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NORTH WEST FEDERATION OF FOLK CLUBS
ARTS CENTRES and THEATRES (as on 4th May, 2020)

Venue	Time	Venue	Organiser	Tel. no.
SUNDAY				
Bothy	8:00 PM	Park Golf Club, Park Road West, Southport, PR9 0JS	Clive Pownceby	0151-9245078
Wallasey Folk & Acoustic	7:45 PM	The In Spire Coffee Shop, Breck Road, Wallasey, CH44 3BD	Kath Runswick	07740-258196
Wooden Horse	8:30 PM	The Junction, News Lane, Rainford, WA11 7JU	Jim Coan	01772-452782
MONDAY				
Clwb Gwerin Conwy	8:30 PM	Conwy Comrades Club, 8 Church Street, Conwy, LL32 8AF	Alison Shaw	01492-596176
Co-operative	8:30 PM	Bay Horse, Babylon Lane, Heath Charnock, north Chorley, PR6 9ER	Tom Perry	01942-492924
Room at the Top	8:15 PM	The Red Lion, 9 Ash Brow, Newburgh, Lancashire, WN8 7NF	Mark Dowding	01257-464215
Runcorn	8:30 PM	Runcorn Golf Club, Clifton Road, Runcorn, WA7 4SU	Tony Toy	01928-561431
Skipton Folk Unplugged	8:30 PM	The Narrow Boat, 38 Victoria Street, Skipton, BD23 1JE	Sheila Kelsall	01535-665889
Swinton	9:00 PM	The White Lion, 242 Manchester Road, Swinton, M27 4TS	Sue & Ged Todd	01942-811527
TUESDAY				
Bush Acoustic	9:00 PM	Bush Inn, 120 Moorside Street, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7HL	Dave Jones	0161-355-1295
Cornmarket Acoustic	8:00 PM	The Cornmarket, Old Ropery, Fenwick Street, Liverpool, L2 7NT	Paul Hozack	0151-608-8885
Dragon's Breath	8:30 PM	Treuddyn Village Hall, Queen Street, Treuddyn, Mold, CH7 4LU	John Warburton	01352-771-165
Everyman	8:00 PM	The Cross Keys, 13 Earle Street, Liverpool L3 9NS	Christine Jones	0151-427-6642
Maghull	8:00 PM	St Georges, Station Road, Maghull, Liverpool, L31 3DF	Paul Robinson	0151-920-6857
Sale	8:00 PM	United Services Club, Southern Road, Sale, Manchester M33 6HQ	Don Davies	0161-432-4317
WEDNESDAY				
Biddulph up in Arms	8:00 PM	Biddulph Arms, 171 Congleton Road, Biddulph, ST8 6QJ	Craig Pickering	01782-523-277
Coppull Folk	9:00 PM	The Alison Arms, 279 Preston Road, Coppull, PR7 5DU	Phil Regan	01772-432-691
Formby	8:00 PM	The Gild Hall, Church Road, Formby, L37 3NG	Bob Anderton	01704-873-319
Lancaster Folk Singarounds	8:00 PM	Robert Gillow Pub, 64 Market Street, Lancaster, LA1 1HP	John Metcalfe	07971-817-651
Over Hulton	8:00 PM	Over Hulton Conservative Club, St Helen's Road, Bolton, BL5 1AA	Corrie Shelley	07841-288-238
Willows	8:30 PM	Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green, Preston, PR4 2PH	Mike Kelly	01253-725-580
THURSDAY				
Dabbers	8:00 PM	The Leopard, London Road, Nantwich, CW5 6LJ	Bernard Potter	01270-258097
Fleetwood	8:30 PM	The Steamer, 1-2 Queens Terrace, Fleetwood, FY76BT	Tony Winstanley	07925-839-934
Gregson Lane	8:30 PM	Net's Bar, Gregson Lane, Hoghton, PR5 0FD	Martin Banks	07591-370898
Hungry Horse Acoustic	7:45 PM	The Whitby Club, Chester Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6QF	John Owen	0151-678-9902
Lymm	8:30 PM	Spread Eagle Hotel, 47 Eagle Brow, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 0AG	Bernard Cromarty	01204-571-167
Pear Tree Folk	8:00 PM	The Old Pear Tree, 44 Frog Lane, Wigan, WN1 1HG	Linda Armstrong	07984-529-489
Wrexham	8:30 PM	Nags Head Inn, Mount Street, Wrexham, LL13 8DW	Goff Jones	01978-755478
FRIDAY				
Bollington	8:30 PM	Dog and Partridge, 97 Palmerston Street, Bollington, SK10 5JX	Pete Wood	01625-573-255
Folk at the Barlow	8:00 PM	The Barlow Institute, Bolton Road, Edgworth, BL7 0AP	Mike Simmons	07713-248-067
Frodsham	8:30 PM	Conservative Club, 74 Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AU	Grace Woods	01925-740-422
Lake District Folk & Acoustic	8:00 PM	Hawkshead Brewery, Mill Yard, Back Lane, Staveley, LA8 9LR	Steve Harrison	01539-822-558
Newcastle & Potteries	8:00 PM	Foxfield Railway Station, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, ST11 9BG	Jason Hill	01782-813-401
Northwich	8:30 PM	Harlequin Theatre, Queen St, Northwich, CW9 5JN	Peter Thompson	01606-74258
Pete Ryder & Friends	9:00 PM	White Lion, 242 Manchester Road, Swinton, M27 4TS	Sara Ryder	0161-794-9721
Phoenix	7:30 PM	Royal British Legion, Georges Road West Poynton, SK12 1JY	Liz Spinks	07456-500-139
Rhyl	8:00 PM	Tynwydd Community Centre, Coast Road, Rhyl, LL18 3RD	Jeff Blythin	07854-520331
Salford Folk Fridays	8:00 PM	The King's Arms, Bloom Street, Salford,	Peter Robinson	07956-726-141
SoundBox	8:00 PM	Various locations (Chester)	Rose Price	01244-342468
Timperley Folk	8:30 PM	Taverners Club, 43A Park Road, Timperley, WA14 5AD	Nigel Hubbell	07855-757-190
SATURDAY				
Shamrock Promotions	8:00 PM	Community Centre, 7 Whalley Road, Mellor Brook, BB2 7PR	Seamus Heffernan	07377-788-716

