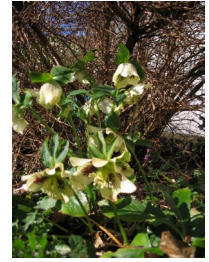




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## FASH 'Chat' – Our Workshops for Winter/Spring 2026

I'm writing this after enjoying our workshop with Liam Binley and Thomas Bending & Linda Game yesterday, and now I'm looking forward to our next event, which will be **The FASH Winter Gathering at Durley on December 14th**.

The Winter Gathering isn't a workshop, it's a day of dance, music, song and Mummings, with several different callers and musicians, so a variety of dance styles, and it's a day for fun! Only £6 each, half day £3, plus £1 each for tea and coffee on a self-service basis all day – plus mince pies and cakes as it's the Christmas season.

Our next workshop is on **January 11th at Soberton with Brian Stanton and musicians Pete & Sue Hall**. The workshop title is 'All the Cs'. During the morning Brian will look at Colin's Concoctions – but which Colin (or Colins) will he choose – there are several great dance choreographers called Colin out there. In the afternoon he will be calling Callen's Corkers – some of the best dances by Philippe Callens. So, a range of the finest dances, morning and afternoon, with music from Pete and Sue, which is always wonderful to dance to and to listen to.

**15th February at Durley will bring Barrie Bullimore with Claire Coxwell, Judith Beton & Rick Beton providing the music for a workshop titled 'Love and Affection'**. Given the date, Barrie will be

choosing dances appropriate to Valentines Day for the morning session and in the afternoon, dances written for women, though not necessarily of a romantic nature. This should be an interesting choice of dances, and styles, for both sessions, and of course Claire, Judith and Rick's excellent music will complement them beautifully.

**On the 8th March we will be at Soberton for The Madding Crowd's West Gallery Music Workshop**. This is a day for you to sing and play, music provided. You do need to book a place for this popular workshop though, to: [info@fash.org.uk](mailto:info@fash.org.uk) or 07779 818638.

**22nd March at Durley we'll have John Turner with Pete & Sue Hall and 'Roodman's Gems'**. John will be exploring some of the wonderful dances from Gary Roodman, a very popular choreographer. Lovely music from Pete and Sue will complement John's always engaging calling.

**On 26th April at Soberton it will be Thomas Bending with Pete & Sue Hall and 'Dances from the Thompson Collections'**. There are several collections of dances by the Thompson family, compiled in the 18th century, and Thomas will be selecting interesting and enjoyable dances from these for this workshop, with Pete and Sue providing good music to enjoy too.

**17th May 2026 FASH AGM 7pm, Zoom login details to follow.**

Workshops are from 10.30am to 3.30pm, £9 members, £12 non-members, half price for half day. Tea, coffee etc. available all day for £1 per person. Bring your own lunch. Soberton Village Hall is at SO32 3PF, What3Words: ///advising.backhand.trumpet

Durley Memorial Hall is at SO32 2AD, What3Words: ///diggers.mediate.additives For more information about these workshops or about dance, music and song in the area, go to <https://www.fash.org.uk/workshops.htm> or email [info@fash.org.uk](mailto:info@fash.org.uk).

Lin Rayner  
FASH Chairman

## DANCE DIARY

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1st, 8th, Christmas Party, 15th.

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8th, Club callers with mince pies!

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2nd, 9th, Caller Ivan Aitken with Pete and Sue Hall, Party dance – fancy dress optional, 16th.

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

2nd, 9th, 16th, Christmas Party

**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 / 07748009838.

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2nd, 16th, Christmas dance.

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- 12 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](http://www.earwicker.org/arish_mel.htm)
- 12 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>
- Sat 13 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Xmas Party – recorded music. £7 per person. Bring and Share tea. Contact: Jan Harris 01202 427523, [janharris16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janharris16@hotmail.co.uk). <https://edfdc.weebly.com/>
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- 14 2.00-5.30 EuroBal Wessex. Xmas Bal at Ibsley Village Hall, South Gorley, BH24 3NL. Workshop at 2.00 followed by dancing at 3.00. £10, students £6, more details on their *Facebook page* or via [eurobalwessex@gmail.com](mailto:eurobalwessex@gmail.com)
- 14 10.30-3.30 FASH 'Winter Gathering' Durley Memorial Hall, SO32 2AD. Dance, with a few musical interludes, local callers and musicians plus who knows what else. Tickets £6, BYO lunch. 01243 531497.
- 14 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Nicola Scott with the Linda Game Band. £10 a ticket. [www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contra\\_dances/](http://www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contra_dances/)
- 17 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](mailto:jo@folkactive.org.uk)
- 20 7.00-10.00 Festive Ceilidh 2025, Pavilion Dance South West, Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Caller Tim Walker with Banter. Adults £20, under 18s and concessions £17, tickets available via the *website*.
- 20 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Mary Panton with Threepenny Bit. Tickets £14, (students £10, under 18s £8). Ian Nichols 07765820919 [www.shocc.co.uk/](http://www.shocc.co.uk/)
- 31 8.00 New Year's Eve Ceilidh, Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd., RG28 7LQ. Caller Kayleigh Topliss with Jig and Tonic. Tickets via the Whitchurchfolk *website*/Ticket Taylor.

