

Harberton Folk Circular - Sunday 29 July 2018

Part One below - A full listing for the coming month, plus one-liners for September

Part Two - Kingskerswell concerts programme to Christmas

Part Three - Other stuff (including Harberton Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham tickets update)

The full open-ended southern Devon Folk Diary listings appear as always on

www.harbertonfolk.co.uk.

This full circular is now also available as a PDF download from

<http://www.harbertonfolk.co.uk/ecircs/hfolk180729.pdf>.

***** Part One *****

Sunday 29 July 2018 7.30pm - Tim Edey - Galmpton Village Institute Hall, Greenway Road, Brixham TQ5 0LT ([map](#))

"How can one man be a virtuoso musician on two such different instruments? Who knows? But Tim Edey is – on both guitar and melodeon he is quite exceptional" - Barbara Brown. A BBC Musician of the year, multi-instrumentalist and singer, Tim has toured the world and recorded with all of the major names in Irish/Roots music including The Chieftains, Ry Cooder, Dougie MacLean, Christy Moore, Sharon Shannon to name just a few... His live solo shows are a stunning mix of world music inspired instrumental virtuosity and passion with a strong Celtic theme, to audience – chorus lines and above all a highly entertaining night of musical genius. Tickets £15 on the door.

Sold out Sunday 29 July 2018 7.45pm - Steve Tilston & Jez Lowe - Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill, Ivybridge PL21 9EE ([map](#))

Further information: www.moorfolk.co.uk.

UPDATED The club is closed for the month of August; back on Sunday 2 September with a club night, followed on 9 September by a guest night with Winter Wilson. As before, the optional club membership expires at the end of July and will need to be renewed in September in order for you to continue getting reduced ticket prices for another year. Cost remains unchanged at £10. New membership cards have been printed, so you can renew tonight if you wish to.

Tuesday 31 July 2018 7.30pm - Damien O’Kane & Ron Block - St Mary’s Parish Church, Kingskerswell TQ12 5LD ([map](#))

Damien and Ron will embark on their first tour together in July and August 2018. They will be joined by a band of wonderful musicians and together will play material from their debut album, due for release July 2018, as well as a few signature pieces of their own. These incredible musicians will amaze audience members with their finger lickin’ pickin’ and they are mighty fine gentlemen to go along with it. Having collaborated and shared the stage in the past with none other than Kate Rusby, they are gearing up for a special tour together. Tickets and info 01803 875527. Full details, programme, samples etc. www.worldunlimited.co.uk.

Thursday 2 August 2018 8.30pm - Jonathan Stafford - B-Bar, Castle Street, The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2NJ ([map](#))

"Perhaps most strikingly of all is the phenomenal vocal range of Jonathan Stafford. From a quiet, nearly inaudible whisper to his powerful and impassioned moments, he bewitches everybody present with his talent" - <http://soundcheckapp.co.uk/haunt-the-woods-at-carnglaze-caverns-the-soundcheck-review>. Often compared to the songwriting style of Damien Rice, and compared with the vocal elasticity of Jeff Buckley, Haunt the Woods

frontman, Jon Stafford will be joining us for a night of new original solo material, with preparation for his first solo record well under way, this is a chance to get a first glimpse of some of his new songs. You can also expect to hear 1 or 2 stripped back renditions of Haunt the Woods songs as well. Entry £2. www.b-bar.co.uk. Tel. 01752 242021.

NEW Friday 3 August 2018 7.30pm - Sarah Savoy Band - St Mary's Parish Church, Kingskerswell TQ12 5LD ([map](#))

From a legendary traditional music family from Louisiana Sarah Savoy with band is guaranteed to conjure up images of smoky bars, dangerous men and women, beer and cigarettes, dance and the heady inspirational eras of Louisiana music. Born and raised in Savoy, Louisiana, in a family considered "Cajun royalty", father, Marc, makes the Acadian brand accordion, considered to be the finest single-row diatonic in the world; mother, Ann, wrote the reference on Cajun music, "Cajun Music: A Reflection of a People" Tickets and info 01803 875527. Full details, programme, samples etc. www.worldunlimited.co.uk.

