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FASH 'Chat' – The FolkActive Youth Ensemble

Where can young musicians interested in folk music go to develop their playing? Ffion Richardson is a member of the FolkActive Youth Ensemble and she recently had this article published in the EFDSS magazine, 'English Dance and Song'.

Most people will never encounter broom, clog, step or Morris dancing, but for me that's just a typical Sunday morning. I've been a member of the FolkActive Youth Ensemble (FAYE) since it started, and I wouldn't be the same fiddle player without it.

Growing up in a folky family, with Irish music on my dad's side and Belgian on my mum's, Shantalla or Naragonia was always playing in the car, and folk festivals were the norm. But the entry point into folk music was intimidating, and the fast notes didn't help. Then I joined FAYE and immediately learned that playing folk music is fun. Chris Nichols, founder of the band Threepenny Bit and leader of FAYE, breaks down the tunes, and soon I knew several I could play with my friends.

In FAYE, we don't just learn tunes, we also learn how to arrange them. We call it "adding toys to the box," where the 'toys' are ornaments, drones, chords and more to make the tunes interesting. There's even a "circle of doom," which isn't as scary as it sounds, where we improvise in small groups while everyone else listens and learns. FAYE began as a few string players, but now we have all kinds of instruments including tenor horn, harp and trombone. It does make transposing a

nightmare with horrifying amounts of sharps, but we make it work.

Folk music was made to be danced to, and alongside learning new tunes and playing music, Jo Harmer and Tom Gregory have taught us different folk dances. My favourite is stepping because anyone can do it – all you need are some shoes, the floor and a bit of enthusiasm to join in.

FAYE has given me many opportunities I'm grateful for. I've met musicians I look up to, including taking part in workshops with Sam Sweeney, the Rheingans Sisters, Nils Økland, Sigbjørn Apeland, and Q&As with Eliza Carthy and the Melrose Quartet. We asked them about their musical journeys and, of course, the important questions, like "If you were a dessert, which one would you be?" For example, Rowan Rheingans would be an apple crumble, and Sam Sweeney's uncle helped design and make the original After Eights.

One of the most exciting parts of FAYE has been performing in many places, such as shindigs in town halls, a small church in Winchester, joining the Whitchurch Folk Festival procession, and playing at MAST Mayflower Studios. Two years ago, I was invited to play a set with the Dust and Mischief band, just a year after watching them from the audience. Last summer, FAYE were part of the Youth Folk Takeover at Cecil Sharp House and the Jane Austen Day with a ceilidh on the main stage at West Quay, our biggest gig yet. I love performing with FAYE, and I hope we

inspire other young musicians to try folk music.

Thanks to FAYE, folk is central to my musical identity and a lifelong hobby.

Here are some other members' thoughts:

"FAYE has given me the chance to learn new folk tunes and improve my understanding of music!" – Luhan

"FAYE has given me the opportunity to make new friends and have many experiences I wouldn't have had if I didn't join." – Mary

"It's not like an orchestra where, if you're well organised enough, you could probably go without talking to anyone but the conductor. Instead, we have to learn from each other and work on arrangements." – Honor

"I've gotten to connect with a new community of people." – Matthew

"FAYE has given me the chance to interact with musicians and perform music in a fun way

that doesn't feel pressured." – Carla

The FolkActive Youth Ensemble (FAYE)

FolkActive Youth Ensemble/FolkActive is open to musicians aged 11-19 who want to develop their folk music skills in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

How to Join

To get involved with the FolkActive Youth Ensemble, contact Chris at youth@folkactive.org.uk We look forward to making music with you!

Ffion Richardson

Member of the FolkActive Youth Ensemble

So, if you have young musicians in your circle of family and friends, who might not normally read 'Solent Waves', do, please, encourage them to read this article and seriously consider contacting Chris Nichols at the address above.

Dave Sutton - editor

DANCE DIARY

MARCH

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, 30th.

