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at The Ravenswood, Sharpthorne,

DAVE SWARBRICK

Support: tbc



Dave Swarbrick first became a hero of the British folk scene as a young instrumental virtuoso in the Ian Campbell Folk Group. In the early days, he recorded three BBC Radio Ballads with Ewan Maccoll, Peggy Seeger and Charles Parker.

By 1967, he'd teamed up with Martin Carthy has a duo. This remarkable pairing played an important part in the tremendous shake up given to British folk music.

When they split as a duo in 1969, 'Swarb' went off to join the finest line-up of the hugely influential Fairport Convention and his contribution to folk/rock music is legendary and well documented.

In 1984 Swarb left Fairport and, along with Kevin Dempsey, Chris Leslie and Martin Jenkins, formed Whippersnapper, a group renowned for its drive and acoustic prowess. In 1989, he decided to leave Whippersnapper to concentrate on solo work and revive his partnership with Carthy.

In 1993, Swarb moved to Australia and for the next three years he lived in the Blue Mountains. It was there that he met and began working with Alistair Hulett.

Swarb returned to England in 1996 but there followed a period of ill health for Swarb, with a celebrated moment in 1999 when the Daily Telegraph ran a very premature obituary while Dave was ill in hospital. With his usual good humour, he retorted, "*It's not the first time I've died in Coventry.*"



Since that time, his health has continued to improve such that he was able to start performing again in 2008, both solo and with Martin Carthy, along with other collaborations and festival performances with Fairports at their annual Cropredy Festival.

Tickets are £13 advance (£15 door) – To reserve, telephone 01342 714810 or buy online at www.acousticsussex

Quotes - what others say:

"The intensity of Swarb's fiddling ensures that sparks fly, its very occasional wheeziness only adding to the essence of spontaneity and conveying the total conviction in his music-making" **NetRhythm**

What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that puts on live 'folk, roots and acoustic' events in the mid-Sussex area. Any profit we make over the year is used for charitable purposes.