Bush Inn*, Old Wareham Road BH21 3RZ (01202 659 420)
Every Tuesday, 8.30pm till 11pm. Irish session.

Corsham: Folk at the Oak, The Royal Oak, 72 High Street SN13 0HF (01249 713607, Sandy & Graham Ball: 01225 309115, sandyball@sbdseclipse.co.uk, gb@grahamball.net, www.finemusicworks.com)

Thursdays, 8.30pm (except August). Mostly Singers' & Musicians' Nights and Spotlight Nights (come early and book a spot) - both of which are floor spot/open mic format. Floor spots are also encouraged on other nights (Ask for their monthly updates).

Creech St. Michael (near Taunton): *White Gates, Ham Road TA3 5PB (Peter: 01823 442505)
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, 8pm-ish. Folk music sessions, all abilities.*

Crewkerne: Oscar's Wine Bar, 13 Market Square TA18 7LE (Richard Hall: 01460 77494)
Every Sunday. Open mic / jam session.

Crowcombe (near Taunton): *Halsway Manor* TA4 4BD (Roger: 01278 671685)
First Sunday every month (except August). In the lounge bar from 8pm till 11pm. Hosted by Deryck Deane and Roger Phipps. Play, sing, read poems or recite.

Culmstock (nr. Cullompton): *Culm Valley Inn* EX15 3JJ (08714 329005, Ali ali@artefacts.fsnet.co.uk)
Every third Monday of the month. Song and music session.

Devizes: Devizes Folk Club, The Lamb Inn, 20 St John's St. SN10 1BT (Bob Berry: 07714 550990, info@devizesfolkclub.co.uk, www.kennet-communityweb.com/site/devizes-folk-club/index.htm)
Every Monday, 8pm (except Bank Holidays and August). Traditional and contemporary folk music and song for all. Entry Fees are between £3.50 and £6. Floor spot discounts are available. Under 16's half price. (Entry fees include free club membership for that evening only). ‘PLEASE NOTE: It's always a good idea to pre-book guest night tickets.’

Dorchester: Blue Raddle, 9 Church Street DT1 1JN (01305 267762, Jerry Bird: 01305 880150, jerry@chesilpromotions.co.uk)

First Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm to “when we get thrown out”. Open traditional music session hosted by Fingerz 'n' Fretz, who are James Findlay (singer, guitarist and fiddler - winner of the BBC Young Folk Musician of the Year Award 2010) and Jerry Bird (fiddle player and guitarist in State of Undress - see www.stateofundress.com). Singers and musicians are welcome to join in.

Dorchester: Dorchester Folk Club, Tom Brown's, 47 High East Street DT1 1HU (01305 264020, Annelie Talbot: 01305 775802, talbotannelie@hotmail.com)

3rd Wednesday of the month, 8.30pm. Easy going, relaxed club. All welcome. No fee and no guests.

Dorchester: Dorchester Music Club, The Borough Arms, 36 High East Street DT1 1HN (01305 260512, Katy Boyd: katy@katyboyd.com)

Every other Wednesday, 8pm till 11:30pm. Open mic with occasional special guests. FREE entrance. Get in touch if you want to play.

Doultong (nr Shepton Mallet): *The Beacon, The Waggon & Horses, Frome Road, Beacon BA4 4LA (01749 880302, Bill & Maggie Johnson: 01749 346494)*

2nd Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic club. Music & song – all ages, all styles. Everyone welcome.

Drimpton (nr. Beaminster): *The Royal Oak, 1 Bridport Road DT8 3RD (Rainer Wittlin: 01460 75576, rainer.wittlin@btinternet.com)*

Every four weeks on a Monday. Music session.

Dulverton (Exmoor): *The Bridge Inn, 20 Bridge St. TA22 9HJ (Rachel & Kenny McDonald: 01398 324130, info@thebridgeinndulverton.com)*

3rd Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. Folk Evening. All performers/abilities welcome. “Lovely pub, great food if folks want to have a meal first.”

Dunster (nr. Minehead): *Castle Hotel, 5 High Street TA24 6SF (01643 823 030, thedunstercastlehotel@googlemail.com)*

Second Thursday of the month. Open mic.

Dunster (near Minehead): *Half-Pace Sessions, Stags Head, 10 West Street TA24 6SN (01643 821229, Tad Mandzeij: 01984 633618)*

Second Wednesday of the month, 8:30pm. General music sessions. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music. (*Half-Pace Sessions* are held each Wednesday at one of five different venues in the Exmoor area.)

Dursley: *Dursley Acoustic Music Nights, 13 Five Acres GL11 4JP (David & Hilary Cheffings: 01453 545065, 07973 994711, folksongs@tiscali.co.uk, www.dursleyamn.org.uk)*

Third Sunday of the month, 7.30 onwards at David’s home. “Bring & Share a song, a tune, a story, a poem, or just listen... bring & share a buffet or just starve !” (“Put post code GL11 4JP into www.streetmap.co.uk & the arrow is on our house.”)

Dursley: *The New Inn, 82-84 Woodmancote GL11 4AJ (01453 543659, Anne & John: 01453 548860, 07968 104626)*

Every other Tuesday, 8pm. Music Session run by Anne & John Roberts. “We play a mix of Irish, English, Scottish and occasional songs and new players are ALWAYS welcome.”

East Budleigh (nr. Budleigh Salterton): *The Rolle Arms, Lower Budleigh EX9 7DL (01395 442012, therollearms@mail.com, www.therollearms.webs.com)*

First Wednesday of the month, 8pm. “A lively traditional strictly Irish/Scottish session, with good support from accomplished and friendly local musicians.”