Friday 3 August 2018 9pm - Thorns At Dawn - B-Bar, Castle Street, The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2NJ ([map](#))

4 piece local band from the southwest, Alternative, folk, rock with a bluesy feel. For a while each member has been solo performing in amongst the musical talent in the area and after collaborating at a few different music venues and liking the tones they heard, decided to form up as Thorns At Dawn. Entry £3. www.b-bar.co.uk. Tel. 01752 242021.

3-10 August 2018 - Sidmouth Folk Week

Full programme now available to download. Sign up at www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk to receive regular e-newsletters.

28 July - 25 August 2018 - Dartington International Summer School & Festival

For details of the **Folk Courses taking place during Week 2 (4-11 August)**: Folk Surgery (Sally Davies & Paul Hutchinson); Folk Choir (Sally Davies); Accordion Workshop (Paul Hutchinson); Folk Baroque (Andy Watts [Carnival Band]); As I Walked Out One Morning (David Harbottle & Freya Jonas), see www.dartington.org/whats-on/summer-school/week2courses.

The following Public Concerts and Ceilidh will all take place in Dartington's Great Hall:

Friday 3 August 10pm - Tavern Night: Medieval Partying

The City Musick, singers and students. Celebrate the end of the week in rousing style, with medieval songs and dances, washed down with mead, ale or wine! FREE tickets from the box office in advance.

Details www.dartington.org/whats-on/event/?id=307799.

Sunday 5 August 5.15pm - Poetry & Folk

Katrina Porteous spoken poetry with Alexis Bennett folk fiddle.

Details www.dartington.org/whats-on/event/?id=305198.

Sunday 5 August 7.45pm - Harbottle & Jonas

Freya Jonas voice and melodeon, David Harbottle voice and guitar.

Details www.dartington.org/whats-on/event/?id=304999

Thursday 9 August 5.15pm - As I Walked Out One Morning

Tickets are FREE but please book. David Harbottle and Freya Jonas directors, Sally Davies conductor, Paul Hutchinson accordion, Alexis Bennett fiddle, Dartington Folk Choir and Instrumentalists. Some of the most exciting musicians working in folk music and folk poetry present this concert of specially created work for singers and instrumentalists.

Details www.dartington.org/whats-on/event/?id=306801

Thursday 9 August 10pm - Pagoda Project

Created by Paul Hutchinson (piano accordion) and Karen Wimhurst (clarinets) to evolve their fusion sound, Pagoda Project brings together a unique blend of traditional folk music with jazz improvisation to create a warm and dynamic sound.

Details www.dartington.org/whats-on/event/?id=306803

Friday 10 August 10.30pm - Ceilidh with Blue Jewel Ceilidh Band

The final night party celebrating this week's folk themes, with caller Alexis Bennett and the Blue Jewel Ceilidh Band. Bring your dancing shoes!

Details www.dartington.org/whats-on/event/?id=306804

Plus: Late sessions in the White Hart bar on 7 and 9 August.

Thursday 9 August 2018 5.30pm - Reg Meuross - Parish Church, Church Lane, Sidmouth EX10 8LG

With Anna Tanvir. This year he is raising funds for Gateway, for the homeless and those who are vulnerably housed. Mark Radcliffe described Reg as a “brilliant singer songwriter and true troubadour with a social conscience,” writing songs which comment bravely on life as he sees it, bringing wide-ranging stories, from the ravages of austerity and the injustice of the plight of refugees to some of most beautifully disarming lyrics ever written, and for this reason the church and Gateway are very excited to link up with him in this way. Tickets £10+ adv www.wegotickets.com/event/441913, £12 door, £5 for Sidmouth Folk Week pass holders. All profits to Gateway Homelessness Action Group .

Thursday 9 August 2018 8pm - Fred's House - Otterton Mill (Courtyard), nr Budleigh Salterton EX9 7HG ([map](#))

Fred's House, winners of the Syd Barrett Pride of Cambridge Award 2017, are an award winning band based in Cambridge. They make summery, 70's West Coast inspired folk/rock but have their own distinctively fresh sound that is very much part of now. Maverick Magazine “Harmonies soar like a nightingale recalling the very best of Poco and CSN, but this music belongs to Fred's House ... terrific.” Ticketing details etc. www.ottertonmill.com.

