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FASH 'Chat' – Our FASH Winter Gathering - How a Tradition Began

We will be holding our 4th annual Winter Gathering on the 14th December this year and I feel that I can now tentatively call it a tradition. As those of you who have come to any of the last three will know, it is a joyous Christmas party to celebrate all the music and dance and lovely people that we have in the folk world around Hampshire.

Like many of these serendipitous things, it began with our trying to find a solution to a problem. It was 2022 and we were looking for something original, but crucially not too expensive for our Do Something Different Day. Covid-induced lethargy and caution had reduced the numbers coming to workshops and so we needed something that wouldn't make a huge loss! You may remember that we had experimented with all sorts of things for our Do Something Different Day – playing the spoons, mime, playing drums, singing with Ramskyte and making up our own carols, sea shanties with the Portsmouth Shantymen and handbell ringing with our own dear Elizabeth to name but a few. They were very much enjoyed by those who came, but unfortunately not enough people came and they were particularly expensive to run, so they always ran at a loss.

So we thought why not have a party and charge much less than usual to encourage people to brave socialising again? We asked all our excellent local callers (some of whom

are nationally known) if they would call a couple of dances for us and enjoy the rest of the day for free. We tentatively asked our excellent musicians Pete and Sue, Pogles Copse and Claire, Judith and Rick whether they would be willing to play for a session each. To our great delight all the musicians as well as the callers agreed to come, so with great trepidation we set about planning our first Winter Gathering.

We needn't have worried. That inaugural party in 2022 was a great success. We had more than fifty people and so many of them commented as they left how much they had enjoyed it that we thought we should do it again! Since then we are lucky to have acquired Louise Siddons, Linda Game and Thomas Bending (all nationally popular) as very supportive local callers and musicians.

Two other elements of that first Gathering that have stayed until now are the Mummers Play and Terry Bristow's String Quartet. I can't remember who first suggested that we invite King John's Mummers, but they very kindly agreed to come after lunch and perform their play. It was much appreciated and the collection from the assembled audience came to more than £100 for their chosen charity. We were very proud of the generosity of our folk people! King John's Mummers have performed for the last 3 years, but this year we can watch the Prize Old Mummers while we

digest our various BYO lunches. I'm sure they will find people equally generous towards their chosen charity, although it's a bit more difficult now as people don't carry cash as they used to and may have to bring some especially for the mummers.

The String Quartet's history is unusual. Some of you may have met Terry Bristow, who plays in the Southampton Folk Orchestra and was one of Hampshire Garland's musicians. In his spare time over several years he made two violins, a viola and a cello! (In order to dry the varnish on the cello, he first had to build a drying cabinet to protect it from dust!) I felt that this achievement should be celebrated, so we found four fantastic musicians (including in the first year our own Jacqui Longhurst) to play the instruments at the Gathering. It made a pleasant break from the dancing, and they also played for a couple

of dances where we circled round them. People really liked them so we asked them back and we still have two of the original line up. They don't now all play Terry's instruments, but he still hosts the rehearsal. In the second year they asked if they could have a quick rehearsal while people were arriving, which actually set the festive atmosphere and was so popular we have asked them to come early ever since.

Ian Kirby was the Chair of our committee when he agreed to MC the first Gathering and he will hopefully be back this year. He has not been well so we have our fingers firmly crossed for him. We would all love as many of you as possible to come and enjoy the party! The hall will be decorated and the mince pies will be waiting

Daphne Goddard Coates
FASH 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>
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

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
3rd, 10th, 17th, Live music with Pete and Sue Hall, 24th.

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
10th, Caller Sarah Perry 24th, Caller Louise Siddons.

Monday 8.00-10.30 Southampton Irish Set Dancers, Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. Traditional Irish (square) set dances. £5, contact: southamptonirishset@gmail.com
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

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

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
4th, 11th, Playford costume evening, caller John Turner with Pete and Sue Hall, 18th, 25th.

Tuesday 8.00 Solent CDC. Bedhampton Community Centre, Havant, PO9 3ES. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158 <http://solentdance.weebly.com>
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

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. neal.bob61@gmail.com
4th, 18th.