## JANUARY

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

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24 7.30 Milford on Sea Community Centre, Sea Rd, SO41 0PH. Burns Night – Traditional music & dancing and a delicious three-course supper. Tickets £35 via the *website* or possibly via the box office on 01590 644861

24 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Aidan Hansell with Bow & Box. Tickets £14, (students £10, under 18s £8). Ian Nichols 07765 820919 [www.shocc.co.uk/](http://www.shocc.co.uk/)

25 10:30-3:30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. Caller Sean Goddard, workshop title "The dancing evidence: What was being danced in the 1920s and 30s". Tickets £12, further details from Janet Douglas 01243 265010

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past and present

SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA  
7.30 – 10 pm £4 [nigelclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com)  
Thursdays 4<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. & 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**SOLENT CONTRA DANCES**  
With Barry Bullimore and friends

Shawford Parish Hall  
Pearson Lane, Shawford. SO21 2AA

8:00 to 10:30pm on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
from October to May  
£5.00 per person on the door

For more information, please email [solentcontra@gmail.com](mailto:solentcontra@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/solentcontradances>

**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](mailto:jo@folkactive.org.uk)



**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](http://www.hrd.org.uk)  
We are also on Facebook: [@hampshireregencydancers](https://www.facebook.com/hampshireregencydancers)  
For enquiries, email us at [info@hrd.org.uk](mailto:info@hrd.org.uk)



**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. 8.00 – 10.30 in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB.  
£5 per evening of dancing.

Contact:  
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**Three Christmas Concerts**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm  
Fordingbridge Folk Club

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm  
Romsey Town Hall

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm  
St Peter's Church Titchfield

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm - An evening of carols  
Hursley Sports and Social Club SO21 2JN (IBM)  
[www.maddingcrowd.org](http://www.maddingcrowd.org) [@TheMaddingCrowdUK](https://www.facebook.com/TheMaddingCrowdUK)



Extended diaries this month as there is no separate January issue. It does mean that one or two of the dance diary dates are assumed, as some clubs have yet to post their programs on-line, but generally I

think they are all correct. A few caller details have still to be added but as soon as I have them they will be found in the on-line diary on the FASH website.

I remind you that Nigel Close's December session is on the 4th, not the 1st as shown on his current flyer. A new flyer with all next year's dates, and 2027's dates, has now been printed and can be collected at FASH workshops and most of the region's other dance clubs.

For those who travel a little further afield to dance, tickets for the Stonesfield Dance Weekend (12th to 14th June) are now on sale; a booking form can be copied from the dance club's website *home page*. Callers for this weekend will be Liam Binley (who called very recently for us at the FASH workshop in November) and Frances Richardson, with music from Phil Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst.

Only a week later is the Lichfield Folk Dance Festival. Planning is almost complete so a draft programme and tickets should be available fairly soon. Many of the callers' and bands' details are already on their *website*.

Tickets for May Heydays are of course on sale (it is only at the beginning of May which is not so far away) and presently at "earlybird" prices – a full adult ticket will increase by £20 at the end of January. The organisers are trying to encourage our younger dancers by making tickets half price for 17 to 25 year-olds and just £5 for dancers aged under 16. Be warned that some of the titles of the

data entry boxes on the ticket details part of the booking form are in grey, and very difficult to read unless you scroll the page up so that the titles are visible against the black background near the top of the page.

Also on the *website* is a page on gender-free calling written by Colin Hume. If you are still very cautious about gender-free calling, possibly even positional calling, it is worth reading.

A month earlier, at the same venue, The De Montfort School at Evesham, the Wessex Folk Dance and Song Group of the Camping and Caravanning Club will be holding their Spring Festival from the 2nd to the 7th April. You need to be a member of the Club to join the Wessex Group, but this is a popular and quite large meet. I noted that flyers were available at our November workshop, and if you would like more details, have a look at their *website*.

The Southam Gathering will be on the 28th to the 31st August, so note the date if you are hoping to go. Remember it is an invitation-only event, but if you have danced there before, the organisers will almost certainly contact you fairly early in the New Year. We are still waiting on details of bands and callers, even the venue, but we should hear about these quite soon.

