

ISLINGTON FOLK CLUB

every Thursday at 8pm • THE HORSESHOE

24 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 • Farringdon or Angel tube

SEPTEMBER

3 The Possum Lickers + Chris Bluestreet

Welcome back! We start the season with our annual helping of old-time blues, hillbilly ballads and cowboy curiosities, from the little band with the best goldarn name in this here terri-tory. Plus an extra dash of the blues from our other resident bluesman. www.lickthatpossum.com*

10 Magpie Lane

Traditional English songs and dance tunes performed on fiddle, cello, concertina, whistles and percussion. Powerful vocal harmonies are one of the band's trademarks. Featuring long-time club favourites, Andy Turner and Mat Green (who will probably not be capering this time, owing to lack of space onstage).

www.magpielane.dsl.pipex.com

17 Jeff Warner

"Jeff Warner sings traditional songs, specializing in music that illustrates the American past. Using instruments like banjo, guitar, concertina, Jew's harp and rhythm bones, Warner brings past events to life. If you're lucky, you can see him do a little clogging, too." *The Wire*

www.jeffwarner.com

24 Arcadia + David Campbell

Fiddle-driven quartet exploring the dance music of England, France and a little way beyond. Traditional and original tunes skilfully arranged to seduce the ears as well as the feet. Plus a surreptitious swig of our erstwhile resident, concentrating, probably, on his English repertory. Unaccompanied traditionalish singing, anyway.

www.myspace.com/arcadiadance

* joke – or is it?

**Don't forget –
SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE ENTERING**



OCTOBER

1 Julie Arnott and Gavin Atkin

Popular songs of the last century, with voice and Jeffries duet concertina.

8 Moth Broth + Kate Locksley + Andrew Shaw

TRAD2MAD

A melange of melodeon, mouthorgan and spoons from Simon Booth of the Ran Tan Band and Major Katastrofi, of whom it has been said. Plus a young traditional and contemporary singer from Cambridge and a fine new voice from the floor of London folk clubs gives us unaccompanied traditional English song. **TRAD2MAD** event.

15 Jim Bainbridge

Legendary north-eastern melodeon player and singer...

www.folkmusic.net/htmlfiles/webrevs/fm003cd.htm

22 Chris Wood

"The renaissance man of English folk." Say no more. Come early.

www.englishacousticcollective.org.uk/cw

22 Rún

Five female voices, with Celtic harp, perform songs in the ancient language of Erin, plus Scots Gaelic and Breton, maybe. "Refreshingly different to anything else that's around at the minute." *The Irish World*

www.myspace.com/runceol

NOVEMBER

5 Brian Peters

Traditional songs and music from England, with virtuoso anglo concertina, melodeon and guitar.

"No singer outside Nic Jones and Martin Carthy has embraced the tradition and used its wellsprings in as vivid and ingenious a way." *Rock'n'Reel* www.brian-peters.co.uk

This evening is dedicated to the memory of Rosie Turner-Bisset.

12 Knapp Brita Pettersson, Knapp Maria Pettersson and Jon Holmén

Three young, talented Swedish fiddlers who will play tunes from their home villages of Boda and Rättvik. Guaranteed to be a tuneful evening with some powerful violin playing and resonating harmonies

19 Laura Victoria

A voice and a cello – that's about it. Intense, edgy, light-hearted, melodramatic and honest songs, brought to life by unusual cello playing that veers between moving melancholy airs, punchy rock riffing and slap bass.

www.myspace.com/lauravictoriamusic

26 Martin Carthy

No introduction needed. Come early

www.watersoncarthy.com

DECEMBER

3 Reuben's Train

More weird and wonderful songs from the lugubrious men in black. Mostly American songs, some traditional and some not so traditional, from the darker side of life. Guitar, banjo and two-part harmony.

www.myspace.com/reubenstrain

10 Peta Webb, Ken Hall and Simon Hindley

One of England's finest and best-known singing duos perform songs in harmony – Irish, British and American – with Simon Hindley, our own resident bluesman, on guitar.

17 Christmas Party!!!

Free sandwiches! Pass the parcel!!! A chance to perform your party piece, however eccentric.

24 Closed. Happy Christmas!

Back on 7 January 2009 with The Fabulous TBA.

TRAD2MAD

The Islington Folk Club is holding a competition across the World Wide Web for unaccompanied solo singers. Entry is free and videos should be posted to YouTube and the URL sent to trad2mad@islingtonfolkclub.co.uk by 31 Oct 2009.

1st prize **£100** 2nd prize **£50** 3rd prize **£25**

Rules

1. Singers must be solo and unaccompanied.
2. The song including introduction should not be longer than 4 minutes in duration.
3. Singers should introduce the song with the singer's name, the song title and "This is my entry for the 2009 Islington Folk Club Trad2Mad Competition".
4. Singers may only enter one song.
5. The trad2mad e-mail address (trad2mad@islingtonfolkclub.co.uk) will be available up to the closing date of 31 October 2009
6. The results will be posted in December 2009 and announced at the Islington Folk Club Christmas party on 17 December 2009.
7. Entry is free.
8. Prizes will be award by a sterling cheque drawn on a British bank.
9. The judges decision is final

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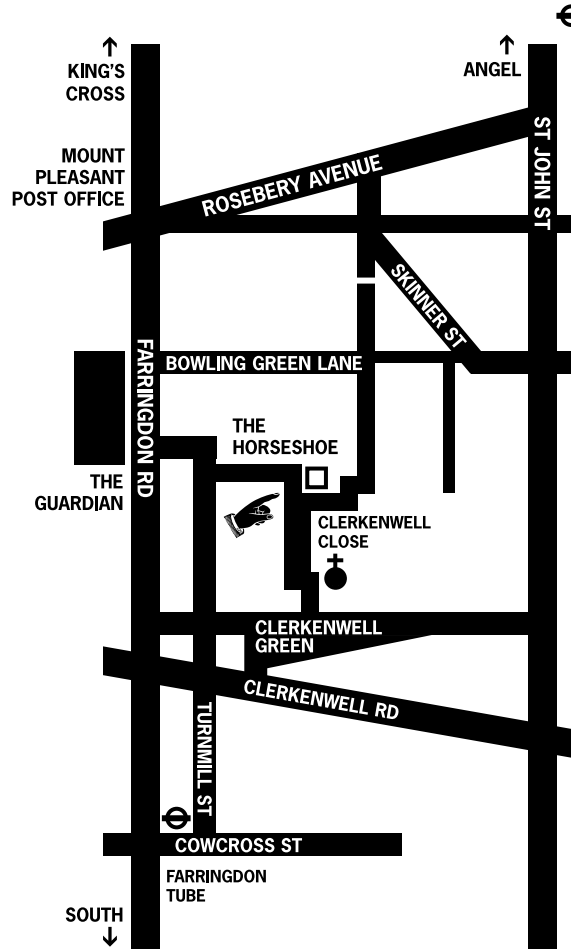
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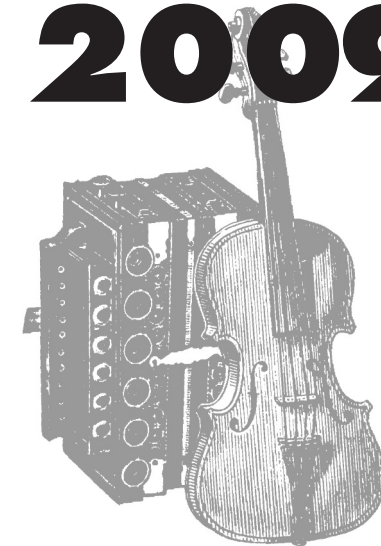
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