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FASH Chat – One Person’s Perspective

As we are being encouraged and enabled out of our homes, with the help of vaccines, testing and sensible mitigations, after a year and a half (on and off), I want to take a moment to reflect on how we were still able to socially interact over that period.

It is suggested by some that there are two types of people, the extroverts and the introverts (overly simplified by a long way, but hopefully suitable for this example). The extroverts missed terribly their social interactions: hugs, talking in large groups, having parties, going to the Pub with friends, and going to large dances where the human need for physical contact is met in abundance.

Then there are the introverts, who found a surprising and unexpected benefit over this period to be not having to feel awkward in large social settings, not needing to experience anxiety when walking into a crowded hall, having their own space with a chance to pursue hobbies and activities they may not have had time to before, and having a choice as to how often to interact with their friends via phone, email, video call, or valuable one-to-one walks with friends for exercise.

As we gradually ease our way out of restrictions, I am minded to assess what we, as a whole, are about to potentially lose socially. How can you ‘lose’, as you start to mix with people again, I hear you ask? My thinking is this: with the more widespread introduction of the Video Conference call (be it on Zoom,

Skype, Facetime, YouTube, Microsoft Teams and so many more), there was a new opportunity for a group of friends, family, or people with a similar interest, to meet, chat and discuss for an extended amount of time, with certain rules in place. It was widely acknowledged that if someone joined the chat, one greeted the person and made them welcome. Each person (depending on how large your chat group was - and Breakout Rooms were great for this, size-wise) had the opportunity of airing their views, bringing in a new topic, or just generally being able to say how their day was going and, if not feeling chatty, could keep muted and listen in - gaining valuable human interaction without pressure.

Now, as we create another ‘new norm’, should we maybe carry on what I think has been achieved in terms of social interaction during this time? Examples being including a new person in your conversation when they ‘pop up’/appear in your vicinity, welcoming and involving them in larger seated group discussions, maybe taking a moment to remind each other of our names (as we won’t have them readily available under our faces anymore) and waving goodbye when they go!

Music and dance for me is, and always will be, a way to express myself, without feeling awkward, in large groups. And, although I may seem confident when chatting, it’s not easy. It is also very different in new situations with new people - and I hope that this might change.

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*The articles, club lists and
six months event diaries can
be found on the web at
www.fash.org.uk*



Society may have learned or been reminded of some great social inclusivity skills over the last year and a half, and although we have unfortunately all been through a very anxious

time, we can, I hope, all support each other in our path forward to a better social experience all round!

Jacqui Longhurst – Membership secretary

DANCE DIARY

NOVEMBER

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>

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

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

1st, Caller Nigel Barrell, 15th, Caller Sarah Perry, 29th, Club callers.

Monday 7.30-10.00 Eastleigh Folk Dance Club. Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FE. Live music. 02380 252248 www.facebook.com/Eastleigh.folk.dance.club

8th, Caller Ian Nichols 22nd, Caller Felicity Singleton.

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 or John Tillman 01983 506165.

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

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

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

Wednesday 1.30-3.30 FolkActive Dance with Live Music for the over-50s. See the website www.folkactive.org.uk/wellbeing/folkactive-dances for details on how to join.

10th, at Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre, Randolph Street, SO15 3HE, 24th, via 'Zoom'.

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

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

4 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

17 8.00 Sams Stepping. St. Peter's Church, Maypole Green, Free St., Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1PW. Southern Step Dancing Session. Jo and Simon Harmer 01489 899023.

jo@folkactive.org.uk

21 10.30-3.30 **FASH** Workshop. Durley Memorial Hall, Durley Brook Rd., S032 2AD. 'Mainly Contrasts' Caller Jane Thomas with Orion's Ring. £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch. 01243 531497

24 1.45-3.45 U3A Folk Dance Group. Chandlers Ford Community Centre, Hursley Road, SO53 2FT. Only members of U3A, see <https://monksbrook3a.org.uk> for details. TBC!

28 10.30-3.30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. 'Rarely Performed Dances' Callers Sean Goddard and Bob Weddell. £8, BYO Lunch. Tea and coffee all day. Janet Douglas 01243 265010

DECEMBER

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6th, 13th, 20th.