Wednesday 7.40-9.20 Chichester Country Dance Group, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Sherborne Road, Chichester, PO19 3AG. Most Wednesdays with holiday periods. chichestercountrydancegroup@gmail.com
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Thursday 7.30-9.30 Fordingbridge English Country Dancing, Godshill Village Hall, Fordingbridge, SP6 2LG. <https://brodsue.wixsite.com/countrydancing/fbcountrydance@gmail.com>
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

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/>
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

5 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Caller Sue Bradshaw with Pete and Sue Hall. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499

6 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

Sat 8 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Lynne Render with Fiddlechicks. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS website or on the door. More info from www.barndance.org/

9 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Lynne Render with Box of Frogs. £10 a ticket. www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/

12 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.

12 8.00-10.30 Solent Contrasts, Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, Shawford, SO21 2AA. Callers Barrie Bullimore and friends. Doors open 7.45 £5 (cards accepted). solentcontra@gmail.com

14 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

Sat 15 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Caller Anton Heyworth-Dunn. £7 per person. Bring and Share tea. Contact: Jan Harris 01202 427523, janharris16@hotmail.co.uk. <https://edfdc.weebly.com/>

16 10.30-3.30 FASH Workshop. Soberton Village Hall, SO32 3PF. Caller Liam Binley with Linda Game and Thomas Bending. Workshop title "To Me the Tune is Everything". £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.

19 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 22 2.00-4.30 Bournemouth Folk Dance Club's Tea Dance. Annunciation Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth BH8 9RW. Club callers with Pete and Sue Hall. £5, which includes cake and a hot drink. To book call Liz on 07471 207563 – booking essential so that they know how much cake they will need!

Sat 22 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Martin Clarke with Trinculo. Tickets £14, (students £10, under 18s £8). Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk/

30 10:30-3:30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. Caller Ivan Aitken, workshop title "Playford to present day". Tickets £12, further details from Janet Douglas 01243 265010

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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

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.

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- 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/
- 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.

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SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA
7.30 – 10 pm £4 nigelse9@gmail.com
Thursdays 6th November & 4th December

SOLENT CONTRA DANCES
With Barry Bullimore and friends

Shawford Parish Hall
Pearson Lane, Shawford. SO21 2AA

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

For more information, please email 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



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



WINTER 2025

WHAT'S ON

ROB CLAMP & THE ASHMEN WITH SPECIAL GUEST JOEL GARDNER
THU 27 NOV | £14
Rob Clamp and his band The Ashmen bring their captivating folk-rock sound to Hanger Farm after a year of sell-out shows, festival highlights and critical acclaim. With special guest Joel Gardner.

ELIZA MARSHALL
SUN 7 DEC | £15
One of the most multi-faceted flautists of her time, Eliza's musical path has followed her musical passions; diverse, organic and without boundaries.

SARAH MCQUAID
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Sarah McQuaid's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality, "subtle mastery onstage" (Huffington Post) and "brilliant musicianship" (fRoots) on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and (occasionally) drum to create a truly immersive experience.





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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:

SouthamptonIrishSet@gmail.com



Two Christmas Concerts

Friday 5th December 7.30pm
Fordingbridge Folk Club

Saturday 13th December 7.30pm
St Peter's Church Titchfield

An evening of carols Friday 19th December 7.30pm
In the Hursley Sports and Social Club SO21 2JN

www.maddingcrowd.org

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

Please note that November's 'as many as will' with caller Nigel Close will be on the 6th, not on the 1st as indicated in the 2024/2025 flyer (although I am sure you would have realised anyway). Further, the January session will be on the 1st (not the 8th as we might have anticipated), but it will be in the main hall of Twyford Parish Hall as the Shawford hall will not be available that day.

An extra treat for Salisbury dancers in December: they usually have a guest caller each month but not normally in December. This year Ivan Aitken will be calling with Pete and Sue Hall

providing the music on the 9th.

