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Worcester's oldest folk club! **the Somers** traditional folk club live 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays^o, 8.15pm

• usually 1st/3rd/5th; please check website for exceptional changes
Other Fridays are on Zoom (for Somers members)

Bishop Allenby Hall, St Stephen's Church, St Stephen's Street,
off A449 Ombersley Rd, WR3 7HS M5 J7 is 4 miles (directions
see website). Parking is in churchyard.

"A place where traditional song is at home"



The club runs from 8.15pm
until 10.45pm. Doors open 8pm.
(no animals, no unaccompanied under-18s)

**Please bring your own drinks
& glasses ~ alcohol allowed !**

Photo: "During the break" (Eden Tanner)

• Live £3 members, £3.50 visitors (optional 2024 membership £10)

• 1st live visit free to visitors!

*2nd or 4th Friday instead of 1st or 3rd

Sep: • 13* Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 27* Folk Night
Oct: • 11* Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 18 Folk Night
Nov: • 01 Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 15, 29 Folk Nights
Dec: • 06, Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 20 Folk Night

Come and join us on our live Fridays!

Chris: info@somers-folk-club.org.uk • Sam & Eleanor: 01684 561378

www.somers-folk-club.org.uk

Visitors £3.50 ... your 1st live visit is FREE !



SOMERS TRADITIONAL FOLK CLUB [F], Bishop Allenby
Hall, St. Stephen's Church, St. Stephen's Street, off A449
Ombersley Road, Worcester WR3 7HS. M5 J7: 4 miles
(see website). Please park in churchyard.

**1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays, may vary (holidays, festivals),
so check website. 8.15—10.45pm (doors open 8pm).**

**The Somers continues with great singing & music, and
attendances of mostly 20-30 at the Hall.**

On 31 May, we held the special tribute evening in memory of
Crabbe (Bryan Neville-Lee), a much-loved Club singer who we lost
during the lockdown. 26 songs, poems, and tunes were chosen from
a list of Crabbe's many songs & poems, or performed in his memory:
some items were learned specially for the occasion. A fabulous evening
with many wonderful performances, and 43 people in the room,
including members of Crabbe and Nicky's family. The list of songs,
tunes, and poems performed is on www.folklife.uk/crabbe

As we go to press, **30th August** will be another special evening,
featuring **Shepherd's Purse** (<https://ericpaynefolksongs.co.uk/shepherds-purse/>). **Eric and Eileen Payne with Jim Preston**
sing a wide range of close harmony songs with a story to tell, rich
harmonies and keen humour. Their songs are drawn from folk
tradition, contemporary material, and their own original and inspiring
compositions. 'Shepherd's Purse' have forged a unique
path with a partnership that has gained recognition
and respect.



The Somers has a very supportive atmosphere,
and some folks who hadn't sung before have started
at the Somers and never looked back! Our seating
system (semi-circular arrangement of tables and chairs) encourages
participation, though distance between tables is maintained.

For our Club dates, see advert on left.

We start 1st (or occasionally 2nd) Fridays with chorus songs.

Hope to see you soon!

Keep on singing! ~ Eleanor

STFC info: www.somers-folk-club.org.uk

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BODMIN FOLK CLUB [F], St Petroc's Parish Centre,
Priory Road, Bodmin PL31 2DP. **Every Fri, 8.00pm.**

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*The Club that has been singing since 1968. St. Petroc's
Parish Centre is opposite St. Petroc's Church and next to
Enterprise vehicle hire.*

Bodmin Folk Club continues to do what it does best - Sing! with
guests (as listed in advert on right) and on all other Fridays will be the
ever-popular **Open House**, when anyone can perform, or just join in the
choruses.

Bring your own cold drinks - tea & coffee at the interval. Please book
on arrival.

Please visit bodminfolk.co.uk for up to date information

Keep safe and keep singing!