East Harptree (near Bristol): *Open Door Acoustic Club, Waldegrave Arms, Church Lane BS40 6BD (Mike & Maire: 01761 221429, 01761 221448)*

Third Friday of month, 8pm. Describes itself variously as ‘an evening of music and mayhem’ and ‘three hours of music, peace and love’. All ages and abilities welcome. No admission charge. Donations welcomed (and encouraged).

East Stoke (nr. Wareham): *Stokeford Inn BH20 6AN (01929 462 240, Dave: 01929 400 492))*

Third Thursday of the Month, 8pm. Music & song session (musicians / singers and step dancers) hosted by Dave Knight of the Wareham Whalers shanty crew. Free. All welcome.

Exebridge (nr. Dulverton): *The Anchor Inn TA22 9AZ (01398 323433)*

Last Friday of the month, 8 to 8.30 kick-off. There will be a raffle to raise funds for Dulverton Folk Festival. Whether you sing, play, or just want to listen, all are welcome.

Exeter: *The Angel*, 32 Queen St. EX4 3SR (01392 432611)

Every Thursday, 9pm. Open mic

Exeter: *The Barnfield Music Club*, Barnfield Theatre, Barnfield Road EX1 1SN (01392 270891, Jerry: 07843 419178, www.barnfieldmusicclub.co.uk)

First Friday of the month, usually 7.45pm in the Clifford Room. "We have a stage, amplification and lighting - it is a great venue - and regularly get 60-70 people attend what is a popular night for performers and audience alike. Cafe and bar open, and free parking nearby. Musicians, singers and audience very welcome. Performers should arrive early to get on the list, as it does get very busy." Admission: a £1 draw ticket. "An opportunity for singers with instrumental or harmony accompaniment to display and improve their talents and abilities before an audience in an amplified theatre setting".

Exeter: *Hole In The Wall*, Little Castle Street EX4 3PX (01392 273341)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm – 11pm. Open Mic Night. All performance styles.

Exeter: *The Jolly Porter*, St Davids Hill EX4 4BB (Peter: 07799 133369)

Second Thursday of the month. Irish music session.

Exeter: *The Oddfellows*, 60 New North Rd. EX4 4EP (01392 209050)

Every Monday, 9pm. Open mic.

Exeter: *The Village Inn*, 1 St. Andrews Rd. EX4 2AA (01392 217032)

Every Thursday, 9pm. Jam session.

Exeter: *Welcome Inn*, Haven Banks EX2 8DU (01392 254760)

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Irish only session. "Friendly, unsuitable for beginners, enjoy a laugh, no serious business, no time wasters. Pub has gaslights too. And beer. And hard floor. And if you get really p*ssed you can fall in the canal."

Exeter: *Whipton Guitar Group*, Whipton Community Centre, Pinhoe Road, Whipton EX4 (Mick Leavy 01392 664026, mleavy@blueyonder.co.uk)

Second Friday of the month. Singaround/playaround for guitarists. All welcome.

Exmouth: *Beacon Vaults*, Beacon Hill EX8 1PB (01395 272138)

Every Wednesday, 8.30pm. Acoustic music and song (open jam). A sit around and join in format.

Exmouth: *The Bicton Inn*, 5 Bicton St. EX8 2RU (01395 272589)

Every Thursday, 9pm. Informal music sessions - all performers welcome:

First Thursday: Open mic

Second Thursday: Mainly classical

Third Thursday: Jamming with Laurie Ward

Fourth Thursday: Open mic hosted by Dave Green

Fifth Thursday: Jazz jam

Also: *Third Wednesday:* English folk music with *The Wheezing Duffers*. Play along

Exmouth: *11a Church Street* EX8 1PE (Chris Woods: 07970134606, chris_woods_84@hotmail.com)

Every Wednesday, 10pm (following drum workshop). Open mic + featured guest. "Free beer for performing, just drop in. If you're interested in a slot, open mic or featured act please just pop along."

Exmouth: *Exmouth Folk Night*, The Manor Hotel, The Beacon EX8 2AG (Jeff Lewis: 01395 269232, jeff.lewis58@yahoo.co.uk)

First, third & fifth Tuesdays of the month (fifth Tuesdays will be half hour showcases, to be booked in advance) except during Sidmouth FolkWeek. 8pm. Acoustic song and music, all performers and supporters welcome. Come early for a spot.

Exmouth: *The Famous Old Barrel*, 1 Princes Street EX8 1JA (01395 276650)

Open mic: Every Monday, 8.30pm. Acoustic. Different hosts each week. All welcome.

Nashville Rash: Third Thursday of the month. Americana night led by Richie Evans.

Open mic, hosted by Dave Green: Fourth Thursday of the month.

Fifehead Magdalen (near Gillingham): *Folk in the Vale*, Village Hall SP8 5RT (Kate & Peter Abbott: 01963 32125)

First Friday of the month (except during Sidmouth Folk Festival), 7.30pm. BRING YOUR OWN DRINK. Entrance £2.00 or annual sub £10.00.

Frome: *Acoustic plus, Cheese and Grain*, Market Yard BA11 1BE (01373 455420, www.cheeseandgrain.co.uk/mainpage.htm)

Monthly (not always on the same day – see website). Up-and-coming acts. Book a spot. £3 entrance.

Frome: *The Griffin*, 25 Milk Street BA11 3DB (01373 467766, Trevor Mills: 01373 466988, 07743 165432, trevor_mills@bathnes.gov.uk)

Traditional/Acoustic Roots session: Last Tuesday of each month, 8:30/9pm. A lot of Irish tunes but also welcome other trad tunes from The British Isles, cajun, bluegrass, Breton, etc.

Frome Acoustic Club: Irregular – usually monthly on a Sunday - check with pub for dates. 3pm. No P.A., so it's purely acoustic. £1.00 on door. A 'real ale' pub with its own brewery on site! The Folk club meets upstairs.

