

# Sept. Folklife West now online, Updates, next Journal. 6 Sept 2024

#### Dear

Hope you had a good summer. The sun is out, and we're off to Bromyard Folk Festival now - do say hello if you see a man with Folklife West magazines!

(at end of email, our current record of your country/region, & if you're a Folklife member)

#### **NOTES**

- Sept Folklife West published in print, 40 pages, £4 in clubs, or post £6 to UK, or PDF (£3 worldwide), or read free online <a href="https://www.folklife.uk">www.folklife.uk</a> PACS or card, payment details foot of page.
- New: Redesigned both print magazines' layout. We changed style for headings etc, so more room for your news and advert sizes slightly increased §
- New: £10/£11 off Membership for regular (every issue) advertisers, so eg 1 copy £21 now £10. More than 1 £10 off, so 12 copies £120 now £110, etc. §
- New: Colour advert prices reduced. Not enough circulation to make FW all colour, as much
  more expensive. Colour ads were limited (usually: cover sheet) ~ Now our printers can now
  place anywhere in magazine, and we have "reduced" colour prices to 2x mono prices plus
  discounts for every-issue advertisers. §
- § More details on Info page

#### **SEND US YOUR UPDATES**

No form ~ as we've tried various online forms; despite built-in anti-spam precautions, we got spam (If anyone can recommend a good form provider, please let us know!)

- email sam@folklife.uk, please head up email with the appropriate Subject: (or it may get missed).
- Subject: Members' News Updates (for paid-up Folklife Members, & all overseas readers, up to 140 words, not counting title & contact details)
- or Subject: Journal Updates (open to all. From societies & researchers. Also, from appropriate book publishers up to 200 words).
- or Subject: Directory Updates (open to all on this "Updates" emailing list)
- Needs to be text that we can copy & paste (plain email or Word etc), so not jpg or pdf.
- Please allow 3 weeks for us to process.

#### (1). FOLKLIFE TRADITIONS JOURNAL:

UPDATES open to all. See <a href="https://www.folklife-traditions.uk/updates.html">https://www.folklife-traditions.uk/updates.html</a>

We plan to transfer to a new host, with an updated site, similar to the look on our already-updated Folklife West site, www.folklife.uk, later this year.

FTJ has researched articles, plus News from researchers and Folklife Societies. Seasonal Local Celebrations from Doc Rowe. 2 issues per year ~ Mar (deadline | Feb), Nov (1 Oct).

Our next JOURNAL will be out on 1 November. Deadline for Articles 1 October.

J Already received: Long Lankin, by Rosie Upton; Gallant Hussar, by Charles Menteith; 4 tunes from Isabella Kennaugh, by Stephen Miller.

More welcome! ~ see www.folklife-traditions.uk/contact-contribute.html

J Our contributors Roy and Lesley Adkins will no longer be sending in their excellent articles for the Journal. We thank them for their 29 wonderful contributions, as detailed on the <a href="Index: ARTICLES">Index: ARTICLES</a> webpage <a href="www.folklife-traditions.uk/index-articles.html">www.folklife-traditions.uk/index-articles.html</a>

Societies & researchers' news updates

#### J TRADITIONAL SONG FORUM. See https://tradsong.org

TSF produce excellent online meetings, free to view, usually once a month for most months, held on a Sunday at 16:00 London Time.

These usually last 90 minutes and typically have 3 speakers, occasionally 1 for a single topic.

Sunday 8 September 16:00 London time (BST, UTC+1)

- Barry O'Neill Traditional Macaronic Songs from around the World and Canada.
- Nick Dow The Life and Songs of Marina Russell.
- Margaret Bennett Macaronic songs: Integration or separation?

Simply log in to the Zoom meeting a few minutes before the start time using this link <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81174591014?pwd=t98HKKahaazxuefSJ8Kb5GE3RJaxcZ.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81174591014?pwd=t98HKKahaazxuefSJ8Kb5GE3RJaxcZ.1</a>

Meeting ID: 811 7459 1014 Passcode: 943073

Link also available on the 'Meetings' page of the TSF website – www.tradsong.org.

You will then be placed in the waiting room until the meeting starts. If you arrive later, you will be admitted as soon as practical (we are often busy in the early part of the meeting). If you have problems with access, contact <a href="mailto:tsf.zoom@gmail.com">tsf.zoom@gmail.com</a> - we might be able to help.