NEW Thursday 9 August 2018 8.30pm - Garry Smith and Stuart Cumberpatch - Brixham Blues BBT2, Old Coaching Inn, Fore Street, Brixham TQ5 8AG

A unique evening of slide and lap-steel guitar playing from two masters of the technique: Garry “the Slide Guy” Smith and Stuart “Marshcat” Cumberpatch. Garry, who has recently moved to Bridport, plays slide guitar on his Style 1 National Resophonic tricone. Garry's self-appointed mission is to take slide guitar and its associated open tunings out of the Mississippi Delta “out of the ghetto and into the wider world”. Sharing the bill – Stuart “Marshcat” Cumberpatch, equally obsessive but in his case dedicated to keeping slide guitar firmly in the 1920s and 1930s blues ghetto, with occasional forays into gospel, hokum and Hawaiian music, played on original National guitars from the same era. Contact: stuart1929@btinternet.com, 01803 855256.

Friday 10 August 2018 - Richard Thompson - Princess Theatre, Torquay

One of this country's greatest songwriters and most distinctive guitar virtuosos, capable of breathtaking drama and sublime delicacy, prompting Rolling Stone to hail him as 'a perennial dark-horse contender for the title of greatest living rock guitarist.' His songs have been covered by everyone from Alison Krauss to Robert Plant. This date is part of a national tour linked to the September release of his new album 13 Rivers, which features the Electric Trio

– his most thrilling and adventurous band. www.atgtickets.com/shows/richard-thompson/princess-theatre-torquay.

Friday 10 August 2018 9pm - Fred's House - B-Bar, Castle Street, The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2NJ ([map](#))

Fred's House make summery 70's West Coast inspired folk/rock but have their own distinctively fresh sound that is very much part of now. This group of musicians have the rare ability to sweep you away with their gorgeous harmonies, moving lyrics, infectious melodies and uplifting grooves. Entry £3. www.b-bar.co.uk. Tel. 01752 242021.

10-12 August 2018 - 41st Dartmoor Folk Festival - South Zeal nr Okehampton

Line-up includes: Jamie Smith's Mabon (Friday), Melrose Quartet (Saturday), Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman, Nancy Kerr and James Fagan (Sunday), Granny's Attic, Melrose Ceilidh Band, Cardboard Fox, Flash Jack and Pete White's Suitcase Circus. Other artists attending will be The Dartmoor Pixie Band, Ramsley Minors, Entertainingly Different, Dave Wills and various morris and dance teams. For further details about the Festival, telephone 01837 840102, visit www.dartmoorfolkfestival.org.uk.

17-19 August 2018 - Beautiful Days Festival - Escot Park near Exeter

Line-up includes Richard Thompson, Oysterband, Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman, 3 Daft Moneys. See www.beautifuldays.org for full details.

NEW Saturday 18 August 2018 7.30pm - Chris Hoban - St Pancras Church, Widecombe in the Moor

One of the leading songwriters in the folk tradition in the South West and enjoying a growing reputation as a solo performer and multi-instrumentalist, accompanying himself on guitar, piano accordion, mandocello or 'cello. He also makes regular appearances in folk clubs and festivals with the West Country folk musicians Steve Knightley, Phil Beer, Miranda Sykes, Jim Causley, Geoff Lakeman, Phil Henry & Hannah Martin. He regularly writes songs for Show of Hands - Katrina, The Old Lych Way, The Lily and the Rose, for example - has featured on a number of their albums and joined them on their recent autumn tour, "Sanctuary", performing in the cathedrals of Britain. This show includes a section called "1918" which is a series of songs (some of which have been recorded by Show of Hands, Miranda Sykes and others) telling untold stories from the Great War, many of them with local connections. Chris performs up to a dozen songs intermingled with stories and anecdotes. He will be supported and in some instances backed by the Widecombe Singers! Tickets £10. Contact Daf Edwards dafedwards53@gmail.com or 07957 280129 for details, bookings etc. www.widecombesailingclub.org.uk.