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6th, Caller Nigel Close, 20th, Christmas Party – caller Sarah Perry with Stoney Ridge.

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7th, 14th.

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- 4 7.30-11.00 Twyford Ceilidh. Twyford Parish Hall, SO21 1QY. Squinty McGinty's Band with caller Ian Kirby. £10, American supper, twyfordceilidh@gmail.com or 07979504773 to reserve tickets.
- 12 10.30-3.30 FASH Workshop. Durley Memorial Hall, Durley Brook Rd., S032 2AD. A 'Do Something Different Day' with Maypole Dancing led by Tanya Kearley and Longsword Dance led by Paul Miles. £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch. 01243 531497
- 15 8.00 Sams Stepping. St. Peter's Church, Maypole Green, Free St., Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1PW. Southern Step Dancing Session. Jo and Simon Harmer 01489 899023. jo@folkactive.org.uk
- 22 7.00-10.00 PDSW Christmas Ceilidh with iFolk, Ocean Room Theatre, Pavilion Dance South West, Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from the website www.pdsw.org.uk/whats-on/christmas-ceilidh
- 22 1.45-3.45 U3A Folk Dance Group. Chandlers Ford Community Centre, Hursley Road, SO53 2FT. Only members of U3A, see <https://monksbrook3a.org.uk> for details. TBC!

as many as will
the best of english country dance
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SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA
7.30 – 10 pm £4 nigelclose9@gmail.com
Thursdays 4th November & 2nd December



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

We have just returned from two most enjoyable dance weekends, the first at Lichfield and the second at Stonesfield (quite close to Woodstock). Now I am compiling 'Solent Waves' and looking at the diaries and talking to people, I picture a sort of "folk plain" after a dreadful storm, with people picking themselves up again and trying to put things all back in order.

Some activities are recovering fairly quickly – many of the folk clubs and arts centres are up

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and running again and have been for a while, although some are limiting numbers for the time

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

Nov	24	Show of Hands at The Anvil
	25	Jackie Oates & John Spiers at The Forge
Dec	16	Cara Dillon at The Haymarket

ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE

Osborn Road, Fareham 01329 223100

www.ashcroft.org.uk

Nov	4	Mishra
Dec	2	Ellie Gowers
	15	St Agnes Fountain

BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB

St Ambrose Church, Westcliff Road, Westbourne, BH4 8BE. info@bournemouthfolkclub.com

www.bournemouthfolkclub.com/

Nov	25	Martyn Joseph
Dec	18	Jackie Oates

BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

Cafe@the Allendale, Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS. www.brunnyfolk.co.uk

Nov	8	Club Night
	22	Good Habits
Dec	13	Club Night

FOCSLE MUSIC

The Guide Dog, Bevois Valley, Southampton, SO14 6SF 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

Nov	5	Mishra
	19	Ellie Gowers
Dec	3	The Last Inklings
	14	St Agnes Founain

FOREST FOLK

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

Nov	1	Singaround
	8	Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker & John Doyle
Dec	6	Singaround
	20	The Young'uns

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

Nov	6	Tannahill Weavers
	12	Còig + Copper Viper
Dec	18	Christmas Special with Melrose Quartet

HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

8.30-11 Next to The Vine, Hambledon

02392 632719 www.hambledonfolkclub.com

Nov	10	Bob Wood
Dec	8	Christmas Special with Janice Burns and Jon Doran

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton,

SO40 8FT 02392 632719 www.hangerfarm.co.uk

Nov	4	Peter Knight's Gigspanner
	17	Ranagri

HOLYBOURNE THEATRE

Holybourne Theatre, London Rd, GU34 4EL

www.holybournetheatre.co.uk/

Nov	27	Head North
Dec	11	John Kirkpatrick



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Hall, Trampers Lane,
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www.forestfolk.co.uk

MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

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

Nov	6	Blues Night – Ma Bessie and her Pigfoot Band
Dec	4	Barn Dance with Agglestone Ceilidh Band

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (Every Thursday)

8-11 Bishop's Waltham Social Club 01730 858953

nonsuchfolkclub@yahoo.com www.nonsuchfolkclub.co.uk

No meetings presently scheduled

RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB (weekly)

Burley Church Hall, Church Lane, BH24 4AP.

