

SHROPSHIRE FIDGET

by David Harley



Why Shropshire Fidget?

See <http://www.countryfile.com/countryside/regional-food-shropshire-fidget-pie>

Though I now live in the West Country, I'm continuing to visit Shrewsbury fairly regularly, so have more current information regarding a number of events. Where there's an event below that I'm fairly confident is still happening I've tagged it thus [*] but I'd still advise you to check with the venue or the organizer before you set off. I recently got back to the Thursday session at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Shrewsbury, to which I haven't been for a while. Due to refurbishment at the Wheatsheaf, it was actually at the Old Post Office for a few weeks, but is now back home across the road. It's still in good shape, anyway, with a good range of performers sitting round the table. In the autumn, I also revisited the first Friday session at the Blue Boar in Ludlow, which is still thriving. I particularly enjoyed the sound of Sheena Wieckowicz exercising her recently-acquired handpan.

I've continued to review CDs for Folking.com, and was very pleased to review a CD from Burning Salt featuring the songs of the hugely talented Hannah Hull. My review of the EP is here: <https://folking.com/burning-salts-love-letter-to-holloway-womens-prison/>. I'm very much looking forward to seeing the band live in November in Shrewsbury, and there might be a review of that event on folking.com, too, by the time you read this.

On a more personal note... On my way back to Cornwall recently, I found myself writing a song about Shropshire and the Marches: if you're interested, it's here: <https://sabrinaflu.wordpress.com/2018/10/23/wrekin-demo/> and while I don't generally write regional songs, here's another one which is focused on a historical event in Shrewsbury in 1752: <https://sabrinaflu.wordpress.com/2018/10/23/thomas-anderson-demo/>

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REGULAR EVENTS IN SHROPSHIRE including TELFORD & WREKIN

To the best of my knowledge, all the events listed below are still happening as of October 2018 (do email me if you know better!), but check with the organizers or the venue before visiting. Apparently, people sometimes have better things to do than let me know when an event stops happening or changes day or venue, and I'm not in the area to check them all out myself.

The ones I'm fairly sure of at this time are tagged [*].

SUNDAY

Every: **The Birchmeadow Centre**, Broseley TF12 5LP: Irish and Folk Practice Session. Fliss Burke 01952 586986 felicityburke@hotmail.com

Alternate: **Loggerheads**, Shrewsbury SY1 1UG: Songs and tunes. For updates, see <https://thesession.org/sessions/237> or contact nickthefiddle@worldonline.co.uk - 2019 sessions start January 13th. [*]

1st: **White Hart**, Birch Lane, Ellesmere SY12 0ET. Session: Hilary Harrison 01691 623938 www.facebook.com/White-Hart-267441929960656/

1st: **Black Swan**, Jackfield, Ironbridge TF8 7LZ. Song. Bill Caddick 01952 882471 www.facebook.com/Black-Swan-Jackfield-133995299983832/

2nd & 4th: **The Woodman**, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury SY1 2DZ. song and music session. 01743-351007

<http://whatpub.com/pubs/SHR/4859/woodman-shrewsbury> [*]

MONDAY

1st: **Loggerheads Songwriters Session**, 1 St. Mary's St, Shrewsbury SY1 1UG, hosted by Sophie Bowes. www.facebook.com/sophiekerfolkmusic/ [*]

1st: **Brimfield Folk Club** (formerly Roebuckaneers) at Brimfield Village Hall SY8 4NU (just South of the Shropshire border on the A49). 8pm, entrance fee £1 and bring your own drinks. Roger Penwill, 01584 711854. www.facebook.com/brimfieldfolkclub/

1st: **Prince of Wales**, 30 Bynner Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury SY3 7NZ. Music session only. (01743) 343301. <http://theprince.pub/>

4th: **Crown**, Clunton: Session (Richard 01588 660226) www.crowninclunton.co.uk/?page_id=45

TUESDAY

Every: **Loggerheads**, St. Mary's Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1UG. Acoustic session. Chris Greve www.facebook.com/loggerheadsshrewsbury/info/ [*]

1st: **Tuesday Folk* White Lion**, West Castle St, Bridgnorth WV16 4AB. Singers Session. Bob Hayes 01746 763962 www.whitelionbridgnorth.co.uk/

1st & 3rd: **Old Bucks Head**, Frankwell, Shrewsbury SY3 8JR: Tel: (01743) 369392. Acoustic string session. www.bucksheadinn.co.uk

2nd: **Tuesday Folk* Lion Hotel**, High St, Broseley TF12 5EZ www.lionhotelschropshire.co.uk/

3rd: **Tuesday Folk* Boat Inn**, Jackfield, Ironbridge TF8 7LS. Singers Evening. tel: 01952 885777 <http://boatinnjackfield.com/about.html>

3rd: **Old Bucks Head**, Frankwell: see 1st Tuesday.

