



# SOLENT WAVES



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## FASH Chat – Still in Limbo.

After all the build-up with promises of abandoning most of the lock-down restrictions on the 21st June, it was almost predictable that the date would be pushed back. Four weeks were suggested and some of us felt that a compromise might be reached of perhaps three weeks. It was not to be.

Staying within the government guidelines, sorry, rules, quite a few arts centres and one or two of the folk clubs with larger venues have staged concerts, sometimes holding two sessions so that their normal numbers of audience could attend. The Hampshire Cultural Trust centres – the Ashcroft, the Forest Arts and the West End Centres, are open, but have yet to arrange many concerts, and certainly no folk events are publicised on their websites.

However, with the continued uncertainty of just when restrictions will be fully lifted, it is not too surprising that many of the local folk organisations and clubs are not committing to definite dates – several folk clubs appear to have guests booked, and have provisionally noted which months they hope concerts will take place, but not all have confirmed dates, even after September.

I have spoken to a couple of dance groups who are currently dancing outside ‘in set’ but have kept to the ‘distancing’ (it was never ‘social’) requirement by dancing with short sticks. Apparently “hands around” can be quite challenging as the larger circle needs much

longer to get round.

Most of the dance clubs which do not normally meet over the summer hope to restart their regular sessions in September, although I have not yet heard from all of them. Fleet Folk Dance Club let me know that their already low numbers, reduced further by some of their members no longer driving, have reluctantly taken the decision to close. I am keeping fingers crossed that the other Hampshire clubs will all remain active.

A little out of our area, Shoreham Folk dance Club are not presently looking at restarting club evenings, but may be considering afternoon sessions, as quite a few of their members dislike driving at night. This has the disadvantage of course that any younger members still below retirement age would find it difficult to attend, and we really do not want to discourage new and especially younger people from joining folk dance groups.

Now we wait and see. Some events are committed; for example the New Forest Folk Festival has fallen into this limbo, and to stay within the government limits have had to stop ticket sales so that total visitor numbers can meet the requirements. Wickham Festival is after the hoped-for ‘release date’ of the 19th July, so there is every expectation that it will run as planned. The website still shows tickets available although season tickets are only at the “Tier 4” prices. Let’s hope our optimism is justified! *Editor*

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six months event diaries can  
be found on the web at  
[www.fash.org.uk](http://www.fash.org.uk)*



# DANCE DIARY

## JULY

**Thursday** 7.30 Highcliffe Folk Dance Club, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL.  
Jan Harris 01202 427523 [janharris16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janharris16@hotmail.co.uk).

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

- 6 7.30 Nottingham Folk dance Group. Zoom dance with callers Julian Hill and Josh Catlin. Sign up for the *newsletter* if you would like to join in.
- 8 7.30-9.30 "as many as will", The Best of English Country Dance - 'Zoom' dance, Caller Nigel Close. 01962 714220 or [nigelclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com) to request details of how to join.
- 10 8.00-9.30 London Barndance Company. Zoom contra with Guest callers and Unusual Bands. See [www.barndance.org/](http://www.barndance.org/) to sign up for the newsletter and full details of how to join in.
- 13 7.30 Nottingham Folk dance Group. Zoom dance with callers Neil Stuart and Eileen Muscroft. Sign up for the *newsletter* if you would like to join in.
- 14 2.00-3.15 FolkActive Dance with Live Music for the over-50s. Zoom dance with live music from Jigfoot, register via their *website* to join.
- 20 7.30 Nottingham Folk dance Group. Zoom dance with callers Nigel Close and Malcolm Jowett. Sign up for the *newsletter* if you would like to join in.
- 23 7.30 Wantage Folk Dance Group. Zoom dance with Ivan Aitken (recorded music). See [www.oxonfolk.co.uk/diary.php](http://www.oxonfolk.co.uk/diary.php) for details and how to register. Might be live at Steventon, not Zoom - check the website.
- 27 7.30 Nottingham Folk dance Group. Zoom dance with callers Victoria Yeomans and Lynne Render. Sign up for the *newsletter* if you would like to join in.
- 28 2.00-3.15 FolkActive Dance with Live Music for the over-50s. Zoom dance with live music from Jigfoot, register via their *website* to join.

## AUGUST

**Thursday** 7.30 Highcliffe Folk Dance Club, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL.  
Jan Harris 01202 427523 [janharris16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janharris16@hotmail.co.uk).