Monday 20 August 2018 - Hayseed Dixie - Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street EX4 3LS ([map](#))

Standing/seated. Is there really such a thing as a hillbilly band covering rock classics? You betcha. They are called Hayseed Dixie and they play Rockgrass. Box Office 01392 667080. Full details www.exeterphoenix.org.uk/category/music.

NEW Wednesday 22 August 2018 7pm - Vic Shepherd & John Bowden - Church of Our Lady, Upton Pyne nr Exeter EX5 5JA

A rare chance in the South West to hear Sheffield musicians John Bowden & Vic Shepherd who have a long connection with the Grenoside Sword Dancers and traditional music in Ecclesfield and Grenoside. They sing English songs as well as North American and Canadian variants, either in unaccompanied harmony or with Anglo concertina, melodeon and jew's

harp. For many years they had a dance band, Nine Daies Wonder, and were members of Sheafknot, Sheffield's one and only shanty and maritime group. Their two CDs, A Motty Down and Still Waters, have been receiving enthusiastic reviews. John's family used to farm near Upton Pyne and two relatives are named on the village war memorial. They were lads who looked after the war horses in WW1 and John will be singing Home Lads Home!, a 1916 poem put to music, in their memory. Bar, delicious interval refreshments. All proceeds to the maintenance of the beautiful Grade 1 listed village church. Tickets: £7.50 from Linda Findlay 01392 841402 lindafindlay99@yahoo.co.uk.

NEW Thursday 23 August 2018 8.30pm - House Concert: The Corn Potato String Band - Hatch Court, Churchstow

All the way from the USA, the Corn Potato String Band has achieved high praise in traditional American music, keeping old time fiddle and banjo music from a one-way trip to the dustbins of history. Theirs is a story of struggle, hard knocks and triumph. Essentially unable to cope with modern life, the members of this band are outcasts of society who survive by playing the lost music of the flatlands where they were raised. No tickets, just donations on the door. To reserve seats call 07730 921192 or email wheelwrightmark@gmail.com. No bar so BYO. Doors 7pm.

Thursday 23 August 2018 8pm - Flats & Sharps - Otterton Mill (Courtyard), nr Budleigh Salterton EX9 7HG ([map](#))

Following on from their highly successful first appearance, Flats and Sharps will again be blurring the lines between Bluegrass, Folk, Country & Pop, performing their own highly original songs as well as their renditions of Bluegrass classics. Ticketing details etc. www.ottertonmill.com.

Saturday 25 August 2018 9pm - Waterloo Sunset - B-Bar, Castle Street, The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2NJ ([map](#))

Devon/Cornwall based duo playing guitars, banjo, percussion and singing harmony vocals. With a combined musical heritage of nearly a century, they have been gigging together for nearly 30 years. They sing & play 60s - Kinks, Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Byrds, Simon & Garfunkel - and Bluegrass, plus Celtic Folk Rock and their own material. And your requests. Between them, Tony and Sue will know most of them... and they are crazy enough to give any song a try! Entry £3. www.b-bar.co.uk. Tel. 01752 242021.

NEW Sunday 26 August 2018 3-6pm - Ensemble Baklava - The Bay Horse Inn, 8 Cistern Street, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5SP ([map](#))

Mediterranean Music in the garden with Ensemble Baklava. A Bay Horse Beer and Cider Festival event. Great atmosphere, drink, food, music and free entry.

Sunday 26 August 2018 - Eddi Reader - Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street EX4 3LS ([map](#))

Seated. Known for her work with Fairground Attraction and her enduring solo career, what sets this three-time BRIT Awards winner apart is the depth of her emotional live performances. Constant touring with her band has created a magical organic chemistry between Eddi and her players, and the results of this relationship can be found on her most recent release. From the traditional to the contemporary, Eddi brings joyous life to all forms of song. Her taste in co-writers, writers, songs and players is impeccable and anything with her name on it is a guaranteed musical treasure.. Box Office 01392 667080. Full details www.exeterphoenix.org.uk/category/music.

