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Alleycats Open Mic @ The Barley Mow, Castle Road, Southsea PO5 3DE 6.45pm 2nd Sunday of the month

Alleycats Open Mic @ The Milton Arms, Milton Road, Portsmouth PO4 8PR 6.45pm Last Sunday of the month

Alleycats Open Mic @ Admiral Drake, Kinston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH 6.45 Mondays

Folk Song Club @ The Chichester Inn, West Street, Chichester PO19 1RP 8pm Open Mic @ The Woolpack, Fishbourne Rd, Fishbourne, Nr Chichester PO19 3JJ Open Mic – Originals @ Casemates Studios, Hilse, Portsmouth 8pm till 11pm Open Mic @ The Fawsett Inn, Fawsett Road, Southsea PO4 0DP 8.00pm Open Mic @ The White Horse, The Square, Westbourne PO10 8UE 8.00pm Roots Night @ The Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester SO22 5AE 8.00pm Every 2nd Monday of the month

Open Mic @ The Lifeboat , Sea Front, Hayling Island PO11 9HL 7.30pm **Tuesdays**

Open Mic @ The Lord Raglan, Queens Street, Emsworth PO10 7BJ 8pm Every 1st Tuesday of the month

Open Mic @ Fifth Hants Volunteer Arms, Albert Road, Southsea PO5 2SL Wednesdays

Open Mic The Sports & Social Club Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7JF 8.00pm **Broadside Folk Club** The Golden Eagle, Delamere Rd, Southsea PO4 0JA 7.30pm <u>Wednesday Afternoons</u>

Ukulele Jam - all welcome 3 – 5pm @ Crown Hotel, High St, Emsworth PO10 7AW Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

Open Mic @ The White Swan, Station Road, Bosham PO18 8NG 8.00pm Last Wednesday of the month

"Open Mic" @ The Heroes, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ 8pm Thursdays

Jam Session @ The Farmers Inn, Catherington Lane, Catherington PO8 0TD 8pm Open Mic @ The Crown Hotel, High Street, Emsworth PO10 7AW 8.00pm

Open Mic @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ 8pm

Open Mic @ The Staggeringly Good Brewery, Rodney Rd, Southsea PO48SS 8pm Open Mic @ The Bold Forrester, Albert Rd, Southsea 7pm

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Phone Charles on 01329 833 625 or Janet on 02392 264 288

Emsworth Music Club Sadly no gigs in July, holidays! 9th August 'Sons of the **Delta'** then on the 13th September 'Alice Armstrong & Steve Watts'. For more information on the club go to - www.emsworthmusicclub

<u>Hambledon Folk Club</u> The club have appearing on the 10th July 'Jon Doran & The Northern Assembly'. The club will be closed in August, then on the 11th September 'The Shackleton Trio' are booked in. The Club meets at The Youth Hut, West Street, Hambledon PO7 4RW. For reservations phone 02392 623 719.

The Gosport Jazz Club Have on May 8th 'Golden Eagle Jazz Band' with on the 22nd 'Ted Newtons Jazz Friends'. Then to start June off on the 9th 'Tim Eyles 'Mardi Gras'. This all takes place at the Gosport & Fareham Ruby Club, Dolphin Crescent, Gosport PO12 2HE or go to the web site -

www.gosportjazz.org.uk for further information.

<u>The Bullfrog Blues Club</u> Have appearing on the 4th July 'The James Oliver Band'. With on the 1st August 'Resurrection' booked. They meet at the NBE CSA Club, in Onslow Road, Southsea, Portsmouth PO5 2NH

For more information - Facebook.com/bullfrogbluesclub,southsea

<u>Grayshott Folk Club</u> Have appearing on Saturday 20th July 'Rum Ragged'. For tickets and other information – Phone Des O'Byrne on 01428 607096 . The event at the Grayshott Village Hall, Headly Road, Greyshott, nr Hindhead, Surrey GU26 6TZ

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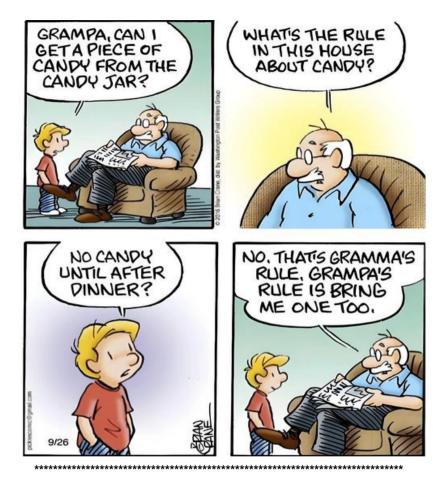
19th GONORA SOUNDS @ Chidham Village Hall PO18 8TZ 31st BARRY 'The Fish' MELTEN & His Band @ Emsworth Sports & Social Club, Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7JF