4th: **Tuesday Folk* Boat Inn**, Jackfield, Ironbridge TF8 7LS. See 3rd Tuesday.

*Tuesday Folk Facebook page: see www.facebook.com/groups/185989171421210/

Alternate Open mic at the **Three Tuns**, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, 01588 638 797. www.facebook.com/BishopsCastleOpenMicNight; www.thethreetunsinn.co.uk/whats-on.

Every: **Dog & Pheasant**, Severn Street, Shrewsbury SY1 2JA. Contact Chris Greve (www.facebook.com/cgreve).

Pub: www.facebook.com/pages/The-Dog-Pheasant/829435740420604 [*]

Every: **The Crown** (www.crownabbeyforegate.com/events-12625.html), Music/songs session 28 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6BT. 01743 248308 [*]

Every: **The Crown**, Market Street, Oakengates TF2 6EA (www.crown.oakengates.net/) Telford Acoustic Club. [*]

Every: **Old Fighting Cocks**, 48 Market Street, Oakengates TF2 6DU (www.facebook.com/oldfightingcocksoakengates/) Telford Acoustic Music Club - across the road from the Crown, but reportedly less regular.

1st: **Stables Inn**, Hope SY5 0EP. Bill Johnson, 01938 555863. Pub: www.thegoodpubguide.co.uk/pub/view/Stables [*]

3rd: **Kings Arms** (www.facebook.com/kingshead.markedrayton/), Shropshire Street, Market Drayton TF9 3EH. Alan Wisener 07966 225578

1st and 3rd: **Wheatsheaf**, High Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1ST. Open mic hosted by Fergus Reid. www.facebook.com/groups/150907648299336/ [*]

THURSDAY

Every: **The Griffin Inn** (www.facebook.com/thegriffininnoswestry/), Albion Hill, Oswestry SY11 1QA, 01691 650156. Acoustic open mic with Chris Greve

Every: **The Boat Inn**, Ferry Road, Jackfield, Ironbridge TF8 7LS. Irish Session - 01952-885777. <http://boatinnjackfield.com/about.html>

Every: **Cross Keys**, Selattyn. SY10 7DH Mainly Irish. 01691 355457/650247. www.facebook.com/TheCrossKeysSelattyn/timeline

Every: **Wheatsheaf**, High Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1ST. Song/music session. www.facebook.com/groups/967812693231880/ [*]

2nd: **Boot Inn**, Orleton SY8 4HN; session. Tel (01568) 780228; www.thebootinnorleton.co.uk/

4th: Now back at **The Sun Inn**, 10, High Street, Clun SY7 8JB, www.thesunatclun.co.uk/. Contact number 01588 640366, Jenny and Dave Wright [*]

FRIDAY

1st: **Blue Boar**, Mill Lane, Ludlow SY8 1BB: the bar session formerly at the Unicorn. New contact details: Ann Merrill Gray, 01584879348, or annmerrill50@yahoo.com. [*]

2nd: **Dog & Pheasant** Severn Street, Shrewsbury SY1 2JA. Songs, tunes, poetry, monologues.

www.facebook.com/pages/The-Dog-Pheasant/829435740420604 [*]

2nd: Corvedale Folk Club, **Sun Inn**, Corfton SY7 9DF. www.facebook.com/pages/Corvedale-Folk-Club/425722554164456 [*]

3rd bi-monthly: **Rose and Crown**, 8 Church Street (off Market Square), Ludlow SY8 1AP: Blues session run by Jack Brett for South Shropshire Blues Club (www.southshropshirebluesclub.co.uk/). [*]

Last: The **Irish traditional music session** formerly held at the Yew Tree in All Stretton has moved to The Old Coppers Malthouse, Church Stretton SY6 6DU. 8:30pm - 11:30pm. www.facebook.com/groups/702953146458514/ [*]

Frequent, check Facebook for dates: **'Foxy Friday'** events at the Fox Inn in Oswestry. See www.facebook.com/Chris-Greve-Music-384658634935258/ for more details.

SATURDAY (none known at present)

Shropshire
(incl. Telford & Wrekin)

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