



SOLENT WAVES



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FASH Chat – Folk is a four-letter word

At Hambledon F**k Club we've just come to the end of a season featuring Scottish artists. To be honest, I wasn't sure how it would go down. The English and Scottish folk scenes are pretty separate; well-known names in one country are hardly known in the other - even amongst the artists! So we started with North Sea Gas, a name they chose deliberately to reflect their origins in the North East of Scotland and also the concept of having a laugh. Well, they did exactly what it said on the tin - an evening of great Scottish song and occasional tunes interspersed with great banter.

To follow we should have had the legendary Archie Fisher, but he cancelled 24 hours before the gig. That led to a few hours of panic in the Thornton Household, but Archie's agent pulled out all the stops and secured the services of Bob Wood, a Scotsman now resident in Croydon. He gave us another good night, and even included a few of Archie's songs. Andy Irvine has said of Bob "He's a little bit unsung, you know". Spot on. Incidentally Andy will be coming to Hambledon next April.

Finally we were delighted to welcome Mairearad Green and Anna Massie, surely two of Scotland's finest musicians. The instrumentals, fiery and moving by turns, were broken up by a smattering of songs and a bucketful of hilarious anecdotes. With packed houses throughout, I think it fair to brand the

experiment a success.

But I digress. After their gig, Dave Gilfillan of North Sea Gas was telling me that the word "folk" is a turn-off for many people. He knows several clubs that are rebranding themselves "acoustic music" clubs and the like in order to get round this apparent prejudice. So I was intrigued shortly afterwards to read an interview with Ed Sheeran in 'The Guardian'. He was promoting his new album which has a couple of folk-inspired tracks and uses real Irish musicians from the band Beoga. Sheeran said of his record label "They were really, really against Galway Girl, because apparently folk music isn't cool". Well it seems the public didn't agree; a week later Galway Girl was the favourite track from the album. Ed went on to say "I promise you that in two years' time there will be a big folk band that comes up and that's pop[ular], and that will happen as a result of labels being like: 'Oh s**t, if he can put a fiddle and uilleann pipe on it, then we can try it as well'."

So, support for folk music from none other than Ed Sheeran! Will it do the folk clubs any good? Probably not, but I don't see it can do them any harm. Will we be changing the name of the club? I think not. In the end, if it looks like a horse and smells like a horse, you might as well call it a horse. Folk music is proudly alive and well in Hambledon!

John Thornton

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six months event diaries can
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www.fash.org.uk*



DANCE DIARY

JUNE

Monday Beaus of the Park FDC. 8.00-10.00 Mostly Playford. Church of the Resurrection Hall, Penarth Avenue, Drayton, PO6 2AP. Sue Bradshaw 02392 713158 <http://beausdance.weebly.com>

5th, 12th.

Monday Bournemouth (Westhill) FDC. 7.30-10.00 The Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9RW. Liz Neal 01202 572196. www.bournemouthfolkdanceclub.btck.co.uk

5th, Pam S & Martin L, 12th, John Turner with Pete & Sue Hall (Guest caller and live music!), 19th, David T & Brian H, 26th, Peggy S & Liz N

Monday Eastleigh FDC. 7.30-10 Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FE. 02380 252248 www.eastleighfolkdance.org

12th, Caller Joy Simmons, 26th, Caller Felicity Singleton.

Monday Gosport & Fareham Interfolk. 10.00-11.00 St. Francis Church Hall, Clayhall Road, Gosport, PO12 2AJ. Tessa & David Bloodworth. 02392 526489. www.interfolk.co.uk/gfi

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Monday Irish Set Dancing. 8.00-10.30 Polish Club Hall, 507 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 2TH. Michael & Eileen McCarthy 02380 767340

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Monday Isle of Wight FDC, 7.30 Whippingham Community Centre, Alverstone Road, PO32 6NZ. Club callers. 01983 506165/759970

5th, 19th.

Monday Waterlooville FDC. 8.00-10.00 Waterlooville Community Centre, Maurepas Way, PO7 7AY. Jane Tull 02392 258056

5th, AGM then Club callers, 19th, Caller Graham Taylor.

Tuesday Solent CDC. 8.00 Bedhampton Social Hall, Havant, PO9 3ES. Club callers. 02392 713158 <http://solentdance.weebly.com>

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

Tuesday Stubbington International Folk Dance Group. 10.00 Roman Catholic Church Hall, Bells Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PL. Bob Neal 01329 609589. neal.bob61@gmail.com

13th, 20th.