Gaunt's Common (near Wimborne): *Gaunt's House Alternative Living Centre*, Petersham Lane BH21 4JQ (Daphne / Stewart: 01202 841522, admin@gaunthouse.com)

Normally on the 3rd Monday of the month, 8pm. Folk club/singaround. 1st half: folk singing / playing; 2nd half: session. Everyone welcome to take part or listen. Ballroom with piano. Bar open. Performers £1 - Non-performers £3.50.

Glastonbury: *Fabulous Furry Folk Night*, Assembly Rooms, High Street BA6 9DU (01458 834677, Nathan: nathanvibration@yahoo.co.uk, www.myspace.com/fabulousfurryfolk)

Every Tuesday, 8pm. Singarounds/sessions in the cafe bar.

Glastonbury: *Hawthorns Hotel*, 8 Northload Street (01458 831255)

Every Tuesday, 8.30pm. Open mic. "Any styles, poetry, jokes whatever you want, from seasoned performers to those just starting out who want somewhere to try out their new found talents."

This session was formerly held at the Market House.

Glastonbury: *Lazy Gecko Cafe*, 8 Magdalene Street BA6 9EH (01458 835624)

Every other Thursday. Acoustic open mic. 3 songs or 15 minutes each. Contact Sam in the cafe with a demo to play. Food and drink available. The sessions are recorded onto C.D.

(This is not really an open session so it is not listed in the calendar section.)

Glastonbury: *The Mitre*, 27 Benedict St. BA6 9NE (01458 831203, Brian Jefferson: 01458 224568, bjefferson@mypostoffice.co.uk.)

Every other Friday (except during summer break), 8.45pm for 9pm. We are a floor singers' club and welcome all types of (acoustic) music. The resident group is *Hoodwink*.

Glastonbury: *The Rifleman's*, 4 Chilkwell Street BA6 8DB (01458 831023)

Back Door Blues Jam: Every Sunday, 5pm till 7pm.

Folk Session: First & third Mondays of the month, 9pm. Home cooked food for £5.

Hatch Beauchamp (near Taunton): *The Hatch Inn* TA3 6SG (Tony: 01823 480414, Rod: 01823 481253)

2nd Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. Song & music session. All welcome.

Highworth (near Swindon): *White Horse Folk Club: The Fox Inn*, Swindon Street SN6 7AH (Derrick Beer: 01793 762070, Helen Barr: 01793 520417)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 8.15pm. Blues, traditional, rock'n'roll, contemporary, music hall, ragtime...

Hillesley (nr. Wotton-under-Edge): *The Fleece Inn*, Hawkesbury Road GL12 7RD (01453 843189, Ann Summers: 01454 294875, summersblakeny@btinternet.com)

First Sunday of the month. Music session run by Ann Summers. "Mainly instrumental but there is a smattering of songs as well." The pub is between Wotton-under-Edge and Hawkesbury Upton.

Horsington (nr. Templecombe): *The Half Moon Inn* BA8 0EF (01963 370 140, Anna Piechna: 01963 370749, annapiechna@yahoo.co.uk)

First Wednesday of the month, 8.45pm. "The session is for musicians, singers and absolutely anyone else who is happy to join in - it's all free apart from the beer!"

Huish Episcopi (near Langport): *Eli's (The Rose & Crown)* TA10 9QT (01458 250494)

Music Night with Diaspora (John: 01458 250005): Last Thursday of the month, 8.30-ish. Friendly band Diaspora host an acoustic evening. Jam with the band or do your own thing. Relaxed hospitable session in an old-style pub.

Traditional singaround (Rod: 01823 481253): Third Saturday of the month (September to May, inclusive), 8.30pm.

Ide (nr. Exeter): *The Twisted Oak, Little John's Cross Hill* EX2 9RG (01392 273666, Barry Lister: 01395 579241, 07812 486362)

Second Friday of the month. Traditional singaround led by Barry Lister.

Kennford (near Exeter, off A38): *Se7en Stars Folk & Acoustic Cub, The Seven Stars* EX6 7TR (Pete, Maggie & Martyn: 01392 210983, mcspooky7@hotmail.co.uk)

Last Friday of the month, 8pm. Folk club. Everyone welcome. FREE admission (jug collection).

Langport: *LouLou's Acoustic Music Night, LouLou's Bar*, North Street TA10 9RQ (01458 250355, John Robinson: 07726 688351, john.robinson02@btopenworld.com)

Third Thursday of the month, 8.30pm. "This is an Acoustic 'Chill-out' Night. Musicians & singers welcome. We are aiming to make this acoustic night a mixture of varying styles, so come along and play, sing, or just listen - and maybe help shape the venue to your own liking."

Langton Herring (near Weymouth): *The Elm Tree Inn, Shop Lane* DT3 4HU (01305 871257)

1st Tuesday of the Month, 8.30pm. Session - songs, tunes, poems, etc.

Lee Mill Bridge (near Ivybridge): *Folk on the Moor, The Westward Inn* PL21 9EE (Anton: 01822 853620, Ben: 01752 708770, Graham 01752 881638, www.moorfolk.co.uk)

Every Sunday (except August), 8pm.

Limpley Stoke (nr. Bath): *Music Makers, The Rose & Crown*, Middle Stoke BA2 7GE (01225 722237, Phil: 01380 870734, 07952 540123, Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk)

Third Monday of the month, 8.30pm. Singaround/session. Join in or do your own thing. Singers and musicians welcome.

Long Ashton (nr. Bristol): *Bird in Hand*, 17 Weston Road BS41 9LA (01275 392 329)
Every Sunday, 8.30pm till 11pm. Open mic hosted by Barry Walsh. PA set up.

Lymington: Lymington Folk Club, The Thomas Tripp, Stanford Road SO41 9GF (Jon Ellis: 07775 982908, info@lymingtonfolkclub.co.uk, <http://www.unique-photography.co.uk/folk/index.html>)
Every first and third Wednesday, 8pm. All ages, abilities & styles of acoustic-based music are welcome. (The pub is opposite Waitrose.)