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, Live music with Pete and Sue Hall, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

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 Rachel Bending, 23rd, Caller Thomas Bending

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

Tuesday 1.45 for 2.00 start. Isle of Wight Folk Dance Club. Wootton Methodist Church Hall, IOW, PO33 4RE. Contact Elaine Shiers iowshiers@gmail.com.
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

Tuesday 7.30-9.30. Salisbury Folk Dance Club, St. Martin's School, Shady Bower, Salisbury, SP1 2RG. www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/ Contact Chris Nettle on chairsfdc@hotmail.com
3rd, 10th, Caller Barry Reeves, 17th, 24th, 31st.

Tuesday 8.00 Solent Country Dance Club. Church of the Resurrection Hall, Penarth Avenue, Drayton, PO6 2AP. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158
3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st.

Tuesday 10.00 Stubbington International Folk Dance Group. Roman Catholic Church Hall, Bells Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PL. £7.00 including refreshments. Bob Neal 01329 609589 / 07748 009838. 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/> 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.
- 4 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Caller Barrie Bullimore 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
- 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/
- 8 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Victoria Yeomans with The Linda Game Band. £10 a ticket. www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/
- 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 Louise Siddons with Vertical Expression. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS *website* or on the door. More info from www.barndance.org/
- 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*.
- 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 John Turner with Pete & Sue Hall. £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 Jane Bird with Granny's Attic. Tickets £14, (students £10, under 18s £8). Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk/
- 22 10.30-3.30 **FASH** Workshop. Durley Memorial Hall, SO32 2AD. Caller John Turner with Pete and Sue Hall. Workshop title "Roodman's Gems – exploring some of the wonderful dances from Gary Roodman". £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 27 7.30-10.00 Kimmeridge Keilidh. Kimmeridge Village Hall, The Etches Collection, BH20 5PE. Arish Mel Ceilidh Band with caller Jane Wilkins. £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>
- 28 10.00-5.00 Day of Dance, Twyford Parish Hall, Hazeley Road, Twyford, SO21 1QY. "Favourite English Country Dances from Playford to Pimentel", caller Nigel Close with Matthew Coatsworth, Sharon Lindoo, Jacqui Morgenstein & Dave Yeomans. Tickets £30, must be purchased in advance from henry.morgenstein@gmail.com; tickets for separate morning/afternoon sessions may be available nearer the date.

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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




Hampshire Regency Dancers

Regency Dancing in the Winchester area, 8pm Wednesdays. Have fun recreating dances of Jane Austen's lifetime, costuming, entertaining the public, even attend a Ball. We're a local group with a global reputation.

For more details see our website: www.hrd.org.uk

We are also on Facebook: [@hampshireregencydancers](https://www.facebook.com/hampshireregencydancers)

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

A couple of ‘Days of Dance’ included in this issue’s diary: at the end of March, on the 28th, Henry Morgenstein has arranged a day of Favourite English Country Dances with Nigel Close calling, supported by a band of four

accomplished musicians, some of whose names you may well recognise.

In April, on the 11th, Bournemouth Folk Dance Club are holding their now annual day of dance at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall in West Moors.

Aikman Lane, West Totton, SO40 8FT

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Damien McFly

Wed 4 Mar | £10

Italian singer-songwriter Damien McFly is known for his distinctive, gritty voice that blends acoustic folk with modern indie influences.



Mim Grey Trio

Sun 22 Mar | £18 / £16

Be seduced by Mim Grey’s rich, smoky voice as she delivers soulful storytelling in a performance that will stay with you.



Christina Alden & Alex Patterson

Wed 8 Apr | £15 / £13

Christina Alden & Alex Patterson are from Norwich. Inspired by the world around them, they craft stories reflecting on the relationship between humans and the wild.



Welcomes everyone to a Day of Dance on Saturday 11th April 2026

St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall
8 Pinehurst Road, West Moors, BH22 0AP
Large Car Park

Caller: Thomas Bending
Musicians: Pete & Sue Hall

£10 in advance or £15 on the door
Tea & Coffee provided
Bring your own lunch
West Moors has 2 Pubs, cafe, coffee shop,
Local Tesco & Co-op Stores.