Thursday Chichester FDG. 8.00-10.00 Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE. Sue Frost 01243 552539 <http://chifdg.weebly.com>

1st, Caller Sue Bradshaw, 15th, Caller Nigel Beaton, 29th, Caller John Portlock.

Thursday. Highcliffe FDC. 7.30 Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL. Jan Harris 01202 427523 janharris16@hotmail.co.uk.

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

Sat 10 7.30-11.00 Guildford Folk Dancers, Normandy Village Hall, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DT. Barrie Bullimore with Kelly's Eye. American supper. Pat Page 01483 233455.

14 1.30-3.30 FolkActive Dances with Live Music for the over-50s. Freemantle Community Centre, Randolph Street, Southampton SO15 3HE. Refreshments available. jo@folkactive.org.uk

Sat 17 7.30 Forest Arts Centre, Old Milton Road, New Milton, BH25 6DS. A New forest Dance with Jigfoot, Caller Jo Harmer. Tickets £10 from the box office 01425 612393 or via their website.

Sat 17 3.00-6.00 South Hants Playford FDC. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Jack Brown with Pete & Sue Hall. Dorothy Ballard, 01202 478128.

21 8.00 Sam's Stepping. Samuel's Rest, Upper Church Road, Shedfield, SO32 2JB. Southern Step Dancing Session. Jo and Simon Harmer 01489 899023. jo@folkactive.org.uk

29 8.00 Chilworth Contrás. Chilworth Village Hall, SO16 7LD (nearest navigable postcode) with John and Hilary Turner. 02380 360892 www.jhmturner.me.uk/chilworthcontras.htm

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Sat 8 7.30-10.30 Ceilidh, Colbury Christ Church Hall, Deerleap Lane, Ashurst, SO40 7EH Caller Lynden Bowen with Roosters at Dawn. £7, £6 Conc., £3 U16. BYO drinks etc. 07891 733939.

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A couple of notes from the Dance clubs and Folk clubs: we are sad to hear that Penny's Hill Folk Dance Club at Ferndown has had to close. The club has only been running since January 2016, when it was formed following the closure of the Winton FDC in Bournemouth.

We mentioned last month that Ringwood Folk Club had moved its venue to Bisterne Village Hall, and also its club night to Monday. They are pleased that they have been able to change the club night back to Tuesday although the venue is still the Bisterne Hall. Remember if you go along that there is no bar, so take your own drinks.

The Fo'c'sle Folk Club in Southampton has sent us a note – they write “The Fo'c'sle Folk Club, 54 years old last month, is at risk of closing. Fo'c'sle stalwart Brian Hooper is stepping down as the club organiser, and none of the other committee members are in a position to

run it in its present format. A members' meeting will be held on 9th June (8pm at the usual venue, the Richmond Inn) to decide the club's future; if you can help it continue, do turn up and offer.”

At the time of writing, and mentioned only in very small print at the top of their mail-shot, the West Surrey Folk Consortium, who run the Music Institute Folk Club in Guildford, and of course the GBH Ceilidhs in Godalming, are waiting to find out whether their concert on 10th May will have been their last in the Guildford 'Electric Theatre' whose management is changing. The artists appearing in their concerts up to the end of November, together with a couple in the new year, are given on their website, www.musici.club/musici.htm, but they give no other details while they wait until the future venue is known. (continued on page 6)

EVENTS AT FOLK CLUBS and ART CENTRES

ANVIL ARTS

Churchill Way, Basingstoke, RG21 7QR. (The Haymarket is at RG21 7NW) 01256 844244

www.anvilarts.org.uk

Jun	1	Kate in the Kettle at The Forge
	9	Rachel Newton Trio at The Forge
	15	Le Vent du Nord at The Haymarket
	16	'Blowin' in the Wind' – Vee Sweeney & Mark Rowson at The Haymarket
	24	Erin Rae & The Meanwhiles at the Forge

ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE

Osborn Road, Fareham 01329 223100

www.ashcroft.org.uk

Jun	8	Andy Cutting
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BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

The Royal British Legion, Wimborne BH21 1LT.

www.brunnyfolk.co.uk

Jun	4	Mitchell & Vincent
	18	Polly Morris Band

FO'C'SLE FOLK CLUB (weekly)

8-11 The Richmond Inn, 108 Portswood Road, Southampton. 02380 510309 www.focsle.org

Jun	23	Meon Rose
	30	Sunjay Brayne

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

Old Milton Road, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 6DS. 01425 612393 www.forest-arts.co.uk