ARTS CENTRES & THEATRES

Brewery Arts Centre	8:30 PM	122A Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4HE	Box Office	01539-725-133
Brindley Arts Centre	8:00 PM	High Street, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 1BG	Box Office	0151-907-8360
Friends of Folk	8:00 PM	Various locations	Jim Minall	01772-422-416
Mr Kite Benefits	8:00 PM	Various locations	Steve Henderson	01772-621-411
Philharmonic Hall	7:30 PM	Hope Street, Liverpool, L1 9BP	Box Office	0151-709-3789
Playhouse 2	8:30 PM	Newtown Street, Shaw, Oldham OL2 8NX	Pete Grubb	01706-663-117
The Arts Centre	8:00 PM	Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk, L39 4QP	Box Office	01695-584-480
The Atkinson	7:30 PM	Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1DB	Box Office	01704-533-333
The Forum	7:00 PM	Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1HH	Box Office	01229-820-000
The Met	7:30 PM	Market Street, Bury	Box Office	0161-761-2216
West Kirby Arts Centre	2pm & 7pm	31 Brookfield Gardens, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 4EL	Tony Woof	07484-537-502

CLUB RESIDENTS

(as on 3rd May 2020)

BOLLINGTON -- Peter Wood, Andy Leb & Dave Clark, Tinnors Rabbit (Peter with Jo Stone and Kate Cox), Peter Mancey, Mike Rotheram

BOTHY -- Clive Pownceby, Pete Rimmer, Bill Hackney, Chris & Siobhan Nelson, Ray Rooney, Nev Grundy, Bev Sanders, Keith Price, David Hirst

BUSH ACOUSTIC -- Dave Jones, Chris Morley, Christine Stephen, Steve Power, Marion Dennerley, Keith Northover, Frank Kenny, Tony Kirwin

CO-OPERATIVE -- Ken Howard, Tom & Ann Perry, Nigel Simons, Derek Gifford, Janet Hale, Steve Higgins, Sid Calderbank, Tony Ormrod, David Pott

CORNMARKET ACOUSTIC -- Paul Hozack, Lesley Williams, Steve Nelson, David Nixon

DRAGON'S BREATH -- John & Carole Warburton, Colin Price, Dewi & Eileen

EVERYMAN -- Christine & Hughie Jones, Shirley Peden

FLEETWOOD -- Tony Winstanley, Alan Middleton & Alison Pinch, Mike France, Ian Brandwood & Jim Slater, Mike Fairclough, Bernard Bolton, Ivan McKeon.

FOLK AT THE BARLOW -- Seat of the Pants, Geoff Miller, Simon & Jamie Blatchley, MALpractice, Brian Frew, Watch the Wall

FORMBY -- Glyn Pike, Dave Baker, Peter Baker, Maurice O'Shaughnessy, Sam Carr, Bob Tyrer, Bob Anderton, Brian Knight

FRODSHAM -- Eric Rafferty, Harry Leather, Syd Hayden, Jill Smith, Willie Gilmour, Gordon Morris, Stuart Baxter

GREGSON LANE -- Our regulars

HUNGRY HORSE ACOUSTIC-- Vocal Point (John Owen, Sue Farley, Angela Owen), Steve Wilkinson, John & Carole Warburton, Sue & Ray Kendrick, Alex & Margie Jenkins

LAKE DISTRICT FOLK & ACOUSTIC -- Steve & Sandra Harrison, John Sayer, George Tutin

LYMM -- Bernard Cromarty, Nick & Lin Tysoe, Stewart Lever, Nelson Peach (Rick, Lesley & Richard), Grassroots (Janice Bell & Mick Hare)

MAGHULL -- Paul Robinson, John Mackenzie, Tommy Dewhurst, Maria Weldon, Bob Tyrer, Christine Fletcher, Ken Beamer, Tony Hughes, Chris Kelly, John Marshall, Gordon MacKenzie, Bill Poland, Jill Fielding

NORTHWICH -- Brenda Yates, Pete Thompson, Steve Wilde, Nick & Lin Tysoe, Dave Vaughan

OVER HULTON -- Corrie Shelley

PHOENIX -- GraceNotes

RHYL -- Brian Bull, Alun Rhys Jones, Jeff Blythin, Mike Hawkins, John Shepherd, Angel Alonso, Adrian West

ROOM AT THE TOP -- Mark Dowding and others

RUNCORN -- Anne & Tony Toy, Christine Hanslip, Carol & John Coxon, Eric Rafferty, Gloria Collins, The Prospectors (John & Maureen Byrne, Roy & Sue Warburton)

SALE -- Don and Heather Davies, Sue and Ed Bentham, Kamran, Pete Roberts, Kath & Stan Rothwell, Jan & Mark Taylor, Mick Hare, Janice Bell

SALFORD -- Dave Mather, Pete Robinson

TIMPERLEY -- John Condy, Kamran Malik, Cockney Eric

WALLASEY FOLK & ACOUSTIC -- Ruth Dyke, Phil Chisnall, Henry Ball, Iain Paterson, Keith Venner, Alan Runswick, Kathy Runswick

WILLOWS -- Scolds Bridle (Liz Walmisley & Sue Bousfield), Meg Boak, Andrew Green, Mary Hassett, Dave Walmisley, Wendy Watson, Paul Whiteley and Colin Mudd.

WOODEN HORSE -- Close Quarters (Judith Gleave, Steve & Sandra Harrison), Loctuptogether (Chris Lock & Ian Tupling), Mark Dowding,

WREXHAM -- Offa (Goff Jones, Ken Prydderch & Geoff Jones)

Please notify changes or additions via email to - folksingerjohn@aol.com

HUNGRY HORSE FOLK & ACOUSTIC NIGHTS

www.hungryhorseacoustic.com

Whitby Club, Chester Road/Dunkirk Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6QF

Every Thursday -- 7-45pm

OAK ROOM SUITE ~ Concerts Nights (with PA) ~ TICKETED or pay on door

All other nights are held in the **PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE** (No PA)

Sing, Play, Recite, Watch ~ **FREE ENTRY**

NB: All BIG Spot sets are preceded and followed by floor performers

PRESENTLY THE CLUB ORGANISER ANTICIPATES THAT THIS FOLK VENUE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITY UNTIL AT LEAST THE AUTUMN/WINTER. HENCE THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY & AUGUST DO NOT APPEAR BELOW. THE PROGRAMME IS SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY.
(Should things change visit the club website).

