

U3A HAPPY BAND SEARCH FACILITY

The website has two search facilities, one for songs and the other for comments. The search input for song contents appears in the top right-hand corner of most pages, to the add to open mike list, and on the right-hand side on the song list page. The search input for comments appears on the top right-hand corner of the Comments page.

One or two important things to remember about the search inputs on this site: -

- There are no wild cards. '*' and '?' characters have no effect at all.
- The search does not support html tags.
- The search is unforgiving of spelling errors
- The search is case insensitive.

In the case of song searches matches are looked for in the entire content of all current song files. This includes information on file that is not visible in the song display, but which is held in a tag section at the end of the file to assist searches.

To apply a search that filters out everything except blues songs you would type in 'Blues'. If you only wanted Dylan songs type in 'Dylan'. If you want a list of songs first published in the thirties type 'thirties'. If you want Irish songs type 'Irish' etc.

With the comments page there will be a report on each comment about the number of times the search string was matched in the comment, and each match is highlighted in yellow.

NOTE FOR ADMINS

An admin can add additional information to a song file by calling up the admin page and selecting EDIT SONG TAG. Locate the song in question then edit the tag accordingly and save before exiting. You can also include tag information when editing a song by opening a tag field e.g. '&tag# content #tag'. This is a handy way of including artists who are closely associated with certain songs even though they did not write them e.g. Tom Jones with Delilah (written by Mason and Reid).