WINTER  
2025

# New Year, New season!



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**Sarah McQuaid**  
Sun 18 Jan | £16 / £14



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**Freebird – A Tribute to Eva Cassidy**  
Sun 1 Feb | £13 / £11



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**Rachel Harrington & Kora Feder**  
Tue 10 Mar | £16



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**Mim Grey Trio**  
Sun 22 Mar | £18 / 16



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**Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman**  
Thu 26 Mar | £20



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**Christina Alden & Alex Patterson**  
Wed 8 Apr | £15 / £13





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### ANVIL ARTS

Churchill Way, Basingstoke, RG21 7QR. (The Haymarket is at RG21 7NW) 01256 844244  
[www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| Dec | 9  | Steeleye Span at The Haymarket                      |
|     | 14 | Eliza Carthy & Jon Boden's Wassail at The Haymarket |
|     | 16 | The Albion Christmas Band at The Haymarket          |

### THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB  
[www.arcwinchester.org.uk/](http://www.arcwinchester.org.uk/)

|     |    |   |
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| Dec | 5  | Acoustic Cafe: Naomi Campbell + Cat Elliot + Omam Dawn (sold out) |
| Jan | 23 | Grace Petrie: This is no time to panic!                           |

### 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](mailto:info@bfcpresents.co.uk) <https://bfcpresents.co.uk>

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| Jan | 10 | Local Artists Showcase Featuring Antoine and Owena. (The Trinity Centre) |
| Feb | 7  | Will Pound (The Trinity Centre)  |

### BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

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

|     |    |                              |
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| Dec | 8  | Christmas Evening            |
| Jan | 12 | Club Night including Weyland |
|     | 26 | Robert Greenwell             |
| Feb | 9  | Club Night                   |
|     | 23 | Nigel Waite                  |

### CELTIC FOLK

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

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| 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.focsle.org/](http://www.focsle.org/) Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays [www.focsle.org/#online](http://www.focsle.org/#online)

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| Dec | 9 | Singaround at Xmas(ish) (possibly at The Wellington Arms, SO15 3DE) |
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### FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

Avonway Community Centre, Shaftesbury St, SP6 1JF [www.fordingbridgefolk.com/](http://www.fordingbridgefolk.com/)

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|-----|---|----------------------------------|
| Dec | 5 | The Madding Crowd Christmas Show |
| Jan | 2 | Floor Spots                      |

### FOREST ARTS CENTRE

Old Milton Road, New Milton, BH25 6DS.  
 01425 612393 [www.forest-arts.co.uk/](http://www.forest-arts.co.uk/)

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| Jan | 22 | Grace Petrie – This is no time to panic! |
| Feb | 13 | Filkin's Drift                           |



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



### MAN THE LIFEBOATS Monday 15 December 2025

For tickets (£20) and further info, tel Charles on 07785 276169, Janet on 07976 713949 or email [info@forestfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@forestfolk.co.uk)  
[www.forestfolk.co.uk](http://www.forestfolk.co.uk)

### FOREST FOLK

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

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| Dec | 1  | Singaround        |
|     | 15 | Man The Lifeboats |
| Jan | 5  | Singaround        |
|     | 19 | Steve Knightley   |
| Feb | 2  | Singaround        |

### GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

Grayshott Village Hall, Grayshott, GU26 6TZ.  
 01428 607096 [www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/](http://www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/)

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| Dec | 13 | Christmas Special with The Furrow Collective |
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### HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

Next to The Vine, Hambledon 02392 632719  
[www.hambledonfolkclub.com/](http://www.hambledonfolkclub.com/)

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| Dec | 10 | John Kirkpatrick |
| Jan | 14 | Bob Wood         |
| Feb | 11 | Seb Stone        |

**HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE**

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton,  
SO40 8FT [www.hangerfarm.co.uk/](http://www.hangerfarm.co.uk/)

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| Jan | 18 | Sarah McQuaid |
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**HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB**

Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island,  
PO11 0QR. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

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| Dec | 1, 15 | Singarounds |
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**LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC**

The Angel and Blue Pig, Lymington, SO41 9AP.  
[www.facebook.com/lymingtonfolkclub/](http://www.facebook.com/lymingtonfolkclub/)

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| Dec | 2 | 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/>

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| Dec | 11 | West Gallery Quire (a seasonal celebration with mulled wine and mince pies) |
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| Jan | 8 | Antoine and Owena |
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**NEW THEATRE ROYAL**

Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DD  
[www.newtheatreroyal.com](http://www.newtheatreroyal.com)