JUNE 2020

4 to 7 **15th WIRRAL FOLK FESTIVAL**
is **POSTPONED** until 3rd to 6th **June 2021**

SEPTEMBER

3 BIG Spot with JINSKI
10 CONCERT - **HOUGHTON WEAVERS - £12**
17 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night
24 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night

OCTOBER

1 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night
8 BIG Spot with COLIN HENDERSON
15 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night
22 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night
29 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night

NOVEMBER

5 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night
12 Singers, Musicians, Poets Night (tba)
19 BIG Spot - Act tba
26 CONCERT - **ARCHIE FISHER - £10 (tbc)**

DECEMBER

3 BIG Spot with SPLIT LEVEL
10 CONCERT - **MERRY HELL - £14**
17 Christmas Party Night
24 CLOSED
31 CLOSED

2021

January 28th - CONCERT - **RICHARD DIGANCE**

February 25th - CONCERT - **STEVE KNIGHTLEY**

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Diary Dates 1st June to 31st August 2020

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM JOHN OWEN:

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SUNDAY

BOTHY (Southport)

(Guest Nights and Singers Nights alternating weekly)

June 14 **Pete Morton**
June 28 **Sandy Brechin & Ewan Wilkinson**
July 5 **Tony Gibbons & Kate Bradbury**
July 19 **Bob Fox**
Summer break with Singarounds

WALLASEY FOLK & ACOUSTIC

(weekly Singers Nights + occasional guest acts)

PROVISIONAL DATES:

June 21 Closed
July 5 **Joe Topping**
Aug 16 **Mike & Rosa**

WOODEN HORSE (Rainford)

(weekly Singers Nights + occasional guest acts)

MONDAY

CLUB GWERIN CONWY

(weekly Singers Nights + occasional guest acts)

CO-OPERATIVE (Heath Charnock)

(2nd Mondays)

ROOM AT THE TOP (Lathom)

(weekly Singers Nights) - Closed Bank Holidays

June 17 (Wed) **Newburgh Fair Folk Night - Mrs Ackroyd Band + Mark Dowding**

RUNCORN

June 8 **Bram Taylor Band**
July 20 **Tony Gibbons & Kate Bradbury**
Aug 17 **Welcomme Finnan & Chrimes**
(all other Mondays - Singers Nights)

SKIPTON FOLK UNPLUGGED

SWINTON

June 1 tbc
July 6 **Geoff Higginbottom**
Aug 3 tbc

TUESDAY

BUSH ACOUSTIC (Droylsden)

(Weekly Singers Nights)

CORNMARKET ACOUSTIC (Liverpool)

(1st Tuesday - Singers Nights + occasional guest acts)

June 2 **BIG Spot with North Line**
July 7 Singers Night
Aug 4 Singers Night

DRAGON'S BREATH

(@ Treuddyn Village Hall, near Mold)

June 16 **The Time Bandits**
July 7 **Welcomme, Finnan & Chrimes**
Aug 4 **John Warburton**
(all other Tuesdays - Singarounds)

EVERYMAN (Liverpool) (weekly)

Closed until September review

MAGHULL (Liverpool)

June 2 Mini Concert: with **Split Level** ie. **Phil Chisnall & Lynne Strange** + Singers
June 9 Singers Night
June 16 Singaround
June 23 Singers Night
June 30 Singers Night
July 7 Mini spot - **John Hill** + Singers

SALE (weekly)

Closed until further notice
Reviews taking place regularly

WEDNESDAY

BIDDULPH UP IN ARMS

(Guest Nights - selected dates)

COPPULL

(weekly Singarounds + occasional Guest Nights)

June 12 to 14 **Coppull Folk Festival**
@ Alison Arms, Coppull

FORMBY

June 3 Singers Night

LANCASTER FOLK SINGAROUND

(1st Wednesday Singarounds)

OVER HULTON

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

June 3 **Jez Lowe & Steve Tilston**
June 17 Singers Night
July 8 **Reg Meuross**
July 22 Singers Night
Aug 8 **Stanley Accrington**

WILLOWS

(Wrea Green Institute, Preston, PR4 2PH until further notice - check website)

Closed until further notice

THURSDAY

DABBERS (Nantwich)

(1st Thursday - Singers & Musicians)

FLEETWOOD

June 25 **Trouble at' Mill**

GREGSON LANE (Hoghton)

(Thursdays fortnightly + occasional Friday concerts)

June 4 Singers Night
June 18 **Phil Cockerham Trio**
July 2 & 16 Singers Nights
July 30 Singers Night
Aug 13 & 27 Singers Nights

HUNGRY HORSE ACOUSTIC

(The Whitby Club, Ellesmere Port, CH49 2QQ)

June 4 to 7

15th Wirral Folk Festival

www.wirralfolkonthecoast.com

**NB: This festival is postponed until: -
Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th June 2021.**

Club is closed until further notice.

The future programme can be found on the club website at -
www.hungryhorseacoustic.com

LYMM

June 4 Singers Night
June 11 **Chris & Louise Rogan**
June 18 Singers Night
June 25 **Guest act - tbc**
July 2 Singers Night
July 4 **Lymm Day of Folk 2020**
Noon - Lunchtime Session
**2.30pm - Kerry Smith Songwriting
Competition**
8pm - Acoustic Concert
Singers Night
July 9 Singers Night
July 16 **Miriam Erasmus**
July 23 Singers Night
July 30 Singers Night + Big Spot
Song Competition 2020 Winner
Aug 6 **Acoustic Concert 2020 Winner**

PEAR TREE FOLK

(Weekly Singers Nights)

PHOENIX

Club closed until further notice
Monthly reviews

WREXHAM

(Guest acts - 1st Thursday &
Singers Nights - 3rd Thursday)

FRIDAY

BOLLINGTON

June 12 **Bob Fox** @ Bollington Arts Centre
July 10 **Ben Sands**
(all other Fridays - Singers Nights)

FOLK AT THE BARLOW (Edgworth)

All Concerts & Singarounds cancelled up to and including
July.
August onwards - progress to be reviewed.

FRODSHAM

June 12 Closed
July 17 Closed
Aug 14 **Ian Goodier & Tom Browne**
(all other Fridays - Singers Night)

LAKE DISTRICT FOLK & ACOUSTIC

(Staveley) - (2nd Friday)

June 12 **Arrowsmith:Robb Trio**
Singers & Musicians Night
July 10
July 31st - Aug 2nd - **NB: Lake District Folk Weekend is
postponed to 6th - 8th August 2021**

NEWCASTLE & POTTERIES

June 12 closed
July 10 closed
Aug 14 closed

NORTHWICH (weekly)

June 5 7-30pm Pete's Simple Song Session +
8-30pm Singers Night
June 12 Singers Night
June 19 **Wet The Tea**

Jun 26

July 3

July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

Aug 7

Aug 14

Aug 21

Aug 28

Marbury Midsummer Music

7-30pm Steve's Tunes Session

8-30pm Singers Night

Singers Night

John Pearson

Singers Night

Singers Night

Singers Night

Helsby Mountain String Band

Singers Night

Singers Night

PETE RYDER & FRIENDS (Swinton)

June 26

July 31

Grabbit & Bang

Open To Suggestion /

The Impromptunes

PHOENIX (Poynton)

June 5

July 3

Aug 7

Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer

Bandersnatch

Singaround

RHYL

(weekly Singers Nights + occasional guests)

