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FASH 'Chat' – When It All Started...

Twenty years ago, I wrote the FASH Chat for the Christmas and New Year issue of Solent Waves, taking about Mummers, Morris dancing, seasonal festivities at Cecil Sharp House and a bit about what happened to Cecil Sharp in Headington, Oxfordshire, on Boxing Day 1899. I was reminded of that article recently when my good friend Julie Kimber-Nickelson died. Her grandfather was William Kimber.

Many of the men in Headington Quarry worked in the quarries, masonry and bricklaying trades, and the women did laundry for the Oxford colleges. The winter of 1899 was harsh and by Boxing Day, with work being scarce and money very short, the men who danced the traditional Morris decided to go out to earn an honest penny by dancing. In those days the collection, or bag, was split between the men, providing some much-needed extra income. There is a recorded tradition of Morris dancing in Quarry going back to the early 1700s, and the men had been persuaded to revive the dances fully earlier in 1899, so the dancers of Headington Quarry, led by their musician William Kimber, were ready to 'dance out'. One of their dance spots was Sandfield Cottage in Headington, where the folk musicologist Cecil Sharp – who hitherto had been unaware of the survival of this native form of dancing – was staying with his in-laws. He was aware of music and songs, but this was something different.

Six of the men formed into two lines of three in front of the house. Kimber struck up a tune on his concertina, and the men began with some of their familiar repertoire; 'Bean Setting' (a dance that involves the thumping and clashing of sticks), 'Laudnum Bunches' (a dance of springs and capers, and lots of waving and swinging of handkerchiefs) and 'Trunkles' (a dance of high jumps and kicking each other's feet in mock challenge). Cecil Sharp was amazed and entranced and insisted that William Kimber should come back the next day to play the tunes so that he could write them down. So began a lifelong friendship. And this is when and where the whole modern folk revival started!

Cecil Sharp toured Oxfordshire, Somerset and other regions of England, and eventually of course outside of England, looking for traditional songs, dances and tunes that he could record for posterity. He often took William Kimber with him on lecture tours, to demonstrate dances and play the tunes, or invited him to work with him in London, as did others involved in the folk revival, like Mary Neal. Cecil Sharp and those others founded the English Folk Dance and Song Society. William Kimber danced and played all over the country, including at the Royal Albert Hall and in front of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. And Headington Quarry Morris Dancers continue to dance the dances to the tunes that William Kimber played.

William Kimber taught Morris at the local schools until his death in 1961. His granddaughter Julie inherited his concertina after he died, her husband Alan and son Chris danced with Headington Quarry Morris Dancers and Chris still does. William Kimber has been honoured in many ways over the

years, and it's interesting to think that if he and his friends hadn't been feeling purse-pinched at Christmas in 1899, we might not be dancing now.

Wassail!

Lin Rayner
FASH Chairman

DANCE DIARY

OCTOBER

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 FDC. The Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9RW. Liz Neal 07471 207563 chair@bfdc.club www.bfdc.club
6th, 13th, Caller Rosemary Hunt with Steve Hunt, 20th, 27th.

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
13th, Caller Lorna Shepard, 27th, Caller Ian Nichols.

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
6th, 13th, 20th.

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

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
7th, 14th, Caller Nigel Close with Pete and Sue Hall, 21st, 28th.

Tuesday 8.00 Solent CDC. Bedhampton Community Centre, Havant, PO9 3ES. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158 <http://solentdance.weebly.com>
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

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
7th, 21st.

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

Thursday 7.30-9.30 Fordingbridge English Country Dancing, Godshill Village Hall, Fordingbridge SP6 2LG. <https://brodsue.wixsite.com/countrydancing/fbcountrydance@gmail.com>
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

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

- 1 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
- 2 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 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.

- 8 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
- 10 7.30-10.00 Kimmeridge Keilidh. Kimmeridge Village Hall, The Etches Collection, BH20 5PE. Arish Mel Ceilidh Band with caller TBA. £7.50 on the door, no bar so BYO drinks and nibbles. www.earwicker.org/arish_mel.htm
- Sat 11 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Caller David Tullis. £7 per person. Bring and Share tea. Contact: Jan Harris 01202 427523, janharris16@hotmail.co.uk. <https://edfdc.weebly.com/>
- Sat 11 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Cis Hinkle with The Linda Game Band. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS website or on the door. More info from www.barndance.org/
- 12 2.00-5.30 EuroBal Wessex. Bal dance at Ibsley Village Hall, South Gorley, BH24 3NL Music by Portmanteau. Workshop at 2.00 followed by dancing at 3.00. £10, students £6, more details on their Facebook page or via eurobalwessex@gmail.com.
- 12 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Cis Hinkle with The Linda Game Band. £10 a ticket. www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/
- 15 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
- 18 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Fee Lock with Out of Hand. Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk/
- 19 10.30-3.30 FASH Workshop. Durley Memorial Hall, SO32 2AD. Caller Mike Courthold with Pogles Copse. Workshop title "Superb Tunes and Timeless Dances - Dances from the Gary Roodman collection plus a mixed bag of dances that have stood the test of time". £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 26 10:30-3:30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. Caller Madeleine Smith "Dance is Music made Visible" Tickets £12, further details from Janet Douglas 01243 265010

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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/

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It feels almost "back to normal" with virtually all the dance clubs and the folk clubs running again after the summer break. Summer over, of course, very few of the display sides are dancing out so I have omitted the display sides diary this month.