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

## SEPTEMBER

**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 <http://beausdance.weebly.com>

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

**Monday** 7.30-10.00 Bournemouth (Westhill) FDC. The Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9RW. Liz Neal 01202 572196. (New website in preparation)

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

**Monday** 7.30-10.00 Eastleigh Folk Dance Club. Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FE. Live music. 02380 252248 [www.eastleighfolkdance.org](http://www.eastleighfolkdance.org)

13th, 27th, callers to be confirmed.

**Monday** 8.00-10.00 Waterlooville Folk Dance Club. Waterlooville Community Centre, Maurepas Way, PO7 7AY. Jane Tull 02392 258056

6th, Club callers, 20th, Caller Nigel Barrell.

**Tuesday** 8.00 Solent CDC. Bedhampton Community Centre, Havant, PO9 3ES. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158 <http://solentdance.weebly.com>

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

**Thursday** 7.30 Highcliffe Folk Dance Club, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL.  
Jan Harris 01202 427523 [janharris16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janharris16@hotmail.co.uk).

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th.

- 2 7.30-9.30 "as many as will", The Best of English Country Dance - probably a 'Zoom' dance, Caller Nigel Close. 01962 714220 or [nigelclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com) to request details of how to join.

In spite of all the doom and gloom over the lockdown restrictions, there are still signs of folk life being planned. Forest Folk are hoping

to hold a concert in July, but have not released details yet, plus, they are hoping to be able to  
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# 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](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)

		First concert October 3rd
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## ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE

Osborn Road, Fareham 01329 223100

[www.ashcroft.org.uk](http://www.ashcroft.org.uk)

		No folk concerts presently scheduled
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## BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB

St Ambrose Church, Westcliff Road, Westbourne, BH4 8BE. [info@bournemouthfolkclub.com](mailto:info@bournemouthfolkclub.com)

[www.bournemouthfolkclub.com/](http://www.bournemouthfolkclub.com/)

Sep	18	Sam Carter and Nick Hart
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## BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

The Royal British Legion, West Borough,

Wimborne BH21 1LT. [www.brunnyfolk.co.uk](http://www.brunnyfolk.co.uk)

		Presently closed
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## FOCSLE MUSIC

The Guide Dog, Bevois Valley, Southampton, SO14 6SF [www.focsle.org/](http://www.focsle.org/)

		Zoom meetings every Wednesday
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## FOREST ARTS CENTRE

Old Milton Road, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 6DS.

01425 612393 [www.forest-arts.co.uk](http://www.forest-arts.co.uk)

Jul/	Sep	No folk concerts presently scheduled
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## FOREST FOLK

8pm North Boarhunt Social Club, Trampers Lane, N. Boarhunt. 01329 833625 [www.forestfolk.co.uk](http://www.forestfolk.co.uk)

Jul	5	"Meet and Greet" Zoom meeting.
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		Concert – details TBA
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## GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

Grayshott Village Hall, Grayshott, GU26 6TZ.

01428 607096 [www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/](http://www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/)

Jul		Trials of Cato (postponed to March '22)
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Aug	6	Merry Hell
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## HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

8.30-11 Next to The Vine, Hambledon

02392 632719 [www.hambledonfolkclub.com](http://www.hambledonfolkclub.com)

		No concert dates set as we go to print
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## HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton,

SO40 8FT 02392 632719 [www.hangerfarm.co.uk](http://www.hangerfarm.co.uk)

Jul	23	Edwina Hayes
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Aug	1	Chris Helme
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Sep	12	The Magpies
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	16	The People Versus and Anna Renae – Double Bill
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## HOLYBOURNE THEATRE

Holybourne Theatre, London Rd, GU34 4EL

[www.holybournetheatre.co.uk/](http://www.holybournetheatre.co.uk/)

Jul	10	Ray Cooper & Rowan Godel
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Aug	7	Jez Lowe
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## LYMINGTON FOLK & BLUES CLUB

Thomas Tripp pub, Lymington, SO41 9GF.