#### Sunday 13 October 2024

Another single topic event:, the speaker will be Tiffany Hoare, the Library and Archives Director at the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library.

\*Heritage secured: the new Vaughan Williams Memorial Library archives and indexes.\*

#### (2). ONLINE DIRECTORY: UPDATES from <a href="https://www.folklife-directory.uk/updates.html">www.folklife-directory.uk/updates.html</a>

- UK or Overseas, WE WANT TO LIST YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS it's FREE!
- Just ask us to draft something for you to approve/amend, all we need is your website.
- Or send in something in our format, see new page Opt-in / Get listed ! on www.folklife-directory.uk/listings.html

#### Main webpages are now:

- FD: home lists all subpages details of venues, performers, services pages
- Get listed! either contact us & we'll draft, or see page for details in our format
- **UPDATES** directory updates on webpage, then copied to these Updates emails
- Venues with subpages by country or English region, plus virtual/zoom page
- <u>Performers</u> with subpages by category eg bands, shanty, etc
- Services with subpages Media and Workshop-Providers
- we're flexible if a lot more entries, we'll add a new subpage
- · As ever, your comments welcome

We plan to transfer to a new site with a different web-host, later this year or early 2025.

Ideally — as a database, we would welcome a volunteer to set one up for us to fill in. Failing that, it will
be similar to existing.

#### Please check your listings! Thanks!

- if all ok, please let us know & we'll add at end of listing (confirmed Sept 2024)
- for the oldest entries, perhaps remove some information from the days when email & mobile phones weren't up to modern standards perhaps your home address or home phone?
- we'll circulate changes (other than where simply omitting, eg home address) in these Updates.

#### Venues, Wales www.folklife-directory.uk/v-cymru.html

F Tuesday, last Newport RHIWDERIN <u>LAST TUESDAY SING</u> This monthly acoustic session run by Newport Folk Club has now closed - the pub closed suddenly. [July 2024]

#### Venues, West Country www.folklife-directory.uk/v-south-west.html

# F 2nd Sat Som. FIVEHEAD <u>FIVEHEAD FOLK & ACOUSTIC MUSIC NIGHTS</u> <u>www.facebook.com/people/Fivehead-Folk-Nights/61560754772660/</u> [FB added, Aug 2024, more details see listing]

#### F Thursdays, 2nd Devon TOTNES TOTNES FOLK SONG CLUB Facebook: Totnes Folk Club

- → The Dartmouth Inn, The Plains, Totnes. 7.30 pm, all year except August.
- ⇒ Anne Gill, 01803 290427, "Maleth", 11 Cleveland Road, Torquay, Devon TQ2 5BD. annegill<at>btinternet.com
- ⊕ Occasional guests. Alternate contact Andy Clarke <u>01803 732312</u>. (July 2024, new start time, & closed August)

Venues, West Midlands www.folklife-directory.uk/v-england-west-midlands

F Friday, occasional Herefs BROMYARD THE CONQUEST THEATRE https://conquest-theatre.co.uk

- → The Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4LL (in person).
- By post: c/o The Conquest Theatre, 1 Rowberry Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4DU
- ⇒ Email: <a href="mailto:hello@conquest-theatre.co.uk">hello@conquest-theatre.co.uk</a> Facebook: <a href="mailto:ConquestTheatre">ConquestTheatre</a> Telephone: <a href="mailto:01885-488575">01885-488575</a> [July 2024, updated]
- U Tuesday, 1st Staffs KINVER KINVER TRADITIONAL FOLK SONG CLUB https://kinverfolk.co.uk/
- → The Kinver Constitutional Club, High Street, Kinver, DY7 6HL.. Start Time: 19:30
- ⇒ Contact: Roger on <u>07887 814698</u>, or by email **contact<at>kinverfolk.co.uk** or by using the form on the website
- $\oplus$  At KTFSC, we sing folk songs that have stood the test of time over many generations. Bring a song to sing or come just to listen or join in. Admission £3.00 [Sep 2024, new listing]
- F THE SHIFTING SUNDAY SESSION (SSS) ... every Sunday, different pub.

They are listed individually in Directory.

Amended to make it clear that singers as well as musicians are included.