Lympstone (near Exmouth): *Lympstone Folk*, The Globe Inn, The Strand EX8 5EY (01395 263166, **Brian Mather: 01395 278594, Tony Day: 01395 268653**)
2nd Wednesday of the month (except August), 8.30pm. Open folk club.

Maiden Bradley (near Warminster, 6 miles from A303): *Somerset Arms*, Church Street BA12 7HW (01985 844207)
Every Tuesday, 8.30 onwards. Singers and musicians welcome.

Maiden Newton (near Dorchester): *The Chalk & Cheese*, 53 Dorchester Road DT2 0BD (Ruth Thompson: 01300 321396, fiddler@casterbridge.net)
Once a month on a Sunday (but not always the same one) except August. Starts around 7.30pm. Friendly sessions, mostly instrumental, mainly English music ("but we're open to suggestions.")

Manston (near Sturminster Newton): *The Plough Inn* DT10 1HB (01258 472484, <http://www.theploughatmanston.co.uk/>)
Fourth Thursday of the month. Come All Ye: folk and roots session.

Martinstown (nr. Dorchester): *Brewers Arms* DT2 9LB (01305 889361, Jerry Bird: 01305 880150, jerry@chesilpromotions.co.uk)
Third Tuesday of the month, 8pm to 10.30pm. Open traditional music session hosted by James Findlay Fingerz 'n' Fretz, who are James Findlay (singer, guitarist and fiddler - winner of the BBC Young Folk Musician of the Year Award 2010) and Jerry Bird (fiddle player and guitarist in State of Undress - see www.stateofundress.com). Singers and musicians are welcome to join in.

Melksham: Melksham Folk Club, Rachel Fowler Centre, Market Place SN12 6EX (Phil: 01380 870734, 07952 540123, Phil@Deverall.on4free.co.uk)
Second Sunday of the month, 8pm. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Merriott: The Kings Head Hotel, Church Street TA16 5PR (01460 72973, kingsheadmerriott@tiscali.co.uk)
Every other Tuesday, 9pm. Acoustic folk session, run by Gil Merrick. All musicians and spectators welcome. Musicians will get a bit of food after the session.

Milborne St Andrew (near Blandford Forum): *Ranters' Folk Session*, Sports Club DT11 0JE (Roger Harrall: 01258 837371, roger.harrall@gmail.com)
3rd Friday of the month, 8pm. Informal folk session - play a tune, sing a song, tell a story, recite a poem or just sit and enjoy the company. (Maybe at Roger's house in the summer.)

Milford on Sea (near Lymington): *Folk Club*, Community Centre, Sea Road SO41 0PH (Sue Whitlock: 01590 643404)
2nd Thursday of the month, 8pm. Folk club hosted by the Goodthyme Brothers (Jim Palmer & Bill

Milverton (near Taunton): *Milverton Music Club*, The Victoria Rooms, Fore Street TA4 1JU (Trish: 01823 400416 or 400538, www.milvertonmusic.co.uk/page2.html)

First Friday of every month, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Come early if you want to play or sing. Phone to book a spot if travelling a distance. BRING YOUR OWN TIPPLE, apart from guest nights, when there is always a bar. Everyone who plays and sings uses the club PA : 4 mikes, 4 DI's, fold back, lights. Sound quality is assured by a sound engineer on the mixing desk. Welcomes musicians and singers from six to sixty + and a wide range of musical styles.

Minchinhampton (near Stroud): *Minchinhampton Folk Club, The Crown Inn, High Street GL6 9BN (01453 882357, chris@chrisnewton.co.uk, www.minchfolkclub.org)*

Every Thursday, 8pm, in the Barn at the back of the pub. Entry: £2. Every night is a singers' night – come early for a spot. “A club for everyone. We welcome all kinds of folk and roots-related music from the UK, North America and around the world. At MFC we believe in encouraging new performers and fostering fresh talent (*see 'cash prize for the best first-timer', notice board*) so we do our best to help everyone feel at ease. We believe music should be *fun* and it should be *shared*, so we particularly welcome musicians who set out to entertain and include the audience. We enjoy chorus songs and tunes which give others the chance to join in and help us to have a lively evening. We encourage playing and singing along where appropriate - some wonderful musical partnerships have developed through acquaintances made at the club. Check the website for details of the monthly theme nights”

Minehead: *Acorn Folk Club, The Old Ship Aground, Quay Street TA24 5UL (Eileen Ann Moore or Jim Parham: 01643 709394, 07811 744158, acornfolkclub@googlemail.com, www.acornfolkclub.co.uk)*

Acorn Guest Nights: Usually the first Saturday of each month, Sept - July, doors open 7.30pm for 8pm, “but do please check our website as from time to time there are variations. The Acorn Folk Club presents top quality guests, often BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winners, and all details are on our web site. Tickets can be ordered by email, phone or purchased on line. All musicians, singers and listeners are given a warm welcome. Please come early for a floor spot. Ticket prices vary slightly according to the artist, sometimes for a local performer only £2, usually about £6 for professional guests and up to £8 for special events. There is a reduction for buying tickets in advance.”

Acorn Open Nights: Third Sunday of each month. FREE. “Come sing, play or listen in an informal acoustic setting (with ‘Pass the Piggy’ to supplement Guest Nights). The Old Ship Aground is a great venue, good food, real ale, and right by the harbour surrounded by Exmoor.”

Minehead: *Cream, 6 The Parade TA24 5UF (01643 708 022)*

Second Friday of the month, 8pm. Open Mic Night. All performance styles.

