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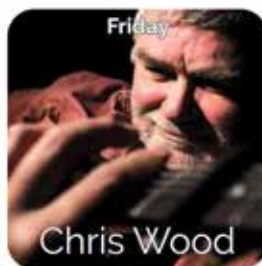
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5 Day Ticket Wed- Sun £110, From June 1st - £115

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www.newforestfolkfestival.co.uk



**SRÙBAG! @ Cèilidh Seinn na Gàidhlig – Gaelic Song Cèilidh***On Zoom, 2nd Fridays (usually), 7.30pm.*

Based in Edinburgh, and with 5 lady co-hosts across US Ireland and France – 1 co-host a monthly Gaelic / Celtic languages-only Zoom sing, **Srùbag**. We both sing with the Lothian Gaelic Choir, and Marcas is one of the two Gaelic tutors. There are a lot of pre-recorded ceilidhs out there – we wanted to create a space for sharing Gaelic and Celtic language songs live online. Scottish and Irish Gaelic songs are welcome, as are songs from the wider Celtic family such as Breton and Welsh songs. We have a monthly Guest singer and additionally the song turn goes round the virtual “Room”. Usually 2nd Fridays 19.30, sometimes first Friday. Please drop in and bring your own Srùbag (cuppa) and a song, or drop in to listen. Please see <https://linnphippfolk.co.uk/srubag/> or contact <https://linnphippfolk.co.uk/contact/> for the Zoom link and/or more information.

✦ Linn also hosts a monthly **LEARN (SCOTTISH) GAELIC SONG SESSION**, free on zoom, 3rd Saturdays 6pm UK/Ireland time, no prior knowledge of Gaelic required, contact <https://linnphippfolk.co.uk/contact/> for flyer, link and to receive monthly invite and materials.

**LINN PHIPPS @**

Linn Phipps is a UK-based traditional singer in English and Gaelic. During the pandemic period she has created a website, issued 5 CDs including “Silk and Leather” as The Sillertides with her US based co-sing partner, Doug Huggins, and a 2-CD set of piping songs and stories, Salute to Rona Lightfoot. She has launched two Youtube channels, and led around 30 learn-song workshops in the UK, US and around the world. She is a frequent song circle Host at regular Singings and virtual Folk Festivals, and hosts a monthly international Celtic language ceilidh on zoom, Srùbag. Linn has passionately loved the sea since she could walk and sings a variety of sea songs in Gaelic and in English. As a shanty singer she recently enjoyed featuring in-person at the Oban International Shanty Festival, and she is co-hosting a series of Single-Shanty sings with Jim Lucas, sponsored by PMFF. Linn is thrilled to be Co-ordinating this innovative Virtual programme.

Linn Phipps @, <https://linnphippfolk.co.uk>**DAVE MASON Ø**

I was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne but grew up in Johannesburg, SA. I learned to play bagpipes at school and guitar during time in SA. Started writing my own songs 1980's influenced by Cat Stevens, Gordon Lightfoot, Paul Simon, Rodriguez, Shawn Phillips and SA artists like Fiona Tozer, Nibs van Der Spuy / Landscape Prayers, David Kramer, Koos du Plessis. Played various folk clubs and festivals in SA and UK 1990's. Recently started writing and singing again after a 20 year hiatus. Busy working on my 6th folk album, I also have three books of bagpipe compositions available for free download.

Folk Music:
Bagpipesdavemason.co.uk, <https://davemasonmusic.bandcamp.com><https://tummelyerwilkie.com>Contact me: ionasadad@gmail.com**HOBGOBLIN MUSIC, EDINBURGH: Scayles Music @** 50 St Patrick Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9EZMonday - Saturday, 10am - 6pm, Sunday, 12pm - 5pm. 0131 667 8241, info@scayles.co.uk <https://hobgoblin.com/branches/edinburgh>**TEVIOTDALE ONLINE MUSIC SESSIONS Ø***Mon. weekly, & 2nd Friday Opens from 7.30pm (GMT), music starts at 8pm, till 10pm.*

The Teviotdale session has changed its name and link. It's now - **Borders Online Music Sessions**. As a lot of the clubs running online events are now returning to live venues, we have decided to try to fill the gap and cater for those that are not ready or who cannot attend live events.

Still doing the 2nd Friday but will also be on every Monday too. Combined with the other local session.

Links to these are available if you need them, send PM or your email.

Link to Teviotdale Music Sessions Zoom Session <https://zoom.us/join?action=join&confno=86046781202&pwd=music>

-- Meeting ID: 86046781202 -- Passcode: music

Singers and musicians of all abilities welcome. Ray.

*** Ed.'s note: Zoom details change from time to time. Check our latest info on our Venues: Virtual webpage, www.folklife-directory.uk/zoom.html

SHANTY BIG SINGS @, usually monthly.

The ongoing series of Shanty Big Sings: we expect to continue our previous schedule of a new Big Sing each month.

Big Sing 11: Fire Down Below/ The Fireship 18 May.

Linn will also be having a Birthday Big Sing Thurs 25 May starting 19.30 with songs and shanties about East Coast of Britain (or any sea song!) and followed by folk songs in any language incl Gaelic, pls contact Linn for info.