The one New Year's Eve Ceilidh in our area that we have heard of so far is being organised by the Whitchurch Folk Club – details are in the Dance Diary, above. As we are an associate of EFDSS, we should perhaps also mention the ceilidh on the 31st at Cecil Sharp House: running from 8.30 to 12.30, the caller there will be Sheena Masson, with The Party Band providing the music. Tickets are £55 for adults, £45 for under 30s via the EFDSS website.

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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

Nov	1	Steve Knightley and The Winter Yards Band at The Haymarket
	9	Fisherman's Friends at The Anvil
	11	Riley Baugus at The Forge
	18	Heidi Talbot & Boo Hewerdine at The Forge
Dec	9	Steeleye Span
	14	Eliza Carthy & Jon Boden's Wassail
	16	The Albion Christmas Band at The Haymarket

THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

www.arcwinchester.org.uk/

Nov	7	Acoustic Café: Rob Johnston & Tim Gower + The Long Shorts + Steve Jinski
Dec	5	Acoustic Cafe: Naomi Campbell + Cat Elliot + Omam Dawn

BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB

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

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

Nov	14	The powerful voice and storytelling of Martyn Joseph
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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.

Nov	10	Antoine & Owena
	24	Club Night to include Sailor V
Dec	8	Christmas Evening

CELTIC FOLK

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

Nov	15	Flook (at Corfe Mullen Village Hall, BH21 3UA)
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FOCSLE MUSIC

The Guide Dog, Earls Rd., Southampton, SO14 6SF. www.focsle.org/ Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays www.focsle.org/#online

Nov	11	Singaround
	25	PB Squared
Dec	9	Singaround at Xmas(ish)

FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

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

Nov	7	Floor Spots
Dec	5	The Madding Crowd Christmas Show

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

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

Nov	1	Lady Maisery
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FOREST FOLK
North Boarhunt Village
Hall, Trampers Lane,
North Boarhunt PO17 6DD



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Monday 17 November 2025

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Janet on 07976 713949 or
email info@forestfolk.co.uk
www.forestfolk.co.uk

FOREST FOLK

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

Nov	3	Singaround
	17	Greg Russell
Dec	1	Singaround
	15	Man The Lifeboats

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

Nov	13	Gatehouse (at St Alban's Church, Hindhead, GU26 6RB).
	29	Janice Burns & Jon Doran (at Churt Village Hall, GU10 2JA)
Dec	13	Christmas Special with The Furrow Collective

THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

Guildhall Square, PO1 2AB

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk>

Nov	26	Amy Macdonald with Better Joy Band
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HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

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

Nov	12	The Charlotte Carrivick Band
Dec	10	John Kirkpatrick

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

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

Nov	8	Miranda Sykes
	19	Ranagri
	27	Rob Clamp & The Ashmen, with special guest, Joel Gardner
Dec	7	Eliza Marshall

HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB

Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island,
PO11 0QR. www.facebook.com

Nov	3, 17	Singarounds
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HOLYBOURNE THEATRE

Holybourne Theatre, Holybourne
www.holybournetheatre.co.uk/

Nov	29	Head North
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THE HYDE TAVERN

57 Hyde Street, Winchester, SO23 7DY
www.hydetavern.co.uk/

Nov	1	Donald WG Lindsay & Alasdair Roberts - Duo Tour
	11	Findlay Napier
	21	Riley Baugus
	27	Mark Harrison

LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC

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

Nov	4	Enda McCabe
Dec	2	Singaround every first Tuesday

MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

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

Nov	13	Tannersbrook
Dec	11	West Gallery Quire (a seasonal celebration with mulled wine and mince pies)

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)

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

Nov	6	Singaround plus AGM
	20	Closed
Dec	4	Singaround
	18	Christmas Party

THE RAILWAY INN

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

Nov	6	Boo Hewerdine & Reg Meuross
	16	Dominie Hooper + support from Polly Gone Wrong and Kathy Ashford
	29	Rob Clamp and The Ashmen
Dec	5	Provincials

THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER

Jewry Street, SO23 8BJ. 01962 840440

www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

Nov	12	The Wassail with Eliza Carthy & Jon Boden
Dec	17	Midwinter Revels

TURNER SIMS

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

02380 595151 www.turnersims.co.uk/

Nov	28	Quercus
Dec	19	Cara Dillon – ‘Upon a winter’s Night’