Minehead: *Half-Pace Sessions, Kildare Lodge, Townsend Road TA24 5RQ (01643 702 009, Tad Mandzej: 01984 633618)*

Fifth Wednesday of the month (when there is one), 8:30pm. General music sessions. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music. (*Half-Pace Sessions* are held each Wednesday at one of five different venues in the Exmoor area.)

Minehead: *The Reading Room, 17 Friday Street TA24 5UB (01643 709199, www.minehead-online.co.uk/readingroom)*

First Tuesday of the month, 7pm - 10pm. Acoustic Open Night. ALL WELCOME to play, sing or just enjoy.

Mosterton (nr. Beaminster): *The Admiral Hood DT8 3HJ (Rainer Wittlin: 01460 75576, rainer.wittlin@btinternet.com)*

Every four weeks on a Monday. Music session.

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

First & third Tuesdays of the month, 8pm / 8.30pm. Really informal singers / musicians night.

Nailsea (nr. Bristol): *Friendship Inn, 8 Stock Way North BS48 1AQ (01275 541313)*

Saturdays – occasional, 7.30pm till 11.30pm. Open mic, hosted by Everton. PA in place. *Phone pub for next date.*

Nailsea (near Bristol): *Nailsea Folk Club Singers & Musicians Night, Grove Sports Centre, St Marys Grove BS48 4NQ* (opposite **Ring of Bells) (01275 790 915, nailseafolkclub@hotmail.co.uk, www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk)**

Second Tuesday of the month, 8.30pm. No fee.

Nailsea (nr. Bristol): *Sawyers Arms, 3 High Street BS48 1BT* (01275 790 030, **Alfie: 07900 803 293, acousticalfie@hotmail.com, www.myspace.com/alfiekingston)**

Every Wednesday. Acoustic night, hosted by Alfie Kingston. “Alfie is looking to book featured acts for the evenings so if you can play a set get in touch with him. He is also looking for new performers from around the Nailsea area so if you are local and would like to be involved let Alfie know.”

New Milton: *Wheatsheaf Hotel: Old Milton Green, Christchurch Rd BH25 6QJ* (01425 611082, **Steve West: 01425 619958)**

Every Thursday, 9pm. “Very friendly singaround”. All singers & instrumentalists welcome.

Nunney (near Frome): *Nunney Acoustic Café, The Village Hall, Berry Hill BA11 4NR* (Francis **Hayden: 01373 836315, <http://www.myspace.com/thenunneyacousticcafe>)**

First Sunday of the month (except August), 2pm - 5pm. Open mic session with featured guests. £3 for adults; children free. Full PA set-up with engineer on hand. Full bar, bar food, teas, newspapers, activities for children. Come early or contact to book a spot.

Pennington (nr. Lymington): *The Wheel Inn, Sway Road SO41 8LJ* (01590 676122, **Steve West: 01425 619958)**

Every Monday, 9pm. “Very friendly singaround”. All singers & instrumentalists welcome.

Pennymoor (near Tiverton): *Cruwys Arms EX16 8LF* (Clare Penney: 01884 860023, west.land@talktalk.net)

Pennymoor Singaround: Third Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Mainly song, but starts with a 30 minute music spot (song & music all acoustic). All contributors and listeners welcome - come early for a seat!

Acoustic session: Last Sunday of the month, lunchtime (12 noon -). Small acoustic folk music gathering of some local musicians. Physical space is limited but visiting musicians are always made welcome, space permitting!

Pensford (nr. Bristol): *The Rising Sun, Church Street BS39 4AQ* (01761 490402)

1st Wednesday of the month, 8pm. Acoustic session (music & song, no amplification). Hosted by Andy Collins and Jacqui Haigh.

Portland: *The Cove House Inn, 91 Chiswell Green Lane DT5 1AW* (01305 821407, roger.gall@btinternet.com)

Every Thursday night, 8.30pm. Irish session. All levels of ability are welcome to come and join in.

Priddy (near Wells): *Hunters Lodge Inn BA5 3AR* (Roger Dors: 01749 672275)

Every Tuesday (musicians & singers welcome)

Priddy (near Wells): *The Queen Victoria, Pelting Drove BA5 3BA* (Chris or Celia Street: 07970 735682, 07970 727852, info@folkmusicsomerset.co.uk, <http://www.folkmusicsomerset.co.uk>)

Every Monday, 8pm. Jam session (musicians & singers, all styles).

Priston (nr. Bath): *Mendip Folk, Village Hall BA2 9EE* (Heather: 01761 300551, singing@heatherash.co.uk)

Second Friday of the month (NOT July or August), 7.45pm for 8pm start. £2 entry. All styles - traditional or contemporary song, music, dance, poetry or story. There is no bar - bring your own drink and glasses. The landlord at the Ring O'Bells next door is happy for drinks to be brought into the hall too, just make sure the glasses go back.

Queen Camel (near Yeovil): *Camelot Music Night*, Memorial Hall, High Street BA22 7NF (Iain or Martine: 01935 851556, martine.hardy@live.co.uk)

Last Thursday of the month, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Stage & P.A. Words, music – all styles of entertainment. £3 entry (FREE TO PERFORMERS – PRE-BOOK FOR A SLOT)

Ringwood: *Ringwood Folk Club*, The Elm Tree Inn, Hightown BH24 3DY (01425 472516, Rod Biggs: 01425 673713, www.ringwoodfolk.org.uk)

Every Tuesday, 8.15pm to 10.55pm (NOT August). Entry fee for the guest nights is mostly £5, though sometimes more. £1.50 for the singaround nights (tunes, songs & poems). From the A31, turn off at the first exit east of Ringwood; follow signs to Hightown. NB: FLOOR SPOTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE ON GUEST NIGHTS (phone in advance).

Roadwater (nr. Watchet): *The Blazing Stump Folk Club*, The Valiant Soldier TA23 0QZ (01984 640223, George Ody: 07970 116816, georgeodyphotos@aol.com)

Second Friday of the month, 8.30 pm. Very friendly singaround and session. All welcome.

