



SOLENT WAVES



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FASH 'Chat' – Festivals, Festivals

Like many other things today, folk festivals are changing. Over the years, some have disappeared, others have come into being. Both Tenterden and Towersey festivals last took place in 2024, the Tenterden Festival having run for over thirty years, while the Towersey Festival had run for over sixty years.

Fortunately there are new festivals starting up; for Whitchurch, in our own county, it is more a case of restarting. The third festival in 1981 was a three-day event; the third "relaunched" festival this year is just one day. Brought back into existence by friends and family of the late Paul Sartin, it is very much a village festival, but in spite of its modest size (ticket numbers are limited) it includes workshops, dance displays and a 'fringe festival' with events free to visitors.

After many years without a folk festival, Salisbury has a new one, just the second, this year, and presently just for one day, located at The Wardrobe, The Rifles Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum.

Also locally, the New Forest Festival is still relatively new, not centred in a village but on a farm. Having run only since 2013, it has steadily grown, adding a dance marquee, 'The Fringe' for singarounds, workshops and local artists' performances, and now more facilities for campers.

Another fairly local gathering, and also based at a farm, is the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival. First conceived in 2009, it moved to its present location in 2015

So what festivals might you go to within reasonable distance of our area? The first relatively local festival would appear to be the

Oxford Folk Festival starting on the 10th April. However there is so little information on the website, I do wonder whether it will actually run.

At the very beginning of May we have May Heydays. Perhaps not very local, it is a dancers' festival that has replaced the Eastbourne International Folk Festival and is visited by many dancers from this area. The programme is largely in place now and 'earlybird' tickets will only be available for a few days after you receive this issue of 'Solent Waves'. From February onwards they will be at full price.

The same weekend is the Upton upon Severn Folk Festival. Although many of the guest artists have been announced there is presently no programme information available. Again, 'earlybird' tickets are only available until the end of January. The Upton Festival always used to be popular with Morris dancers as it often includes May Day morning (as it does this year), and the opportunity to dance at sun-up with other sides.

A week later the Whitchurch Folk Festival, mentioned above, takes place. It is a small festival so ticket numbers are limited.

Another week on, on the 16th May, the Winchester Mayfest takes place. A free festival, this sees the town centre filled with Morris dancers, although, based on last year's events, there will also be music and song in St Lawrence's Church. For visitors, Winchester is fortunate in having plenty of space in its several park-and-ride car parks.

Chippenham Folk Festival follows, beginning on the 22nd May. Many artists, groups, callers and bands have been announced but no timetable

is published yet. Tickets are presently available at “New Year Saver” prices – a reduction of £30 on full price tickets – but there is no indication on the website when this offer will end. This is a festival many Hampshire folk attend each year.

At the end of the month, the 30th and 31st, there is the free festival at Weymouth, the Wessex Folk Festival. There will be ‘warm-up’ sessions in the harbourside bars on the Friday afternoon and evening, with dance displays and two free stages featuring many local musicians over the following two days. Should you live very locally, there is a fund-raising ceilidh on the 27th February – details on their website.

The next local festival is Salisbury’s “fledgling” festival on the 6th June. 2026 is just its second year, and the event is called ‘Folk at the Wardrobe’ from its location. Most of the guest line-up is announced and tickets are available at ‘earlybird’ prices until 2nd May. Note that that the park-and-ride service does run on Saturdays; the festival website is incorrect.

In the middle of June, beginning the evening of Friday the 12th, is the Wimborne Minster Folk Festival. Most of the ticketed events take place in the Allendale Community Centre, but there are plenty of Morris dance displays around town, and if the programme follows along last year’s lines, there will be a huge ceilidh in The Square. Weekend tickets and individual concert tickets are available.

Right at the beginning of July, starting on the Wednesday evening in the Beer tent (where else?), is the New Forest Folk Festival. The Main Stage programme is on the website, together with a little information about the Fringe events. Tickets at a £10 discount on the full price are available until the end of May.

Just a few days later, on the 11th, is the Romsey Beggars Fair. This is another free festival with dancing and stage events around the town. The list of musicians and dancers is yet to be published, but the organisers say that submissions to take part should be in by the end of January, after which we should see a list of performers.