A web site: Jim is building a dedicated Shanty Big Sings web site, which he'll keep up to date with relevant Big Sing information eg regarding whatever will be the next session. You should look for dates information / the link in the next **AmeriCeltic newsletter**. We'll send out the new website url when it's up and running! Dates will also be uploaded here on Linn's website here: <https://linnphippfolk.co.uk/collaborations-links-and-other-news/> - please email Linn for information direct or via contact form here <https://linnphippfolk.co.uk/contact/>

Best wishes and seasonal regards, Linn and Jim, Linn : + 44 7917 564440

Festivals & Workshops in next issue, Sep, deadline 20 July

Festival ads - ad rates see page 3.

Our detailed **FESTIVALS & WORKSHOPS DIARY**, as on previous pages, covers the next 12 months.

We now have a **form for entries** on our website's **FESTIVALS & WORKSHOPS WEBPAGE**, www.folklife.uk/festivals.html

Entries free for Folklife Members

(Membership £18 a year, see p.3)

& free entries for all advertisers.

The form contains instructions for submitting festival and workshop listings. It includes sections for 'To send in festival & workshop listings', 'For quick upload to Updates webpage, use forms, stay within word limits.', and 'MEMBER DETAILS'. A large watermark reads: 'the form is on WWW. folklife.uk/festivals.html'.




Diary

LISTINGS ~ FESTIVALS and WORKSHOPS, printed in FOLKLIFE WEST

also copied ONLINE on <https://www.folklife.uk/festivals.html>

FOLKLIFE TRADITIONS  MEMBERS' NEWS  FESTIVALS & WORKSHOPS



FOLKLIFE MEMBERS' FESTIVALS & WORKSHOPS

DIARY FOR THE NEXT 12+ MONTHS

DIARY LAYOUT

Date FESTIVAL/WORKSHOP NAME webpage

→ **VENUE**..... up to 14 words
eg TOWN / VILLAGE, County / Area, other venue details

☐ **CONTACT** As you wish, eg **Contact Name, Tel., Fax, Mobile, Address, Email**; we may use <at> for @ to avoid spam, as

⊕ **MORE DETAILS** eg **guests, comments.**
Up to 200 words; more if advertising:
1/8p ad, to 275; 1/4p ad, to 300; 1/2p ad, to 350; A4 ad, to 450.

Only FolkLife Members listed here
~ Membership is only £18 a year! See page 3

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 • We start with 'All-Year-Round' workshops, covering the next 4+ months. • Then in date order - 12 months from May.

ALL-YEAR-ROUND WORKSHOPS SERIES - the next 4+ months
 ⇒ FOLKLIFE WEST PRINT DEADLINES. FW JAN., 20th NOV. ~ FW MAY, 20th MAR, ~ FW SEPT., 20th JULY.



Ⓜ **HALSWAY MANOR - year round Workshops & Courses**
 Somerset **HALSWAY MANOR National Centre for the Folk Arts** www.halswaymanor.org.uk
 → Halsway Manor, Halsway Lane, near Crowcombe, Somerset TA4 4BD. All enquiries 01984 618274
 ⊕ Halsway Manor is an independent charity providing a year round programme of events and learning activities in traditional folk music, dance, song, storytelling, folklore and related arts and crafts. All are welcome. **Check the website for updates and more details.**

May	p - Partnership Event	FB - Fully Booked	3-7 Jul	A Carolan Special for mandolinists, with Simon Mayor
28 Apr - 1 May 2023	Society for International Folk Dance	p	7-9 Jul	Folksongs and Accompaniments
5-7 May	Halsway Playford Assembly		14-16 Jul	J25: Banding Together p
12-14 May	Ukulele Weekend		17-21 Jul	The Maniac and other tunes
15-19 May	American Contra Dance Week		17-21 Jul	Ballad Singing with Nick Hart
19-21 May	Halsway DG Weekend		21-23 Jul	British BMG (Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar) Federation Summer School 2023
22-26 May	Dulcimers at Halsway		24-28 Jul	Halsway Young Folk Advanced 2023
26-28 May	Let Music Be in All Our Hearts		26-28 Jul	Halsway Young Folk Juniors 2023
28 May - 2 Jun	Voices, Viols & Recorders Association	p	28-30 Jul	Summer Songwriting
June			31 Jul - 5 Aug	Halsway Young Folk - Intermediate 2023
2-4 Jun	'Performance' with Nancy Kerr and James Fagan		August	
5-9 Jun	French Music & Dance Week		5-11 Aug	Family Folk Week 2023
9-11 Jun	Spring Fiddle Weekend		11-13 Aug	Page to Performance with Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman
12-16 Jun	Summer Country Dance Week		14-21 Aug	Halsway Folk Dance Holiday
19-23 Jun	Leveret Musicians' Week		28 Aug - 1 Sep	Folk Summer School 2023
23-25 Jun	Topette!! Weekend		September	
26-30 Jun	Songs, Threads and Yarns		1-3 Sep	The Halsway Regency Assembly
30 Jun - 2 Jul	Piano Accordion Weekend (Intermediate & Advanced)		8-10 Sep	Autumn Fiddle Weekend
July				~ more in September FolkLife West
3-7 Jul	Summer Song Week			
3-7 Jul	Ben Walker's Guitar Masterclass			

