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Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner,
And someone saw me grin,
When he smiled I realised,
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
Then realised it's worth,
A single smile just like mine,
Could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected.

Spike Milligan

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If your running an open mic night or ukulele night (or day session) regular gig nights then The Old Codger would love to hear from you. Copy date is the 12th of the month for the following months issue. Once the magazines gone to print you have lost out on your free advertising! So make a note, the 12th of the month!

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FEBRUARY OPEN MIC NIGHTS

Every effort on the part of the 'Old Codger' is made to give correct information. So please contact the venue to check that what is listed is still on, before setting out on your journey. We do try to keep our listings up to date!

First and third Sunday of the month

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, Hilsa, Portsmouth 8pm till 11pm

Open Mic @ The Fawsett Inn, Fawsett Road, Southsea PO4 ODP 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

2nd and Last Tuesday of the month

Open Mic @ The Greatham Inn, Petersfield Road, Greatham, Liss GU33 6AD

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

Wednesday Afternoons

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

Wednesdays Fortnightly

Jazz Night hosted by Matt Williams @ Fifth Hants Volunteers, Albert Rd, Southsea

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

First Thursday of The Month

Jam Night @ The Portcullis Taphouse, West Street, Portchester PO16 9UY 8pm

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SHOP TALK (What's new if anything?)

In Decembers issue I wrote about the new shop move to West Street, Fareham, which has proved very popular with local musicians who had never used Havant Music Mart, or Happy in Basepoint, Waterlooville. The new shop is in a far better trading position, even better for most of my regular customers, with a better amount of car parking and near the railway station and bus station. Sadly the size of the shop has shrunk, but the amount of stock on offer has not, a lot no longer on display, but this is not proving to be a problem. Since I have always run my shops as a general music retailer rather than just a guitar shop! The range in product is wider, since the vast area of instruments.

Since opening here I have introduced a new range of Enya Guitars and Ukuleles, which have a modern touch to them, and priced competitively. These Enya instruments have the Acoustic Plus system which allows players to add sound effects from the instrument itself, with no external devices needed. They come with a carry bag and accessories plus you can connect to the computer. Well worth checking out. Also HMM has now added the Snail Ukulele range which are proving very popular, along with the brands we already stock, Kala, Mahalo, Blackwater, Barnes & Mullins, Laka. We also carry a large range of accessories to help keep you playing. Another product just in is the Isuzi Performer Series AA-2 25 watt Acoustic amplifier with Lithium Battery at £269.99 which is ideal for Electro Guitar or Ukulele. Plus there is a Speaker stand top hat fitted so you can raise it above crowd level.

The new range of Bromo Acoustic guitars is proving to be very popular, with the solid top Electro acoustics starting at £199.99. The Bromo Rocky Mountain Series Parlour Guitar priced at £335.00 has rave reviews in the USA and UK as brilliant value for money, check it out! The range of SX electric guitars and bass's are well made and at competitive prices, worth checking out along with the Cort acoustic and electric guitars, which have both proved to be good sellers in the Christmas period.

If your having guitar lead problems, we give a free lead test service, and our Boston brand leads 3mtr at £9.99 (listed at £13.99) is excellent value. Remember to pull the lead out by the plug, don't yank the lead out or tread on them, a good lead will last you for years!! Our best selling instrument strings are Rotosound, the electric's have a free top 'e' (the thinnest, which always is the first to break) and the Jumbo King acoustic strings have a good ring to them, British made and at a competitive price. We also stock D'addario which are an American string maker, and keep an across the range of their strings.

Another new range we have started to stock are the Mahalo Laptop Cajons which also come with a carry bag, these offer an easy way to enhance your percussion band or add another layer to your performance. Many of the ukulele groups could well find this an added instrument. These Cajons can be played solo or to accompany other instruments, it's thye perfect hand drum to grab for any playing or practice situation. We also stock the Mahalo Kalimba's which come with a carry bag.

Bored, looking for a challenge, remember what ever instrument you buy, you will have fun learning to play it, it could change your life.....

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GUITAR AMPLIFICATION A selection of New & Used.

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P A GEAR from microphones, to leads, mic muffs to microphone stands, of assorted sizes and usage, to loudspeakers and speaker stands, to P A heads, mixers and Portable P A systems.

ACCESSORIES From guitar strings, guitar straps, ukulele strings and straps, to stands for most instruments, to violin spares and strings to cases and bags to spares for repairs.

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ON THE FRONT COVER - Smile

Spike Milligan was a genius of British Comedy, for five decades he was to be one of this country's most influential comics and inspire enormous affection in his many listners, viewers and readers. The first significant tragedy of Spike's life came at the end of an idyllic childhood in India when his family moved to foggy, depression ridden London. (not alot's changed then!!) His personality which could be a difficult, contradictory and misanthropic as it was passionate, sensitive and inspired. In the 1950's he was a large part of the new voice in comedy with The Goons, film and television, his books and stage shows. Since his death in February 2002, there have been many books written about him and his amazing life, about his struggle with his bouts of depression, he was a true all round human being.

His grave stone reads "I told you I was ill". He was a man of many things.....

Eccles - "Oh, the door. I'll soon get the hang of dat". **FX** (Door opens)

Blue Bottle - "Well, Eccles.... **Little Jim** - "Pah..... Pilton pa de dee pin pah ...
etc..... **Bluebottle** - "I say Eccles" **Eccles** - "What?"

Bluebottle - "What is that sticking out of the top of your boot wearing a cap?"

Eccles - "This is my nephew. Little Jim" **Little Jim** - "Pah...pita pa de dee pin pah
etc....." **Eccles** - "He says he doesn't understand what he's saying either"

Bluebottle - "He's one of Mrs Thatchers Incomprehensives!"

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SAD NEWS

Due to being busy with the shop (not enough hours in the day) and also at the age of 74, I have run out of time to complete the Febuary issue. What with problems with broadband, and health issues, I have run out of time to have it ready for the printers and of course the time it takes to deliver is another matter!!

So at present I have decided that this will be the last issue at present. A big thank you to all the readers and supporters and stockists of The Old Codger gig guide magazine, enjoy your music – keep music live.

- Old Codger Bob