Warwick Folk Festival starts on Thursday evening, the 23rd July. Much of the line-up is on the website but the programme is yet to be published. Warwick also has a fringe festival in the town centre with free events to attend. Ticket choice depends on which day you would like to arrive – you may wish to attend the

evening concert on the Thursday.

The same weekend is the Bridport Folk festival but there is presently very little information on the website about it.

The four days of the Wickham Festival begin on the 30th July. Although it has grown from the original Fareham and Gosport Folk Festival, it is now much more than a folk festival although many displays and concerts are still folk-related. A few headline acts have been announced but there are many more to come, together with the programme details. “Tier 3” discounted tickets are currently available until they have sold out.

Sidmouth Folk Week starts this same weekend, and although quite a long way distant, quite few Hampshire folk visit. Many of the artists, callers and bands are announced and the full programme will be out in July. There are many ticket options, and what each entitles you to is explained in a table.

Fairport’s Cropredy Convention follows, on the 13th August. It is a small festival with tickets limited to six and a half thousand. Both line-up and programme are on the website, and, at the time of writing, tickets are still available.

Next is the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival over the weekend of the 20th August. Many guest artists and bands are listed but there is no programme posted yet. All the ‘super earlybird’ tickets have gone but ‘earlybird’ tickets are still available.

At the end of the month, the weekend of the 28th, the Found Festival has in effect replaced the Towersey Folk Festival, although this one is rather more than just a folk festival – it describes itself as a ‘micro festival’. Many acts and artists have been announced and tickets are on sale.

For festivals after this date there is presently very little information on the websites.

So many festivals around, you could almost go to a different one every week over the late spring and summer months. Of course there are others I have not included, particularly the more distant ones. A comprehensive list can be found on the www.ukfolkfestivals.co.uk/ website.

Links to all the websites of the festivals I have mentioned here are on our website ‘Festivals’ page www.fash.org.uk/festivals.htm. We try to keep this reasonably up-to-date as the information on guest lists, programme details and ticket prices are constantly changing.

Dave Sutton
Editor

DANCE DIARY

FEBRUARY

Monday 8.00-10.00 Beaus of the Park FDC. Mostly Playford. Church of the Resurrection Hall, Penarth Avenue, Drayton, PO6 2AP. Sue Bradshaw 02392 713158

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.

Monday 7.30-10.00 Bournemouth FDC. The Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9RW. Liz Neal 07471 207563 chair@bfdc.club www.bfdc.club

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.

Monday 7.30-10.00 Eastleigh Folk Dance Club. Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FE. Live music. 07960 269736 www.facebook.com/Eastleigh.folk.dance.club

9th, Caller Nigel Close, 23rd, Caller Barrie Bullimore

Monday 7.45-10.15 Southampton Irish Set Dancers, Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. Traditional Irish (square) set dances. £5, contact:

southamptonirishset@gmail.com

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3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

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neal.bob61@gmail.com

10th, 24th.

Thursday 7.30-9.30 Fordingbridge English Country Dancing, Godshill Village Hall, Fordingbridge SP6 2LG. <https://brodsue.wixsite.com/countrydancing> fbcountrydance@gmail.com

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

Thursday 7.30 Highcliffe Folk Dance Club, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL. Jan Harris 01202 427523 janharris16@hotmail.co.uk. <https://highcliffecountrydancing.weebly.com/>

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4 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Caller Malcolm Churchill with Pete and Sue Hall. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499

5 7.30-10.00 Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, SO21 2AA. "as many as will", The Best of English Country Dance. Caller Nigel Close. 01962 714220 nigelclose9@gmail.com

7 7.00-10.00 Pavillion Dance South West February Ceilidh. Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Caller Hannah Moore with The Bristol Ceilidh Quartet. Adults £17, concessions £14. Licensed bar available. www.pdsw.org.uk/events/ceilidh/

8 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Louise Siddons with Box of Frogs. £10 a ticket. www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contra_dances/

11 2.00-3.30 FolkActive Dance with Live Music for the over-50s. Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre, SO15 3HE. Details from www.folkactive.org.uk/wellbeing/folkactive-dances.