Jun	9	Andy Cutting
	15	An Hour of Merriment and Mirth, plus 'The Hither Side of the Hedge'
	17	New Forest Dance (ceilidh) with Jigfoot
	30	Budapest Café Orchestra
Jul	6	The Conservatoire Folk Ensemble

FOREST FOLK

8pm North Boarhunt Social Club, Trampers Lane, N. Boarhunt. 01329 833625 www.forestfolk.co.uk

Jun	5	Singaround
	17	"The Big Sing"
	19	Le Vent du Nord
Jul	3	Singaround
	17	The Melrose Quartet

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

Grayshott Village Hall, Grayshott, GU26 6TZ. 01428 607096 www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/

Jun	3	Underhill Rose plus Jonas & Jane at St. Alban's Church Hindhead
	16	Mike d'Abo & Friends
	30	Low Lily

The Big Sing at Forest Folk

Saturday 17 June 2017
From noon till 11 pm

Singarounds, music and feature spots, together with the company of Devonian singer/musician Jim Causley, for all to enjoy and join in.

All sessions free with jug collections, bar, snacks and refreshments available.

Email: info@forestfolk.co.uk
Tel: 01329 833625, 023 9226 4288

Forest Folk, North Boarhunt
www.forestfolk.co.uk

GREEN MAN FOLK CLUB

8pm Holybourne Theatre, Holybourne 01420 562471 <http://greenmanfolkclub.weebly.com/>

Jun	16	Threepenny Bit
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HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

8.30-11 Next to The Vine, Hambledon 02392 632719 www.hambledon-hants.com/HFC/Hambledon_Folk_Club.htm

Jun	14	Ninebarrow
Jul	12	Dan McKinnon

THE LIGHTS

West Street, Andover. 01264 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

Jun	17	Creeds Cross - The Celtic Journey
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LYMINGTON FOLK & BLUES CLUB

Thomas Tripp pub, Lymington, SO41 9GF. [djembajan2882@gmail.com](mailto:djembejan2882@gmail.com)
www.lymingtonfolkandblues.org/

July	5	Ian W Brown
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MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

Village Community Centre, Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PH. 01590 643404 milfordfolkclub@gmail.com www.milfordfolkclub.org.uk/

Jun	8	Graham Carter
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Forest Folk
North Boarhunt Village Hall
Trampers Lane,
North Boarhunt PO17 6DD

www.forestfolk.co.uk

Saturday 17 June - The Big Sing at Forest Folk (noon till 11 pm)

Mon 19 June - Le Vent du Nord (£18)

Mon 17 July - Melrose Quartet (£14)

Mon 18 Sept - Merry Hell Acoustic (£15)

Singarounds first Monday of the month commencing 7.30 pm

tel Charles on 01329 833625,
 Janet on 023 9226 4288 or
 email info@forestfolk.co.uk

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (weekly)

8-11 Bishop's Waltham Social Club 02380 641732
<https://sites.google.com/site/nonsuchfolk>

Jun	29	Lyn's Theme Night "The Young Ones"
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THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700
www.thspring.co.uk

Jun	9	Sam Kelly and Jamie Francis
	16	Richard Digance

WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum
 01202 732239 www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk

Jun	2	Chris & Kellie While plus Chris King
	30	Jess and Richard Arrowsmith plus Anne-Louise Richards

WHITE LION FOLK CLUB

Wherwell (near Andover). Roly Clarke
 07919120159

Jun	15	Singaround
Jul	20	Singaround

WINCHESTER FOLK CLUB

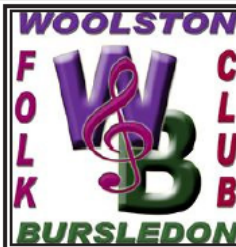
Railway Inn, St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AE
www.winchesterfolkclub.co.uk

Jun	7	Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer
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WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB (w)

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ. 023 80 434209
wbfolkclub@gmail.com
<http://woolstonandbursledonfc.co.uk/>

Jun	25	Mike Grogan
Jul	2	Beggars Belief



Bursledon Village Hall
 Long Lane, Bursledon,
 Southampton. SO31 8BZ
 Sundays 7:30pm-10:45pm
 Doors & Licensed Bar open 7:00pm
 Jug Collection except on Guest Nights

- 04 JUN Club Closed
- 11 JUN Singaround / Session Night
- 18 JUN Club Closed
- 25 JUN Guest Night (£6.00 non-mem • £5.00 mem)
- MIKE GROGAN**
- 02 JUL Guest Night (£6.00 non-mem • £5.00 mem)
- BEGGAR'S BELIEF**
- 09 JUL Club Closed
- 16 JUL Singaround / Session Night
- Club is then Closed until **03 SEP**

