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## What happened in 2025 ?

**The Ipstones Folk Club** has now become well established in its new home and enjoys the wonderful acoustics in the Methodist Church on the third Wednesday of each month through the year.

Our thanks to our hosts - Roger and Dora Cutts.

- **16<sup>th</sup> April - 'The Ghost of a Sailor's Talking blues'**, this was the charity premiere of 'Sailor Swift' - aka Pete Morton. Supported by Ann & Tim Mundy and Dave Joynson before a capacity audience, the event raised £500 which was added to the Peace through Folk charity appeal\*.
-  **13<sup>th</sup> July - Rick Ford**, a founding director of Peace through Folk passed away. He was a hugely significant member of the team and a dear friend. Rick lives on through his songs, writings and our memories.
- **19<sup>th</sup> November - Another full house - this time to hear Kath Ord perform a set dedicated to 'The Joni Mitchell Song Book'**.  
Supported by Ann and Tim Mundy. At the end of the concert, Kath was joined by Ann & Tim to perform a moving rendition of 'Across the Border', which was written by Rick Ford.  
Ctrl Click to see > [Rick Ford and Kath Ord live at Mixon on April 2022](#)
- **December -**  
**\*Donations totalling £4,500 were divided between our chosen charities Unicef, Save the Children, Medecins Sans Frontieres and War Child.**  
each selected because they provide aid to children who are victims of war.

# Events Planned for 2026 including guest nights

Join us at our regular Ipstones Folk Club sessions  
on the third Wednesday of each month to enjoy the great acoustics  
of our venue The Methodist Church, Ipstones, ST19 2LY, Staffordshire.

- **January 21<sup>st</sup> - Sing (& play) around**
- **February 18<sup>th</sup> - Sing (& play) around**
- **March 18<sup>th</sup> - Guest night with Keith Kendrick & Sylvia Needham**



Keith and Sylvia sing mainly English traditional and traditionally influenced contemporary songs with a clear focus on sea shanties, sea songs and maritime material from all over the globe. Both have a wide-ranging repertoire, frequently accompanying themselves and playing lively dance tunes on three different systems of the only English invented fully chromatic musical instrument – the concertina.

Their strong voices and compatible styles produce striking and sympathetic acapella harmonies with a formidable history of performing experience.

Their recorded work is matched only by their live gigs which are always a vocal and musical revelation as well as a hoot and, when they're not doing that, you'll probably find them playing the music for Winster Morris.

- **April 15<sup>th</sup> - Sing (& play) around**
- **May 20<sup>th</sup> - Guest night with Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer**

With glowing reviews from the Edinburgh Fringe and beyond, Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer bring a unique Anglo-German flair to the folk scene. Their new show *Cheaper Than Therapy* blends wit, warmth, harmony, entertainment and deeply engaging songs that connect with audiences from start to finish.

With just two voices, guitar and Irish flute/recorders, Paul and Karen let their folk-inspired arrangements and imaginative song-writing sparkle and combined with their playful cultural banter (Stoke-on-Trent meets Stuttgart), an unforgettable experience blending musical excellence with theatrical presence emerges.

They've performed across the UK, Ireland, Germany, Australia and New Zealand, and are known for captivating performances that draw people in – and leave them singing after.

This cultural fusion brings not just songs and stories full of humour and depth, but connection, laughter, and those little moments that turn a good evening into a highlight. [www.paulwalkermusic.co.uk](http://www.paulwalkermusic.co.uk)



“Eclectic, performed with passion” – *Folk & Honey*

“A first-class experience” – *Bietigheimer Zeitung*.

“Great show!” – *Graham Norton*

- **June 17<sup>th</sup> - Sing (& play) around**
- **July 15<sup>th</sup> - Sing (& play) around**

- **August 19<sup>th</sup> - Guest night with Tom Perry & Clive Brooks**



**Tom & Clive** have been performing together at folk clubs and festivals since 2011, having become well known over the years for their fine solo singing and performances with various other groups. Their repertoire, which is delivered a cappella, consists of traditional songs and contemporary pieces written in the traditional vein. Most of their songs have choruses and audiences are encouraged to join in.

They released their first CD in May 2018

- **September 16<sup>th</sup> - Sing (& play) around**
- **October 21<sup>st</sup> - Sing (& play) around**
- **Saturday November 14th – Peace Day & Concert – Line up currently includes, Reg Meuross, Leek Peace Choir (\*\*), The Unhappy Mundys, The Weasels unplugged (\*\*) and others. (\*\*details to be confirmed) !**

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### **Stop Press**

**Our friends Nancy Kerr and James Fagan will be appearing at The Foxlowe, Leek on February 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Presented by 'Live To Your Living Room'  
(This is not a Peace through Folk event).**

**For details and tickets for this concert contact [cat@catmcgill.uk](mailto:cat@catmcgill.uk)**