[www.lymingtonfolkandblues.org](http://www.lymingtonfolkandblues.org)

		Club will reopen as soon as possible
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## MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

Village Community Centre Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PH. 01590 643404 [www.milfordfolkclub.org.uk/](http://www.milfordfolkclub.org.uk/)

Jul	8	The Polly Morris Band
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Aug	21	Blues Night – Paul Lamb & Chad Strentz. Plus Jonathan Nicholas
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Sept	9	Straight Banana
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## NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (Every Thursday)

8-11 Bishop's Waltham Social Club 01730 858953

[nonsuchfolkclub@yahoo.com](mailto:nonsuchfolkclub@yahoo.com) [www.nonsuchfolkclub.co.uk](http://www.nonsuchfolkclub.co.uk)

		No meetings presently scheduled
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## RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB (weekly)

WI Hall, Crow Lane, Ringwood, BH24 3DZ.

01425 673713 [www.ringwoodfolk.org.uk](http://www.ringwoodfolk.org.uk)

		Presently closed
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## THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700

[www.thespring.co.uk/](http://www.thespring.co.uk/)

Jul	31	Music Bites: Crossing the Line (1 pm)
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Sep	24	Cara Dillon
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## WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum

01202 732239 [www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk/](http://www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk/)

Jul	2	Wildwood Jack + Paul Thomas
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Sep	3	Georgia Lewis Trio + Dom Prag
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## WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB

Whitchurch Parish Hall, 28 London Rd, RG28 7LQ,

or Gill Nethercott Centre, Winchester St, Whitchurch,

RG28 7HP. <https://billetto.co.uk/users/1961681>

		No concert dates set yet.
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## WHITE LION FOLK CLUB

Wherwell (near Andover). Roly Clarke

07919120159

		Believed to be closed at present
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## WINCHESTER FOLK CLUB

The Hyde Tavern, Hyde St., Winchester, SO23 7DY

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/winchesterfolkclub/>

Jul	7	Blacksmith (TBC)
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**WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB (w)**  
 Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ. 023 80 434209  
[www.woolstonandbursledonfc.co.uk/](http://www.woolstonandbursledonfc.co.uk/)

Virtual meetings via Zoom each Sunday



**Next FASH Event  
 (circumstances  
 permitting):**

**Sunday 17th October  
 Soberton Village Hall  
 10.30 – 3.30**

**Nigel Close with “Pogle’s  
 Copse”**

**“Chocolate and Impropriety -  
 Dances by Brooke Friendly and  
 Chris Sackett”**

**(Remember to bring your own  
 lunch – not bring and share, tea  
 and coffee available. )**

We hope to hold a brief AGM  
 during the lunchtime break.

*as many as will*  
*the best of english country dance*  
*past and present*

'Zoom Dance' 7.30 – 9.30  
 Nigel Close 01962 714220 [nigelclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com)  
 Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup> July & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

hold their annual Song and Ale Day in August. Keep an eye on their website for up to date information.

The Lichfield folk Festival have confirmed that provided they can book the school they use, the Festival will go ahead in October; we have yet to hear whether the Stonesfield week-end will go ahead – there seems little reason why it should not.

Shoreham Folk Dance Club, mentioned in the ‘Chat’, are running a residential dance week-end, conveniently in Bournemouth. Their website

suggests that there are still places available, although they want deposits in by the 10th August, so contact them soon. Ray Goodswen with Dampier’s Round Dance Band will lead the dancing. Contact details are on the booking form which can be downloaded from the website [www.shorehamfolkdance.org.uk/](http://www.shorehamfolkdance.org.uk/)

FASH have planned a programme of workshops this autumn/winter season and the first is detailed in the advertisement to the left. We hope Pogles Wood will forgive the adaptation of their name – they are honouring a commitment made well over a year ago, but only three of the band can make it for this workshop. We hope to have full descriptions of all the workshops in our next FASH ‘Chat’ in the September issue of ‘Solent Waves’. All we need are lots of attendees to come and enjoy them!

Again this issue of ‘Solent Waves’ is just 4 pages, and although, personally, I am reasonably confident that club activities will be able to resume in September, with minimal officially-imposed restrictions, inevitably the club organisers are being cautious and the dance diary for September is therefore somewhat provisional.

By fairly early in August, as my copy date approaches for the September issue, I hope to have a much clearer idea of what will definitely take place in the autumn, and if it is possible to produce a paper copy, I shall hope to be able to include advertisements again. I know that several of our regular advertisers are effectively “in credit”, having paid for adverts long before we knew Covid-19 was approaching. I have all the records, and we shall honour all commitments in this respect.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer, even if it does not seem to have really begun yet.

*Dave Sutton - editor*

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