Further details from Sandy & Sam: wbfolkclub@gmail.com
 023 8043 4209 • 079 2501 1960 • 079 1269 5004
www.woolstonandbursledonfc.co.uk

Sam's Stepping

Southern step dancing pub session

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Samuel's Rest, Shedfield SO32 2JB
 Jo & Simon Harmer 01489 899023
jo@folkactive.org.uk



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Wessex FDSG

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Our next meets are as follows:-

Friday 26th May – 30th May

Kilima Farm @ Lacock, Chippenham

Friday 16th June – 18th June

Weyhill Fair PH near Andover

Friday 7th July – 10th July

Awbridge near Romsey

Friday 21st – 23rd July

Pennings Farm, Coombe Bissett

We usually have a Get Together on Friday evenings and a Ceilidh on Saturday evenings.

See our web site:- www.wessexfdsg.org

Camping & Caravanning Club membership required.

Own sanitation required. No electric hook-ups.

Note also that The Brunny Folk Club has relocated; club night is now Sunday, and they meet in The Royal British Legion, Wimborne, BH21 1LT. They also appear to have dropped their old name of 'Fiveways Folk'.

Perhaps a slightly unusual evening's entertainment at The Forest Arts Centre on the 15th of June; as part of the New Forest Arts Festival (for lots more details of this two-week-long event see The National Park's website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/newforestartsfestival), the Centre presents a special double bill. The first part is titled "An Hour of Merriment and Mirth" with Romany storyteller and historian Peter Ingram sharing stories, songs and anecdotes from Gypsy life. He will also demonstrate traditional Jig Dolls and Romany crafts.

The second part is called "The Hither Side of the Hedge". Author and artist Alice Gillington collected traditional Hampshire songs and dances from Gypsy families living in Southampton and the New Forest; expect readings, poems, songs and step dancing from Jigfoot musicians with Jo and Simon Harmer, Deb Lewis and Peter Ingram.

Music and dance collected from Romany

families will feature alongside more common ceilidh dances in the "New Forest Dance" to be held at the Arts Centre on the 17th of June. Jo Harmer will be calling for the dance to music provided by local ceilidh band Jigfoot.

The Forest Arts Centre is located in NewMilton, and tickets for both these events can be purchased on-line via their website https://uk.patronbase.com/_ForestArtsCentreEvents/Productions?category=0&filter=Filter or via the box office, telephone 01425 612393.

On Saturday June 10th FolkActive are running Hampshire step dancing workshops for families between 1 and 3 pm as part of a free Family activity day celebrating local Gypsy heritage, again at Forest Arts.

Those of you who read everything on the front page of this issue of 'Solent waves', and not just the FASH Chat, may have noticed that this is the 399th edition. Next month will therefore be our 400th – 40 years of 'Solent Waves', our own 'Ruby Jubilee'! The very first issue was in July 1977 and we still have a paper copy of it (although, curiously, it is undated – just 'No.1'). It can be viewed on the *(continued on page 8)*

MORRIS and other DANCE DISPLAYS

Alton Morris

- 10 1.00 Chawton Open Gardens
16 8.00 The Greyfriar, Chawton
23 8.00 The White Hart, Holybourne

Basingclog Morris

- 6 8.00 The Old Forge, Otterbourne
13 8.00 The Swan, Three Mile Cross
20 8.00 The Swan, Sherbourne St. John
9.00 The Mole Monk, Sherbourne
27 8.00 The Mill House, North Warnborough

Bourne River Morris Men

- 1 8.00 The Museum Inn, Farnham, Nr
Blandford
3 12.00 The Three Tuns, Bransgore
4 Wessex Folk Festival, Weymouth
8 8.00 The Horse and Groom, Woodgreen
10 Wimborne Minster Folk Festival
15 8.00 The Rising Sun, Wooton, New Milton
9.00 The White Buck, Burley
22 8.00 The Cove House Inn, Chiswell,
24 Folk on the Quay, Poole
29 8.00 The Cuckoo, Hamptworth

Deorfrith Morris

- 1 8.00 The Filly Inn, Brockenhurst
6 8.00 The Green Dragon, Brook
10 12.00 Party on the Pitch, Lyndhurst (TBC)
11 Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton
13 8.00 The Lord Nelson, Hythe
20 8.00 The Kings Head, Redlynch
24 Folk on the Quay, Poole
29 8.00 The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge,