SALFORD FOLK FRIDAYS

(1st Friday - Singarounds)

SOUNDBOX

* = St Mary's Creative Space, Chester CH1 2DW
Club is closed until Autumn review

TIMPERLEY

(1st & 3rd Fridays)

July 17

Stanley Accrington + Singers

SATURDAY

SHAMROCK PROMOTIONS

@ Mellor Brook Community Centre

ARTS CENTRES & THEATRES

LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC HALL

Jun 6

July 10

Catrin Finch and Seckou Keita

Jamie Smith's Mabon

MR KITE BENEFITS

* = Hebden Bridge Trades Club

** = The Met Bury

*** = Brudenell Social Club

* Sept 22

2021

** Jan 21

** Jan 24

*** Jan 25

Robyn Hitchcock

Chuck Prophet

Rescheduled from May 29, 2020

The Secret Sisters

Rescheduled from June 11, 2020

Chuck Prophet

Rescheduled from May 27, 2020

THE ARTS CENTRE

(Edgehill University, Ormskirk)

THE ATKINSON (Southport)

THE BRINDLEY (Runcorn)

June 6

July 8

July 14

The Lancashire Hotpots

The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Eliza Carthy with Dave Delarre

THE FORUM (Barrow-in-Furness)

THE MET (Bury)

June 7

Catrin Finch & Seckou Keita

with special guest **Vishten**

John's Diary Chat

Hello again,
Since our last chat in January the world has turned upside down hasn't it. 'Coronavirus' and 'social distancing' were words that were never part of our vocabulary. But, since Brexit and all its controversy we are now having to suffer and confront the perils of a disease that has so very sadly taken so many people from us. I do hope that you are keeping safe and following the guidance. Best of all keeping in touch with the music we all love and the friends that folk music creates for us.

* Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the cautionary message I have posted at the beginning of the **DIARY DATES** pages in this edition.

It reads as follows: -

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At the beginning of the **ADVANCED DATES** pages, covering the period - September onwards, my message is modified somewhat as, it is hoped that by then, we may be able to return to our favourite folk music venues. I would respectfully advise though that you check things out first before making any travel plans.

* Well last quarter, we at the **Hungry Horse Acoustic** were delighted to receive two brilliant acts from Lancashire who were our guests in February and March, namely **Gary and Vera Aspey** and **Bram Taylor**. If you want to see personality and joy pouring from the stage, together with super comedy and singing, these two acts fits the bill perfectly. We were all in tucks with laughter and singing along in the usual folk style. Gary and Vera's version of -'They don't write them like that anymore' went on for nearly eight minutes. I know, I videoed it. Gary does like 'talking a word or two' in the middle of his songs. I am sure you can see what I mean on You Tube somewhere.

* Since then we have lost the opportunity to see concerts by **Richard Digance**, **Steve Knightley** and singer/songwriter **Reg Meuross**. Steve and Richard will return on 28th January and 25th February with Reg hopefully accepting my booking request some time later in the year. A further cancelled booking I have had confirmed is on 15th October when **The Churchfitters** were due to be back in the area. Their

tour was rural community-based and was cancelled by the organisers leaving only my club as a single booking. As many will be aware, this excellent band lives in France. A bit of a distance then for a single booking, do you think?

* Feedback from some of our regulars was very good following a themed Singers Night on 27th February when the theme was, 'wait for it' - **'Songs from the Musicals'**. I can feel the shock and horror from you now, or then again perhaps not! All I would say is that the time and creativity given by our performers in coming up with so many memorable songs was a credit to them and was most admirable. I listed 40 songs in all, some of which were - 'Singing in the Rain', 'I'm the King of the Swingers', 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious', 'Any Dream Will Do', 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square and an a capella version of Ol' Man River. I would recommend this theme night to other club organisers. I will certainly be repeating it in our calendar for 2021.

* Sue Robinson and Ged Todd at **Swinton** spoke glowingly about a night in February when their audience was treated to a master-class of instrumentation and singing from **Jon Brindley**. This is what they had to say about him: -

"Jon Brindley appeared as our guest last Monday 3rd February. Jon is always a joy to have at the club. This time he surpassed even our expectations. We have known him from the start of his career and he continues to amaze us all.

We struggle to find superlatives to describe his performances on the variety of instruments he plays. Speak to anyone who attended the club on Monday and they would all agree that Jon is one of the best exponents of the accordion, fiddle and guitar (not forgetting his melodious voice). He lives every note and takes the audience through every emotion from quiet contemplation to rip roaring guitar. We are so lucky to have a musician of his calibre who supports his local folk clubs.

We are looking forward to his new CD coming out soon. Look out for it".

CLUBS

* Paul Reade at **Skipton** has sent me an email that has some praiseworthy comments about this magazine. It reads as follows -

*'We at **Skipton** think it's important that magazines such as **Folk North West** continue through these troubled times, so we've prepared the attached article "**Skipton Folk Club – Lockdown**" and hope you can include it in the magazine. This was originally in response to an email from Folk Roundabout magazine saying, '... it would be great to have some heartening content for us*

John's Diary Chat

all to share and enjoy. So if you've got something to say about your club/team, either something if you're planning for the future, or reminiscences, stories or anecdotes from the past - now is the time to send it in'. Club organiser Sheila and I invited contributions from all club regulars – singers, audience, friends – everyone in fact, and I collated them into a lengthy read which I hope you can bring to the notice of your readers". The article appears elsewhere in this edition. So look out for it.

* **Folk at the Barlow** - all Concerts and Singarounds are cancelled until the end of July when the autumn period will be reviewed. I received a club newsletter from Mike Simmons which is a really good read, but too lengthy to publish here. He mentions that on Mark Radcliffe's 'Folk on 2' programme, in March, it had a look at what touring folk musicians are doing to replace their many cancelled bookings. Purchasing their merchandise online was mentioned as one of them. On BBC Radio 4's - 'Front Row' programme, Eliza Carthy was interviewed on the 25th March about her upcoming new CD 'Through that Sound (my secret was known)'. She performed one of the tracks live called 'Friendship' from her house at Robin Hood's Bay. Both are available on the BBC iPlayer facility. Visit the **Folk at the Barlow** website and doubtless the above-mentioned newsletter will be found there.

* Christine Jones at **Everyman** hopes that September will be the time when the club can reopen.

