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## FASH Chat - 'Solent Waves'

Do you enjoy reading 'Solent Waves'? Do you like getting it each month? Is the information on the various gigs and events useful? Is the opportunity to advertise your event cheaply worthwhile?

If the answer to any of these questions is a definite, or even a mild Yes, then let me tell you of the huge voluntary effort that goes into its production and distribution. FASH have been publishing this newsletter for over 40 years now, month after month. And month after month Dave Sutton, our editor, drags together information that people have sent him, pores through websites to find what is happening and then pulls together the magazine and our website www.fash.org.uk on which he maintains six months of future club dates. Getting information from the dance clubs is usually easy enough as the various secretaries mostly send him emails. The folk clubs are more varied and harder, but the Morris sides are always a nightmare of out-of-date information. Somehow it all gets written by the deadline of the 10th of the month.

Then it goes to Sarsen Press in Winchester who print it cheaply for us. It is in blue and white for some reason lost in the mists of time, but we carry on using this colour so it is recognisable. Then 600 or more sheets of each page are picked up by Terry Russell and he counts them out into piles and drives to four people to dump the pages on them. He does this labour month after month, always with a smile.

The key distribution person is Lyn Sutton and she receives a couple of hundred copies, labours away folding the sheets and collating them, then prints out labels, packages them up and takes them for posting. This last bit sounds simple, but actually fighting the post office, who seem to have their very own wonderful ways, is not that easy.

She also keeps track of those lovely people who either pay for the postage or give donations of various amounts. Thank you, if you are one of these people and treat this as a gentle nudge if you are getting the newsletter for free. FASH supports the whole process financially, but it helps greatly if postage costs can be covered.

To reduce postage costs, John Turner, Paul Northcott, Lyn and I get piles of copies to fold and collate and then deliver them to people in their local areas. Further 'links in the chain', such as Penny Munday, then take the copies they have been given and carry them into places like the Spring Arts Centre in Havant. All this distribution is achieved in the couple of weeks after the editing process. We all try hard to get them out before the beginning of the month and usually succeed. A large number of people receive copies through e-mail, which Dave manages each month, and others read the magazine on-line because it is also posted to the FASH website.

So why have I written all this? To say thank you to our editor and distribution team, to everyone who sends in articles or information and to all the club secretaries who pass on the copies to club members. We hope it is all worthwhile and can carry on for another 40 years or so.

Dennis Wheeler

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## **DANCE DIARY**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Monday** 8.00-10.00 Beaus of the Park FDC. Mostly Playford. Church of the Resurrection Hall, Penarth Avenue, Drayton, PO6 2AP. Sue Bradshaw 02392 713158 http://beausdance.weebly.com 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

**Monday** 7.30-10 Eastleigh Folk Dance Club. Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FE. 02380 252248 www.eastleighfolkdance.org

10th, Caller David Wallace, 24th, Club callers.

**Monday** 10.00-11.00 Gosport & Fareham Interfolk. St. Francis Church Hall, Clayhall Road, Gosport, PO12 2AJ. Tess & David Bloodworth 02392 526489 www.interfolk.co.uk/gfi 17th, 24th.

**Monday** 8.00-10.30 Irish Set Dancing. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Portswood Rd, Southampton, SO17 3SB. Michael & Eileen McCarthy 02380 767340

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

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

3rd, Caller Nigel Close, 17th, Caller Graham Taylor.

**Tuesday** 2.30-4.15 Isle of Wight Folk Dance Club. Wootton Methodist Church Hall, 88 Station Road, Wootton, PO33 4RE. Club callers. 01983 759970

11th, 18th, 25th.

**Tuesday** 8.00 Solent CDC. Bedhampton Social Hall, Havant, PO9 3ES. Caller Sue Bradshaw.

02392 713158 http://solentdance.weebly.com

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

**Thursday** 8.00-10.00 Chichester FDG Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE. Nigel Beaton 01243 786916 01243 552539 http://chifdg.weebly.com

6th, Caller John Portlock, 20th, Caller Nigel Beaton.

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

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

**Thursday** 7.30-9.30 The English Regency Dancers. Highfield Church Centre, Highfield Lane, Southampton, SO17 1RL. Garth Notley *admin@englishregencydancers.org www.englishregencydancers.org* 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

- 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 close@f2s.com
- Sat 15 3.00-6.00 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Pam Shears. Bring-and-share tea. Dorothy Ballard, 01202 478128.
  - 8.00 Sams Stepping. Samuel's Rest, Upper Church Road, Shedfield, SO32 2JB. Southern Step Dancing Session. Jo and Simon Harmer 01489 899023. *jo@folkactive.org.uk*
- Sat 22 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Ian Nichols with The Bursledon Village Band. Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk
- Sat 29 8.00-11.00 GBH Ceilidh. Godalming Borough Hall, Bridge St., GU7 1HR. Caller Barry Goodman with PolkaWorks. £12, £11 in advance. www.musici.club/bdindex.htm
- Sat 29 7.30-11.00 Twyford Ceilidh. Twyford Parish Hall, SO21 1QY. Caller Ian Kirby with Barley Rigs. £10 (£5 child), American Supper, BYO drinks. *twyfordceilidh@gmail.com* to book

#### **OCTOBER**

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1st, Club callers, 15th, Caller Nigel Close, 29th, Caller David Wallace.

