WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES ® ***Check for gigs coming up in Warwickshire!***

RUGBY LIBRARY, Little Elborow Street, Rugby CV21 3BZ
Tickets in advance through Eventbrite or on the door.
Rugby Library gigs enquiries*: call centre* ***0300 555 8171***
or email: ***libraryevents@warwickshire.gov.uk***

NUNEATON LIBRARY, Church Street, Nuneaton, CV11 4DR
Tickets in advance through Eventbrite or on the door.
Nuneaton Library gigs enquiries: call centre 0300 555 8171
or email: ***libraryevents@warwickshire.gov.uk***

ATHERSTONE FOLK CLUB ®, Rose Inn, Main Road, Baxterley, Atherstone, CV9 2LE.
3rd Wed, *8.00pm*

Hosts ***Finger in the Jar.*** We aim to have something for everyone; traditional, modern, shanties, comedy, dance and sessions just for musicians.

Entry **free** for club nights, with a collection for the guests that night and a free raffle.

18 September sees the return of **Kevin Dempsey**, supported by **Brian Phillips. Devonbird** return to Atherstone 16 October, and **Phil Riley and Neil Mercer** take centre stage 20 November. Our **Christmas Party** will be 18 December with **Phil Hare** with support from **Thrup'nny Bits** and a plethora of local talent.

Floor singers wishing to perform at the club, please contact Phil Benson at phil@atherstonefolkclub.org.uk in plenty of time, please. We fill up fast!

® Phillip Benson
phil@atherstonefolkclub.org.uk *01827 711514*
https://www.facebook.com/groups/atherstonefolkclub

HAMMERED DULCIMER MEET ®, Studley. ***2nd/4th Thu*** evenings
Contact **Sally Whytehead**, 01527 64229;
https://dulcimer.org.uk

FOLK AT THE LION ®,
The Atherstone Red Lion, 99 Long Street, Atherstone CV9 1BB.
1st Wed*, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, all year*

Folk in a local hostelry *(The Atherstone Red Lion),* run by anyone who turns up (well, not quite, but it gives the flavour). Singaround format, for the most part.

Those who find themselves at a loose end on the 1st Wednesday afternoon of the month are welcome to come and join a few friends just singing for the joy of it. Free Entry.

See **https://www.facebook.com/groups/1194655407220890/**
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https://www.facebook.com/groups/1194655407220890/

SUE BROWN & LORRAINE IRWING ®

English and Scottish traditional song, a cappella, and with guitar/dulcimer. *"If you like a cappella traditional, you'll love these two"* - Dave Webber

With rich, haunting harmonies, inventive arrangements and an engaging stage presence, Sue Brown and Lorraine Irwing have captivated folk club and festival audiences across the country. Their performances have been described as 'a blend of voices to melt the heart of an iceberg', 'brilliantly stark', and 'a rare treat of original and sympathetic treatment of old and new songs', dealing with the timeless folk themes of 'death, bonking and sheep'!

Their great repertoire includes fine and unusual versions of English songs and ballads, performed mostly a capella, with occasional sensitive accompaniment on guitar, shruti box, Appalachian dulcimer and English concertina.

® Sue Brown, *01869 351281,* ***www.sueandlorraine.com***

BANBURY FOLK CLUB ®, new venue: The Church House, 2/3 North Bar St, Banbury, OX16 0TB. ***Wednesdays****, 8pm to 10.30pm*

Local and nationally known guest nights, theme nights, open stage nights and our popular **Sing, Say, Listen and Say (SSLaP)** nights; and also regular floor spots to encourage local performers.

Guests*:* September 4, **Scarecrow**; September 11, **Friction Farm;** October 2, **25 Years Late;** November 13, **Winter Wilson.**

Contact Kevin West, westkev58@gmail.com *Box Office: 07485 821041*
or send a message to www.facebook.com/banburyroots/ ; ***www.banburyfolkclub.co.uk***

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOLK ®, The Butcher's Arms, Shutford Road, Balscote, Banbury OX15 6JQ. ***Occasional Sundays****, 2.30pm*

Longstanding Banbury acoustic folk band **The Poachers** lead chorus songs in a cosy pub until 5pm. January, March, May, September, November, usually on 3rd Sunday, but may vary - phone pub to check. Also an audience participation spot.