AUGUST 2024

22nd Le Vent du Nord 8pm £24.00 @ St. James Church, Church Path, Emsworth PO10 7DP

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JULYS LISTINGS

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Alabama Stills @ The George, Portsdown Hill Road, Portsmouth PO6 1BE The Unknown Mortal Orchestra @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Southsea PO4 0JN Karaoke @ The Heroes, London Road (in the precinct), Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Thursday 4th

Grab Da Mic @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Rd, Southsea PO4 0JN The Groove Breakers @ The Barlev Mow. Castle Road. Southsea PO5 3DE Friday 5th

Chicago 9 @ The Central Club, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford SO53 2FZ Live music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ Pier Pressure @ The Lord Raglan, Queens Street, Emsworth PO10 7BJ Russell Keith @ The Golden Lion. Bedhampton Road. Havant Something Else @ The Lifeboat Inn, Sea Front, Hayling Island Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Drake, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH The Wedge Comedy Club @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Southsea PO4 0JN Kingz of Leon @ The Jolly Sailor. Clarence Parade, Southsea PO5 2EU 8.00pm

Union 2 @ The Heroes, London Road (in the precinct), Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Saturday 6th

Something Else @ The Central Club, Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 2FZ Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ Class of 69 @ The Swallow. Dunsbury Way. Leigh Park. Havant PO9 5BE 8.30pm Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield Gu32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Drake, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH Southern Ska Collective @ The Wedgwood Rooms, Albert Rd, Southsea PO4 0JN Live Music tbc @ The Jolly Sailor, Clarence Parade, Southsea PO5 2EU Trevor John @ The Heroes, London Road (in the precinct) Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Blacklight Vice + Deadmans Pistol @ The Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester Sunday 7th

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Julys gig guide continued..... **Tuesday 9th** Mokus @ The George Inn, Portsdown Hill Road, Portsmouth PO6 1BE Karaoke @ The Heroes, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Wednesday 10th JAZZ Night @ The Fifth Hants Volunteer Arms. Albert Rd. Southsea The Shadders - Shadows club @ The Heroes, London Rd, Waterlooville Thursday 11th The Men From Montgomery @ The Barley Mow, Castle Road, Southsea PO5 3DE Midway Still @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Road, Southsea PO4 0JN Friday 12th The Mafia @ Rocks Cafe, High Street, Bognor RegisPO21 1RX Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ The Bad Juju @ The Lord Raglan, Queens Street, Emsworth PO10 7BJ Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Drake, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH Sunara Karma @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Rd, Southsea PO4 0JN Rock 'n' Roll Night @ The Jolly Sailor. Clarence Parade, Southsea PO5 2EU 8pm Carbon Copy Party Band @ The Heroes, London Rd, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Saturday 13th Chevy 55 @ The Fareham Pub, Trinity Street, Fareham PO16 7SA Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GH32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Darke, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH The Mafia @ The Anchor Inn, Selsey Road, Sidlesham PO20 7QU Juno @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Rd, Southsea PO4 0JN The Half Beats @ The Jolly Sailor. Clarence Parade.Southsea PO5 2EU 8pm Class of 69 – Northern Soul @ The Rover. Shirley. Southampton Bruce Juice - Bruce Springsteen Tribute @ The Brook, Portswood Rd, Southampton Hardcase @ The Centurion, Crookhorn Lane, Widley, Waterlooville PO7 5RE Rock 'N' Roll Hoodiums @ The Heroes, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Sundav 14th Live Music tbc @ The Golden Lion. Bedhampton Road. Havant 3.00pm start Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ The Roustabouts @ The Eco Fair, Petersfield Heath, Petersfield Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Drake, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH The Hills Brothers Acoustic Session @ The Jolly Sailor, Southsea 6.30pm Ocean Sounds Jazz 4 - 7pm @ The Barley Mow, Castle Rd, Southsea PO5 3DE Roy Peplow @ The Heroes, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ •

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South Coast Soul Review @ The Spring Arts, East Street, Havant 8.00pm Start Hardcase @ The Westleigh, Martin Road, Havant PO9 5TH

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TRAD JAZZ with CHRIS NEWMANS 'GEORGIA RAMBLERS'

Back by popular demand, this will mark the 5th year of this excellent event, celebrating trad jazz – New Orleans and Dixeland.

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The night includes fabulous support in the interval from Blues and jazz singer, keyboard player the 'Rev' Cannon Tom Kennar.