11 8.00-10.30 Solent Contras, Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, Shawford, SO21 2AA. Callers Barrie Bullimore and friends. Doors open 7.45 £5 (cards accepted). solentcontra@gmail.com

Sat 14 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Rhodri Davies with WillPower. £15 (members £13) Tickets are available via the EFDSS [website](http://www.efdss.org.uk) or on the door. More info from www.barndance.org/

- 15 10.30-3.30 **FASH** Workshop. Soberton Village Hall, SO32 3PF. Caller Barrie Bullimore with Claire Coxwell, Judith & Rick Beton. Workshop title "Love and Affection – Dances appropriate to Valentine's Day and Dances written for Women, not necessarily romantic". £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 18 8.00 Sams Stepping. Samuel's Rest, Upper Church Rd., Shedfield, SO32 2JB. Southern Step Dancing Session. Jo and Simon Harmer 01489 899023. jo@folkactive.org.uk
- Sat 21 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Caller TBA. £7 per person. Bring and Share tea. Contact: Jan Harris 01202 427523, janharris16@hotmail.co.uk. <https://edfdc.weebly.com/>
- 21 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Sheena Masson with The Bismarks. Tickets £14, (students £10, under 18s £8). Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk/
- 22 10:30-3:30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. Caller Colin Coard, workshop title TBA. Tickets £12, further details from Janet Douglas 01243 265010
- 27 7.30-10.00 Kimmeridge Keilidh. Kimmeridge Village Hall, The Etches Collection, BH20 5PE. Arish Mel Ceilidh Band with caller Sue Perigo. £7.50 on the door, no bar so BYO drinks and nibbles. www.earwicker.org/arish_mel.htm
- 27 7.00-9.00 WinQeilidh. Holy Trinity Church Hall, Upper Brook St., Winchester, SO23 8DG. Gender-free ceilidh with caller Louise Siddons and Linda Game. Dances from all sorts of traditions, entry £10, students £5. <http://louisesiddons.com/WinQ.html>

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- 8 10.30-3.30 FASH Workshop. Soberton Village Hall, SO32 3PF. The Madding Crowd – West Gallery Music – a music workshop, come to sing, play or just listen. To book (essential) contact info@fash.org.uk or 01243 531497. £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 8 3.00-8.00 SHOCC Dances Extra. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. In association with Bal Massif, an afternoon and evening of Balfolk, starting with a workshop. Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk/
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- Sat 14 7.30 St. Patrick's Night Barn Dance, The Bridge, Sea Road, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PH. With Murphy's Lore. Tickets £18, includes a one course supper, via the [website](http://www.stpatricksnight.org.uk).
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Are you a dancer who would enjoy dancing the traditional (square) set dances of Ireland?

Southampton Irish Set Dancers meet most Mondays from September to May. 7.45 – 10.15 in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. £5 per evening of dancing.

Contact:
SouthamptonIrishSet@gmail.com



SOLENT CONTRA DANCES

With Barry Bullimore and friends

Shawford Parish Hall
Pearson Lane, Shawford. SO21 2AA

8:00 to 10:30pm on the
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For more information, please email solentcontra@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/solentcontradances>

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For enquiries, email us at info@hrd.org.uk



The Madding Crowd's annual West Gallery workshop for FASH

Sunday 8th March 2026
Soberton Village Hall 10.30 to 3.30pm
£12 including music (£9 FASH members)
tea/coffee £1 all day; byo lunch

www.maddingcrowd.org [@TheMaddingCrowdUK](https://www.facebook.com/TheMaddingCrowdUK)

I should first of all wish all our readers a Happy New Year, even though we are now significantly into the year.

Several notes from the dance clubs: Sue Bradshaw's Tuesday club, the 'Solent Country Dance Club', has relocated from the Bedhampton Community Centre, where they have been dancing

for many years, to the same premises she uses for the Monday 'Beaus of the Park' club, the hall at the Church of the Resurrection, in Drayton. The only downside of this is that the hall is not available to them on the second Tuesday of the month, at least during the winter/spring months. All the dates are in the diary above.


Winter 2026

What's On

Damien McFly

Wed 4 Mar | £10

Damien McFly is an Italian singer-songwriter, known for his distinctive, gritty voice that blends acoustic folk with modern indie influences. With this, he brings his authentic and sensitive musical universe to life.