Ⓜ **MOONRAKERS' Workshops & Courses** www.moonrakers.net **SEE ADVERT under OXFORDSHIRE NEWS, PAGE 42**
MOONRAKERS see under OXFORDSHIRE NEWS, www.moonrakers.net Jon Bennett 01865 769206
 ⇒ moonrakerscelticmusic@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/MoonrakersBand/, <https://twitter.com/moonrakersband>,
www.instagram.com/moonrakersofficial/, www.youtube.com/channel/UCgNff2A8tp5dvcU0via1C4g
 12-14 May Ukulele & Singing Weekend, Halsway SOLD OUT
 9-11 June Folk Orchestra, Benslow Music, HITCHIN. The first of our annual residential weekend workshops at Benslow Music.
 Book early! www.benslowmusic.org 01462 459446.
 Sat 15 July Folk Orchestra day event at The Corn Exchange, FARINGDON, Oxfordshire, SN7 7JA. From 10:30 to 16:30 with a lunch break. A course/workshop for intermediate/advanced players of all acoustic instruments. Music and videos sent in advance.
 Book early! £70 for the day (25% off for under-27s) www.benslowmusic.org 01462 459446.
 15-17 Sep Folk Orchestra, Benslow Music, HITCHIN. The second of our annual residential weekend workshops at Benslow Music.
 Book early! www.benslowmusic.org 01462 459446.

FOLKLIFE MEMBERS WORKSHOP NEWS: up to 200 words, exceptionally, more if as many as events as Halsway!, or if advertising - details on page 3.

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2023 MAY
2023 May 5 - 8 TREDEGAR HOUSE FOLK FESTIVAL www.tredegarhousefestival.org.uk
 → NEWPORT. Tredegar House & Country Park, Newport, Gwent NP10 8YW. South Wales
 ☐ TREDEGAR HOUSE FOLK FESTIVAL; for further details, contact: Sue Oates, susieoates135hotmail.com, 01633 246241
 ⊕ A weekend of international dance, music, and song. Four great days! 4 top acts per concert. Headliners include: Barbara Dickson with Nick Holland, Kathryn Tickell and the Darkening, Merry Hell, The John Kelly Band, Alaw, Bob Fox, Jez Lowe and Julie Matthews.
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+ evening concert
Jez Lowe,

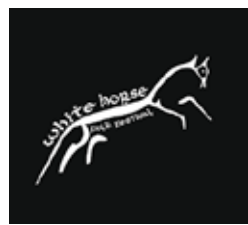
Jack in a Barrel,
The Shackleton Trio

Sunday evening-
Miranda Sykes & Suntrap

Tickets on the door or from the Club
or ticket application form via web
site or leaflet.

The Priory Centre, St Neots,
PE19 2BH

For more information see website:
www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk



White Horse Folk Festival

Grove, Wantage, Oxfordshire
18 – 20 August

A small, friendly festival with the emphasis on joining in. Sessions, workshops, concerts, ceilidh and morris dancing. Camping on site.

Guests: Jon Doran, Mossy Christian, Sound Tradition, The Medlars, Dave Plimmer, Nerida Cuddy, Out of Hand ceilidh band with Erin Mansfield

MCs and Session hosts: Kitty Vernon & Derek Burgess, Bill McKinnon, Denise Underwood, Jeff Gillett, Elaine Gillett

Tickets & Info.
Jeff & Elaine Gillett whitehorsefolkfestival@gmail.com

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- After *FW* is published, later dates / guests are added to our website's **UPDATES WEBPAGE** www.folklife.uk/updates.html and then circulate in our free occasional emailed **NEWSLETTERS**.
- The best way to keep up-to-date is to sign up for our free **NEWSLETTERS**, sent (roughly) monthly, but not between deadline & publication dates --- just email sam@folklife.uk, with your name, and your country, or, for England, which region.



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**2023 MAY, continued****2023 May 19 - 21 CHURCHDOWN BEER & FOLK FESTIVAL Facebook GlosFolk**→ CHURCHDOWN, Gloucestershire. The Churchdown Club (<http://churchdownclub.co.uk>), Church Road, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2ER☐ For more info: website/facebook tba, <http://liamtho.com/FolkAtTheClub>.⊕ Guests tba. Please contact Bill Craswell, 07740 248785, liam@liamtho.com @ Bill Craswell**2023 May 20 PENTREFFEST NOZ WORKSHOPS**

→ CARDIFF, Canton Liberal Club, 301-303 Cowbridge Road East, CF5 1JD

⊕ Join us for a music session and dance workshop followed by a bal with Becky Price (Piano Accordeon) and Chris Allen (Hurdy Gurdy).

Details see **FOLK NEWS: CYMRU/WALES** pages.**2023 May 26 - 29 CHIPPENHAM FOLK FESTIVAL www.chippfolk.co.uk**

→ CHIPPENHAM, Wiltshire.