Of course, if you have been watching your local side dancing over the summer, displaying their skill and enthusiasm, and you feel this is something you might like to try, now is the ideal time to go along to wherever they practise (the

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.

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We are also on Facebook: @hampshireregencydancers

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

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SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA

7.30 – 10 pm £4 nigelclose9@gmail.com

Thursdays 2nd October & 6th November

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:

SouthamptonIrishSet@gmail.com



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>

details of when and where nearly all our local sides practise can be found on the FASH website at www.fash.org.uk/morris.htm) and ask to have a go. I put "ideal time" as joining now will give you the chance to learn the steps, the figures and at least some of the dances in time to be able to dance out with the team from May onwards next year. I doubt any side will not welcome new members.

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**AUTUMN
2025**

WHAT'S ON

JAMES KIRBY

THU 9 OCT | £17 / £15

Award-winning singer-songwriter James Kirby captivates international audiences with his mellow voice, percussive guitar style and a unique blend of folk, pop, blues, indie rock and piano.

MIRANDA SYKES

SAT 8 NOV | £16

Miranda Sykes is a leading folk and roots musician, known for her expressive vocals, powerful bass playing and acclaimed live performances.

RANAGRI

WED 19 NOV | £18

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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

THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

www.arcwinchester.org.uk/

Oct	18	Fire & Rain and American Pie
Nov	7	Acoustic Café: Rob Johnston & Tim Gower + The Long Shorts + Steve Jinski

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>

Oct	11	Will Pound - Harmonica Virtuoso and multi instrumentalist
Nov	14	The powerful voice and storytelling of Martyn Joseph

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.

Oct	13	Mostly Harmless
	27	Bradstock
Nov	10	Anton & Owena
	24	Club night to include Sailor V

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

Oct	14	Singaround
	28	Ian Brown
Nov	11	Singaround
	25	PB Squared

FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

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

Oct	3	Wendy Morrow and Paul Openshaw
Nov	7	Floor Spots (TBC)

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

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

Oct	2	Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage
	11	Megson
	17	Clive Carroll
	18	Mikey Kenney
	25	Phil Beer
Nov	1	Lady Maisery

FOREST FOLK

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

Oct	6	Singaround
Nov	3	Singaround
	17	Greg Russell

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

Oct	4	Jacob & Cleverley
	18	Heidi Talbot
Nov	13	Gatehouse (at St Alban's Church, Hindhead, GU26 6RB).
	29	Janice Burns & Jon Doran (at Churt Village Hall, GU10 2JA)



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

SINGAROUNDS

Every 1st Monday of the month
Starting 7.30 pm – all welcome

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Monday 17 November 2025
tickets (£18)

MAN THE LIFEBOATS
Monday 15 December 2025
tickets (£20)

For tickets and further info
tel Charles on 07785 276169,
Janet on 07976 713949 or
email info@forestfolk.co.uk
www.forestfolk.co.uk

THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

Guildhall Square, PO1 2AB

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk>

Oct	22	The Royal Marines Band + Fisherman's Friends with the RNA Choir
Nov	26	Amy Macdonald with Better Joy Band

HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

Next to The Vine, Hambledon 02392 632719

www.hambledonfolkclub.com/

Oct	8	Notts Alliance
Nov	12	The Charlotte Carrivick Band

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTREAikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton, SO40 8FT www.hangerfarm.co.uk/

Oct	8	Jim Causley
	9	James Kirby
Nov	8	Miranda Sykes
	19	Ranagri
	27	Rob Clamp & The Ashmen, with special guest, Joel Gardner

HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUBNewtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island, PO11 0QR. www.facebook.com

Oct	6	Shep Woolley
	20	Singaround
Nov	3, 17	Singarounds

THE HYDE TAVERN

57 Hyde Street, Winchester, SO23 7DY

www.hydetavern.co.uk/

Oct	21	Kit Hawes & Aaraon Catlow
	24	Teilhard Frost & Jock Tyldesley
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/

Oct	7	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/>

Oct	9	Jim Causley (new start time – 7 pm)
Nov	13	Tannersbrook

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)Bishop's Waltham Social Club rosiej79@gmail.com<https://sites.google.com/site/nonsuchfolkclub/>

Oct	9	Singaround + Feature spot: Dave Betteridge
	23	Singaround
Nov	6	Singaround plus AGM
	20	Closed

THE RAILWAY INN

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

<https://www.railwayinn.pub>

Oct	12	Alex Roberts + Ian Jamieson and Jay Munday
	17	Roving Crows
Nov	6	Boo Hewerdine & Reg Meuross
	29	Rob Clamp and The Ashmen

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TWYFORDChurch Lane, SO21 1NS www.wegottickets.com/