Enquiries: Sylvia Watts, sylvwatts@aol.com

bodminfolk.co.uk, www.facebook.com/bodminfolk/



BODMIN FOLK CLUB **CORNWALL** • **FRIDAYS 8.00** St Petroc's Parish Centre, Priory Road, Bodmin PL31 2DP

Sep 6th Open House 13th Seb Stone
20th Open House, theme 'Fruit & Veg'
27th Martyn Wyndham-Read & Iris Bishop
Oct 4th Theme Night: Harvest Home 11th Reg Meuross
18th Charity Night 25th Brian Peters tbc
Nov 1st Open House 8th Chris Foster
15th Members Showcase: Moe Keast
22nd Strandline 29th Open House
Dec 6th Jim Causley 13th Gill & Bob Berry
20th Club Christmas Party 27th Open House
To reserve tickets email sylvwatts@aol.com
Find us on Facebook or www.bodminfolk.co.uk



NAILSEA **FOLK CLUB** Nailsea, North Somerset

Tithe Barn
occasionally Ring of Bells
or Holy Trinity Church



Suntou Susso: Sunday 6 Oct, 7.30pm, Nailsea Tithe Barn

Also, NAILSEA FOLK singers & musicians nights
Grove Sports Centre, 2nd Tues, 8pm

online tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/nailsea-folk-club

• nailseafolkclub@hotmail.co.uk • Dave Francis 01275 540231
www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk for full details

NAILSEA FOLK CLUB [F], Tithe Barn [unless stated Ring of Bells],
Nailsea, North Somerset. **Various days and times see ADVERT ON LEFT**
Suntou Susso: Sun 6 October, 7.30pm, Nailsea Tithe Barn. Suntou
Susso is a multi instrumentalist, Kora player, producer, composer,
teacher and song-writer. Born a Griot in a 700-year old tradition,
the Kora - harp-lute with 22 strings - is unique to the Griots of the
Mandinka people. Griots have a unique societal role as oral historians,
transmitting and preserving a people's culture through the generations
in song, music and poetry. Suntou's debut album Kanéfonyo is out now!
See <https://suntoususso.com/> for more details.

Online tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/nailsea-folk-club.

We have a mailing list, and send out reminders and updates about
our programme. To join the mailing list, please visit the website's
"Contacting us" page for information & a link to our privacy statement.

Take care, David

[F] **David Francis** For up to date news: www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk



THE FOREST FOLK CLUB

Orepool Inn, Chepstow Road,
Sling, Coleford GL16 8LH

Cash only on the door please, £8 for guest nights,
£2 for Singers Nights. Doors open at 7.30 for 8pm start.

- 1 Sept. Singers Night
- 15 Sept. Carrie Martin
- 6 Oct. Cobblers Child
- 20 Oct. Singers Night
- 3 Nov. Singers Night
- 17 Nov. Anthony John Clarke
- 1 Dec. Reivers Gallows
- 15 Dec. Christmas Singers Night

Contact: Jan O'Neill www.forestfolkclub.com
www.facebook.com/groups/236526483056148



FOREST FOLK CLUB [F], Orepool Inn, Chepstow Road,
Sling, near Coleford GL16 8LH • see **ADVERT ON LEFT**
1st & 3rd Sundays, doors open 7.30 for 8pm
Cosy, warm atmosphere, good food and ale, even
B&B accommodation. Entry Singers Night £2, guest
nights £8, cash only on the door please.

Diary: Sun. 1st September, Singers Night.

Sun. 15th September, Carrie Martin. As mentor Gordon Giltrap says, "... outstanding vocalist with passion in each breath. Don't be too sidetracked by that voice and stage persona and well-crafted songs, because you might just miss the fact that she is a fine guitar player as well!" carriemartin.co.uk

Sun. 6th October, Cobblers Child, Four multi-instrumentalists from Gloucestershire with unique arrangements of folk music from the British Isles and beyond, tales from the Inland Waterways, and their own compositions. cobblerschild.co.uk

Sun. 20th October, & Sun. 3rd November, Singers Nights

Sun. 17th November, Anthony John Clarke. Belfast singer/songwriter with 30 years experience, described by Fairport Convention as a National Treasure, one of the most humorous and entertaining acts around. anthonyjohnclarke.com

Sun. 1st December, Reivers Gallows. Reivers' Gallows are a bunch of Gloucestershire Pirates influenced by traditional songs and tunes. They feature two violins, lead vocals and guitar/banjo, cajon and bass. They have performed at Brixham Pirate Festival, Fantasy Forest, Tewkesbury Med Fest and Field 8 during Cropredy.

www.facebook.com/ReiversGallows

Sun. 15th December, Christmas Singers Night.

For all other information, please see website.