Wednesday 29 August 2018 8.30pm - Ellie Gowers - B-Bar, Castle Street, The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2NJ ([map](#))

Hailing from the centre of England, Ellie is embarking on her first tour down south to share her music in a place very close to her heart. At 21, Ellie yields powerful songs with thought-provoking themes. Embedding heavy lyrical inspiration from the early greats like Joni Mitchell, Ellie has produced her own folk-driven contemporary style. Fans of Laura Marling and John Martyn will enjoy listening. 2017 was a great year for Ellie with lots of support from BBC Introducing and the release of her debut EP. Entry £2. www.b-bar.co.uk. Tel. 01752 242021.

29 August to 15 September 2018 - War Horse - Theatre Royal, Plymouth

Including Bob Fox as 'Songman'. Following 8 record-record breaking years in London's West End and having played in 11 countries around the world to over 7 million people, the National Theatre's acclaimed play War Horse will tour the UK from September 2017. War Horse is an unforgettable theatrical event which takes audiences on an extraordinary journey from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. Full details, bookings etc. www.theatreroyal.com/whats-on/2018-2/war-horse-2018.

Friday 31 August 2018 8pm - Luke Daniels & Nancy Kerr - Calstock Arts, The Old Chapel, Sand Lane, Calstock PL18 9QX ([map](#))

Two of the British Folk scene's top performers team up for a limited number of exclusive shows to perform their own and each other's music. Since Daniels' landmark solo statement What's Here What's Gone in 2014, he's put down several more markers on the musical map. Revolve and Rotate had him transporting the 19th century's closest thing to hi-fi, the giant steel discs of the polyphon, to modern transcription, in what was a fascinating evening at Calstock Arts. All of this, in the context of a career playing melodeon for acts like Jethro Tull and Riverdance. Nancy Kerr is one of the most celebrated Folk musicians of her generation. To date she has won no less than six BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards including Folk Singer of the Year in 2015. This new duo show promises to be a stunning mix of contemporary Folk music and inspired instrumental virtuosity. Full details, music etc. www.calstockarts.org.

NEW Monday 3 September 2018 - Bridget St John - Exeter Phoenix

NEW Sunday 9 September 2018 8pm - Narthen - Matthews Hall, Topsham

NEW Saturday 15 September 2018 - Leveret - The Flavel Arts Centre, Dartmouth TQ6 9ND

NEW Sunday 16 September 2018 7.30pm - John Otway & Wild Willy Barrett - Matthews Hall, Fore St, Topsham

NEW Tuesday 18 September 2018 8pm - Shanty Workshop with The Exmouth Shanty Men - The Beach Pub, Exmouth

NEW Friday 21 September 2018 7.30pm - Geoff Lakeman - Ashburton Arts Centre, West Street, Ashburton

NEW Friday 14 September 2018 8pm - Paul Downes - Exeter Folk & Acoustic Music Club, Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road, St. Leonards, Exeter

Both dates sold out Friday & Saturday 21 & 22 September 2018 8pm - Cara Dillon - Calstock Arts, The Old Chapel, Sand Lane, Calstock

NEW Saturday 22 September 2018 8.30pm - Lindisfarne - Tavistock Wharf

NEW Sunday 23 September 2018 7.30pm - Phil Beer Band - Exeter Corn Exchange

NEW Tuesday 25 September 2018 7.30pm - QUEST with Breaking Tradition and the Demon Barbers - Palace Theatre, Palace Avenue, Paignton

NEW Thursday 27 September 2018 8pm - Lisa Mills - Otterton Mill (Restaurant), nr

Budleigh Salterton

NEW Friday 28 September 2018 7.30pm - Steve Knightley - Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter

NEW Saturday 29 September 2018 7.30pm - Steve Knightley - St Johns Church, North Bovey, nr Moretonhampstead

NEW Saturday 29 September 2018 - Folk Evening - Church House Inn, Linkinhorne, Callington