Oct	30	Iain Matthews with Andy Roberts + The Raconteurs.
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THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER

Jewry Street, SO23 8SB. 01962 840440

www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

Oct	23	Fairport Convention
Nov	12	The Wassail with Eliza Carthy & Jon Boden

TURNER SIMS

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

02380 595151 www.turnersims.co.uk/

Oct	10	O'Hooley & Tidow – 'So Long For Now'
Nov	28	Quercus

WEMSFEET

Live music etc. around Emsworth

www.wemsfest.com/ adwemsfest@gmail.com

Oct	24	Fairport Convention at St James' Church, Emsworth, PO10 7DP
Nov	20	Ranagri at Westbourne Community Hall, PO10 8TG
	26	Flook celebrating their 30th anniversary at St James' Church, Emsworth, PO10 7DP

WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum

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

Oct	3	Anthony John Clarke and Julia Porter
	31	Spooky PJ Wright and Guy Fletcher + support
Nov	21	Brooks Williams

WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.

www.westendcentre.co.uk/

Oct	16	Clive Carroll
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/>

Oct	4	Jon Wilks & The Grizzly Folk(WPH)
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WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB

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

www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/

Oct	1	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

Oct	12	Club night
	26	Guest night with Pete Harris
Nov	9	Club night

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It is fun (why else would so many people do it?), it is good exercise, and it is not as if you would be “on show” all on your own (unless you really want to dance Morris jigs right from the start) but will have a team around you and someone telling you what comes next.

When I am hunting around, mainly using the internet, to find what is on in our area each month, I am amazed at just how much music is being made all around us and how many different genres of music there are available to us. Folk is just a relatively small part, but even then, where do I draw the line; when you have terms like alt-folk, and folk rock it is difficult to know what to include in the diary listings. You could argue that American Country is a form of American folk music... I tend not to include folk music from overseas as our diaries could so easily become long and generally unhelpful to readers who are looking for more traditional British folk music.

So what is on in some of the venues we do not usually include in the diary? Chris While and Julie Matthews are appearing at the Square Tower in Portsmouth, but sadly this concert is sold out. However, a week or so later Sorrel Nation is taking the stage there on the 2nd of November.

The Levellers are performing at the Guildhall in Southampton on the 12th November, and are supported there by Grace Petrie – a folk rock concert in the middle of many other music types. Similarly you find folk concerts surrounded by many other types of entertainment at the Wedgwood Rooms in Portsmouth – at the end of November on the 30th they are hosting the Sandy Denny Project, a band of six musicians keeping Sandy’s music alive. Just a few days later, on the 4th December, Seth Lakeman in on stage, then a week after that on the 10th, St. Agnes Fountain take the stage (it is suggested you book soon, as

apparently their Christmas Tour last year was sold out).

Chichester Folk song club have yet to announce their October programme but their present poster mentions Winter Wilson as “coming soon”. Winter Wilson’s website confirms that in fact they will be in Chichester on Monday the 27th.

Not far away, on the Bognor Road, the Brick Kiln Garden Centre are again holding events, and on the 25th November: The Portsmouth Shantymen are appearing there, the concert starting at 3.30 (doors open at 3.00). Tickets are available via their website and include a Festive Cream Tea.

We are delighted, of course, that our own series of workshops restart this month, with Mike Courtold joining us for the day on the 19th. Pogles Copse will be accompanying him on stage to keep us in time, with their music.

Behind the scenes we are already planning the workshops for FASH’s 2026/2027 season. Yes, we really have to plan that far ahead – dance callers are in great demand, and for many, their diaries cover at least two years into the future. We have booked several callers and most of the bands; the halls have also been booked and all the dates and venues are on our website’s ‘Workshops’ page, www.fash.org.uk/workshops.htm, in the section hidden behind the words “Read more” just below this season’s diary. You may need to double click rather than single click on the words to open this section.

I have to apologise to Daphne our secretary for accidentally transferring her responsibility for booking bands for our workshops to Karen Ilott – Karen books our halls and callers.

If you are a regular attendee, or used to be, of the Southam Gathering, or are hoping to go next year, you will be interested to hear that changes are afoot. Having lost the use of the main venue – The Grange – and only having two smaller halls to use which were several miles apart, it was clear that a new location/new venues would need to be found. There is a new committee, led by Victoria and Dave Yeomans, which is planning next year’s event. We understand the location will be fairly close to Southam but the details have yet to be confirmed. A case of “Watch this space” for when we hear more.

We end, unfortunately, on a more sombre note: we heard, only just in time to include it in this issue, that Graham Taylor died on the 19th September after a long battle with cancer. I

remember him particularly as one of the founders of the FASH Schools' Ceilidh, for which he called for some years. I saw him quite often dancing with Dorset Buttons Rapper team, and also, on one occasion wearing a skirt (at Chippenham Folk

Festival), supporting the (young) ladies Rapper side 'Silver Flame', for which he was the dancing master. We hope to have a much more comprehensive tribute to Graham in next month's 'Solent Waves'.
Dave Sutton, editor



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Sunday 19th October, Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30

Mike Courtold with Pogles Copse

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