☐ Chippenham Folk Festival, The Cause Music and Arts Centre, The Causeway, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3DD. www.chippfolk.co.uk

info@chippfolk.co.uk 01249 657 190 (answered by an answerphone and checked weekly)

⊕ Don't miss our 50th Anniversary - over 100 artists at 200 weekend events May 26th - 29th.

Artists include: Friday 26 - The Wilderness Yet & Edwina Hayes, Saturday 27 - Cara Dillon & Jon Loomes, Sunday 28 - Le Vent du Nord & Benji Kirkpatrick, Monday 29 - The Paul Sartin tribute concert. Tickets now on sale - BOOK YOURS TODAY. Visit chippfolk.co.uk**2023 JUNE****2023 Jun 2 - 4 PENNYMOOR SONG & ALE Facebook: Pennymoor Singaround Pennymoor SAR → see Devon news pages**

→ MORCHARD BISHOP: The London Inn, Morchard Bishop, Devon, EX17 6NW.

☐ The PENNYMOOR SONG & ALE Sally Holland, 01363 85022

⊕ Must book in advance (usually sells out).

2023 Jun 24 - 25 TEIGNMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL WEEKEND www.teignmouthfolk.co.uk☐ Contact: Anne Gill, anne.m.gill@icloud.com 01803 290427

⊕ We are holding a weekend of dance and no concerts or Ceilidh, and we've changed the date as it clashes with Falmouth Shanty Festival.

2023 Jun 23 - 25 WEST SOMERSET FOLK FESTIVAL www.westsomersetfolkfestival.co.uk

→ CARHAMPTON, near Minehead, Somerset. Carhampton Recreation Hall, Carhampton Recreation Ground.

☐ WEST SOMERSET FOLK FESTIVAL Terry Helyar, helyarterry@gmail.com, 5 Moordell Close, Yate, Bristol BS37 4BU.

⊕ Singarounds, Workshops, Holy Joe, Stories & Ballads Session, Festival Folk Club. Guests @ Terry Helyar

2023 Jun 30 - Jul 2 CLECKHEATON FOLK FESTIVAL -- IMPORTANT FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT!! www.cleckheatonfolkfestival.org**It is with deep regret that the Board has taken the decision to cancel the Cleckheaton Folk Festival for 2023.**

Unfortunately, our main venue, The Town Hall, which is in need of remedial work to the ceiling above the stage area, has been deemed unsafe by Kirklees Council for us to hold our usual Festival events in that space.

With the absence of any other suitable venue, the Festival Board has taken the decision to cancel the event altogether. All ticket holders will be refunded and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to our visitors, suppliers, artists, sound engineers, dancers, performers and stewards.

We're sorry it has come to this, believe me, we have done our utmost to find a remedy to the situation, but as there are no suitable alternative premises, we have no other option.

If you have any feedback please send it to dave@cleckheatonfolkfestival.org

Kind Regards and regrets, The Festival Board.

Dave Minich, Festival Director. Cleckheaton Folk Festival Tel: 01274 879761 Mob: 07929 134556

2023 Jul 5 - 9 NEW FOREST FOLK FESTIVAL www.newforestfolkfestival.co.uk ❖ SEE ADVERT ON PAGE 2 (inside front cover)

→ PLAITFORD, Hants. Powells Farm, Salisbury Road, Plaitford, Romsey: main gate SO51 6EF, post to SO51 6EE.

☐ Contact: email, nick@newforestfolkfestival.co.uk; phone Keith Curtis 07435 123057; postal address as above.<https://twitter.com/newforestfolk>; <https://www.facebook.com/NewForestFolkFestival/>Tickets: www.newforestfolkfestival.co.uk/tickets.html**2023 Jul 6 - 9 BROMSGROVE FOLK FESTIVAL www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk ❖ SEE ADVERT under Worcs News with Bromsgrove FC**

→ BROMSGROVE, Worcestershire. Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings.

☐ BROMSGROVE FOLK FESTIVAL, Bob, 0121 476 5938. bobcynfolk@aol.com

⊕ Check the website for the latest information.

We have a new venue.....and a new partner! Bromsgrove 2023 will be held on the site of, and in association with, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings. Our mantra of "better not bigger" will be maintained with even more emphasis on the "better" as we continue to bring the best of folk, roots and acoustic music to North Worcestershire.

Not been to us before? We do not overlap acts between venues so if that if you've paid to see a particular act then you will see that act — and without having to queue for an hour before the concert to make sure you get in - revolutionary or what?! In and around the site there are many other diverse activities, to keep you occupied for the entire weekend.

Guests booked to date include Colum Sands, The Lost Notes, The Jigantics, Vicky Swan and Johnny Dyer, Keith Donnelly, Lauren South, Anthony John Clarke, Dave Gibb, Silvington....more to come. Tickets on sale from 1st January 2023

For more details call ... Bob on 07828 716842 or e-mail bobcynfolk@aol.com @ Bob**2023 Jul 7 - 9 PRIDDY FOLK FESTIVAL www.priddyfolk.org ❖ SEE ADVERT p55 (inside back cover)**

→ PRIDDY near WELLS, Somerset. Village Green.