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| Jan | 31 | The Mumford and Sons Story (tribute) |
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**NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)**

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

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| Dec | 4 | Singaround |
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|  | 18 | Christmas Party |
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| Jan | 15 | Singaround |
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|  | 29 | Theme Night – Travelling and Coming Home |
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| Feb | 12 | Singaround |
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|  | 26 | Ian Kimber |
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**THE RAILWAY INN**

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

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| Dec | 5 | Provincials |
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| Jan | 28 | Tom Robinson with Adam Phillips |
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**THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE**

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

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|-----|----|------------------------------|
| Dec | 13 | Music bites: The Igloo Choir |
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|  | 18 | A Winter Union |
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| Feb | 7 | Megson |
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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TWYFORD**

Church Lane, SO21 1NS [www.wegotickets.com/](http://www.wegotickets.com/)

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| Feb | 19 | John Blek plus support Lorraine Lucas and Keiren Mensah |
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**THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER**

Jewry Street, SO23 8SBJ. 01962 840440  
[www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk)

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| Dec | 17 | Midwinter Revels with GreenMatthews |
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| Feb | 2 | Shanty Night with Odds and Sodds |
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**TURNER SIMS**

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.  
02380 595151 [www.turnersims.co.uk/](http://www.turnersims.co.uk/)

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| Dec | 19 | Cara Dillon – 'Upon a winter's Night' |
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| Feb | 8 | Spiers & Boden |
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|  | 26 | Martin & Eliza Carthy |
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**WEMSFEST**

Live music etc. around Emsworth  
[www.wemsfest.com/](http://www.wemsfest.com/) [adwemsfest@gmail.com](mailto:adwemsfest@gmail.com)

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| Dec | 6 | The Jeremiahs at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL |
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| Jan | 24 | Rum Ragged at Chidham Village Hall, |
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|  | 26 | The East Pointers at Room 12, Chichester, PO19 1ES |
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**WESSEX ACOUSTIC**

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

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| Dec | 12 | Gerry Colvin Band: Christmas Baubles (in the Corn Exchange, Market Place, DT11 7AG) |
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| Feb | 27 | Wildwood Jack |
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**WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT**

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.  
[www.westendcentre.co.uk/](http://www.westendcentre.co.uk/)

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| Jan | 31 | Jim Moray + Amelia Coburn |
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| Feb | 6 | Cara Dillon |
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|  | 28 | Black Beard's Tea Party |
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**WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB**

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

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| Dec | 13 | "A Bright New Year" with Melrose Quartet |
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|  | 31 | New Year's Ceilidh |
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| Feb | 27 | Sam Baxter & Merle Harbron / Helen Gentile & Lewis Wood |
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**WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB**

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

[www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/](http://www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/)

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| Dec | 3 | Singaround every 1st Wednesday |
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**WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB**

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

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| Dec | 14 | Christmas Folk Club Night |
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| Jan | 11 | Club night |
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|  | 25 | Beggars Belief |
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| Feb | 8 | Club night |
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Chapel Sessions at St Edward's church, Netley, is host (are hosts?) to Tim Edey on December 4th; tickets available via *eventbrite*. The page on the website includes a demonstration on YouTube of just how fast it is possible to play a melodeon.

December's guests at the Chichester Folk Song Club will be Mick Ryan and Paul Downes. Since it is a guest night, entrance will be £5.

Martyn Joseph will take the stage at The Brook in Southampton on the 18th January. Tickets are available via the box office on 02380 555366 or via their *website*.

We finish on a more sombre note as we report the loss of another Morris dancer. John Connell writes:

**“John Miller 4th July 1949 to 27th October 2025**

John Miller was a well known member of the folk music community in the Southampton area. He was one of the earliest members of King John's Morris Men and was Squire of the side for a total of fourteen years and Bagman for five years.

Despite being relatively short in stature he was a very big character. As well as being a very good dancer he was a performer with King John's Traditional Mummers for well over 40 years, usually as a green Father Christmas. He was also a regular caller with The King's Band and other ceilidh bands.

Although he was known for his dancing he was known to play melodeon. He will probably be remembered best for his brilliant singing. He had a great repertoire of songs and was a leading contributor to singing nights and sessions. He was a member of Priory Hard Shanty and latterly as part of four part harmony group Shirley Knot. In the past few years he has also given talks on folk music to the likes of the U3a and Women's Institutes.

John will be greatly missed as a part of the local folk music family.”

Finally, I only have to wish you all an enjoyable Festive Season.

*Dave Sutton, editor*



**The next FASH Event:**

**Sunday 14th December, Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30**

**The FASH ‘Winter Gathering’ – a Day of Dance,  
Music and other entertainments.**

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