Doors open 9.45am for Tea & Coffee
Workshop 10am-12.30
Lunch 12.30-1.30 Tea and Coffee available
Dancing 1.30 - 4pm

To Reserve Your Place & Payment Details
Please Contact:
Liz Neal 07471 207563

Sam's Stepping

Southern step dancing pub session

Musicians and dancers welcome

Third Wednesday of the month from 8pm (except August)



Samuel's Rest, Shedfield SO32 2JB

Jo & Simon Harmer 01489 899023
jo@folkactive.org.uk

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*the best of english country dance
past and present*

SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA
7.30 – 10 pm £4 nigelclose9@gmail.com
Thursdays **5th March, 2nd April.**

The Madding Crowd's workshop for FASH



Sunday 8th March 10.30-3.30

Soberton Village Hall £12

Afternoon Concert 2.30-4.30

Saturday 21st March 2026

St Boniface Church Hursley Rd Ch' Ford

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

Tickets are cheaper if purchased in advance so if you plan on going, give a Liz a call on 07471 207563. The caller is Thomas Bending and he is accompanied by Pete and Sue Hall. Take you own lunch; tea and coffee is provided. See the advertisement immediately above for a few more details.

An extra SHOCC dance this month, not a ceilidh but a Bal. Details in the diary, above; the venue is

the same and ticket purchase is via the usual website.

A ceilidh specific to the time of year at The Bridge (was known as the Milford on Sea Community Centre): they are holding a St. Patrick's Night Barn Dance on the 14th March. Dance to Murphy's Lore – a single course supper is included in the ticket price.

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

Mar	13	The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain at The Anvil
	14	Chris Wood at The Forge
	15	Martha Scanlan & Jon Neufeld at The Forge
	21	The Dubliners Encore at The Anvil
	24	Leveret at The Forge
Apr	1	Fairport Convention at The Haymarket
	15	Reg Meuross' project "Fire & Dust: A Woody Guthrie Story" at The Haymarket

ANVIL ARTS *continued*

	17	Martin Simpson at The Forge
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THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

www.arcwinchester.org.uk/

Mar	6	Bella Hardy
	13	Serious Child & My Girl The River – Alan Young & Kris Wilkinson with Charlie Bath
	21	Chris Wood
Apr	3	Acoustic Café: Jack Dale and Bastien Terraz + Wesley Bennet + James Hook

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>

Mar	14	'SpRingwood' – One-day Folk Festival. Local artists plus Ceilidh with Murphy's Lore, all at the Trinity Centre.
Apr	17	Track Dogs (The Trinity Centre)

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.

Mar	9	Headline - David Mitchell, support including Bob Carter
	23	Headline - Maerefolk
Apr	13	Club Night
	27	TBA

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

Mar	10	TBA
	24	Horses of Disaster
Apr	14	Singaround
	28	TBA with Guest

FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

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

Mar	6	Floor Spots
Apr	10	Steve Turner

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

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

Apr	16	Ranagri
	23	Granny's Attic

FOREST FOLK

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

Mar	2	Singaround
	16	The Hunch
Apr	6	Singaround

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

Mar	6	Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman
	28	Churchfitters (on tour from France)
Apr	14	Wayward Jane
	22	Kris Drever

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
Apr	12	Janice Burns & Jon Doran in The Lens Studio
	29	Sarah Jane Scouten in The Lens Studio

HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

Next to The Vine, Hambledon 02392 632719
www.hambledonfolkclub.com/

Mar	11	Reg Meuross
Apr	8	Patakas

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

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

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
Apr	8	Christina Alden & Alex Patterson



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

**THE HUNCH**

Monday 16 March 2026

For tickets (£20) 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

Mar	9	Simon Cattermole
	23	Singaround
Apr	6, 20	Singarounds

THE LIGHTS

West Street, Andover 01264 368368

www.thelights.org.uk/

Apr	22	The Fureys Farewell Tour
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LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC

The Angel and Blue Pig, Lymington, SO41 9AP.

www.facebook.com/lymingtonfolkclub/

Mar	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/>

Mar	12	Captain Crackers & the Curiosities plus Dave & Caroline
	14	St. Patrick's Day Barn Dance with Murphy's Lore
Apr	9	Mike Barnard, The Rambling Men and Friends present "An Evening of Skiffle Revival"

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)