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[F] **Mark McCabe, Hobgoblin Music Birmingham, 0121 212 9010**

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The Lamp Tavern
157 Barford Street, Highgate, B5 6AH

- 30 Aug 24 Discovery
(Jeff & Elaine Gillett)
- 27 Sep 24 Roy Clinging
- 18 Oct 24 Rosie Calvert and Will Finn
(formerly of Teacups)
- 8 Nov 24 Mossie Christian and
Megan Wisdom
- 29 Nov 24 Peter and Barbara Snape
- 27 Dec 24 *closed for Christmas*

*all other Fridays are
Singers and Musicians Nights*

Contact Paul Ryan 0121 357 7326

Phil Cross 0121 357 4098

e-mail: contact@blackdiamondfolkclub.org.uk

<http://blackdiamondfolkclub.org.uk>



PENNYMOOR SINGAROUND

3rd Wed, 7.30pm ~
Lamb Inn, Sandford EX17 4LW
~ Biddy 01271 373305
biddy.mallabone@outlook.com

MUSIC SESSION

12 noon, last Sun of month ~ The Half Moon, Cheriton
Fitzpaine EX17 4JW ~ Clare 01884 860023

SONG/MUSIC SESSION

12-3pm, 1st Thurs of month ~ The London Inn,
Morchard Bishop EX17 6NW ~ Jon 07840 524318

Facebook: *Penny Moor Singaround*

PENNYMOOR SINGAROUND [F] see *ADVERT ABOVE*

Penny Moor continues to meet in a range of lovely pubs in mid Devon. Recently, we hosted our annual Song and Ale in June earlier this year at The London Inn, Morchard Bishop [see also *FESTIVAL DIARY PAGES*]. The weather was kind and there was plenty of singing, playing and a little drinking too! We do it every year and the pub field is excellent for all forms of camping. Perhaps next year you might like to come; you'd be very welcome! We also celebrated the life of A.J. Coles in July, as we do every year, in Puddington. A large marquee full of tunes, song and the occasional dance. If you are not familiar with A. J. Coles aka Jan Stewer then I advise you to look him up.

Below is a list of the monthly sessions run by Penny Moor or its members where you would be made very welcome. They are quite informal and welcome both players and singers; there is a dedicated players' session on the last Sunday of the month at The Half Moon. Please contact us via the phone numbers below if you are coming for the first time. **Paul Holden** Facebook: **Penny Moor Singaround** www.facebook.com/groups/1221430771269195/

Several monthly sessions in mid Devon run by Penny Moor members:

- **Last Sun** Cheriton Fitzpaine, **HALF MOON LUNCHTIME MUSIC SESSION** Clare, 01884 860023.
- **1st Tue** Sandford **THE LAMB INN SESSION**, Hazel / Paul, 01363 776275.
- **Last Tue** Coleford **THE NEW INN SESSION**, Dave, 01363 84914.
- **3rd Wed** Sandford **THE LAMB INN SINGAROUND**, Biddy, 01271 373305.
- **4th Wed** Stoke Canon **FOLK AT THE STOKE**, Alison/Paul, 07709 324836.
- **1st Thu** Morchard Bishop, **LONDON INN lunchtime Song/Music SESSION**, 12 noon, Jon, 07840 524318.

BLACK DIAMOND FOLK CLUB [F], **The Lamp Tavern**, Barford Street, Highgate, Birmingham • every Friday, 8pm • see *ADVERT ABOVE*

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30 Aug: **Discovery**
(Jeff & Elaine Gillett)
27 Sep: **Roy Clinging**
18 Oct: **Rosie Calvert
& Will Finn**
29 Nov: **Peter &
Barbara Snape**



On 8 Nov, we welcome for the first time a visit by **Mossie Christian and Megan Wisdom** (right). Two rising stars on the folk scene, performing mainly traditional and revivalist material. Either of them could easily carry a night, but together they are a delight to listen to, both vocally and as musicians, playing saxophone, melodeon, fiddle and concertina between them. There will be a lot of interest in this duo so come early for a good seat. You will certainly get a chance to sing the choruses.



Contacts:

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<http://blackdiamondfolkclub.org.uk>



Cheltenham Folk Club

Sandford Park Alehouse,
20 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1DZ

Most 2nd & 4th Mondays, 8pm,
some guest nights, some open nights

For dates: please join our mailing list

Please join our mailing list for
up-to-date information: machteltje@gmail.com
Always check before travelling if you're not on the email list.