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Monday 22nd

Open Ya Mouth @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Alberet Road, Southsea PO4 0JN Tuesday 23rd

Steve Hampton @ The George Inn, Portsdown Hill Road, Portsmouth PO6 1BE Karaoke @ The Heroes, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ

Wednesday 24th

The Heathen Apostles @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Road, Southsea PO4 0JN JAZZ Night @ The Fifth Hants Volunteers Arms, Albert Road, Southsea 8.00pm <u>Thursday 25th</u>

King Rolo The Barley Mow, Castle Road, Southsea PO5 3DE **Ellis D** The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Road, Southsea PO4 0JN **The Attrition** The Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester SO22 5AE <u>Friday 26th</u>

Hardcase @ The Lord Raglan, Queens Street, Emsworth PO10 7BJ Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 8DH Harriet – Trying to Get The Feeling Again @ The Spring Arts Centre, Havant Chevy 55 @ Lillys Bar, Creek Road, Hayling Island PO11 9RD Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Drake, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH Oasish (Tribute) @ Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Road, Southsea PO4 0JN Live Music tbc @ The Jolly Sailor, Clarence Parade, Southsea PO5 2EU Chicago 9 @ The Platform Tavern, Town Quay, Southampton SO14 2NY 9pm The Mafia @ The Heroes,(in the precinct) London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Stone Cold Chilli Peppers / Green Dave Tribute Night @ Railway, Winchester Saturday 27th

Chicago 9 @ The Fox Inn, Bramdean, Alesford SO24 0LP

Nick Tatham @ The Lord Raglan, Queens Street, Emsworth PO10 7BJ 2.00pm Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ The Sound Pop Academy @ The Springs Arts Centre, East St, Havant Chevy 55 @ The Ex Service Mens Club, Brockhampton Lane, Havant PO9 1LU Live Music tbc @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ The Last Resort @ The Alexander Bowls Club, Tipner, Portsmouth Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Drake, Kinston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH South Coast Ghosts – Common Folk @ Wedgewood Rms, Albert Rd, Southsea Mega 80's Disco with DJ Paul @ Jolly Sailor, Clarence Parade, Southsea 7.30pm The Smyths (Tribute) @ The Brook, Portswood Road, Southampton SO13 3SD Audio Friction @ The Heroes, London Rd (in the precinct) Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Signature Vision @ The Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester SO22 5AE Sunday 28th

Live Music tbc @ The Bird in Hand, Gosport Road, Fareham PO16 0PZ Live Music tbc @ The Golden Lion, Bedhampton Road, Havant 3.00pm start Chevy 55 @ The Hayling Island HI FEST 2024 2.00pm @ Lifeboat Inn, Sea Front PO11 9HL / 4.00pm The Hayling Billy, Elm Grove PO11 9ED

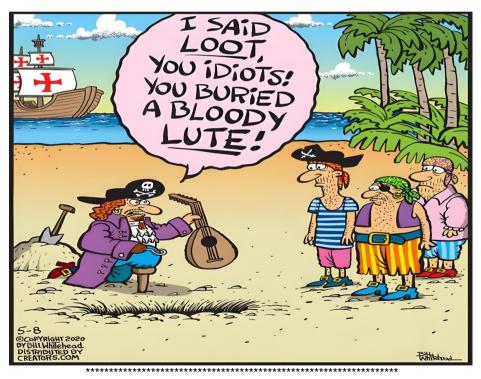
Sunday Sessions @ The Square Brewery, The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HJ Live Music tbc @ The Admiral Darke, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth PO2 8DH Continued on page 13

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Ricky Eastwood Quartet 2.30pm @ The Barley Mow, Castle Rd, Southsea PO5 3DE Dave Barrett @ The Jolly Sailor, Clarence Parade, Southsea PO5 2EU 6.30pm Chicago 9 @ The Dolphin, Osbourne Road, Southampton SO17 2EZ The Real Taste @ The Heroes, London Rd (in the precinct) Waterlooville PO7 7DZ <u>Tuesday 30th</u> Live Music tbc @ The George Inn. Portsdown Hill Road. Portsmouth PO6 1BE

Strung Out @ The Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Road, Southsea PO4 0JN Karaoke @ The Heroes, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DZ Wednesday 31st

Pop Kids – Summer Tour 2024 @ Wedgewood Rms, Albert Rd, Southsea PO4 0JN Open Mic @ The Heroes, London Rd (in the precinct), Waterlooville



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A HARD DAY'S ROCK FESTIVAL

At The Petersfield Festival Hall, Saturday 31st August 2024 Doors opoen at 2pm with the music starting at 3pm with 'The Pat McManus Band' followed by 'Girlschool' at 5pm with 'The Screaming Eagles' from 7pm till 8pm followed by 'Martin Turner X Wishbone Ash' at 9pm till 10.30pm. Plus street food and real ale available. For more info and tickets from the venue box office 01730 264 182 or ticketsource.co.uk.