Bishop's Waltham Social Club rosiej79@gmail.com

<https://sites.google.com/site/nonsuchfolkclub/>

Mar	12	Singaround
	26	Singaround
Apr	9	Theme Night - Coming of Age
	23	Singaround

THE PHOENIX Theatre and Arts Centre

Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0LR

01420 472664 www.phoenixarts.co.uk/

Mar	1	The Rising Music Festival: Battle of the Bands – Heat One
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THE RAILWAY INN

3 St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AE

<https://www.railwayinn.pub>

Apr	10	Roving Crows
	11	Dan Sealey
	16	The Haar
	17	Sound of the Sirens

THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700

<https://thespring.co.uk/>

Mar	14	Music Bites - Acton Bell
Apr	18	Music Bites - Simon Cattermole

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TWYFORD

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

Mar	8	Steve Knightley – Sacred Spaces Tour
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THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER

Jewry Street, SO23 8SBJ. 01962 840440

www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

Mar	28	Cara Dillon: Coming Home
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TURNER SIMS

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

02380 595151 www.turnersims.co.uk/

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

Mar	4	Salt House at Westbourne Community Hall, Westbourne, PO10 8TG
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WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum

01202 732239 <https://wimborne-acoustic.co.uk/>

Mar	14	Mayor's Charity Concert with Merry Hell
	27	Jez Lowe
Apr	17	Geoff Lakeman at The Old Powerhouse, Bryanston, Blandford, DT11 0PR

WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.

www.westendcentre.co.uk/

Mar	28	Nick Harper
Apr	11	Sound of the Sirens
	16	Mikey Kenney

WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB

Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd, RG28 7LQ,

<https://whitchurchfolk.com/whitchurch-folk-club/>

Mar	27	Patakas plus support
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WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB

The Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester,

SO22 5AE

www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/

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

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

Mar	8	Club night
	22	Sue Apicella and Friends

Murphy's Lore continue the "Paddy's Night" theme with appearances at Syd's Slaps in Southbourne Grove, BH6 3QZ on the 15th at 5.30 and then on the day itself, the 17th, at The Portsmouth Hoy on Poole Quay. There is no information about these events on the two venue's

websites, but they are not marked as private on Murphy's Lore's site.

Hambledon Folk Club had to cancel their February concert at relatively short notice due to Seb Stone not being well. Fortunately Pete Morton was able to step in and presented his new 'Sailor Swift' show. If you missed him, and it was at only a couple of days' notice, Pete is presenting the show at Chichester Folk Song Club on the 13th April. The Chichester Club's guest for March is (are?) Crows, on the 16th.

There was some confusion around Wessex Acoustic's concert in April as it was originally announced as The Shackleton Trio, although the venue was different as the concert had been moved to The Old Powerhouse, Bryanston. Then it was cancelled and I updated the on-line diary to reflect this, but John and Kathy, who run the club, have now announced that Geoff Lakeman will be taking the stage on the 17th. The venue is however still the same, The Old Powerhouse at DT11 0PR. Geoff will be supported by Salisbury duo Antoine and Owena.

John and Cathy point out that Geoff is father to

three internationally-acclaimed performers, Seth, Sean and Sam, and father-in-law to two other well-known artistes, Cara Dillon and Kathryn Roberts. Quite a family!

Two folk events arranged by Square Roots Promotions take place in March: first, on the 1st, SykesMartin are appearing at The Square Tower in Portsmouth, then, on the 6th, Steve Knightley is at St Luke's Church in Greatham Street in Southsea for his 'Sanctuary: Songs from Sacred Spaces' Tour. Tickets for both events can be found on the *Square Roots Promotions* website (look at the 'Home' page, not the 'Tickets and Bookings' page).

Steve continues this tour in Salisbury Arts Centre, SP1 3UT, on the 7th and in St. Mary's Church, Twyford, as mentioned in the diary, above, on the 8th, before heading out of our area. Finally a reminder of the concert on the 1st March, when McGoldrick, McClusky and Doyle appear at The Brook in Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SD. Tickets and further information available on The Brook's *website*.

Dave Sutton, editor

The next FASH Events:



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

Sunday 22nd March, Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30
Caller John Turner with Sue and Pete Hall.
Workshop Title: "Roodman's Gems"

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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