Rachel Harrington & Kora Feder

Tue 10 Mar | £16

Rachel and Kora, will enrapture you in fireside acoustic guitar, sweet mandolin, enchanting harmonies, heart-warming stories, and lyrics that deliver the kind of hard won gratitude that only comes after the storm.




Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman

Thu 26 Mar | £20

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ANVIL ARTS

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

www.anvilarts.org.uk

Feb	20	Edwina Hayes at The Forge
Mar	13	The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain at The Anvil
	14	Chris Wood at The Forge
	21	The Dubliners Encore at The Anvil
	24	Leveret at The Forge

THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

www.arcwinchester.org.uk/

Mar	6	Bella Hardy
	21	Chris Wood

BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB

St Andrew's Church, Millhams Road, Bournemouth BH10 7LN. or Trinity United Church, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH

info@bfcpresents.co.uk <https://bfcpresents.co.uk>

Feb	7	Will Pound in Concert (The Trinity Centre)
Mar	14	'SpRingwood' – One-day Folk Festival. Local artists plus Ceilidh with Murphy's Lore.

BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

Cafe@the Allendale Centre, Hanham Rd., Wimborne BH21 1AS. www.brunnyfolk.co.uk/
Contact via the website to book a support slot.

Feb	9	Headline - Mostly Harmless + support
	23	Headline - Nigel Waite
Mar	9	Headline - David Mitchell, support including Bob Carter
	23	Club night

CELTIC FOLK

Ferndown Village Hall. Church Road. BH22 9ET
01202 083740/623740 <https://celticfolk.net>

Feb	28	McGoldrick, McCusker and Doyle (at the Corfe Mullen Village Hall)
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FOCSLE MUSIC

The Guide Dog, Earls Rd., Southampton, SO14 6SF. www.facebook.com/FoczleMusic/, Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
home.2quakers.net/music/focsle-virtual

Feb	10	Pete Harris
	24	Singaround at The Wellington Arms
Mar	10	TBA
	24	Horse of Disaster

FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

Avonway Community Centre, Shaftesbury St, SP6 1JF www.fordingbridgefolk.com/

Feb	6	Wyvern, The songs and poetry of Thomas Hardy
Mar	6	Floor Spots

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

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

Feb	13	Filkin's Drift
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FOREST FOLK

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

Feb	2	Singaround
	9	Arthur Coates & Kerran Cotterell
Mar	2	Singaround
	16	The Hunch

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

Feb	20	The Ainsley Hamill Trio featuring Sam Kelly and Toby Shaer
Mar	6	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman
	28	Churchfitters (on tour from France)

THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

Guildhall Square, PO1 2AB.

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk>

Mar	15	The Dubliners Encore
	23	Rachael McShane & The Cartographers in The Lens Studio
	28	Leveret in The Lens Studio

HAMBLETON FOLK CLUB

Next to The Vine, Hambledon 02392 632719

www.hambledonfolkclub.com/

Feb	11	Seb Stone
Mar	11	Reg Meuross

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton, SO40 8FT www.hangerfarm.co.uk/

Feb	1	Freebird – a tribute to Eva Cassidy
Mar	1	Blackbeard's Tea Party – Still Reprobates Tour
	4	Damien McFly
	10	Rachel Harrington & Kora Feder
	22	Mim Grey Trio
	26	Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman



FOREST FOLK
North Boarhunt Village
Hall, Trampers Lane,
North Boarhunt PO17 6DD



**ARTHUR COATES & KERRAN
COTTERELL**
Monday 9 February 2026

For tickets (£18) and further info,
tel Charles on 07785 276169,
Janet on 07976 713949 or
email info@forestfolk.co.uk
www.forestfolk.co.uk

HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB
Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island,
PO11 0QR. www.facebook.com

Feb	9, 23	Singarounds
Mar	9, 23	Singarounds

LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC

The Angel and Blue Pig, Lymington, SO41 9AP.
www.facebook.com/lymingtonfolkclub/

Feb	3	Singaround every first Tuesday
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MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

The Bridge, Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PH.
<https://thebridgemos.org.uk/>