NEW 29/30 September 2018 - Teign Shanty Festival - Teignmouth

NEW Sunday 30 September 2018 - Luca Stricagnoli - Exeter Phoenix

******* Part Two - Kingskerswell Concerts *******

World Unlimited concerts at St Mary's Parish Church, Kingskerswell TQ12 5LD ([map](#))

World Unlimited (Graham Radley) has recently announced its programme (subject to updates) through to Christmas time. "A magical setting for live music, our famous home made cakes and refreshments in the interval, please bring your own wine etc if you want, we have glasses." Free car park opposite. Tickets available from [Seetickets.com](#) and [wegottickets.com](#) (subject to booking fee). Or you can also buy direct, paying by BACS or cheque (no booking fee), call 01803 875527 / 07815 620402 or email graham.worldunlimited@gmail.com. See www.worldunlimited.co.uk for details (of most), samples etc.

16 September 2018 - The Christians

22 September 2018 - Son Of Town Hall

28 September 2018 - Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker + 4pm Ben Walker guitar workshop

29 September 2018 - Tim Jones & The Dark Lanterns

5 October 2018 - Scott Matthews

6 October 2018 - Jess Vincent with Jozeph Chowles

12 October 2018 - The Lake Poets

14 October 2018 - Blue Rose Code

20 October 2018 - Double bill: Kadia & Said The Maiden

23 October 2018 - Adam Holmes & The Embers + Baskery

26 October 2018 - Kirsty Merryn

27 October 2018 - Harbottle & Jonas

2 November 2018 - Chris Difford

4 November 2018 - Juan Martin

6 November 2018 - Slocan Ramblers

11 November 2018 – Calan

14 November 2018 - Daoiri Farrell

16 November 2018 – Gigspanner

17 November 2018 - Jo Harman

18 November 2018 - Urban Folk Quartet

23 November 2018 - Kiki Dee & Carmelo |Luggeri

30 November 2018 - Jamie Smith's Mabon

1 December 2018 - Sound Of The Sirens

4 December 2018 - Elles Bailey

8 December 2018 - Glorious Chorus

11 December 2018 - Peter Knight & John Spiers

21 December 2018 - Tobias ben Jacob and guests

******* Part Three - Other stuff *******

Folk news slightly further afield:

North Devon/West Somerset music listings

Website listings of regular and special music events for the next couple of months for this area can be found at www.shammickacoustic.org.uk (then click on 'Local Events').

Somerset & Dorset (SADFOLK) folk events - Regular email updates

A regular and comprehensive emailed listing is available through www.sadfolk.co.uk (Somerset and Dorset folk, Steve Cunio) for folk events in venues large and small in those two counties, some of which are not too far away from the Harberton Folk area.

Folk in Cornwall

What it says on the tin - www.folkincornwall.co.uk - clubs, sessions, events...

Acoustic Calendar - Sign up for email updates at www.sanchobramble.weebly.com

Tony Watts' monthly calendar of folk clubs, singarounds, acoustic sessions & open mics in the South West. "The Acoustic Calendar is all about DIY music (NOT concerts, gigs, ceilidhs etc). The purpose of the Calendar is to keep you informed of all the places where you can take your voice and/or instrument and join in or do your own thing."

...and not forgetting www.flaxey-green.co.uk (and www.devonfolk.co.uk) for further detailed Devon listings, including many regular pub sessions, folk dance clubs and much more.

Harberton Concert Update

Saturday 23 March 2019 8pm - Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham - Harberton Parish Hall, nr Totnes

A rare opportunity in the South-West to catch two of the best traditional musicians you are ever likely to hear. Aly & Phil performed 5 stunning sell-out concerts for Harberton Folk at the 320-seat Ariel Centre theatre in Totnes between 2006 and 2012.

109 of the 190 available tickets for Harberton have been sold/reserved already - 20 in the past 6 days.

See www.harbertonfolk.co.uk/tickets.htm.

All information is given in good faith but no responsibility can be accepted for its accuracy. Do check with the organiser before setting out on a long journey. A listing here does not guarantee that tickets are still available.

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