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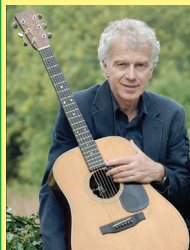
the Somers

traditional folk club, Worcester
live 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays^o, 8.15pm

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

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

"A place where traditional song is at home"



8.15pm until 10.45pm.
Doors open 8pm.
(no animals)
(no unaccompanied under-18s)

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

£3 members, £3.50 visitors
optional 2026 membership £10

1st visit free to visitors!

Sep: • 04, Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 18, Folk Night
Oct: • Sat 3 Oct, Somers' Harvest Supper (pre-booked, members only)
with Johnny Coppin & Paul Burgess (& fabulous food!)
Oct: • 9 (2nd Fri.) Folk Night, Choruses to start • 16, Folk Night
• 30, Folk Night Halloween Ghosts & Ghouls - a Dead Good Evening!
Nov: • 06, Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 20, Folk Night
Dec: • 04, Folk Night, with Choruses to start • 18, Folk Night

Come and join us on our live Fridays!

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

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- Sun. 20th September Paul Walker and Karen Pfeiffer
- Sun. 4th October Singers Night
- Sun. 18th October A.D. Scruffs
- Sun. 1st November Singers Night
- Sun. 15th November The Carrivick Sisters
- Sun. 6th December tbc
- Sun. 20th December Christmas Singers Night

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



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Nailsea, North Somerset

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occasionally Ring of Bells
or Holy Trinity Church

- Sat 19 Sept. Martin Alvarado and Gerald Villar y Los Aguirre.
- Thu 22 Oct. Breabach, Holy Trinity 8.00
- Sat 31 Oct. Kasai Masai
- Fri 13 Nov. Aaron Catlow and Kit Hawes.
- Sat 28 The Pagoda Project
- Sat 5 Dec. Barn Dance. Barnstormers
- Sat 19 Dec. Christmas with The Wilderness Yet.

Also, NAILSEA FOLK singers & musicians nights
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online tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/nailsea-folk-club
• nailseafolkclub@hotmail.co.uk • Dave Francis 01275 540231
www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk for full details

every
Friday



8.00 pm

Jeweller's Arms

23 Hockley St, Birmingham B18 6BW

- 4 Sep 26 Clive Brooks & Tom Perry
- 18 Sep 26 Hilary Spencer
- 2 Oct 26 Matt Quinn & George Sansome
- 16 Oct 26 Damien Barber
- 6 Nov 26 Pete Coe
- 20 Nov 26 Tom McConville

*all other Fridays are Singers and
Musicians Nights*

Contact Paul Ryan 0121 357 7326

Phil Cross 0121 357 4098

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MUSIC SESSION

12 noon, last Sun of month ~ Puddington Village Hall,
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~ Clare 01884 860023 or Jon 07840 524318

SONG/MUSIC SESSION

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

Facebook: *Pennymoor Singaround*

Totnes Folk Song Club

2nd Thursday of the month, - 7.30pm
(except August)
Café 47, 47 Fore Street, TQ9 5NJ.



September 10th. - Singers & Musicians Night
October 8th. - Singers & Musicians Night
November 12th. - Singers & Musicians Night
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10th September – Louise Rogan and Friends

24th September – Elizabeth and Jameson

8th October – Silvington

29th October – Fairfield Revisited

12th November – Love at the Five and Dime

26th November – Dave Gibb

10th December – Gabriel Moreno and
the Quivering Poets

17th December – Christmas Party Night

What fun we shall have!!

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MoonrakersCelticMusic@gmail.com



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12th Dec. ~ Geoff Cubitt with The Falconers

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

Other activities (contact the club for further details) include

Sun. 28th Oct. ~ Tea Dance

Fri. 4th Dec. ~ Christmas Meal - Holt Fleet

Wed. 16th Dec. ~ Christmas Club Party Night

Contact John: 01384 897 179, or
goodevans.thenook@yahoo.co.uk

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Cheltenham Folk Club

Stanton Suite, Church St, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham
GL53 8AR (accessible, no steps, shallow ramp to front door)
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Most 2nd & 4th Sundays, 8pm

some guest nights, some open nights

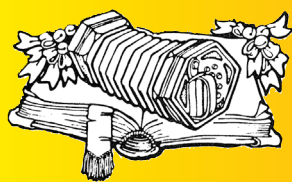
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- Oct 11 Richard Whitehouse
- Nov 22 Cobblers' Child
- Jan 10 Rebecca Kay
- Feb 8 Lyndon, John & Judith
- Sept 27 Blackthorn Buskers
- Nov 8 Si Barron
- Dec 13 Open night
- Jan 24 Andy Turner & Mat Green
- March 14 Stray Threads

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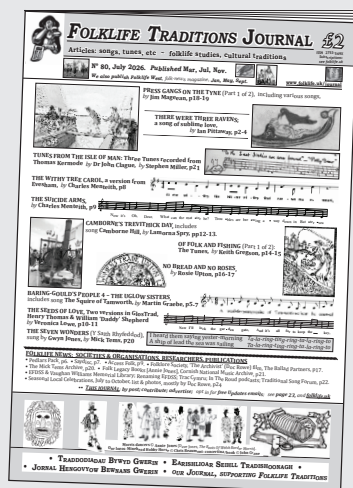
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