Roadwater (nr. Watchet): *Roadwater Performance Club*, The Hall TA23 0RJ (John Middleton: 01984 641426, johnmiddleton04@gmail.com, www.roadwaterperformanceclub.com)

Third Friday of the month, 8pm (*not every month – check website for details*). Audience & performers wanted. Poets, singers, players, dancers - all levels welcome. Perform in a friendly & supportive atmosphere. Bar & refreshments. £2 entry fee (children free). *Prior booking of open spots advisable.*

Seaton: *Jurassic Folk*, The Grove Nite Club, Fore Street EX12 2LE (Peter: 01297 20064, peter@eastdevonfolk.org, www.eastdevonfolk.org)

3rd Wednesday of the month (except August), 8pm. Song club, all welcome, admission FREE.

Shaftesbury: *The Fountain Inn*, 2 Breach Lane, Enmore Green SP7 8LE (01747 852062, Mary Emerson: 01747 855330)

Third Tuesday of every month, 8pm (-ish) till closing. Play/singaround, with the emphasis on joining in and tune/song sharing. Everyone welcome.

Shaftesbury: *Ye Olde Two Brewers Inn*, 24 St James Street SP7 8HE (01747 854211)

First Tuesday of the month. Acoustic instrumental session.

Sherborne: *Weavers Social Club*, Westbury DT9 3EL (01935 812770, Jane Spooner: 01935 816074, janespooner@hotmail.com)

Occasional Folk Night, 8.30pm - 11pm-ish. Small friendly event. Everyone gets the chance to play/sing/perform. You're welcome just to join in in the background if that's what you want. The club is opposite the Catholic Church and has its own car park.

Sidmouth: *Radway Inn*, 1 Radway Place EX10 8PY (01395 578305)

Last Sunday of the month, 7.30pm. Open mic, hosted by *Sweet Black Angels*. "P.A. and acoustic guitars are available but feel free to bring your own instruments. All singers and musicians are very welcome to try out original or cover material."

Sidmouth: *The Volunteer*, 52 Temple Street EX10 9BQ (01395 512498)

Instrumental session: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm

Song session (Barry Lister: 01395 579241, 07812 486362): 1st Wednesday of the month.

Somerton: *The Unicorn Hotel*, West Street TA11 7PR (01458 272101, Aaron: 01458-272632)

First Thursday of the month, from 8:30pm. (Non-folk) acoustic music/song sessions, catering for alternative tastes in music and song.

Somerton: *White Hart Inn*, Market Place TA11 7LX (Laurie Phillips: 01458 274732, 07899 097983)

Second Thursday of the month, 8.30pm. Irish session. Musicians & singers welcome.

South Cadbury (nr. Yeovil): *The Camelot*, Chapel Rd. BA22 7EX (01963 440448)

First Sunday of the month, 8pm. Session, hosted by Kangaroo Half Moon. Mainly Irish tunes / songs with some Scottish and original pieces thrown in for good measure. FREE. Everyone welcome. "See you there - David, Elliot and Mark."

South Molton: *The George Hotel*, 1 Broad Street EX36 3AB (01769 572514)

First Saturday of the month, 8pm. Sing, play or recite.

South Petherton: *Petherton Acoustic Nights*, David Hall Arts Centre, Roundwell Street TA13 5AA (Sam: 01935 872622)

Last Sunday of the month, 7pm to 10.30pm. Music, songs, poems, comedy, "indoor street theatre". A small PA will be provided for those who wish to use it. A bar will be available. Admission FREE. Ring to make sure you get a spot.

Southampton: *Fo'c'sle Folk Club*, The Richmond Inn (back room through garden), 108 Portswood Rd, Portswood SO17 2FW (corner of Portswood Avenue) (Trevor Gilson and Jane Allison: 02380 456337, club@focslefc.org.uk, www.focsle.org.uk)

Fridays, 8pm - 11pm (summer break: August & part of September).

Spaxton (nr. Bridgwater): *Village Hall*, High Street TA5 1BS (Chris: 07970 052762, Mat: 07867802519, spaxrox@virgin.net)

First Friday of the month, 8pm – Midnight. Open mic / jam session

"Spaxrox is the brainchild of a few local people who as musicians themselves feel that there are few outlets for new talent. We know that there are performers out there who would like to play in a band or sing but lack the confidence to put themselves up for public scrutiny or just don't know where to start. We aim to encourage those people to step up to the mic knowing that they are making the best sound they can possibly make in front of a supportive and enthusiastic audience. If there's something that you want to sing or play with the house band, ring Chris or Mat or email spaxrox@virgin.net with the details including whether you want to sing or what you play, we will do our utmost to learn it for the next event. Please try to give us a few days notice!"

Stourton Caundle (near Sturminster Newton): *The Trooper* DT10 2JW (01963 362405)

Singaround (John Waltham: 01963 362890): Third Thursday of the month (not June, July or August). Songs mostly - but musicians welcome.

Music session (Nick: 01963 363003, or Mandy: 01963 362890): 4th Sunday of each month, from 8pm. Emphasis will be on tunes rather than songs. All welcome to join in or listen. Sessions will be led by Nick Dunkley.

Street: *Elms Inn*, 110 Somerton Road BA16 0SA (01458 442772, Grahame Upham: 01458 834192, grahame.x@tesco.net)

Second Wednesday of each month, starting at 8:30pm. Traditional music/song session. All genres. All welcome.

Sturminster Marshall (near Wimborne): *The Old School*, Church Street BH21 (Rick: 01258 857143, www.oldschoolsession.org)

“Generally the second Friday of the month”, 8pm – 10.30pm. Irish session for beginners. Tunes can be downloaded from above website. “The purpose of the sessions is to allow novice folk musicians to practice at a nice slow pace (as slow as necessary).”