* At **Soundbox FC** - Rose Price advises that all concerts - May to July have been cancelled. Two special events - the 'Soundbox Spring Thing' has been renamed 'The Soundbox Late Late Spring Thing' and the 'Swingin' Sixties' fundraiser in aid of Alzheimer's Society and Mind have been rescheduled for the autumn. The details are:
10th October - '**Soundbox Late Late Spring Thing**' with Gilmore & Roberts, Joe Topping, Wet The Tea, Calum Gilligan & more
20th November - '**Soundbox Swingin' Sixties**' with - The Beatles Benefit Band, Ian Jones, Lexicon Ferry, Jackson:Williams, John Warburton, Owen Chamberlain & more.
Kris Drever was due to be the guest for Rose on 16th October but due to agent problems it has had to be cancelled. Agh...agh..., it must be so frustrating for you Rose.
For tickets at this excellent concert venue ring: 01244-342468 or email: SoundBox27@outlook.com

* **Willows FC** - is closed until further notice. During these terribly restricting and very sad times,

Vicki Boadle proposes that consideration be given to the magazine appearing on the website rather than as the normal hard copy version. This will be looked into no doubt in due course. Should you have any views on this issue then perhaps you may wish to email Dave Jones (Chair), Steve Hughes (Editor) and Bernard Cromarty (Webmaster). Their contact details are published near the front of this edition.

John Metcalf at Lancaster Folk Singarounds has mentioned that Arnside Sailing Club is intending to run a mini Maritime Festival on Monday 31st August with all proceeds going towards the Morecambe Bay RNLI.

FESTIVALS

* The **15th Wirral Folk Festival** - dates should have been - the 4th to 7th June 2020. We have had to postpone it to the same weekend in June next year, i.e. 3rd to 6th June 2021. The excellent news is that all main stage artistes have confirmed their availability and wish to take part and almost all other artistes and support staff similarly. More information can be found at - www.wirralfolkonthecoast.com or via myself on - folksingerjohn@aol.com. You can also ring me on - 0151-678-9902 if you wish.

* The **Lake District Folk Weekend** originally scheduled to take place from 31st July to 2nd August 2020 has been cancelled and the rescheduled dates will be 6th, 7th and 8th August 2021. Subject to confirmation the line up will be the original line-up and will include '**Les Barker**', '**Bob Fox**', '**Hannah Rarity**', '**Jack Rutter**', '**Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage**', '**The Time Bandits**', '**Scold's Bridle**', '**Muldoon's Picnic**', '**Caffrey McGurk & Madge**', '**Chris Ronald**', '**Close Quarters**' and many, many more!! thelakedistrictfolkweekend.com.

* From an email sent to me by The Unicorn magazine, I picked out the following similar info. regarding festivals that have announced postponements until next year. They are - **Folk by the Oak** which is rescheduled to 18th July, **Ely** - 9th to 11th July, **Shrewsbury** - 27th to 30th August and **Towersey** now 27th to 31st August.

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Friends of Folk Promotions - The long awaited '**Feast of Fiddles**' concert planned for **The Atkinson Theatre** in Southport on 31st March was cancelled and Jim Minall says that he expects to firm up a booking for the band next April.

Jim is currently also planning at least two performances of a show entitled '**Avondale**'. The first in Leyland at **Fox Lane Club** on Thursday 29th October and then on Thursday 25 February 2021 in the Studio at **The**

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Atkinson. The show comes from the same team that brought '**Cork Jackets & Drill**' which proved to be a huge success. It is again written by Len Pentin and his commentary of '**Avondale**' is below. For more details of the performance and to register interest in booking it for your club or venue go to

<https://www.avondale.uk.com/> or you can also contact Jim Minall at Friends of Folk by email at jim@friendsoffolk.org.uk.

Here are a few words from the writer Len Pentin:

"A writer is lucky if once in a lifetime a true-life story drops into his or her lap, that not only is fantastic in its detail but has not already been claimed and written up by someone else.

Avondale is such a story. Beyond a casual mention on a local history site, the full extended story of Kate Fitzpatrick, a mysterious inmate of Ormskirk Workhouse, has never seen the light of day on any stage or any page – that in itself is remarkable, never mind the events of the story themselves!

The story involves the last tragic voyage of The Lusitania, a dramatic search for a lost relative and much more besides. As soon as I came across this story, I knew I had to write it up. Yes it's a local story but its themes, like any great story, are universal. Set in both the UK (Ormskirk) and the USA (Illinois and New York), it's a story that connects two continents and two women whose paths would normally, under other circumstances, most likely never have crossed.

If the story around these two women was fiction, it would never be believed – it would be deemed fantastical - but, nonetheless, the remarkable events depicted in Avondale really did occur. While some crucial information around the story remains lost to time, what remains manifests into a tale that demands to be told and remembered for all sorts of reasons."

Avondale is a two act performance of narration and 18 original songs and is performed by Len Pentin - keyboards, guitar, vocals, Chris Nelson - fiddle, octave violin, mandolin, vocals, narration, Siobhan Nelson - vocals, narration, Don Palmer - guitar, vocals, narration, Mike Huddart – bass".

VIRTUAL FOLK CLUBS/FESTIVALS - ONLINE

This is a new phenomenon to me that is proving to be an excellent substitute to a normal folk club night. The internet application - 'Zoom' - is to the forefront and is proving to be a success at clubs such as the **Hungry Horse Acoustic, Rhyl, Dragon's Breath, Room at the Top, Timperley, Lymm** and many more in the region. At my own club the participants and audience are enjoying the experience greatly. 'Zoom' is an online conference facility, which goes out live on the internet

and can be tried for free, for I think 45 minutes, thereafter a nominal charge is required to the registered organiser. Mel Barratt at our club is the co-ordinator and with a healthy knowledge of computers and their applications, is doing a grand job. This (Thursday) club actually starts with sound checks from 7.30pm until just before 8pm when we all adjourn to our doorsteps and have no hesitation in applauding our wonderful NHS staff, care workers and public utility personnel. We finish around 10.30pm or just after and all performers get a least two songs.

* At **Room at the Top** - Mark Dowding tells me - *"We are running 'Zoom' meetings every Monday for the foreseeable future. We send the invitation out with joining details via email to all our members and also post on our Facebook page, which has a wider audience. Since we started the virtual club we have had an audience comparable to being in the pub, which is a good sign. We are also able to have people visit from all over the country and have had regular visits from Wales, Staffordshire and Shropshire. We start accepting people in from 8:20pm and once we think everyone is in attendance then we start. At first I went round everybody asking how they are and if they're coping OK - we do have a number of people living on their own and we have comments from them that they find the weekly meeting with everybody very comforting and beneficial to their social wellbeing. We then go round everybody to see if they want to give a performance - be that song or recitation only instead of two songs per go we ask only one song. Once we've been round everybody it gets round to ten o'clock when we bid our farewells to everybody.*

A problem we have with 'Zoom' as I'm sure other people have noticed, there is delay on everybody's channel, which leads to a cacophony across the board and we remedy this by muting everybody apart from the performer. We can still join in on the chorus or sing along but it doesn't disturb the singer. Unaccompanied singing is fine as far as audio quality goes but anyone playing a guitar sounds "bubbly" like they're playing underwater. We're not sure how to get round that problem - maybe there is a setting in the system that we're missing".