01425 673713 www.ringwoodfolk.org.uk

Presently closed

THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700

www.thespring.co.uk

Dec 5 Gigsparner Big Band

TURNER SIMS

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

02380 595151 www.turnersims.co.uk

Dec 18 Cara Dillon: Upon A Winter's Night

WEMSFEST

Live music etc. around Emsworth

www.wemsfest.com/ wemsfest@btinternet.comNov 11 Còig, at Chidham Village Hall,
Chidham, PO18 8TL24 Skerryvore, at St James' Church,
Church Path, Emsworth, PO10 7DP26 The East Pointers, at Chidham Village
Hall, Chidham, PO18 8TL**WESSEX ACOUSTIC**

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum

01202 732239 www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk/

Nov 12 Chris Leslie + Anne-Louise Richards

26 Anthony John Clarke & Dave Pegg +
Antoine & OwenaDec 10 Jez Lowe & Bad Pennies Xmas Show
(Blandford Corn Exchange)**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>

Dec 23 Belshazzar's Feast (at WPH)

WHITE LION FOLK CLUB

Wherwell (near Andover). Roly Clarke

07919120159

Closed at present

WINCHESTER FOLK CLUB

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

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

No concerts yet announced

WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB

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being. (I think I must be one of Jacqui's extroverts (this month's 'Chat') as I am very encouraged that Hambledon's October concert with Tom Lewis was fully booked, and their venue is relatively small. I think this reflects on the attitude of their audience, who really want things to get back to some sort of normality, although I was disappointed that 15 people cancelled very late – luckily there was a waiting list.)

Some of the folk clubs and sessions are being much more cautious and either are not meeting yet or are being very restrictive on numbers, or are staying for the time being with 'Zoom' sessions.

What is happening within the dance clubs is a bit more mixed. Several of our local ones opened their doors again in September and are pleased that numbers seem to be holding up. Others are rather less fortunate, and the pandemic has exacerbated the problem of an aging membership. The Guildford Folk Dance Club is now only holding monthly Sunday afternoon dances with guest callers and Shoreham Club's evenings are still suspended. Perhaps South Hampshire has done rather better in this respect.

Still absent from the diaries are many of the



Next FASH Event Sunday 21st November
Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30
Jane Thomas with Orion's Ring - "Mainly Contrás"

monthly dances – the GBH ceilidhs, the SHOCC ceilidhs, the Kimmeridge Keilidhs and so on. Fortunately Ian Kirby's Twyford ceilidhs are taking place again, although there is not one this month due to a clash with another dance event. Also, we hear of a new ceilidh series starting at the western edge of our area, in Bournemouth. The next is in December – details in our diary.

Several other dance clubs are waiting on their committees to decide when to restart. The consequence is that this is a relatively small issue of 'Solent Waves', only 6 pages.

Several of the county's display sides did manage to dance out this summer, but at least as many elected not to meet until this autumn. I have yet to hear how most of the sides are faring as all their dancers are now nearly two years older, and many have not danced out for two seasons. Our own side, Deorfrith Morris, decided we had to

close due to numbers being too low to be viable (fortunately the attrition was nothing to do with Covid-19).

I was pleased to see that the SusFA website has been rebuilt, although the diaries, like ours, are still rather bare. The webmaster would like to hear of any corrections or new information you can pass on.

I should perhaps finish by reminding you that lunch at our next workshop will be 'bring a picnic' rather than 'bring and share', although tea and coffee will be available. It is a contra workshop, so do tell everyone you know who loves contras that it is on – we are all missing John Turner's Chilworth Contra sessions. A reminder also that this workshop will be held in Durley Memorial Hall, not the Twyford Parish Hall as originally planned.

Dave Sutton – editor

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 £9.00, non-members £12.00. Tea and coffee available. Please bring your own lunch or perhaps try one of the local pubs.

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