

Welcome to Whitchurch



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English Country Music Weekend 2025



Friday 20th June

14:00-23:00: Rugby Club campsite open and registration for campers
14:00-22:00: Bargates Hall open for non-campers to register and Meet the Traders (Room available for sessions).
14:00-17:00: Meet and Greet Session at The Old Town Hall Vaults. Led by 5-Speed Box.
14:00-17:00: Songs & Tunes Session at The Wheatsheaf. Led by Gavin & Julie Atkin
15:00-17:00: Meet and Greet Session at The Rugby Club. Led by Rees Wesson
19:00-21:00: Early evening session at The Rugby Club.
20:00-23:00: Session at The Archibald Worthington club. Led by Katie Howson & Roger Digby.
21:00-midnight: Session at The Rugby Club.



Saturday 21st June

08:00-10:00: Pre-booked breakfast sittings at The Wheatsheaf.
10:00-13:00: Rugby Club open for campers to register
09:00-17:00: Bargates Hall open for non-campers registration & traders. (Room available for sessions)
10:00-12:00: "Everyone has a Chance to Lead" with Brian Creer and Valmai Goodyear at Bargates Hall
11:00-13:00: Ad Hoc Session at The Rugby Club
11:00-13:00: Session at The Old Town Hall Vaults. Led by Jimmy Marshall
11:00-13:00: Session with Taz Tarry at The Wheatsheaf
11:00-13:00: Shropshire Heroes Session at The Archibald Worthington Club
11:00-13:00: Morris sides perform in The Bull Ring & Plum Tree Market.
12:00-14:00: Songs Session at The Crafty Dragon with Chris Bartram.
14:00-16:00: Ad Hoc Session at The Rugby Club
14:00-17:00: "Northern English with Tenuous Connections" at Bargates Hall with Jimmy Marshall
14:00-16:30: Local Tunes Session at The Old Town Hall Vaults. Led by Neil Moore and Liz Jackson.
14:00-16:30: Session at The Wheatsheaf, led by Malcolm Woods & Ollie
14:00-16:00: Tunes Session at The Archibald Worthington Club. Led by Katie Howson & Roger Digby.
18:00-20:00: "Sussex Comes to Shropshire" Session at The Rugby Club. Led by Will Duke & Friends.
20:00-till late: "An Interview with Katie and Tony" followed by a session in The Cricket Club.
21:00-midnight: Late Night Session at the Rugby Club led by Rees Wesson & others.

Sunday 22nd June

08:00-10:00: Pre-booked breakfast sittings at The Wheatsheaf.
10:00-15:00: Bargates Hall open for final chance to meet the Traders
11:00-13:00: "Date Tunes" by a Cabinet of Monkeys.

"THE DULCIMER IN EAST ANGLIA"

11:00-13:00 - A presentation at The Archibald Worthington Club by Katie Howson and Mossy Christian about the instrument, its players and makers. Includes images and stories and an introduction to Katie's new website based on 40 years of research www.eastangliandulcimers.org.uk
This is followed by a film of Norfolk dulcimer maestro, Billy Bennington, presented by Mossy Christian of Veteran Records.

Katie and Mossy will then lead a short session of East Anglian tunes (expect some in the "people's key of "C")

11:00-12:30: "3 Step Hop Tunes You Might Not Know" session at The Rugby Club.
12:00-14:00: "Not Jigs & Polkas" at The Old Town Hall Vaults with Kevin & Richard
14:00-15:00: Shropshire Heroes at St. Alkmund's Church.
14:00-16:00: Songs & Tunes Session at The Archibald Worthington Club. Led by Will Duke & Friends.
15:00-17:30: The Old Swan Band Tune Book Launch Session at The Rugby Club.
18:00-21:00: Local Tunes Session at The Archibald Worthington Club. Led by 5-Speed Box.
20:00-23:00: Final Session at The Rugby Club.