Since reading the above from Mark, my colleague Mel Barratt has emailed him some computer technical advice, which we hope, will prove helpful to combat the 'bubbling' and other issues.

* Still talking virtual folk clubs - Pete Thompson at **Northwich** advises - *"We have been doing Singers Nights with 'Zoom' over recent weeks. We started on 3rd April and this Friday will be our fourth. We are on at the same time as we would have been if we were live*

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and have tried to be true to the original programme. We would have been hosting the *Deportees*, so as a substitute I have asked Graham Bellinger to prepare a half hour feature spot so we have a nod in the direction of a guest night but without disappointing our very loyal Singers Night crew, which has sustained itself through our 'Zoom' weeks. We have even had a few new faces. Going forward I'm hoping to keep going with the evenings and if Graham's half hour spot works well I might try to get the other guests on my programme to do a similar contribution. In some ways this approach works well. I have also been a regular 'Zoom' attendee at Lymm since Bernard Cromarty started doing his virtual folk club nights. On my programme you will see that I have lost Sadie and Jay from their summer slot. I have rearranged their gig by slipping it almost exactly a year. On my advance dates I am, I suppose, expecting that Maria Dunn might drop out, as she would be coming from Canada. As it's uncertain when things will get back to some sort of normality and that it seems that the entertainment business will be the last to open its doors to the masses then it's important that we carry on "meeting" in a virtual environment. Some groups are holding similar meetings or are inviting people to send in videos of them performing to contribute to a playlist on YouTube. I have been creating my own videos for my Facebook page. So far I've done about 150 songs which are all available to watch".

* Nigel Hubbell tells me - "**Timperley Folk Club** continues to meet via 'Zoom', now every Friday from 8 to 11 pm. Details obtainable by emailing timperleyfolk@gmail.com. Our regular venue, Timperley Taverners, has closed permanently, so whenever the relaxation of restrictions allows us to meet again in the real world, we'll be looking for new premises. We will review bookings and where possible reschedule any guest performers when the time comes. Meanwhile, long live Timperley Folk Club, the Ethereal Phase".

* Other clubs trying online folk music live are - **Lancaster Folk Singarounds** - 1st Wednesday, **Hale & Hearty** - 1st & 3rd Friday and **Silverdale Folk Club** - 2nd Wednesday.

* An online festival has come to attention and the website is www.folksathome.co.uk. I understand that **Maddy Prior MBE** and **Ashley Hutchings MBE** are the festival patrons. What is it all about I hear you cry? Well firstly there is a charge of £25 per person and you can watch the

festival as many times as you like. It is not just concerts. It includes workshops, interviews and market stalls, yes market stalls (so says Jim Minall). I don't know how that works. Imagine ordering a sticky toffee pudding - hee, hee. The line-up is impressive and is - **Steeleye Span, Feast of Fiddles, Fotheringay, Jerry Donahue & Doug Mortimer, Ashley Hutchings, Morris On, Home Service, Ric Sanders, Richard Digance, Blair Dunlop, Anthony John Clarke, Gerry Colvin Band, Banter, Rick Kemp, Mad Dog McRae, Little Johnny England, Gryphon, Fran McGillivray & Mike Burke, 3 Daft Monkeys, Edwina Hayes, Tom Leary, Janet Dowd, Eric Sedge, Terry Hiscock.** Good hey?

CONCLUSION

Don't forget if you wish me to publish any interesting folk news then all you have to do is email me at - folksingerjohn@aol.com Many thanks for reading these pages. I will chat to you in the autumn, God willing. Cheers for now.

John Owen

Advance Dates From 1st September 2020 onwards

NB: Venues with guest acts only

CAUTION

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM JOHN OWEN

The below dates appeared in the last edition of Folk North West as ADVANCED DATES covering the months of **September, October, November 2020, and thereafter.**

They have been republished this quarter, with venue approval, in the hope that government pandemic instructions will have past (before this period) to the extent that folk music venues will be able to operate normally.

It is recommended that you should make contact with venue management to check out what the situation is before embarking on any travel plans.

Contact details can be found in the Club List elsewhere in this magazine and on the NWFFC website.

SUNDAY

BOTHY (Southport)

(all other Sundays - Singers Night)

Sept 6 **Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer**
 Sept 27 **Phil Callery**
 Oct 11 **Jack Rutter**
 Oct 25 **Anthony John Clarke**
 Nov 1 **Jody Kruskal**
 Nov 15 **Alden, Patterson & Dashwood**
 Nov 29 **tba**
 Dec 6 **Matt Quinn & Owen Woods**
 Dec 20 **'Nosh and Slosh' Night**
 Dec 27 closed

2021

Jan 3 **Jez Lowe**
 Jan 17 **tba**
 Jan 31 **Tom Kitching - 'The Busking England Tour'**
 Feb 14 **Scolds Bridle**
 Feb 28 **Rosie Calvert & Will Finn**
 March 14 **Chris Boland & Donald Stewart**
 March 28 **George Sansome**
 April 4 **Easter Quiz Night**
 April 11 **Hunter Muskett**

April 25 **tba**
 Further odd dates:
 May 9 **Debra Cowan**
 June 13 **Laura Smyth & Ted Kemp**
 Oct 3 **Dave Ellis & Boo Howard**

WALLASEY FOLK & ACOUSTIC

(weekly)
 Sept 6 **Tennessee Waltz**
 Oct 11 **BIG Spot - Alison Benson**
 Nov 22 **Shakey Jake**

MONDAY

RUNCORN (weekly)

Sept 7 **Jez Lowe**
 Sept 28 **Damien Barber & Mike Wilson**
 Oct 19 **Anthony John Clarke's - Birthday Bash**
 Nov 9 **Edwina Hayes**
 Dec 14 **The Magpies**
 (all other Mondays - Singers Nights)

SWINTON

Sept 7 **Anthony John Clarke**
 Oct 5 **Richard Grainger**
 Nov 2 **Gary & Vera Aspey**
 Dec 7 **Staff Folk**
 Dec 21 **Christmas Party Night**

TUESDAY

CORNMARKET ACOUSTIC

(Liverpool)
 Sept 1 Singers Night
 Oct 6 **BIG Spot with Jasmin Nash**
 Nov 3 Singers Night
 Dec 1 **Our Small Corner Guest**

DRAGON'S BREATH (weekly)

(Treuddyn Village Hall, near Mold)
 Sept 8 **The Flat Irons**
 Oct 6 **Bourne, Burrows & Chrimes**
 Nov 10 **Fiddlestone**
 Dec 15 **Christmas Party**
 (all other Tuesdays - Singarounds)

