

London troubadours to visit city folk club

FORERUNNERS of the new roots, acoustic scene in London's Troubadour club are Miro — who are guests of the Cambridge Folk Club on Friday night (May 22).

Featuring Julia Palmer of the Dinner Ladies on cello and described as "somewhere between folk, post-punk and classical" it sounds like a lot of fun.

Elsewhere, the folk clubs of the region are awash with singers' nights.

There are singarounds this week at St Neots (Tuesday May 26 at the

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Coneygeare at Eynesbury), the Mayflower Folk Club (Tuesday May 26 at the Man On The Moon, Norfolk Street, Cambridge) and Ely (Wednesday May 20 at the Red, White and Blue, Chief Street).

All these events invite musicians and singers to turn up and 'have a go'. Or you can just attend to enjoy the convivial atmosphere.

A similar idea exists behind the Irish evenings at the Man On The

Moon, Norfolk Street, Cambridge every Sunday.

The difference here, as the title suggests, is that the music has an Irish flavour.

□ HOEDOWN was the key word at Michelle Shocked's gig at the Corn Exchange on Monday.

Although I felt she seemed a little tired — both musically and literally — there was a good reception for her brand of folk pop.

Chicken

Although the older songs got noticeably the better reaction, the middle section of the show — in which the band simulated a barn dance complete, at one stage, with 'clockwork' chicken on wheels — was excellent.

It'll be interesting to see where she goes from here.

Talking of the Corn Exchange, Mary Coughlan has confirmed a date at the venue on June 16 — to coincide with the release of a new single (the Marc Almond-penned There Is A Bed



Michelle Shocked

and album (Sentimental Killer).

□ FINALLY, Anglia TV has a four-part series of shows from last year's Cambridge Folk Festival beginning on Friday May 29 at 11.40pm.

This first show will feature Four Men and a Dog, Butch Hancock and Jimmie Dale Gilmore and bill topping Suzanne Vega.

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