Ring Chris on 01242 - 571185, or Judith on 01242 - 577506



CHELTEHAM FOLK CLUB [F]

Sandford Park Ale House, 20 High St, Cheltenham, GL50 1DZ.
Most 2nd, 4th Mondays (ex late July, Aug), 8pm
• see *ADVERT ABOVE*

Some guest nights, some open nights.

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September 30 Aug - 1 Sept The Halsway Regency Assembly
6 Sept - 8 Sept Harpas at Halsway: Nyckelharpa Festival
9 Sept - 13 Sept Late Summer Butterflies and Moths FB
9 Sept - 13 Sept Coleridge Way Walking Week
13 Sept - 15 Sept Autumn Fiddle Weekend
20 Sept - 22 Sept Advanced Piano Accordion Weekend (Level 4)
20 Sept - 22 Sept Beyond the Tune
23 Sept - 27 Sept Guitar Study Week
30 Sept - 4 Oct Autumn American Contra Dance Week
October 4 Oct - 6 Oct Tales in Trust: Stories Have Legs
18 Oct - 20 Oct Give Voice
21 Oct - 25 Oct Lady Maisery's October Creative Song Week FB
November 8 Nov - 10 Nov German Weekend with TradTöchter
15 Nov - 17 Nov Zesty Contra Weekend
18 Nov - 22 Nov Page to Performance: Medieval Music
22 Nov - 24 Nov The Front Room Sessions FB
25 Nov - 29 Nov Melodeon Study Week: Anne Niepold & Andy Cutting
29 Nov - 1 Dec Christmas Carols and beyond with Narthen
December 2 Dec - 6 Dec Celebrating Dance Master Philippe Callens FB
9 Dec - 13 Dec Festive Retreat
13 Dec - 15 Dec Gaudete! Renaissance Music for the Festive Season
16 Dec - 20 Dec Essential Fiddle Technique Week FB
20 Dec - 23 Dec A Very Halsway Christmas
29 Dec - 2 Jan New Year House Party

Totnes Folk Song Club

2nd Thursday of the month - 7.30pm

The Dartmouth Inn,

The Plains, Totnes



12th September - Singers Night

10th October - Singers Night

14th November - Guest Night with
James Patterson & John Dipper

12th December - Singers Night
with Traditional Carols

Visit Totnes Folk Club on Facebook

Or for more information

contact Anne & Steve Gill 01803 290427

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Bromsgrove Folk Club

Bringing the best in folk, roots and acoustic music
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Meeting at 8.00pm on the second & last Thursday of each month
at Catshill Social Club, Meadow Road, Catshill, B61 0JJ

Aug 29 th	Anthony John Clarke & Richard Digance
Sept 12 th	We Mavericks
Sept 26 th	Louise and Chris Rogan
Oct 10 th	Bob Fox
Oct 31 st	Dan McKinnon
Nov 14 th	Lizzie Hardingham
Nov 28 th	Showcase Night
Dec 12 th	Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies
Dec 19 th	Club Christmas Party

Bromsgrove Folk Festival 17th to 20th July 2025

Bromsgrove RFC, Fininstall Road, Bromsgrove, B60 3DH
Already booked - Ranagri : The Lost Notes
Mike Silver : Anthony John Clarke : Silvington : Fairfield Now
Fairfield Revisited : Oli Jobes : Joe Bayliss

What fun we shall have!!

Contact Bob on 07828 716842
or go to www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk

Socials.....Facebook - Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival
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BROMSGROVE FOLK CLUB  Catshill Club (01527 833227), 13
Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0JJ.

2nd+Last Thu, 8pm • see **ADVERT ON LEFT**

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Additionally, in 2025, there's our Bromsgrove Folk Festival, see our
website above, also details are in this issue's **FESTIVAL DIARY** pages.

Bob

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28th September ~ Mike Courthold with Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer

14th December ~ Geoff Cubitt with The Falconers

18th Jan. ~ David & Kathryn Wright with Chris & Julie Dewhurst

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8pm - 10pm, from September to July, admission £2

Other activities (contact the club for further details) include
Friday 6th December ~ Christmas Meal, Dance & Entertainment
11-14 April 2025 ~ Club Dance Weekend in Llandudno

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