MAGHULL

Sept 8 Mini concert - **The Long Nights**
 Oct 20 **Tom Lewis** (ticketed)
 Nov 3 Singers Night
2021
 April 13 **Daoiri Farrell (tbc)**

WEDNESDAY

BIDDULPH

* = St Larence's Church
 ** = Biddulph Town Hall
 * Sept 18 Jarrod Dickinson & David Ford
 * Oct 9 Robert Vincent Band
 * Oct 23 Magpie Arc
 * Nov 13 Diana Jones
2021
 ** Jan 16 The Secret Sisters

OVER HULTON

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
 Sept 9 **Winter Wilson & Steve Turner** - Double Bill
 Sept 23 Singers Night
 Oct 7 **Corrie Shelley**
 Oct 21 Singers Night
 Nov 4 **Bandersnatch**
 Nov 18 Singers Night
 Dec 2 Singers Night
 Dec 16 **Merry Hell**

WILLOWS (Wrea Green Institute, Preston PR4 2PH until further notice - check website)

Sept 9 **Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll**
 Sept 23 **Mark & Cindy Lemaire**
 Oct 7 **Jeff Warner**
 Oct 21 **Clive Gregson**
 Nov 4 **Bob Fox**

THURSDAY

FLEETWOOD

Sept 17 **Andy Clarke**
 Oct 15 **Dave Gibb**

GREGSON LANE (Hoghton)

(Thursdays fortnightly + occasional Friday concerts)
 Sept 10 Singers Night
 Sept 24 **Archie Fisher**
 Oct 8 Singers Night
 Oct 16 (Fri) **Stanley Accrington**
 Oct 22 Singers Night
 Nov 5 & 19 Singers Nights
 Dec 3 & 17 Singers Nights

HUNGRY HORSE ACOUSTIC

(The Whitby Club, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire)
 Sept 3 **BIG Spot with Jinski**
 Sept 10 **The Houghton Weavers**
 Sept 17 & 24 Open Acoustic Nights
 Oct 1 Open Acoustic Night
 Oct 8 Open Acoustic Night + **BIG Spot with Colin Henderson**
 Oct 15 **Concert - The Churchfitters**
 Oct 22 & 29 Open Acoustic Nights

Advance Dates From 1st June 2020 onwards

Nov 5 Open Acoustic Night
 Nov 12 **Archie Fisher**
 Nov 19 Open Acoustic Night +
 BIG Spot - **act tba**
 Nov 26 Open Acoustic Themed
 Night: Theme - Songs of
 Scotland
 Dec 3 Open Acoustic Night +
 BIG Spot with **Split Level**
 - (**Phil Chisnall & Lynne**
Strange)
 Dec 10 **Merry Hell**
 Dec 17 **Open Acoustic Night -**
Xmas Party
 Dec 24 & 31 closed

WREXHAM

Oct 1 **Pete Coe**
 Oct 15 Singers Night

FRIDAY

BOLLINGTON

Sept 11 **Anthony John Clarke**
 Oct 16 **Tom Lewis**
 Nov 13 **Caffrey, McGurk &**
Madge
 Dec 11 **Cohen Braithwaite-**
Kilcoyne

FOLK AT THE BARLOW (Edgworth)

Sept 4 Singers & Musicians Night
 Sept 18 **Jaywalkers**
 Oct 2 to 4 **Edgworth Folk Festival**
 Oct 16 **Chris While & Julie Mat-**
thews
 Nov 6 Singers & Musicians Night
 Nov 20 **Granny's Attic**
 Dec 4 Singers & Musicians Night
 Dec 18 **Narthen**

FRODSHAM (other Fridays - Singers Nights)

Sept 11 **Brian Peters**
 Oct 9 **Reg Meuross**
 Nov 6 **The Time Bandits**
 Dec 4 **Dave Boulton**

LAKE DISTRICT FOLK & ACOUSTIC (Staveley)

Sept 11 Singers & Musicians Night
 Oct 9 **Caffrey, McGurk &**
Madge
 Nov 13 Singers & Musicians Night
 Dec 6 **A Winter Union @Staveley**
 Village Hall
 Dec 11 **Belshazzar's Feast**

NEWCASTLE & POTTERIES

Sept 11 **Chris Foster**
 Oct 9 **Quicksilver**
 Nov 13 **Dave Webber & Anni**
Fentiman

Dec 11 **Rob Johnson**
2021
 Jan 8 **Paul Walker &**
Karen Pfeiffer
 Feb 12 **Janet Russell**
 March 12 **Archie Fisher**
 April 9 **Jez Lowe**
 May 14 **Dan McKinnon**
 June 11 tba
 July 9 closed
 Aug 13 closed
 Sept 10 **Enda Kenny**
 Oct 8 tba
 Nov 12 tba
 Dec 10 tba

NORTHWICH

Sept 11 **Maria Dunn**
 Sept 18 **Rab Noakes & Brooks**
Williams
 Oct 2 **Bob Fox & Billy Mitchell**
 Oct 30 **Anthony John Clarke**
 Nov 27 **Alice Jones**
2021
 Jan 15 **The Time Bandits**
 Feb 12 **Les Barker**
 (usually Singers Nights other dates)

PETE RYDER & FRIENDS (Swinton)

Sept 4, 5 & 6 **Fleetwood Fab**
Weekend
 Sept 25 **Orit Shimoni**
 Oct 30 **Phil Hare**
 Nov 27 **Geoff Higginbottom &**
Rob Carroll

PHOENIX (Poynton)

Sept 4 **Elbow Jane**
 Oct 2 **Dave Hughes and**
Friends
 Nov 6 **Reg Meuross**
 Dec 4 **Lazlo Baby**
2021
 Jan 8 **Mad Jocks & English**
men
 Feb 5 **Skinner & T'witch**
 March 5 **Welcomme, Finnan &**
Chrimes
 April 2 **Harp & A Monkey**
 May 7 **Wilson McGladdery**

SOUNDBOX @

St Mary's Creative Space, Chester CH1 2DW
 * = St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2
 1SA
 Sept 16 **Fay Hield Trio with**
Sam Sweeney & Rob
Harbron
 Sept 25 **Nancy Kerr & James**
Fagan
 * Oct 9 **Alden, Patterson &**
Dashwood with
The Shackleton Trio

* Oct 10 **The Soundbox Late Late**
Spring Thing with
Gilmore & Roberts, Joe
Topping, Wet The Tea,
Calum Gilligan & more
 Oct 23 **Thom Ashworth & Ben**
Walker
 Nov 20 **Soundbox Swingin'**
Sixties (for Alzheimer's
Society and Mind) with -
The Beatles Benefit
Band, Ian Jones,
Lexicon Ferry,
Jackson Williams, John
Warburton, Owen
Chamberlain & more
A Winter Union