☐ PRIDDY FOLK FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, 01749 678949.

Priddy Folk Festival Association, Rose Farm, Wells Road, Priddy, Wells, Somerset BA5 3AZ

⊕ This friendly festival is held in the idyllic setting of our Village Green, high on the beautiful Mendip Hills AONB, near Wells in Somerset. The programme always includes a mixture of world class performers and up and coming talent. We are particularly proud of our work with local youth folk groups in a tie up with Halsway Manor National Centre for The Folk Arts. But the weekend also provides great music, and dance, workshops, yoga sessions, club tent, excellent craft and traders in the market square, guided archaeology walks to explore the local Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments, a full programme of entertainment for the children throughout the weekend and much more.

For 2023 programme, check out our website. There is onsite camping with warm showers(!), world foods and beer and cider tents as well as a village pub! If you have not already done so sign up to receive newsletters to keep you up to date with all that is going on.

More info from www.priddyfolk.org or email info@priddyfolk.org



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**2023 Jul 7 - 9 BEYOND THE BORDER - Wales' International Storytelling Festival** <https://beyondtheborder.com/festival/>  SEE AD BACK COVER

→ DINEFWR, LLANDEILO, Carmarthenshire, Wales.

□ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BTBStorytelling>, Twitter: BTBStorytelling, Instagram: btbstorytellingfestival

⊕ Beyond the Border - Wales' International Storytelling Festival has announced over 50 artists performing from 7-9 July 2023, at Dinefwr, Carmarthenshire. Beyond the Border turns 30 this year, and to celebrate there is a packed three day programme within the magical landscape, castle and stunning woodlands of the National Trust, CADW and Wildlife Trust Cymru's Dinefwr Estate, Carmarthenshire.

Whether joining for a unique immersive camping experience for the whole weekend, or visiting for the day, families of all ages (and grown-ups too) will delight in a diverse and entertaining programme of stories, music, performances, inspiring talks, arts and crafts activities. The festival will feature a celebration of stories in English, some Welsh, and some international, and has accessibility at its core, with a commitment to ensuring all audiences are able to experience the festival.

This year's festival theme, The Time is Now, encapsulates the past, present and future of storytelling in Wales, through the lens of languages, stories and music from across Europe and the world.

Some of the headliners include Abbi Patrix, Angharad Jenkins Quintet, Citrus Arts, Csenge Zalka, Daniel Morden, Julie Murphy and Ceri Rhys Matthews, Mererid Hopwood, Michael Harvey, N'famady Kouyaté, People Speak Up and The Successors of the Mandingue.

Some of the highlights not to be missed include the last ever performance from The Devil's Violin. Music performances from Angharad Jenkins Quintet, Julie Murphy & Ceri Rhys Matthews, Gwilym Bowen Rhys, N'famady Kouyaté and The Successors of the Mandingue.

Plus stories from Welsh storytellers, Michael Harvey, Cath Little, Guto Dafis, Dafydd Davis Hughes, Mair Tomos Ifans, Jo Munton, Deb Winter and Tamar Eluned Williams to name just a few!

Citrus Arts have created a programme of activities alongside People Speak Up for families and grown-ups - a mixture of circus, creative workshops, spoken word and talks across the weekend.

There are shows for families, early rise and shine play sessions for the little folk, performances inspired by Cad Goddeu: The Battle of the Trees and Carl Gough's time travelling new piece Nexus.

Beyond the Border Festival offers visitors a chance to unwind and reconnect with nature; to explore the breath-taking grounds of Dinefwr, with woodland walks and its historic Castle, steeped in myths and legends. The natural environment offers plenty of ways to unwind and relax with friends and family and enjoy delicious food and drink stalls offering the best of local and Welsh cuisine.

Day, weekend and campsite tickets are available now for adults, young people and families and under 5s get in for free. There's also limited availability to camp under the stars at Dinefwr. There's also discounts for National Trust members and those living in the SA postcode area. Find out more

[Beyondtheborder.com/festival](https://beyondtheborder.com/festival)**2023 June 9 - 11 ST NEOTS FOLK FESTIVAL** www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk  SEE ADVERT p50

→ The Priory Centre, ST NEOTS, Camb PE19 2BH; 10 June Day of Dance: around town

□ The Festival Office, The Mill House, St Neots Road, Bolnhurst, Beds. MK44 2ER. Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-neots-40th-folk-festival-june-9-10-11th-the-priory-centre-st-neots-tickets-594557065187 (+ booking fee). Or from the Club, or by ticket application form + sae to: The Festival Office (above address), cheques payable to: 'St Neots Folk Festival'**2023 Jul 14 - 16 MITCHELDEAN FESTIVAL** www.mitcheldeanfestival.fod.uk

→ MITCHELDEAN, Forest of Dean, Glos GL17 0AT

⇒ Email talktous@mitcheldealfestival.fod.uk for more information, Andy Scarf 01594 544456

⊕ Free festival in the glorious Forest of Dean! All singers, musicians and dancers welcome.

