

Friday 19th June

<p>14:00– 17:00 DIY Session in The Wheatsheaf Inn This intimate session will be held in the small back room of this popular venue.</p>
<p>14:00– 17:00 Taz Tarry in The Old Town Hall Vaults Join Taz for his session held in the historic birthplace of composer Sir Edward German.</p>
<p>14:00– 17:00 The Archibald Worthington Club Songs & Tunes Julie and Gavin host this mix of music and song.</p>
<p>15:00– 18:00 The Rugby Club DIY Session Make your own session.</p>
<p>18:00– 20:00 Fi Fraser in The Archibald Worthington Club Fi Fraser of The Old Swan Band leads this early evening session.</p>
<p>18:00– 21:00 The Rugby Club This Way Up Join this versatile band for some great tunes with plenty of energy for an uplifting session to remember.</p>
<p>20:00– 23:00 Katie Howson in The Archibald Worthington Club Katie leads the first of her sessions.</p>
<p>20:00– 23:00 The Old Town Hall Vaults Malcolm Woods Join Malcolm in enjoying the hospitality of Sammi and her staff in this historic pub.</p>
<p>21:00– 23:00 The Rugby Club Will Allen Back by popular demand, Will leads this final session in the Rugby Club.</p>

Saturday 20th June Daytime

<p>11:00– 14:00 The Archibald Worthington Club Everyone Gets To Lead Bryan Creer and Valmai Goodyear give everybody a chance to lead.</p>
<p>11:30-12:30 Morris Dancing in The Bull Ring A chance to watch Mersey Morris and Nightshade Morris perform in the centre of town.</p>
<p>12:00– 14:30 Neil and Liz in The Old Town Hall Vaults Our very own Neil Moore and Liz Jackson lead off with some very local tunes in a very local pub.</p>
<p>13:00– 14:00 The Cock & Greyhound More Morris Dancing Mersey Morris perform again, followed by...</p>
<p>14:00– 17:00 The Cock & Greyhound Morris Plus Sarah and members of Mersey Morris welcome all to join a laid-back session of Morris tunes which have 'other lives' such as those used for Country Dance, Ceilidh tunes etc, those appropriated from other places, lesser-used tunes or those specifically written for sides. Everyone welcome, bring your favourite tunes to share!</p>
<p>14:00– 17:00 The Shropshire Heroes in The Archibald Worthington Club Join this local band for some lively traditional tunes.</p>
<p>14:30– 17:00 Chris Bartram in The Old Town Hall Vaults The Songs Session Once again Chris Bartram hosts a session of songs and in a bigger better venue. .</p>
<p>15:00–18:00 The Bismarks' in The Rugby Club Join The Bismarks' for their 30th Anniversary. Listen to them play their unique music combined with some chat and join in some tunes.</p>

Saturday 20th June **Evening**

17:00– 20:00 The Archibald Worthington Club

Sussex Comes To Shropshire

Will Duke once again transports us across England with tunes from different counties.

19:00– 21:00 The Old Town Hall Vaults

Jimmy's Session

Jimmy Mitchell returns to Whitchurch with more tunes to enjoy. Followed by a DIY session until 11pm

20:00– 22:30 Kevin Holland in The Archibald Worthington Club

20:30– Late in The Rugby Club

A Session for Rod Stradling.

Rod Stradling, who died in December, was one of the most influential people in the resurgence of English Country Music that began in the 1970s. In 1977, Rod was one of the co-organisers of the first English Country Music Weekend. As ECMW 2027 will be the 50th anniversary of this, it is right that this should be acknowledged next year.

This year, the first ECMW after his death, we pay tribute to Rod as Musician, Enthusiast, Mentor and Friend. During the session people who knew Rod well will speak briefly about their friendship and introduce tunes that they associate with Rod.

The session will be hosted by Roger Digby and the music will be led by Paul Burgess, Fi Fraser, Jeannie Harris, Katie Howson, Taz Tarry, Jamie Wheeler... and perhaps others.

Sunday 21st June Daytime

10:30-12:00 Doc Rowe in **The Archibald Worthington Club.**
Fiddlin', Pluckin' & Blowin':
ECMW a celebration in sound and pictures

Doc Rowe presents a personal illustrated journey through the history of the English Country Music Weekend, drawing on photographs, recordings and memories gathered over decades. Capturing the people, places and tunes that make ECMW unique, from pub sessions to late-night tunes and singing. It also wishes to pay tribute to founder Rod Stradling and his lasting influence on English traditional music.

12:00-14:30 Katie Howson in **The Archibald Worthington Club.**
"English Country Conundrums"

When is an English tune not English, or indeed, when is a foreign tune English? This is a "fun" event although with a meaningful theme. It's in two parts - first off, a quiz - is this tune English? If not, where do you think it is from? Then - the Big Reveal - no fisticuffs allowed! Bring your pencil and paper and come and enjoy listening to some excellent and thought-provoking recordings. Afterwards, come and play some music in a session with tunes which could be English! Led by Katie Howson, Roger Digby and Liz Giddings (aka the Valiantinos), 3/5 of the now extinct Valiant Dance Band, who specialised in tunes from around the world but still with a distinctly English style.

12:00-15:00 **The Rugby Club.**
"Not Quite Folk"

Richard & Sylviane lead a session of Not Quite Folk tunes in The Rugby Club.

12:00-15:00 **The Old Town Hall Vaults**
"Three Tunes You Might Not Know"

Gavin Atkin reprises his popular session from last year with three more tunes to titillate the tune buds.

Sunday 21st June **Evening**

<p>12:00-15:00 The Cock & Greyhound. DIY Session Zoe & Tez invite players to make their own music.</p>
<p>13:30– 15:30 St. Alkmund’s Church. The Shropshire Boatmen: Shanties & Canal Songs Come along and join in with The Shropshire Boatmen for an afternoon of songs about the sea and our country’s canals in the magnificent setting of St. Alkmund’s Church. Hear about the history behind sea shanties and tales of the canals and inland waterways.</p>
<p>15:00– 17:30 The Old Town Hall Vaults. 5 Speed Box Returning for a session of tunes, join 5 Speed Box for this session.</p>
<p>15:00-18:00 The Archibald Worthington Club Scan Tester Fan Club Guess which tunes you’ll hear at this session.</p>
<p>16:00-19:00 -Will Allen in The Rugby Club. Another session led by Will Allen.</p>
<p>20:00-23:00 DIY Session in The Rugby Club. Make your own session.</p>
<p>20:00– 23:00 The Old Town Hall Vaults. Liz, Neil & Friends Join Liz Jackson, Neil Moore and Friends in The Backies for more Songs and Tunes.</p>
<p>20:00– 23:00 The Archibald Worthington Club Shropshire Heroes The final session at “The Archie”</p>