Feb	12	Sarah Warwick and The Unknown
Mar	12	Captain Crackers & the Curiosities plus Dave & Caroline
	14	St. Patrick's Day Barn Dance with Murphy's Lore

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)

Bishop's Waltham Social Club rosiej79@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/nonsuchfolkclub/>

Feb	12	Singaround
	26	Ian Kimber
Mar	12	Singaround
	26	Singaround

THE RAILWAY INN

3 St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AE
<https://www.railwayinn.pub>

Feb	20	Man the Lifeboats
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THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700
<https://thespring.co.uk/>

Feb	7	Megson
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TWYFORD

Church Lane, SO21 1NS www.wegotickets.com/

Feb	19	John Blek plus support Lorraine Lucas and Keiren Mensah (sold out)
Mar	8	Steve Knightley – Sacred Spaces Tour

THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER

Jewry Street, SO23 8SBJ. 01962 840440
www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

Feb	2	Shanty Night with Odds and Sodds
Mar	28	Cara Dillon: Coming Home

TURNER SIMS

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.
02380 595151 www.turnersims.co.uk/

Feb	8	Spiers & Boden
	26	Martin & Eliza Carthy
Mar	6	Kathryn Tickell & The Darkening
	7	Lady Nade sings Nina Simone
	31	Fairport Convention with support from Jenn Butterworth

WEMSFEST

Live music etc. around Emsworth
www.wemsfest.com/ adwemsfest@gmail.com

Feb	27	Feast of Fiddles – 31 st Spring Tour at The Pallant Centre, Havant, PO9 1BE
Mar	4	Salt House at Westbourne Community Hall, Westbourne, PO10 8TG

WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum
01202 732239 <https://wimborne-acoustic.co.uk/>

Feb	27	Wildwood Jack
Mar	14	Mayor's Charity Concert with Merry Hell
	27	Jez Lowe

WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.
www.westendcentre.co.uk/

Feb	6	Cara Dillon
	28	Black Beard's Tea Party
Mar	28	Nick Harper

WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB

Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd, RG28 7LQ,
<https://whitchurchfolk.com/whitchurch-folk-club/>

Feb	27	Sam Baxter & Merle Harbron / Helen Gentile & Lewis Wood
Mar	27	Patakas plus support

WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB

The Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester,
 SO22 5AE

www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/

Feb	4	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

<http://woolstonandbursledonfc.co.uk/wp>

Feb	8	Club night
	22	Sue Apicella and Friends

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The Southampton Irish Set Dancers have moved their sessions forward slightly, and now start at 7.45, not 8.00 as before.

Nigel Close is now able to take card and electronic payments at the monthly meetings of 'as many as will'.

Abigail Penfold has let me know that sadly the Chichester Country Dance group has closed,

mainly due to insufficient numbers to keep the club viable.

We have a little more information now on the 'Grand Union Dance Weekend', the event which has replaced the 'Southam Gathering'. The callers and bands have been announced, but no detailed programme yet. I refer you to the website <https://granduniondance.org/> for more information, but would point out that this is a challenging and fairly intensive weekend with a full three days' dancing, starting Friday evening and finishing in the afternoon of the August bank holiday Monday.

We mention above the Steve Knightley 'Sacred Spaces Tour' event at St. Mary's Church in Twyford. Two days earlier the Tour visits St. Luke's Church – full details can be found *here*.

The Square Tower in Portsmouth is the venue for a SykesMartin concert on the 1st March. As for the above event, this is arranged by Square Roots Promotions, and details can be found *here*.

Also on the 1st March, McGoldrick, McClusky and Doyle are appearing at The Brook in Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SD. Open this *link* for information and ticket purchase.

Dave Sutton, editor

The next FASH Events:

Sunday 15th February, Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30
Caller Barrie Bullimore with Claire Coxwell and Judith & Rick Beton. Workshop Title: "Love and Affection"

Sunday 8th March, Soberton Village Hall, 10.30 – 3.30
West Gallery Music with The Madding Crowd

Folk Association of South Hants

As well as promoting and supporting folk activities and events in Hampshire, we hold workshops on Sundays, at Soberton or Durley Halls, from 10.30 to 3.30, see www.fash.org.uk for details. FASH members £9.00, non-members £12.00. Tea and coffee available. Please bring your own lunch.

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