Alasdair McKeane ®*, alasdair.mckeane<at>gmail.com*
www.thebutchersarmsbalscote.co.uk*, pub phone 01295 730750*

FRIDAY FOLK ®, The Duke of Marlborough, A44, Woodleys, Woodstock OX20 1HT. ***Every Friday****, 9.00pm*

Rota of local singers and an audience who love to sing choruses – the "Duke Choir." Event has been running in the Woodstock area for over 50 years.

Alasdair McKeane ®*, alasdair.mckeane<at>gmail.com*
www.dukeofmarlborough.co.uk*, pub phone 01993 644013*

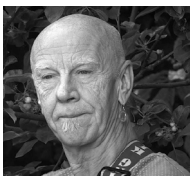
WHITE HORSE CEILIDHS ®,
Grove Village Hall, nr Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 7JY, ***8pm***, unless stated otherwise.

• **Sat. 19 Oct**	**Autumn Ceilidh**	£8 (£4 u16s)	**Old Chapel Band, Jane Bird,** *spot* **Daughters of Tradition**
• **Sat. 07 Dec**	**Xmas Ceilidh**	£8 (£4 u16s)	**iFolk, Peter Gregory,** *spot* TBC
• **Sat. 01 Feb**	**Winter Ceilidh**	£8 (£4 u16s)	**Cowshed Collective, Val Foster,** *spot* TBC
• **Sat. 28 Mar**	**Spring Ceilidh**	.....	**Cotteswolde Country Dance Band, Tina Morris,** *spot* TBC

® Dave / Kate Guest, 01235 765445, info@whitehorseceilidhs.org.uk, ***www.whitehorseceilidhs.org.uk***

WARWICKSHIRE with COVENTRY *REPORT BY MALC GURNHAM*

Malc is the organiser of **Bedworth Folk Club ®** (2nd & 4th Wed); performs in the duo **Malc Gurnham & Gill Gilsenan ®** and in the **Glorishears Ceilidh Band ®**; and provides the **Folkfax website ®** (news, gossip and information about a lot of aspects of folk music, especially in the UK and particularly in the Midlands), the **Fat Sam Music Studio ®**, and **Folkfax Web Design ®.**



from left: **Gary & Vera Aspey, Dark Horses, Bruce Watson, Kev Dempsey**

"®" = **Folklife Members** for **details**, *see* ***Member listings/news***

A busy run up to the end of the year sees a fine mix of folk music coming to our area, with both the regular folk events, plus concerts, and even a festival, bringing some of the very best in folk music and song to the area.

A look at the **regular events in the area** sees a daily programme that sees us hosting some fine music and song, starting with **Mondays**, and the friendly session every week at *The Fox Acoustic Music Club*, The Fox, Attleborough, Nuneaton hosted by John Neal; whilst in Coventry on 1st Mondays, The *Nursery Tavern Session*, hosted by Brenda Hart that's at 38 Lord Street. Alternate Mondays sees *The Warwick Folk Club*, The Racecourse Inn, Stratford Road, Warwick, guests there include: (Sept 23); The Harvesters plus Bruce Watson *(pic);* (Oct 21)Rick Kemp plus Steve & Chris Bayes; (Nov 18) Dana & Susan Robinson plus Norman Wheatley; (Dec 2) The Lost Notes plus Craig Sunderland.

On to **Tuesday** and *The Wurzel Bush Folk Club* meets weekly at the West Indian Club, Rugby, amongst a list of big names are September (3) Les Barker & Keith Donnelly, (17) Ninebarrow; October (22), Jacqui McShee & Kev Dempsey *(pic),* (29) Julie Felix; November (5) Dark Horses *(pic)*; (12) Richard Grainger & Dick Miles; December (3) Vicki Swann & Jonny Dyer, (10) Quicksilver. Meanwhile the *Stockton Folk Club* meets at The Nelson Club & Institute, Napton Road, Stockton, on the last Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday is traditionally the big day for folk music in the North of the County, firstly 1st Wednesday afternoon The Red Lion Hotel in Main Street, Atherstone hosts **Folk in the Red Lion ®** (2pm to 4pm), then in the evening **Nuneaton Folk Club ®**, Queens Hall in The Crew, 73 Queen's Road, Nuneaton hold their monthly session, guests are: (Sept 4) Si Barron plus Tony Portlock; (Oct 2) Geoff Higginbottom; (Nov 6) Dark Horses *(pic)*; (Dec 4) Drunk Monkey.