Sturminster Newton: *Last Monday Live, The Exchange, Old Market Hill DT10 1QU (01258 475 137, Kerry Bartlett: 01258 475137, lastmondaylive@hotmail.com)*

Last Monday of the month, 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Open mic. “Open to poets, comics and musicians. We are particularly keen to encourage folk musicians to come along. Whether you wish to perform or just enjoy the evening from the bar, everyone is welcome! Acts to book in from 7pm. Entry is just £2 adults, £1 under18's.”

Swanage: *The Black Swan, 159 High Street BH19 2NE (01929 423846)*

Normally on the third Wednesday of the month, 9pm. Folk & blues acoustic open mic run by the landlady Alyson.

Swindon: *Swindon Folk Singers Club, Gorse Hill Working Men's Club, Chapel Street SN2 8DA (Eric Stott: 01793 521301, eric.stott2@ntlworld.com)*

Every Friday evening (not July or August). Regular guests. Admission prices: Guest Nights £4.50 (Oap/Student £3.50); Club Nights £3.50 (Oap/Student £2.50)

Symondsburry (nr. Bridport): *Colmers Folk and Kindred, Ilchester Arms DT6 6HD (01308 422 600)*

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Open to all musicians and singers. “Traditional thatched pub in the heart of the village. Great atmosphere and well kept ales (Palmer's). The pub can be found just off the Westside of the Bridport Bypass clearly signed to Symondsburry (either road will take you there on the village loop).”

Taunton: *Winchester Arms, Castle Green TA1 4AD (01823 272 488, thewinchesterarms@googlemail.com)*

Every Wednesday, 8pm. Open mic. PA. (The pub is next to the Bus Station).

Tiverton: *Tiverton Folk Club, The White Horse Inn, 12 Gold Street EX16 6PZ (01884 252022, Susannah Billeter: 01884821286, susybilleter@hotmail.com)*

First Tuesday of the month, 8.30 pm. This club is run as a singers club, although from time to time they do have a guest. “We shall be in the Skittle Alley, up the alley beside the pub. The best place to park is in the Market Car Park, which is free to park in at night. You could also park in the Tesco car park and then walk up Gold Street, but parking is limited to three hours, and you should perhaps buy something from the shop if parking there?”

Topsham (nr. Exeter): *Blues at the Bridge, the Bridge Inn, Bridge Hill EX3 0QQ (01392 873862)*

Second Monday of every month, 8pm for 8:30pm. “Open mic (off the floor) and Blues Jam Session. Blues and related music - acoustic only. NO Bands, but solo artists and duos are VERY welcome. Guitar, harmonica, sax, mandolin ... whatever. If you play blues and/or related music, come and have a go. No experience necessary!!! Those planning to play should try to sign in before 8:30pm. The event will start at 8:30pm sharp. First come first served.”

Topsham (near Exeter): *The Globe Hotel, 34 Fore Street EX3 0HR (01392 873471)*

Instrumental Session (John Stephens: 01392 875332): First Thursday of the month.

Topsham Folk Club (01404 44498, www.topshamfolkclub.co.uk): Every Sunday (NOT in August). Singers' nights (most Sundays) held in the restaurant at 8.30pm. Singers and musicians welcome. If you want to play on a singers' night, please make sure that you arrive by 8.15pm and make yourself known to the evening's compere (there are floor spots available on guest nights but it will need to be arranged with the compere beforehand). FREE admission on singers' nights.

Trowbridge: *The Village Pump Folk Club, The Lamb Inn, Mortimer Street BA14 8BN (John Alderslade: 01225 707346, Pete MacGregor: 01225 865107)*

Every Friday, 8pm. "Regular guests, including some of the biggest names in folk and roots music and plenty of opportunity for open mic / floor spots to which all singers, musicians, poets and story-tellers are welcome."

Uffculme (nr. Cullompton): *The Ostler, 2 Commercial Road EX15 3EB (01884 840260)*

Thursdays fortnightly. Music & song session.

Uphill (nr. Weston-super-Mare): *The Dolphin, 82-84 Uphill Way BS23 4TN (01934 620248, 0871 2073902, www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8115339188)*

Folk session (with House Band): 1st Monday of the month (NOT August). All welcome to sing/play.

Acoustic Open Mic: Last Sunday of the month, 6pm. Hosted by Adam Lipinski. Players & singers welcome. PA, system mics & guitar provided.

Walton (nr. Street): *Royal Oak, 27 Main Street BA16 9QG (01458 442376)*

Third Wednesday of the month, 8pm (-ish) and every Sunday, 4pm - 6pm. Jam session. Musicians & singers welcome. Large pub car park on the opposite side of the road.

Watchet: *The Esplanade Club, 6 The Esplanade (Harbourside) TA23 0AJ (01984 634518)*

Half-Pace Sessions (Tad Mandzej: 01984 633618): Fourth Wednesday of the month, 8:30pm. General music sessions. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music. (*Half-Pace Sessions* are held each Wednesday at one of five different venues in the Exmoor area.)

Monthly open mic (Steve Sutherland: 01984 633425, stevebassman@hotmail.com): Not always on the same day of the month, 8.30pm – 11pm. All genres. *Contact for dates.*

Wedmore: *Singing For All, Village Hall, Cheddar Road BS28 4EQ (Issy: 01934 741551, Pam: 01934 710615)*

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 3.30pm. Lead by well known local folk musician Issy Emeney. "We learn basic vocal technique and sing a range of wonderful songs from traditional through to popular modern. There is no audition and the atmosphere is very friendly and relaxed and we'd love to welcome new members. Emphasis is on having fun and building confidence and we welcome singers of all ages and experience. We'd love some more men to join us too! If you'd like to know more, ring Issy or Pam [see above]."