Watch for future posts on this on: <https://www.facebook.com/MitcheldealFestival>

We hope you will be able to join us - Cheers! @Andy

2023 Jul 27 - 30 WARWICK FOLK FESTIVAL www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk  SEE ADVERT ON FRONT COVER


→ WARWICK. Festival main venue and campsite: Castle Park adjacent to Warwick Castle, Stratford Rd Warwick. Numerous venues in and around the historic town of Warwick.

□ WARWICK FOLK FESTIVAL: email info@warwickfolkfestival.co.uk Booking: online www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk

⊕ This will be at our second year at our exciting new site adjacent to Warwick Castle and the River Avon. The spacious new site allows us to have an improved layout with everyone camping in easy reach of the venues, also plenty of free parking for day visitors. Lots of showers and toilets, crafts, food and drink as you have come to expect. Again the real ale festival bar will be run by the famous Fleece Inn of Bretforton.

The town centre is only 10 minutes away, and on the walk up the road there are shops and ancient hostleries to distract you or take the route up the drive past the spectacular castle.

The festival brings together leading names from around the world for a 4-day music and dance extravaganza. Its unique programme has something for everyone from dedicated folk fans to music lovers who are discovering that 'folk' covers a wide range of tastes and styles. See our website for full details.

For more information please visit www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk @Peter Cranage**2023 AUGUST****2023 Aug 4 - 11 THE SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL** <https://sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk>  SEE AD p55 (inside back cover)

→ SIDMOUTH, Devon. Wide variety of seated & standing venues across the town.

□ Tickets: <https://sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk/tickets/> Contact: Box office: 01395 577952.

Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok

⊕ Regular visitors to the area in the first week of August will be familiar with The Sidmouth Folk Festival. Proudly championing traditional music, dance and song since 1955, Festival week sees the many venues, streets and Esplanade of Sidmouth burst into vibrant life with the finest in folk music, dance and song. The exciting week-long programme spans a huge range of events from the major concerts, lively late-night roots parties, intimate sessions, ceilidhs and folk dancing, storytelling, family entertainment and youth-centred sessions, hands-on workshops and spectacular dance displays.

Rising stars of tomorrow will meet long established names of the folk world, and include **The Unthanks**, with their transcendent sibling harmonies, Quebecois livewires **Le Vent du Nord**, festival patrons and Devon folk icons **Show of Hands**, life-affirming folk songs for today from **The Young'uns**, **Breabach**, one of Scotland's most skilled and imaginative contemporary folk acts, **McCusker McGoldrick Doyle**, masters of flute, fiddle, song and guitar, and the uniquely captivating harmonies of **Lady Maisery**.Also gracing The Ham stage will be **Saltlines** (Gigspanner Big Band with *The Salt Path* author Raynor Winn), **Leveret**, **The Magpie Arc**, **John Tams**, **A Tribute to Paul Sartin**, **Topette!!** and **Banter**. Cutting edge acts include **Angeline Morrison**, who uses her vital, tender voice to explore black British experience in folk song, and the exhilarating alternative sounds of **Dominie Hooper**. The ever-popular pre-festival Ham shows for 2023 feature Scottish queen of song **Barbara Dickson**, with **Nick Holland** (Friday, August 3, 3pm) and a welcome return from Cornish shanty maestros **The Fisherman's Friends** (Thursday, August 3).The **Bulverton**, known as the high energy hub for dynamic evening roots shows, eating, drinking and after-hours fun will host Scottish crowd-pleasers **Talisk**, Tíre's award-winning band **Skerryvore**, local singer, songwriter and fiddle maestro **Seth Lakeman**, rousing songwriter **Grace Petrie**, and the high-octane **Peat & Diesel**. And new musical worlds will be explored on smaller festival stages with inventive tradition ground-breakers like **Cerys Hafana**, **Suntou Susso** and many more.



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⇒ FOLKLIFE WEST,

MAY deadline is 20th MAR

**2023 Aug 5 - 12 Tŷ GWERIN at the NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD** <https://eisteddfod.wales>

→ LLŶN AC EIFIONYDD: BODUAN, Gwynedd

☐ Enquiries 0845 4090 900, or email gwybeisteddfod.org.uk

⊕ Tŷ Gwerin, the home of folk traditions in the splendid Yurt at the National Eisteddfod.

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Join us for a packed programme of performances, sessions, interviews, children's activities.

***** More music, song, dance, and poetry, in the rest of the Eisteddfod!

2003 Aug 11-18 BROADSTAIRS FOLK WEEK www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk  **SEE AD p55 (inside back cover)**

→ BROADSTAIRS, Kent. Numerous venues.

☐ Broadstairs Folk Week, Kent Innovation Centre, Millennium Way, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2QQ. 01843 604080. infobroadstairs@folkweek.org.uk

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
2023 Aug 18 - 20 MOIRA FURNACE FOLK FESTIVAL www.moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk

→ MOIRA FURNACE, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire

☐ Moira Furnace Folk Festival Enquiries: 07401 951694, or contact on webform via website Festival email newsletters and updates about Festival-related events: info@moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk⊕ The 2023 Moira Furnace Folk Festival takes place on the 18th, 19th and 20th August 2023. Tickets are now on sale and a booking form is available on the festival website www.moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk

The line up includes: Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies, Tom McConville, Kim Lowings and the Greenwood, Pete Morton, Winter Wilson, Anthony John Clarke, The John Richards Band, Paul Downes, Meneely and Van Sante, Stonestrow, Joe Baylis, KC Jones, Alan Jones.