2nd Wednesday is the turn of **Bedworth Folk Club ®**, now nicely settled into their new home, Trent Valley House Working Men's Club & Institute, New Street, Bedworth, their guests are: (Sept 11) Bruce Watson from Australia *(pic)*; (Oct 9) Scarecrow; (Nov 13) Sally Ironmonger & Brian Carter; (Dec 11) Christmas Party night! featuring .. Gary & Vera Aspey *(pic)*.

3rd Wednesday is time for the trip to the far North of the County and **Atherstone Folk Club ®**, The Rose Inn, 101 Main Road, Baxterley, Nr Atherstone, and a guest list that boasts: (Sept 18) - Kevin Dempsey *(pic)*; (Oct 16) - Devonbird; (Nov 20) - Phil Riley and Neil Mercer; (Dec 18) - Christmas Party with Phil Hare. Just to prove that the South of the County also have a regular Wednesday event, the *Rowington Folk Club* also meets on 3rd Wednesday, Bar Catalan, 4 Jury Street, Warwick, keep an eye on their Facebook page for guest details.

The 4th Wednesday is back to Bedworth for the very popular **Bedworth Folk Club's monthly "Singers "Night"®** session again at Trent Valley House Working Men's Club & Institute, New Street, and hosted by Malc & Gill.

Thursday has long been the night for the *Tump Folk Club*, The Humber Pub in Humber Road, Coventry where nights fluctuate between informal singers nights and guest nights, already booked in as guests are: (Sept 12) Bruce Watson *(pic)*; (Oct10) Jenny Biddle (Aus); (Nov 7) Dark Horses *(pic)*; (Nov 28) Paul Walker and Karen Pfeiffer; (Dec 19) Hicks & Goulborn 'with a splash of seasoning'. Also on 2nd & 4th Thursday are the very friendly *"Thursday Acoustic"* afternoon sessions, Efes Bistro (formerly The Farmhouse Cafe), 44–45 Church Street, Nuneaton (2pm to 4pm)

Sunday sees a trio of regular events, the weekly session of *The Sty Folk Club*, The Ex-Services Club, Beanfield Avenue, Coventry, whilst the 1st Sunday sees *Willow & Tools Music Parlour,* The Harvester, Church Road, Long Itchington, and the last Sunday is the busy session hosted by *Sly Old Dogs*, The Barn, Coal Pit Lane, Willey, (CV230SL).

If you are looking for a good **Concert**, again there is plenty of choice with *Warwick Arts Centre* hosting Oysterband and June Tabor: Fire & Fleet Tour (Nov 3); Kathryn Tickell & The Darkening (Nov 13), and Rick Wakeman: The Grumpy Old Christmas Show (Dec 21).

Finally we still have one **Festival** left in the area before the year ends, The *Ragged Bear Festival* in Nuneaton, based at The Crew & Queens Hall, Queens Road, the home of Nuneaton Folk Club, amongst a massive line-up of super acts are: Pilgrims Way, The Magpies, Man The Lifeboats, Kev Dempsey and guests, The Trials of Cato and Greenman Rising - an all events ticket is just £40, checkout their web site - *http://raggedbear.com*.

Keep safe and see you around the folk events!

Malc

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✪ **North Warwickshire info: http://nowfolk.org.uk**

OXFORDSHIRE NOTES from the Folk Arts Oxford Website

Folk Arts Oxford Ltd ®, based in Witney and run by Cat Kelly, is the organisation behind **Folk Weekend: Oxford ®** and the listings website **Folk in Oxford ®**. www.folkweekendoxford.co.uk & www.folkinoxford.co.uk

✪✪✪ ***Brief summary of some detailed listings on the Folk in Oxford website, for details please see folkinoxford.co.uk***

Ceilidhs *(held regularly)*

® **Folklife members ⇒ *News* previous page: White Horse Ceilidhs**
Others ⇒ Oxfolk • Red Ceilidh • Family Ceilidh Oxford

Festivals

® **Folklife members ⇒ *Festival Diary pages*:**
Banbury Folk Festival; *Folk Weekend:Oxford* *not 2019, back 2020*
White Horse Folk Festival
Others ⇒ Fairport's Cropredy Convention • Towersey Festival Fiddle Festival of Britain • Wallingford Bunkfest

Folk Clubs

® **Folklife members ⇒ *News* previous page: Banbury Folk Club**
Others ⇒ Bampton Folk Club • Catweazle Club • Chipping Norton Folk Club • Eclectic Cabaret • Nettlebed Folk Club • Oxford Folk Club • Wychwood Folk Club

Many other folk activities are listed, too - see the website.