WEMSFEET

Live music etc. around Emsworth

www.wemsfest.com/ adwemsfest@gmail.com

Nov	20	Ranagri at Westbourne Community Hall, PO10 8TG
	26	Flook celebrating their 30th anniversary at St James’ Church, Emsworth, PO10 7DP
Dec	6	The Jeremiahs at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL

WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum

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

Nov	21	Brooks Williams
Dec	12	Gerry Colvin Band: Christmas Baubles (in the Corn Exchange, Market Place, DT11 7AG)

WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.

www.westendcentre.co.uk/

Nov	21	Rob Clamp + Joel Gardner
	21	Grace Petrie: This is no time to panic!
	22	Mad Dog Mcrea

WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB

Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd, RG28 7LQ,

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

Nov	14	Pagoda Project plus Guinea Lane Saxophone Quartet
Dec	13	"A Bright New Year" with Melrose Quartet
	31	New Year’s Eve Ceilidh

WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB

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

SO22 5AE

www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/

Nov	5	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

Nov	9	Club night
	23	Guest night with Tony Lehrle-Fry
Dec	14	Christmas Folk Club Night

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The clubs, both folk dance and folk are beginning to announce their programmes running into the New Year, so our on-line diaries are beginning to grow again. Some of the dance dates are still to be confirmed and a few caller details are still to be added, but generally the diary is correct. The folk club guests we shall add once the dates and details are posted on-line.

Chichester Folk Song Club’s guests this month will be the Drywood Duo, appearing there on the 17th, but next month, the Christmas Party Night on the 22nd is a members only event.

If you are proposing to go along to Focsle Music’s evenings on the 25th November or the 9th December, keep an eye on their website as on those two evenings, Saints are playing at home and it may be necessary to change what the folk club had planned.

While looking for something else completely different, I was reminded of a venue I often overlook – the Chapel Music Sessions take place at St Edwards Church in Netley. This month, on the 15th, Ray Cooper is appearing there; doors are open at 7.00 and the concert starts at 7.30. A bar is available in the Church Hall from 6.30, serving alcohol and teas and coffee and tickets are available from *eventbrite*.

In the same way, I discovered that The Brook in Portswood Road, Southampton is hosting a concert by Skerryvore on the 19th. Doors are open at 7.30 for an 8.00 start. Tickets from the box office (afternoons only, Wednesday to Saturday) or via their *website*.

.In September, you may remember, the Railway Inn held a fund-raising concert as the pub was at risk of closure. You may also recall that almost exactly two years ago The Platform Tavern in Southampton suffered a disastrous fire, and organised a series of fund-raising concerts to enable rebuilding and reopening. Even so, it has left them with a substantial backlog of mortgage repayments, and last month they held a concert to help save the pub from being repossessed by the bank. The second of these concerts is on the 7th of this month and is being held at The Brook in Portswood Road, Southampton. Neither concert is exactly folk, but the pub has frequently hosted folk sessions, and these two examples illustrate the rather parlous situation some of our venues are in. More details on The Platform’s website – click on one of the ‘Save The Platform Gig pictures on www.platformtavern.com/.

We mentioned last month the death of Graham Taylor; we heard too late to include a significant tribute to him. Anne Daw has written the following obituary:

Graham Taylor – Caller, Morris dancer and Rapper dancer – 1944 – 2025

Graham was born on 28th April 1944 in Orston, a village about 16 miles east of Nottingham. His sister, Brenda, does not recall that Graham showed an early interest in Morris Dancing but his musical taste was more ‘folk’ than ‘rock’, where he played Bob Dylan on an old-style tape recorder.

Graham studied Aeronautical Engineering at Loughborough, and thus started his career as an engineer, working for British Aerospace at Filton, Bristol and then Philips Semiconductors, where he worked for the rest of his career.