There is a ceilidh on the Saturday evening and dance displays on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Ample on site camping is also available.

There are plenty of opportunities for singarounds both on site and in the local pubs.  **Colin Grantham****2023 Aug 18 - 20 WHITE HORSE FOLK FESTIVAL** www.WhiteHorseFolkFestival.co.uk  **SEE ADVERT PAGE 50**

→ GROVE, near Wantage, Oxfordshire. Various venues in Grove.

☐ WHITE HORSE FOLK FESTIVAL. Tickets & Info Jeff and Elaine Gillett, 01453 751256, whitehorsefolkfestival@gmail.com.www.WhiteHorseFolkFestival.co.uk

⊕ WHFF is a small, friendly, traditional festival where there is an emphasis on taking part. There is ample opportunity to sing, play or tell a story, with singarounds and music sessions throughout the weekend, plus workshops, concerts, ceilidh and morris dancing. Camping on site.

Guests: Jon Doran, Mossy Christian, Sound Tradition, The Medlars, Dave Plimmer, Nerida Cuddy, Out of Hand ceilidh band with Erin Mansfield

MCs and Session hosts: Kitty Vernon & Derek Burgess, Bill McKinnon, Denise Underwood, Jeff Gillett, Elaine Gillett

The festival also incorporates a day of dance featuring many dance-sides and culminating in a barn dance hosted by White Horse Ceilidhs.


2023 Aug 19 - 25 WHITBY FOLK WEEK www.whitbyfolk.co.uk

→ WHITBY, North Yorkshire. Numerous venues throughout the town.

☐ Whitby Folk Week, 51 Katrina Grove, Featherstone, West Yorks WF7 5LW, phone: 01977 792205.

General Enquiries email: folk@whitbyfolk.co.uk, phone 01977 792205.Ticket Sales, email: tickets@whitbyfolk.co.uk, 24 Brincliffe Crescent, Sheffield S11 9AW.Camping Enquiries email: camping@whitbyfolk.co.uk

⊕ Tickets: please check the website.

2023 Aug 24-28 CORNWALL FOLK FESTIVAL www.CornwallFolkFestival.com  **SEE ADVERT PAGE 50**

→ Wadebridge, North Cornwall

☐ Email: info@cornwallfolkfestival.com⊕ *In Wadebridge Town Hall:* Thurs 24th: Ceilidh with KRELYS; Fri 25th: Gigspanner Big Band + Lakeman & Murch;

Sat 26th: Kinnaris Quintet + Our Atlantic Roots; Sun 27th: Seth Lakeman + Windjammer.

In John Betjeman Centre: Fri 25th: Teyr + Cat Florence; Sun 27th: Sarah McQuaid + Chris Ostler.

Sat-Mon: FAR stage featuring regional musicians

Sat-Mon: 'Shanty St' live music & dance in town centre streets.

Plus: sessions and workshops.

SEPTEMBER. OCTOBER. NOVEMBER. DECEMBER.

⇒ FOLKLIFE WEST, SEPTEMBER deadline is 20th JULY

**2023 SEPTEMBER***A few Saturday tickets left! Full weekend tickets Sold Out!***2023 Sep 1- 3 LLANWDDYN FOLK AND ACOUSTIC WEEKEND** www.llanwddynevents.co.uk


→ Abertridwr, Llanwddyn, Lake Vyrnwy, SY10 0LR

☐ e: llanwddynevents@gmail.com T: 01691 870501 w: www.llanwddynevents.co.uk

⊕ The last EVER Llanwddyn F&A Weekend. After 10 years of running the festival (not including COVID years) - as always, this friendly, little festival is not to be missed. This year we have Chris While & Julie Matthews, Elbow Jayne, Katherine Roberts and Sean Lakeman, Ruth & Ken Powell, The Jaywalkers, Steve Turner, Chris Brain and the Llansilin Choir. it's well worth coming to.

Camping is close by but limited so it's important you book early. Lots of other accommodation options a short drive away.

Plus, pop-up cafe and BBQ, sing-arounds, sessions, Bar and fabulous craft stalls.

Tickets limited as we only seat a cosy 220 people: *a few Saturday tickets left. Full weekend tickets Sold Out!* Prices very reasonable as we like it to be affordable for all as the budget we have allows. Any questions, please get in touch.**2023 Sep 7 - 10 BROMYARD FOLK FESTIVAL** www.bromyardfolkfestival.co.uk  **SEE ADVERT ON FRONT COVER**

→ BROMYARD, Herefordshire: B4203 Stourport Road, HR7 4NT

☐ Bromyard Folk Festival enquiries 07990 629 203 (24 hours)

Bromyard Folk Festival, Bush Bank, Suckley, Worcester, WR6 5DR. Tickets: on sale via the website or 07990 629 203 (24 hours).