F Sunday, 1st Warks ILMINGTON SHIFTING SUNDAY SESSION: HOWARD ARMS www.sessionfolk.blogspot.com

- → The Howard Arms (01608 682226), Ilmington, Walks CV36 4LT. 7.30pm until 10.30pm.
- F Sunday, 2nd Worcs BRETFORTON SHIFTING SUNDAY SESSION: THE FLEECE INN www.sessionfolk.blogspot.com
- $\rightarrow$  The Fleece Inn (01386 831173), The Cross, Bretforton, near Evesham. WR11 7JE. 8-11.00pm.
- F Sunday, 3rd Warks TEMPLE GRAFTON SHIFTING SUNDAY SESSION: THE BLUE BOAR www.sessionfolk.blogspot.com
- → The Blue Boar (01789 750010), Temple Grafton, Warks B49 6NR. 7pm until 10pm
- F Sunday, 4th Warks LOWER QUINTON SHIFTING SUNDAY SESSION: THE MARY ARDEN HOTEL www.sessionfolk.blogspot.com
- → The Mary Arden Hotel (01789 267030), Wilmcote, Warks CV37 9XJ. 7pm until 10pm
- F Sunday, 5th varies VARIES <u>SHIFTING SUNDAY SESSION: VENUE VARIES</u> <u>www.sessionfolk.blogspot.com</u>
- $\rightarrow$  If there's a 5th Sunday in the month, it's a variable venues, arranged individually, see website. For all above:
- ⇒ Paul Bryan, theflyingmorrisman<at>hotmail.com, <u>07711 121210</u>
- ⊕ The Shifting Sunday Session (SSS): weekly folk music sessions in South Warwickshire / North Cotswolds, in four regular venues (different village pubs). Typically around 20 musicians/singers. [Aug 2024, amended]

#### Virtual, Zoom www.folklife-directory.uk/zoom.html

- F Wednesday, last. England Virtual FOCSLE MUSIC from Southampton, Hampshire.
- $\rightarrow$  8pm.
- ⇒ EMAIL Contact Paul Clarke for Zoom link, pls. e-mail virtual<at>focsle.org, and see Website <a href="http://www.focsle.org">http://www.focsle.org</a>
- ⊕ FOCSLE Music meets virtually, via Zoom. Join us and our international music friends (incl. some professionals) on last Wednesdays, 8pm (UK). [Aug 2024, amended to last Wed]

<u>Performers: Dance Bands and Callers</u>: <u>www.folklife-directory.uk/perf-dance.html</u> England: NW, NE, and Yorks & The Humber

Pf.2a Folk Dance Callers

Ø Yorks & The Humber JANET PORTER www.blackthornband.org

- ⇒ Janet Porter, Janetporter789<at>gmail.com
- ⊕ Dance caller, also play and call with The Polka Dots Barn Dance Band and Les Rustiques French music. Based near Goole UK. (Sept 2024: new entry)

<u>Performers: Dance Display & Ceremonial (including Morris, Clog, Swords) www.folklife-directory.uk/perf-morris.html</u>

- U Worcs NANCY BUTTERFLY MORRIS DANCERS http://nancybutterfly.co.uk/
- → Practice night (8-10pm) Monday, at Catshill Methodist Church Hall, 66 Golden Cross Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0LG (check our calendar during the dancing season!)
- ⇒ email: butterfly<at>nancybutterfly.co.uk fb: Nancy Butterfly Women's Morris Dancers
- ⊕ Nancy Butterfly dance in the North West style wearing distinctive red clogs. We have fun around Worcestershire and beyond dancing at pubs, festivals and other events. We are always ready to welcome new dancers and musicians. (Aug 2024, new email)

Services www.folklife-directory.uk/services.html

#### **S.7 SHOPS & OTHER LIVE/ONLINE SALES**

- F London FOLK LONDON: CDs and books
- ⇒ https://folklondon.co.uk/cds, plus downloads at https://folklondon.bandcamp.com/
- ⊕ CDs and books by local and grassroots artists. (Sept 2024, new listing)

Media www.folklife-directory.uk/media.html

Media M.1 Printed Folk magazines & listings.

- F London & Home Counties FOLK LONDON https://folklondon.co.uk/ Print magazine with online listings
- ⇒ James Eagle, Editor. Mastodon: @FolkLondonMag@folksocial.org;

www.instagram.com/folklondonmag/; Bluesky: @folklondon.co.uk

⊕ Bi-monthly listings magazine covering folk music, dance and song events in London & home counties. There's also a CD and book store. Folk features, reviews, listings and more; contributions and review CDs welcome – see our website folklondon.co.uk/ /Sept 2024. updated1

#### Media M.2 UK-wide Online Folk magazines & listings.

#### U UK-wide O2 MUSIC MAPPER www.o2.co.uk/music-mapper

⇒ London-based.