Fleet Morris

- 3 Wessex Folk Festival, Weymouth
10 Wimborne Minster Folk Festival
12 8.00 The Hop Blossom, Farnham
21 8.00 The Crooked Billet, Hook
24 Folk On the Quay, Poole
27 8.00 Dog & Partridge, Yateley

Holly Copse Molly

- 11 Wimborne Minster Folk Festival
17 Harry Paye Day, Poole Quay (TBC)

King John's Morris Men

- 1 8.00 The Filly Inn, Brockenhurst
8 8.00 The Horse and Groom, Woodgreen
15 8.00 The Waterloo Arms, Southampton
22 8.00 The Vine, Old Bursledon

- 29 8.00 High Street, Cowes, IOW
8.45 Cross Street, Cowes, IOW

Minden Rose

- 3 10.00 Wessex Folk Festival, Weymouth
17 Jane Austen Regency Week, Alton (TBC)
20 7.45 Pub TBC, with Fleur-de-Lys
23 7.45 Pub, TBC
24 1.00 Rose In June Folk & Ale Festival,
Portsmouth

New Forest Meddlars

- 6 8.00 The Old Forge, Otterbourne
10 12.00 Carlos Tea Rooms, West Wellow
13 8.00 Lord Nelson Hythe
20 8.00 The Smugglers, Milford on Sea
24 10.00 Folk on the Quay, Poole
29 7.30 The White Hart, Hamble-le-Rice, with
Victory Morris

New Forest Scottish Country Dancers

- 10 Picnic in the Park, Lyndhurst

Victory Morrismen

- 1 8.00 The Baffins, Southsea
9.00 The Winchester Arms, Fratton
8 8.00 The Harvest Home, Denmead
9.00 The Fox and Hounds, Denmead
15 8.00 The Golden Lion, Southwick
22 8.00 The Bridge Tavern, Portsmouth
9.00 Old Portsmouth Sailing Club
29 8.00 Ye Olde Whyte Hart, Hamble-le-Rice

Wickham Morris

- 1 8.00 The Traveller's Rest, Newtown
8 8.00 The Brickmaker's Swanmore
10 2.00 Wickham Church Fete
15 8.00 The Flower Pots, Cheriton
22 8.00 The Rising Sun, Swanmore
29 8.00 The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge

Winchester Morris Men

- 7 7.45 Church Street, Wherwell
8.45 The Eagle Inn, Abbots Ann
14 8.00 The Rising Sun, Clanfield
21 7.45 The Otter, Otterborne
8.45 The Bugle Inn, Twyford
28 7.45 The Barleycorn, Bishops Waltham
8.45 The Brushmakers Arms, Upham

Yateley Morris Men

- 5 Bampton Day of Dance
11 1.00 NCMCA Summer Fayre, Queens Road,
Farnborough

As last month, we include only the Hampshire sides for which we have programme details.



Next FASH Event

Sunday 8th October. Twyford Parish Hall

**Bob Morgan with Mrs. Savage's Whim
'Playford Perspectives'**

(cont. from page 6) 'Solent Waves' page of the FASH website.

This will be a double issue anyway, covering July and August, as there is no separate August edition, but we would like to mark the anniversary with a special issue. Our printers have offered to print in colour, rather than blue (it has always been blue, even the very first copy, although the shade has varied) and we would like to include one or two extra articles giving a bit of history of FASH and 'Solent Waves'. If you have a short story, or perhaps a poem or anything similar which you feel would help mark this forty years of our 'Folk Journal of Hampshire' do please send it to me, the editor, using any of my contact details given below – e-mail is good,

pen and paper is good, I shall be pleased even to write something dictated over the telephone. The final date for copy is the 10th of June but a few days earlier than this would help me – folk festivals are beckoning.....

And finally... the date in the box just above seems a long long way away at the moment. We have had some great workshops this '16/'17 season, and the programme for '17/'18 is complete and at least as good. Full details of the autumn workshops will appear in our next issue; in the meantime go out, enjoy the summer and go and see some of our display sides dancing in their various traditions. I note that the Portsmouth/Southsea side 'Mary Rose and Royal George' are reforming – I look forward to seeing them. *Ed*

Folk Association of South Hants

As well as promoting and supporting folk activities and events in Hampshire, we hold workshops on Sundays at Soberton and Twyford Halls, from 10.30 to 3.30, see www.fash.org.uk for details. FASH members £7.00, non-members £10.00.

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