I met Graham in 1988 when I joined Philips Semiconductors in Malmesbury, Wiltshire. The department wrote software for a system to design integrated circuits, which was used at Philips sites worldwide. His interests at this time were motorbiking and sport, especially cricket and badminton. In 1991, we moved from the halcyon portakabin by the stream with the gentle aroma of muck-spreading, to the very different location of Millbrook, Southampton. This brought Graham to the south coast, where he settled in the village of Braishfield near Romsey.

In 1995, Simon and I got together with a few friends and started playing as a barn-dance band. We were asked to play for our first gig – a birthday party in Bournemouth - but we had no caller. We asked Graham and he enthusiastically said ‘yes’, so armed with the EFDSS Community Dance Manual, he called for his first barn-dance. He was a popular and busy caller, calling most weekends with our band, Pogles Wood, also Corn Rigs, Turk Town Troopers, Woodsiders, Tarantella and at local Folk Dance Clubs – Eastleigh and Waterloooville. Graham also called for the weekly FolkActive dances in Southampton and the FASH Schools’ Ceilidh.

As well as a great caller, Graham loved dancing. He danced with Hursley International Dancers, Alton Morris, Hook Eagle Morris, and Dorset Buttons Rapper. He was dancing master for Silver Flame girl’s rapper side.

Outside of folk, Graham’s interests were mainly outdoors and sport. He used to walk, and loved mountains; he did the “Coast to Coast” walk and hiked all over the Lake District and Scotland. He was a keen cyclist, cycling daily from

Braishfield to Millbrook, and longer routes such as the London to Brighton cycle ride, which he did with Simon, and then cycling home from Brighton!

Graham was a volunteer guide at Mottisfont for 12 years, where he often led the themed walks, e.g. on the history of Mottisfont.

Graham had his first operation for cancer, 18 years ago, and straight after recovery, retired from Philips. He explored the world, visiting amazing places, usually ending up in Australia to visit his daughter and grandchildren. Whether it was Portree or Bolivia, Graham liked to share his travels on Facebook. He also loved his camper van trips which usually involved a Folk Festival as part of the itinerary.

Graham was never happier than going to Folk Festivals – Sidmouth, Chippenham, Swanage – chatting to all the lovely people he had met through folk.

Our local display sides are now well into their practice season, so little in the way of danceouts to mention. Look out, however, around Christmas and the New Year when several sides may well brave whatever weather there is and dance at one of the area’s pubs.

From what I hear, several of the area’s Morris sides are steadily growing, which is good news. Mafficking Border Morris have increased in numbers quite considerably since they were founded only a year or so ago in Portsmouth. I gather that Wickham Morris gained five new members this year and Sarum Morris, who perhaps a decade ago were quite tight for numbers, can now boast twenty dancers – more than enough for two dance sets when they are out.

It seems that some people around us, even those who are part of the ‘folk scene’, still have not really heard about FASH and what we do. I gather that quite recently someone was bemoaning the lack of a map of Hampshire showing all the locations where folk activities take place. Fortunately, the person he was talking to was very familiar with FASH, our publications and our website, particularly as he put together the map that we now use on the website and which can be found on the sub-menu below the “Clubs” item on the menu bar – “Find a local club”. The map is fairly interactive, so you can select a marker colour appropriate to what you are looking for and then find the markers in your area, or you can open the table (click on the icon to the left of the

word "FASH" at the top left of the table), and then click on the venue or club you are trying to find. Most markers, when you click on them, reveal a link which will either take you to the relevant entry on our website, or to the venue's website.

This month's FASH workshop will be led by Liam Binley – a name you may not be familiar with unless you attend folk dance festivals or weekends which he regularly goes to. A relative newcomer

to calling English dance, he is much better known further north in the country, and organises the Yorkshire Folk Dance Weekend at Drax, where next year he will share the calling with Lynne Render. Do come along on the 16th and dance.

Finally I should remind you that the next issue covers both December and January, so any advertisements for January events should be sent to me by the 15th November. *Dave Sutton, editor*



The next FASH Event:

Sunday 16th November, Soberton Village Hall, 10.30 – 3.30

Liam Binley with Linda Game and Thomas Bending

"To me, the Tune is Everything." - a variety of dances to tunes and time signatures which Laim enjoys and some of his own dances, all started from a tune, leaning towards English.

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