EDITORIAL (OLD CODGER RANT) CASH...... LESS?

Digital payments promise levels of efficiency and traceability that physical cash never can. Not only does this remove the heavy, clunky, grubby and waste handling of currency. It also vastly accelerates the pace of commerce? Oh Yeah?

Going by the regular news reports of transfers gone missing or the high rise per year of Trans – actions where your money disappears into the wide net of criminal activity, the concept of a clean and more beneficence system is beginning to become wishful thinking!! Without human intervention, on paper it looks good, like a lot of life it has it's pro's and con's! The introduction of Modern computors, mobile phone and modern technology was meant to make our life more easy and give us more time!!

So what's gone wrong with our modern life? Relying more and more on computors (which need up grading, which costs!) it is beginning to become an increasing problem when it breaks down! Sadly the breakdowns have over the past 10 years increased, costing firms and customers more money!! What happens when it all stops?

Also It is now becoming clear that going green is another cost, that the economy of our Country and the wider World have no real idea on the cost and who pays for it!

The human race – you and I. So we have certain parts of the World calling for going GREEN, and others carrying on as before, making token gestures.

With our country in a real mess, along with the World in general, none of our leaders have any real idea as to how to get us to move forward. It's not only a modern tech problem but a changing problem...... Politicians should take note, look back at history, for change involves all of us, not just you!

Thankfully there are still some excellent musicians out there, still some good English pubs supporting live music, and that is one good thing in life, singing makes you feel better! Listening to music makes you feel better! Here's hoping the weather will be good for The Hayling Hi-Fest, details in the gig guide listings.

Have a good month, it's got to stop raining sometime? - Old Codger Bob

New members welcome – South Downs ukuleles meet every Thursday at The Rogate Village Hall GU31 5BH from 2pm till 4.00pm.

For more information - Google – southdownukes

GREATHAM OPEN MIC

Hello You Old Codger!

Have loved your mag for ages, congrats on connecting with loads and loads of local musicians in the area! I thought I would let you know of the Greatham Open Mic at The Greatham Inn – Surprisingly enough, in Greatham – that had been running (again..... after a few stops and starts along with a few changes of landlord!) for a few years now. It runs on the 2nd and last Tuesday of every month, and has been steadily growing in popularity with an ever expanding wealth of talent across a pretty much musical genre......

Very inclusive for new-to-the-scene as well as some seasoned fellow old codgers such as myself (Ant-Roy – I run it) Details on the Facebook group : Greatham Open mic.....

All welcome, especially all old codgers of all ages! Regards – Ant

Thank you so much for your e-mail Ant, great to hear you enjoy your music, will add your Open mic details to the page next month – Old Codger Bob

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JOOLS HOLLAND and HIS RHYTHM and BLUES ORCHESTRA

On his 2024 tour, with more guest acts, and his usual bounce of boogie rhythm and blues. I got to see them at The Anvil, Basingstoke on Friday June 14th, this will be the 6th time I've seen the show live over the past 10 years, and every one gets better.

Tonight's warm up artist was an American female singer / song writer, who I am going to write about next month, who was excellent, scary job opening for such a high profile entertainer as Jools Holland, who gives so much encouragement to young musicians.

The Orchestra has 14 top musicians plus Jools, with original Squeeze member Drummer Gilson Lavis who must be in the top 10 of British drummers, with the great soul lady Ruby Turner, supported by singers Louise Marshall and Sumuda Jayatilaka.

Into the show Jools introduced his first guest, Toby Lee. Toby first came to public attention at the age of 10 when he posted a get well soon jam for B B King which went viral with five million views in a week. Described by Joe Bonamassa as a 'Future Super Star of The Blues'. Toby Lee came on with his Gibson Firebird and boy could this now 19 year old play...... for more information go to - <u>www.toby-lee.com</u> This young man is a must see in the future for me!

As the show bundled along, next guest singer / songwriter Imelda May again excellent, go to - <u>www.imeldamay.co.uk</u> for further information. With solo's from singers Louise Marshal and Sumuda Jayatilaka, band member spots with the Ruby Turner at the last end of the show, the Queen of Soul gave her all. What a show, LIVE MUSIC at it's best! For more information go to <u>www.joolsholland.com</u>

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