⊕ In the beautiful setting of the Bromyard countryside, Bromyard Folk Festival has it all. One of the UK's longest-running folk festivals, with a reputation for its appeal to all tastes and ages, promoting new young talent as well as celebrating the folk tradition.



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2023 OCTOBER

*** = date to be announced, listed in what was the date order for 2022

2023 Oct *** BANBURY FOLK FESTIVAL

www.banburyfolkfestival.co.uk

Editor's note: last year details were as below

→ BANBURY, Oxfordshire. Main concerts at Banbury Town Hall, other events at nearby pubs.

□ BANBURY FOLK FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE, 336 Bretch Hill, Banbury, Oxon OX16 0LW, or telephone 07845 821041. Facebook: Banbury Folk Festival

⊕ The friendly indoor festival in the heart of Banbury! A low-cost festival with a great line up! On the 2nd week of October with a range of concerts, song and music sessions and dance. See website for latest guest line-up.

Main Concerts - Acoustic Concerts - Folk Club sessions - Big Sing - Song, Music & Storytelling Sessions - Workshops - Morris Dancing.

2023 Oct *** PENTREFFEST AUTUMN FESTIVAL

www.pentreffest.org.uk

→ Rudry Village Hall (www.rudryparishhall.org), Rudry, Caerphilly, CF83 3DF

⇒ Pentreffest, 13 Egerton Road, Canton, Cardiff. 029 2023 2970, queriespentreffest.org.uk, www.facebook.com/Pentreffest

⊕ A weekend of bals, dance and music workshops and other events. Artists and dance tutors tba.

Details tba, but typically: Friday Evening, Bal; Saturday Morning & Afternoon, Dance and Music Workshops; Saturday Evening, Grand Bal; Sunday Morning, Dance and Music Workshops; Sunday Afternoon, Dance with music from workshop participants, local artists and foreign guests. Camping (indoor & outdoor) and food on site.

2023 Oct *** WREN MUSIC FAMILY FOLK DAY

www.wrenmusic.co.uk

→ OKEHAMPTON, Devon. Held in comfortable indoor venues in the old market town of Okehampton, nestling on the northern slopes of Dartmoor.

□ WREN MUSIC 01837 53754 Ebenezer Hall, North Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AR.

⊕ It is Wren's 40th anniversary so expect lots of celebrations and a folk festival bigger and better for 2023.

JANUARY. FEBRUARY. MARCH. APRIL

⇒ FOLKLIFE WEST, January deadline is 20th NOVEMBER.

2024 Annual Feb half-term GWERIN GWALLGO, residential Folk Weekend for 11-18s

<https://trac.cymru/en/taking-part/gwerin-gwallgo/>

□ trac, 01446 748 556, <https://trac.cymru>

⊕ A high-energy four-day residential event for young people between 11 and 18 years of age, at Glanllyn, the Urdd Residential Centre in Bala. We offer places to approximately 40 young people. There are **instrumental, vocal and clog dancing lessons** during the day, followed by informal **sessions, concerts, get-togethers, twmpathau and more** in the evenings, with opportunities for the young people to take part in some of the fun outdoor activities which Glanllyn has to offer, too. Towards the end of the course, there is also a chance to perform.

Instrumental workshops: players need to have their own instrument, and be able to play at least to a basic standard. Instrumentalists are asked to tell us on the enrolment form their approximate level of experience. Ability to read music is not required, nor is experience of folk music; most of the workshops will be taught by ear.

• **Song Workshops:** open to everyone from beginners to experienced participants. No experience of folk singing is needed.

• **Dance workshops:** last time there were two clog dance classes; intermediate and advanced.

For more details, see <https://trac.cymru/en/taking-part/gwerin-gwallgo/>

2024 Apr 14-16 FOLK WEEKEND: OXFORD

www.folkweekendoxford.co.uk

→ OXFORD. Numerous venues across the city.

□ info@folkweekendoxford.co.uk for general enquiries.

2024 May 3 - 6 UPTON UPON SEVERN FOLK FESTIVAL

www.uptonfolk.org

→ UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, Worcs.

□ UPTON FOLK FESTIVAL, please see our website for further details or contact chairperson<at>uptonfolk.org for specific enquiries.

⊕ Free: Morris dancing and Sunday procession, pub music and song sessions, street theatre, ceilidhs under the bridge, workshops, musical meander, duck race, craft fair. Ticketed: Fri-Mon concerts, ceilidhs, Folk Clubs. Guests and main ceilidhs tba. @ *Bernie Dennis*

That's all, folks!

Thanks to all who made this issue possible, all unpaid volunteers: the gallant crew of editors, Journal article-writers, correspondents, illustrators, photographers, Zoom advice, who are listed on page 2.

With ever-increasing costs, we need more paying Members. Publicity: whilst I enjoy admin*, it does mean there's no time to promote Folklife elsewhere, so offers to publicise elsewhere, particularly on social media (which I don't use - no time) very welcome.

* **The admin** - adverts, membership, 3 websites inc Directory entries, subscriptions, publication & distribution via printers, etc ... is currently all by me (Sam). So if anyone would like to get involved such that the admin becomes a team effort, please get in touch!

Thanks for your support, Sam, sam@folklife.uk



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