There's also an event calendar on **folkinoxford.co.uk**, you can add events.

NUNEATON FOLK CLUB ®, Queens Hall at the Crew (upstairs), 75-77 Queen's Road, Nuneaton CV11 5LA. ***1st Wed,*** *8pm on guest nights, all year*
Coming up on First Wednesdays, Upstairs at The Crew

- September 4 Si Barron, support Tony Portlock
- October 2 Geoff Higginbottom
- November 6 Dark Horses
- December 4 Drunk Monkey

Coming In 2020: Green Man Rising, Bird In The Belly, Winter Wilson, Harbottle & Jonas, Kevin Dempsey, The Redhills, Kristy Gallacher, Bill Bates & "Friend"

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✪ **FOLK JOURNALISTS** ✪
MAC AWE ON TOUR ® — **Mac Awe on Tour**

Geoff Veasey is a Folk Journalist and Reviewer. Blog: *Mac Awe On Tour. See* **http://macaweontour.blogspot.co.uk**

✪ **MCs and STAGE MANAGEMENT** ✪
GEOFF VEASEY ®

Geoff Veasey is also a Compère: with experience of hosting club nights and Festivals Folk Journalist and Reviewer. Blog: *Mac Awe On Tour* **http://macaweontour.blogspot.co.uk**

✪ **PERFORMERS** *If you'd like your news here, do join us, only £16 a year (can cover several items)*

NUNC/DRUNKMONKEY
Nunc is **Flossy McDougal**, ex-Pennyroyal; **Geoff Veasey**, ex-Black Parrot Seaside; and **John Kearney**, ex-Romeo's Butcher.
Drunkmonkey is **Nunc** + **Jon Harrington** (blues harps), **Paul Moore** (guitars), and **John Harris** (bass)
® ***Geoff Veasey****, abolper<at>yahoo.co.uk*
https://blackparrotseaside.weebly.com*,*

✪ **MEDIA** ✪
ANKER FOLK (Anker Radio Show) ® — **@nker radio**

Monday September 3rd saw Anker Folk celebrate its 2nd year of broadcasting on **Anker Radio.** Primarily a Hospital Radio programme, it is also available on 1386 AM and all over the world online, it is broadcast at 8pm twice monthly on Anker Radio. Most of the shows (including a 4-hour marathon broadcast on August Bank Holiday Monday) can be heard via an online *Listen Again* facility at MixCloud.

In those two years, Anker Folk has featured many unsigned artistes, played "Live" performances recorded in the Anker Studios (or recorded at Nuneaton Folk Club), and has aired 312 different artistes. 52 of those 312 could be described as "local." Anker Folk has always embraced the very broadest spectrum of "Folk" and so has unashamedly played Country, Cajun, Blues, Gospel, Roots, Americana and World music as well as Traditional Folk. Besides all the well known and expected names featured, they have also showcased acoustic recordings by Sting, Led Zeppelin, Ocean Colour Scene, Jeff Beck, Jimi Hendrix, Rory Gallagher and Bryan Ferry! All (just!) inside the Blues or Folk genre.

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Mixcloud: www.mixcloud.com/ankerradio/playlists/anker-folk

Warwickshire & Oxfordshire 1-LINE SUMMARIES *(= 1st line of detailed listings)*

❖ Members List 1: VENUES ❖ *Song — Music — Poetry — Story — Dance* ❖ *Clubs — Concerts — Singarounds — Sessions — Dance Clubs & Ceilidhs* ❖

