

* Pick of the week **rock & pop**

Les Savy Fav *Esquires, Bedford, Saturday; Astoria, London, Sunday*

Heirs to the Hold Steady's bar band crown. Singer Tim Harrington is your bearded host, with a parrot on his shoulder, as fierce rock ensues.

Fuck Buttons *Hare & Hounds, Birmingham, Saturday; Clwb Ifor Bach, Cardiff, Thursday* Impressive take on pure digital noise from the cheekily-named Buttons. Like the LCD Soundystem of white noise, gone tribal.

MV & EE With The Golden Road *Bar Fusion, Lincoln, Saturday; The Pump Room, Trowbridge, Tuesday; The Croft, Bristol, Wednesday; Norwich Arts Centre, Friday* Drones and noise, now with a Stonesy twist.