Wellington: *Big Jam Bash, Rock Dough Pizza Co, North Street TA21 8LT (01823 618757)*

Last Sunday of the month, 7.15pm - 10.15pm. Jam session.

Wellington : *Wellington Acoustic Music Club, Wellington Arts Centre, Eight Acre Lane TA21 8PS (Tony Woollard: 01823 660969, tony.woollard@btinternet.com)*

Third Saturday of the month, 8.30pm. "Players of all ages, genres and abilities are welcome. Play on a first come first served basis. Its FREE but we do pass the 'pot' round during the evening to help fund special events (workshops, guest stars). The beer is very reasonable in price."

Wellow (nr. Bath): *Fox and Badger, Railway Lane BA2 8QG (01225 832293, mclaughlin74@googlemail.com)*

Every Sunday, 8pm onwards. A mix of mainly Irish tunes and songs. Musicians welcome. "This truly is a great pub, with open fires and real ale (Badger beer)."

Wells: *The Kings Head, 36 High Street BA5 2SG (01749 672141)*

Every Tuesday, 9pm. Open mic, all styles.

Wells: *Sherston Inn, Priory Rd. BA5 1SU (01749 673743, Diane: 07973 845914)*

First Thursday of the month, 8pm. Open mic, hosted by Diane Pearson. All styles. Di is particularly keen to create an opportunity for younger musicians, and says, "Younger musicians are welcome to come along and show off their talent too from 8 - 9pm (accompanied by an adult)".

Weston-in-Gordano (nr. Bristol): *White Hart, Clevedon Road BS20 8PU (01275 849478, parfitt.imm@virgin.net)*

Every Sunday from 6.30pm till 10pm. Acoustic Night. Very informal. Folk and Popular songs, mostly from 60s and 70s. Solo spots, jam sessions and singalong (words provided). All styles welcome. Friendly atmosphere. Parking available.

Weston Super Mare: *Cheers, 124 High St. BS23 1HP (01934 621370)*

Every Thursday, 9.15pm. Acoustic Night in the Back Bar. Open mic.

Weston-super-Mare: *The London Inn, 110 High St BS23 1HP (01934 620387)*

Every Wednesday. Open mic.

Weston-super-Mare: *The London Oak, 114 High St, Worle BS22 6HD (01934 614545)*

Every Tuesday, 9.30pm. Open mic.

Weymouth: *Wessex Folk Nite, The Sailor's Return, 1 St. Nicholas St, The Quay DT4 8AD (01305 773377)*

Every Wednesday, 8pm. Music & song session. Raffle to raise funds for the Wessex Folk Festival.

Whitecroft (nr. Lydney): *Forest Folk Club, Miners Arms GL15 4PE (01594 562483, Jan Bayliss: jan@forestfolkclub.com, www.forestfolkclub.com)*

First and third Sundays of the month, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Singers' nights normally on first Sunday, booked acts on third. "A proper platform stage and a warm and friendly atmosphere. We welcome floor spots and especially want to encourage new acts to our Singers' Nights, where they can be assured of a warm welcome and an attentive and appreciative audience. All acoustic music, contemporary or traditional, is welcomed." (Forest Folk Club is in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.)

Williton (near Taunton): *Half-Pace Sessions, Foresters Arms, 55 Long Street TA4 4QY (Tad Mandzej: 01984 633618)*

Third Wednesday of the month, 8:30pm. General music sessions. All musicians and singers welcome to come and make music. (*Half-Pace Sessions* are held each Wednesday at one of five different venues in the Exmoor area.)

Wimborne: *Wimborne Folk Club, British Legion, Redcotts Lane BH21 1JX (Ruth Faulkner: 01202 695708, www.warwickslade.co.uk/page_1214141439921.html)*

Every Thursday, 8.15pm for an 8.30pm start. Singaround. Songs, music, jokes, stories. Cheap beer, good acoustics. Admission free. Newcomers encouraged. The Legion premises are just off the Wimborne Square, in Westboro' and though there is limited parking, the large car park at the rear in Westfield Road is free in the evenings.

Wookey Hole: *Wookey Hole Acoustic Club, Wookey Hole Club BA5 1BP (Nicki Davey: 01749 672944, nicki.davey@carr-gomm.org.uk)*

Last Saturday of the month, 8pm. "Anyone who wants to come and sing/play - all ages, abilities and styles welcome. COME ON TIME FOR A SLOT. Admission: £2. The club is on the road from Wells, on right opposite Post Office."

Worth Matravers (near Swanage): *Square & Compass Inn BH19 3LF (01929 439 229)*

Thursdays, irregular (ring pub for next date), 8pm. Informal music session.

Yatton (nr. Bristol): *The Platform Acoustic Club*, The Prince of Orange, 17 High Street BS49 4JD (01934 832193)

Every Friday, 8pm. Open mic, hosted by Barry Walsh. Nice atmosphere with friendly landlord. Admission £2 for performers and audience.

Some useful websites:-

Bristol region: www.open-mic.me.uk

Devon: www.bonnygreen.co.uk, www.flaxey-green.co.uk, www.devonfolk.co.uk

Gloucestershire & around: www.users.waitrose.com/~cresby

Mendip area: www.wagmags.co.uk/mendip

Somerset & Dorset: www.sadfolk.co.uk, www.folkmusicsomerset.co.uk

Wiltshire: www.wiltshirefolkarts.org.uk

Sessions (general): www.thesession.org

Open mic (general): www.openmicfinder.co.uk

Forum for musicians: www.southwestfolk.freeforums.org

'The Note' – musicians' newsletter: www.m2s.org.uk

If you found the *Acoustic Calendar for Wessex* on the internet and would like it sent to your inbox each month please let me know by emailing me at sanchobramble@hotmail.com. You will also receive frequent updates and it costs nothing.