Day Varies	Warks	RUGBY	**RUGBY LIBRARY GIGS**	www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rugbylibrary	Call centre	0300 555 8171
Day Varies	Warks	NUNEATON	**NUNEATON LIBRARY GIGS**	www.warwickshire.gov.uk/nuneatonlibrary	Call centre	0300 555 8171
Occ Sun	Oxon	BALSCOTE, nr BANBURY	**SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOLK**	www.thebutchersarmsbalscote.co.uk	Pub phone	01295 730750
Weekly Wed	Oxon	BANBURY	**BANBURY FOLK CLUB**	www.banburyfolkclub.co.uk	Box Office	07485 821041
1st Wed, *afternoon*	Warks	ATHERSTONE	**FOLK AT THE LION**	www.facebook.com/groups/1194655407220890/	Phillip Benson	01827 711514
1st Wed	Warks	NUNEATON	**NUNEATON FOLK CLUB**	https://blackparrotseaside.weebly.com	Geoff Veasey	.....
3rd Wed	Warks	ATHERSTONE	**ATHERSTONE FOLK CLUB**	www.atherstonefolkclub.org.uk	Phillip Benson	01827 711514
2nd, 4th Wed	Warks	BEDWORTH	**BEDWORTH FOLK CLUB**	www.bedworthfolkclub.co.uk	Malc Gurnham	024 7634 5568
2nd, 4th Thu	Warks	STUDLEY	**HAMMERED DULCIMER MEET**	https://dulcimer.org.uk	Sally Whytehead	01527 64229
Weekly Fri	Oxon	WOODSTOCK	**FRIDAY FOLK**	www.dukeofmarlborough.co.uk	Pub phone	01993 644013
Occ Sat	Oxon	GROVE	**WHITE HORSE CEILIDHS**	www.WhiteHorseCeilidhs.org.uk	Dave / Kate Guest	01235 765445

❖ Members List 2: PERFORMERS ❖ *Pf.1 Folk Music & Song — Pf.2 Folk Dance — Pf.3 Spoken Word* ❖

Pf.1a	**Folk Music & Song - Groups & Bands**				
Warks	**NUNC/DRUNKMONKEY**	http://blackparrotseaside.weebly.com/nunc.html	Geoff Veasey	.....	
Pf.1b	**Folk Music & Song - Duo**				
Warks	**MALC GURNHAM & GILL GILSENAN**	www.malcandgill.co.uk	Malc Gurnham	024 7634 5568	
Oxon	**SUE BROWN & LORRAINE IRWING**	www.sueandlorraine.com	Sue Brown	01869 351281	
Pf.2b	**Folk Dance Bands**				
Warks	**GLORISHEARS CEILIDH BAND**	www.folkfax.net/gshears	Malc Gurnham	024 7634 5568	
Pf.1a	**Folk Music & Song - Groups & Bands**				
Coventry	**COVENTRY MUMMERS**	www.coventrymummers.org.uk	John Havell	02476 672297	

❖ Members List 3: MEDIA ❖

M.1	**ONLINE FOLK MAGAZINES & LISTINGS**				
Oxon	**FOLK IN OXFORD** *for summary of some listings, see next page*	http://folkinoxford.co.uk	.....	.....	
Warks, Coventry	**FOLKFAX**	www.folkfax.net	Malc Gurnham	024 7634 5568	
S/W.Mids [+West County, Wales]	**FOLKLIFE MEMBERS' ONLINE DIRECTORY**	www.folklife-directory.uk	Sam Simmons	01684 561378	
M.3	**FOLK RADIO**				
Warks	**ANKER FOLK (Anker Radio Show)**	www.ankerradio.co.uk	Geoff Veasey, Presenter	.....	

❖ Members List 4: SERVICES ❖

S.1	**FOLK JOURNALISTS**				
Warks	**MAC AWE ON TOUR**, Folk Journalist and Blogger	http://macaweontour.blogspot.co.uk	Geoff Veasey	.....	
S.2	**AGENTS, MANAGERS, PROMOTERS, MCs and STAGE MANAGEMENT**				
Warks	**GEOFF VEASEY**	http://macaweontour.blogspot.co.uk	Geoff Veasey	.....	
S.3	**TECHNICAL: PA & SOUND HIRE, ENGINEERS, STUDIOS**				
Warks	**FAT SAM MUSIC STUDIO**	www.fatsammusic.co.uk	Malc Gurnham	024 7634 5568	
S.4	**WEBSITE DESIGN AND SERVICES**				
Warks	**FOLKFAX WEB DESIGN**	www.folkfax.net/design	Malc Gurnham	024 7634 5568	

❖ *see* DIARY-LISTINGS PAGES (follows these news pages) *for* ❖ List 5 : WORKSHOP DIARY ❖ List 6 : FESTIVAL DIARY *(NEXT 12 MONTHS)* ❖

DETAILED LISTINGS **www.folklife-directory.uk/Midlands** — *our* **online Members DIRECTORY**
⇒ **our Membership** *(only* ***£16*** *a year! see p 3)* includes **listings & your publicity & FW posted to you**

Members: **your gig lists welcome** - up to 200 words per act *(more if advert)* <> To join: only £16 a year, see page 3