⊕ The O2 Music Mapper is a platform for folk music enthusiasts, using location-based technology to explore the UK's vibrant folk scene. It highlights legendary and emerging artists on a UK map, including their bios, hometowns, and career highlights. [Aug 2024, new listing]

#### Media M4. England by region Online Folk magazines & listings.

F West Country, part & West Mids, part ARMANDALEG MUSIC www.armandalegmusic.com

→ **West Country:** Bath, Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire. **Midlands**: Herefordshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire.

<u>Armandaleg Music have announced that the website will close down, at the end of November 2024.</u> (Aug 2024)

## Media M4. England by region Online Folk magazines & listings. London & Home Counties F FOLK LONDON https://folklondon.co.uk/

⇒ James Eagle, Editor. Mastodon: @FolkLondonMag@folksocial.org;

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#### (3) FOLK NEWS: from FOLKLIFE MEMBERS & INTERNATIONAL READERS

FOLKLIFE WEST 3 issues per year ~ Jan (deadline 20 Nov), May (20 Mar), Sept (20 July)

New Members - you are welcome to send in news for Updates page as soon as you join!

**UPDATES** on <u>www.folklife.uk/updates</u> Up to 160 words welcome (don't send more, we don't have time to read/edit). **International news** from non-UK non-members also welcome for this Updates page. See **SEND US YOUR UPDATES**, top of page. 3+ weeks notice gives us time to process.

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### England: Wiltshire, p13: WHITE HORSE FOLK CLUB F Emergency Relocation of Club with Immediate Effect!

We have sadly lost the use of St Michael's Hall due to the building's deterioration and it is no longer a safe environment. A quick fix is needed to ensure our continuity and the **Church Rooms alongside St Michaels Church** have been reserved in the first instance whilst we research other venues. Many will recall meeting there prior to Covid and it provided a comfy space for our singing and playing. Plus you can make yourself a cuppa. Enter the Church grounds via Sheep Street & the rooms are on your right, or enter the grounds from the High Street and navigate around the main church building. Map on <a href="https://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk/find-us">https://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk/find-us</a>
. The Church rooms are just North of the main building. For the tec savvy what 3 word code is unladen.risen.bright *Geoff Geoff Davies*, 01793 706753, www.facebook.com/whitehorsefolkclub/

Gloucestershire, p15: THE TWELVE BELLS SONG SESSION F, Lewis Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1EA (car park The Forum, free after 3pm). 2nd Wednesday, 8pm, all year. The next session on 11 September will be the last in this venue. An alternative venue is being sought. Unaccompanied singing in the traditional way. Relaxed evening, sing your own songs, old or new, without instrumental accompaniments, or just join in the choruses and enjoy the atmosphere. Great beers, good company, separate room, excellent acoustics. Food available 6pm-8.30pm. Martin Graebe 01285 651104, martin.graebe<at>btinternet.com, or Anne Buffoni, annskibuffonski<at>hotmail.com Pub: www.twelvebellscirencester.com

Gloucestershire, p19: JOHNNY COPPIN F writes: Warwick Folk Club (and my date on 11th Nov) has a new venue and new times: The Warwick Arms Hotel, 17 High Street, CV34 4AT - 7.30pm until 10pm.

#### London, p31: THE SALTS F

"Pickle Night" 6th November is the date when the news, of victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson, arrived in London. To commemorate this year, The Salts will be performing in The Crypt under Trafalgar Square on Wednesday 6th November. We would love it if you can come along <a href="https://talentbanq.com/event-venues/the-crypt-lates/">https://talentbanq.com/event-venues/the-crypt-lates/</a> <a href="https://www.thesalts.co.uk">www.thesalts.co.uk</a>

**London, p32: FOLK LONDON** *E bi-monthly listings magazine covering folk music, dance and song events in London & home counties,* **Bluesky: @folklondon.co.uk** *replaces Twitter* .

Other contact / websites / social media as before: folklondon.co.uk, Mastodon:

@FolkLondonMag@folksocial.org, www.instagram.com/folklondonmag/.