Dec 4 2021

Feb 12 **Katie Doherty & the**
Navigators
 Feb 19 **Andy Cutting (support -**
Mitchell & Vincent, Rose
Price & Ian Jones)

TIMPERLEY

Oct 2 **Run for Cover + Singers**

SATURDAY

SHAMROCK PROMOTIONS

Nov 22 **Jim Moray**

ART CENTRES/THEATRES

FRIENDS OF FOLK @ Fox Lane Club,

Leyland
 * = Atkinson Theatre, Southport
 Sept 3 **Paul Walker & Karen**
Pfeiffer
 Oct 1 **A Celebration of the**
Music of Simon &
Garfunkel with Tim Chu
& Ian Bailey
 Oct 29 **Avondale**
 Dec 3 **Brian McNeill**
2021
 Feb 4 **Becky Mills**
 * March 18 **The Blackheart**
Orchestra
 * April 25 **Feast of Fiddles**

THE BRINDLEY (Runcorn)

Sept 30 **Eddi Reader - 40 Years**
 Live

REMINDER

Please ensure your input for the
 next issue of the magazine is
 submitted to the editor by the
 copy deadline of
 31st July 2020

What Folk Programmes are on the radio TODAY?

Compiled by Rob Dunford

Day	Station	Programme	Presenter	Radio Frequencies
SUNDAY				
5.00 – 6.00 am	BBC Radio Merseyside	FOLKSCENE	MIKE BROCKEN	FM 95.8 / MW 1485
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Maghull Radio	LOCAL FOLK	JOHN MACKENZIE	www.maghullradio.com click on "listen live"
6.00 – 7.00 pm (RPT)	Oldham Community Radio	SOUNDS OF FOLK	BERNARD CROMARTY	FM 99.7
6.00 – 8.00 pm	BBC Radio Shropshire	SUNDAY FOLK	GENEVIEVE TUDOR	FM 96.0 and BBC Radio Stoke DAB
7.00 – 9.00 pm	BBC Radio Ulster	FOLK CLUB	LYNETTE FAY	MW 1341
7.00 – 9.00 pm	BBC Radio Wales	CELTIC HEARTBEAT	FRANK HENNESSY	MW 882
7.00 – 9.00 pm	Moorlands Radio	ANYTHING GOES	SIMON JONES	FM 103.7
8.00 – 9.00 pm	BBC Radio Leeds	THE DURBERVILLES	DAVE CRICKMORE & LEE WALSH	FM 92.4 & 95.3 & 102.7 & 103.9
9.00 – 10.00 pm	RTE Radio 1	THE ROLLING WAVE	AOIFE NI CORMAIC	MW 567/LW 252
10.00 – 11.00 pm	RTE Radio 1	SIMPLY FOLK	RUTH SMITH	MW 567/LW 252
MONDAY				
7.30 – 9.00 pm	Oldham Community Radio	SOUNDS OF FOLK	BERNARD CROMARTY	FM 99.7
TUESDAY				
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Salford City Radio	NEAR & FAR	ROB DUNFORD	FM 94.4 / Salfordcityradio.org
8.00 – 10.00 pm	Chorley FM	CHORLEY FOLK	JAMES BLATCHLEY	FM 102.8 (currently online only)
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Manx Radio	THE FOLK SHOW	JOHN KANEEN	MW 1368
0.00 – 1.00 am (RPT)	BBC Radio Merseyside	FOLK SCENE	MIKE BROCKEN	FM 95.8 / MW 1485
WEDNESDAY				
7.00 - 10.00 pm	BBC Radio Sheffield	NEW TRADITIONS	GREG RUSSELL	FM 88.6 - 104.1/MW 1035
9.00 – 10.00 pm	BBC Radio 2	THE FOLK SHOW	MARK RADCLIFFE	FM 88.0 – 90.2
9.00 – 11.00 pm	BBC Radio Scotland	TRAVELLING FOLK	BRUCE MACGREGOR	FM 92.4 – 94.7 / MW 810
THURSDAY				
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Salford City Radio	SALFORD FOLK	DAVE MATHER & PETE ROBINSON	FM 94.4
FRIDAY				
10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Sheffield Live!	THANK GOODNESS IT'S FOLK	SAM HINDLEY & JAMES FAGAN	FM 93.2
8.00 – 9.00 pm	BBC Radio Lancashire	THE DRIFT	EMMA SWEENEY	FM 95.5
SATURDAY				
7.00 – 9.00 pm	BBC Radio Scotland	TAKE THE FLOOR	GARY INNES	FM 92.4 – 94.7 / MW 810
9.00 – 10.00 pm	BBC Radio Scotland	PIPELINE	GARY WEST	FM 92.4 – 94.7 / MW 810
9.00 – 10.00 pm	RTE Radio 1	CEILIDH HOUSE	KIERAN HANRAHAN	MW 567 / LW 252
10.00 – 11.00 pm	RTE Radio 1	THE SOUTH WIND BLOWS	PHILLIP KING	MW 567 / LW 252

The frequencies shown above are those forming the basis for reception in the North West. Expanded station details are shown below:

BBC Radio Lancashire FM 95.5 103.9 104.5 MW 885 1557 01254 262411

BBC Radio Leeds FM 92.4 95.3 102.7 103.9 0113 244 2131

BBC Radio Merseyside FM 95.8 MW 1485 0151 708 5500

BBC Radio Sheffield FM 88.6 - 104.1/MW 1035 0114 273 1177

BBC Radio Scotland FM 92.4 – 94.7 MW 810 0141 422 6000

BBC Radio Shropshire FM 96.0 01743 248484

BBC Radio Stoke FM 94.6 104.1 MW 1503 01782 208080

BBC Radio Ulster FM 92.4 – 95.4 MW 873 1341 02890 338000

BBC Radio 2 FM 88.0 – 90.2 08700 100222

BBC Radio Wales FM 93.9 – 95.9 103.7 – 103.9 MW 882 02920 322000

Salford City Radio FM 94.4 0161 793 2939

Manx Radio FM 89.0 97.2 103.7 MW 1386 01624 682600

Moorlands Radio FM 103.7 01538 381037

Oldham Community Radio FM 99.7 0161 682 5599

RTE via ASTRA Satellite LW 252 MW 567 003531 2083111
(The schedule may vary on rota)

Sheffield Live! FM 93.2 01142 814082

We also recommend searching

“ folk music radio stations UK and Ireland

“ for related programmes that can be heard on the radio or internet.

Any interim changes between FNW issues will appear on the FNW website.

It's assumed all programmes are broadcast online as well, but subsequent

“listen again periods may vary”.