#### FESTIVALS & WORKSHOPS Members Diary, plus advertisers), pp36 ff:

The last Cleckheaton Folk Festival, and the last Towersey festival, have been held.

New listing: 17 – 19 January 2025 Trac Cymru F: Ambell i Gân / Weekend of Welsh folk singing <a href="https://trac.cymru/en/ambell-i-gan-folk-singing-weekend-2/">https://trac.cymru/en/ambell-i-gan-folk-singing-weekend-2/</a> Plas Caerdeon outdoor education centre, Caerdeon, Gwynedd. On the banks of the picturesque Mawddach estuary (Eryri National Park). Immerse yourself in the rich musical heritage of Wales and learn from experienced instructors in a warm and welcoming environment.

Led by the talented trio of Gwilym Bowen Rhys, Beth Celyn, and Gwenan Gibbard, this course will teach traditional song from Wales and provide valuable insight into singing technique and the beauty of group harmonies.

You will have the opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills in Welsh folk singing, whether you are a beginner or an experienced singer. Our talented instructors will guide you through various techniques and styles of traditional Welsh songs, helping you to develop your own unique sound. Plus, with plenty of opportunities for group singing and individual practice, you'll leave feeling confident and inspired to continue your journey as a Welsh folk singer.

£300 including all meals and accommodation. Early bird discount available until November. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience – register now for Ambell i Gân! See website above.

**INTERNATIONAL EXTRA:** NEWS from other world-wide readers on our Updates Mailing List. We're happy to include everyone's international news, on **UPDATES webpage** and here (not printed in Folklife West unless a Folklife member).

**New York** 

ØØ Valley Folk Music Society, Inc. Corning, NY www.valleyfolk.org

- Upcoming concerts: The Tannahill Weavers (Celtic Band) Saturday September 21, 7:30 PM
- Something Old, Something New Concert of multiple performers featuring Liz Simmons (of Low Lily), Mike Agranoff, Howie Bursen, Andy Cohen and introducing Kim Wallach (of The Short Sisters) and Wendy Grossman - Saturday October 19, 7:30 PM
- Windborne (stellar vocal folk quartet) Songs of Midwinter Sat Nov 16 at 7:30 PM
- In 2025: Kevin McKrell Band (Irish-inspired singer songwriter and his band from Saratoga Springs NY)
   Sunday March 2, 2 PM
- Hubby Jenkins (of The Carolina Chocolate Drops fame) on Sunday April 6, 2 PM
- Ongoing: Monday Cross-Atlantic Zings (Zoom Sings) 3-6 PM EST (8-11 PM UK Time) Ask for the Zoom link

#### Maryland

**ØØ Folklore Society of Greater Washington 2024 FSGW Getaway 27-30 September.** West River Methodist Retreat Center near Annapolis, Maryland.Coming to the FSGW GETAWAY? Register Now! **You can register by going to** <a href="mailto:fsgw.org/getaway">fsgw.org/getaway</a> and clicking on 'REGISTER' by September 15.

#### Massachusetts

 $\emptyset\emptyset$  Zoom. Based in Boston. Linn Noel <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/crosscurrents-music">https://sites.google.com/view/crosscurrents-music</a> and ZOOM: LIVE FROM THE MERMAID'S TAVERN

Zoom meeting links are MAILING LIST ONLY. Join this mailing list at <a href="http://mailinglist.mermaidstavern.com">http://mailinglist.mermaidstavern.com</a> Monthly sessions usually on first Sundays 2-4pm ET. Special events as the occasion requires. FALL/WINTER ONLINE SESSIONS

- OCT 6 Ballad Sing
- NOV 3 Halloween and Harvest Sing with Tam Lin Marathon
- DEC 1 Mermaid's Wassail
- JAN 5 Twelfth Night Sing
- JAN 26 Robert Burns Night
- FEB 2 Child's Birthday Ballad Sing

#### **Massachusetts**

**24th Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival, September 28 – 29.** <a href="https://pmffest.org">https://pmffest.org</a> Our featured performers this year are **Judy Cook & The Gawler Sisters.** Also appearing this year: April Grant, Ethan Tischlerthe, Shank Painters, Bennett Konesni, Lynn Noel, The Vox Hunters & Flannery Brown. And maritime skills demonstrations by The Dirty Blue Shirts. The Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival is a donation-supported volunteer-run free annual event with a free ticketed evening concert.

#### Sam and Eleanor

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