**Tuesday** 10.00 Stubbington International Folk Dance Group. Roman Catholic Church Hall, Bells Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PL. Bob Neal 01329 609589. *neal.bob61@gmail.com* 16th, 30th.

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- 14 10.30-3.30 FASH Workshop. Twyford Parish Hall, SO21 1QY. "Dances Old and New". Lisa Purkiss with Andrew Purkiss. £10, FASH members £7. American Lunch. 01243 531497
- 17 8.00 Sams Stepping. Samuel's Rest, Upper Church Road, Shedfield, SO32 2JB. Southern Step Dancing Session. Jo and Simon Harmer 01489 899023. *jo@folkactive.org.uk*
- 8.00 Chilworth Contras. Chilworth Village Hall, SO16 7LD (nearest navigable postcode) with John and Hilary Turner. 02380 360892 www.jhmturner.me.uk/chilworthcontras.htm
- Sat 20 3.00-6.00 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Brian Ballard with Pete and Sue Hall. Bring-and-share tea. Dorothy Ballard, 01202 478128.
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- Sat 27 7.30-10.30 Bournemouth (Westhill) FDC Autumn Dance. Caller Ray Goodswen. See the advertisement on the next page for full details. Contact Di Darch 01202 896711.
  - 28 10.30-3.30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. Caller Sue Bradshaw. See the advertisement on the next page for full details. Janet Douglas 01243 265010

## Sam's Stepping

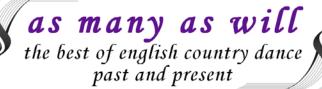
Southern step dancing pub session

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



SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA 7.30 – 10 pm £3 Nigel Close 01962 714220

Thursdays 6th September & 4th October



## SusFA Sunday Workshops



Various and diverse dance themes, with guest callers and instruction over the winter months.

#### October 28th

Sue Bradshaw Playford-style Dances written by Ladies

#### November 25th

Kate & Doug Eaton Ron Coxall Dances

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#### January 27th

John Portlock

New Composers and their Dances

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#### February 24th

Sean Goddard

Dances from the Sylvan Harmer Manuscript

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#### Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP

£8 Times:10:30am - 3:30pm
Further details from Janet Douglas 01243 265010
Bring a picnic lunch.

DIY Tea and Coffee available all day



### **Autumn Dance**

Saturday 27th October 2018

Caller: Ray Goodswen

Music: Pete & Sue Hall

St. Marks Church Hall Wallisdown Road Talbot Woods BH10 4HY

7.30-10.30 - American Supper
Please ensure food is ready to serve
Entrance £8 in advance,
£9 on the door

Contact Di Darch 01202 896711

www.bournemouthfolkdanceclub.btck.co.uk



## Wessex Folk Dance and Song Group

Come camping with the Wessex FDSG. We are a special interest section of the Camping & Caravanning Club.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> September Dummer Down Farm, Nr Basingstoke

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 14<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Supper, Tangley Village Hall, Wildhern, Andover

Friday 26th October – 28th October Hallowe'en, Ballards School, New Milton

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December- 9<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Party, Ibsley Village Hall, Fordingbridge

We usually have a Get Together on Friday evenings and a Ceilidh on Saturday evenings. See our web site www.wessexfdsg.org

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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

Oct	3	Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker at The Forge
	14	Lizanne Knott, Jesse Terry & Michael
		Logen at The Forge
	18	Andreas Tophøj & Rune Barslund at The
		Forge
	23	Eddi Reader at The Haymarket

#### ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE

Osborn Road, Fareham 01329 223100

www.ashcroft.org.uk

Sep	21	The Poozies
	25	Daphne's Flight
Oct	6	Kris Drever & Boo Hewerdine
	11	Martin Carthy & John Kirkpatrick

#### **BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB**

The Shelley Theatre, Beechwood Avenue, BH5 1LX. Paul Burke paul@bournemouthfolkclub.com www.bournemouthfolkclub.com

5	Sep	29	Josienne	Clarke	&	Ben	Walker	
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#### **BRUNNY FOLK CLUB**

The Royal British Legion, West Borough, Wimborne BH21 1LT. www.brunnyfolk.co.uk

Sep	2	"Songs about Real People" headlining
		Terry McDonald
	16	Club night featuring Wayland

#### **CELTIC FOLK**

Ferndown Village Hall. Church Road. BH22 9ET 01202 897958/623740 www.celticfolk.net

Oct	6	Mochara
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#### **FARNHAM MALTINGS**

Bridge Street, Farnham. 01252 745444

https://farnhammaltings.com

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#### **FOCSLE MUSIC**

The Guide Dog, Bevois Valley, Southampton, SO14 6SF www.focsle.org

Sep	12	Friction Farm
	26	Stanley Accrington
Oct	24	Ian W Brown

#### FOREST ARTS CENTRE

Old Milton Road, New Milton, Hampshire

BH25 6DS. 01425 612393 www.forest-arts.co.uk

Sep	14	Irish Mythen
	20	Daphne's Flight
Oct	26	Martin Carthy & John Kirkpatrick



Forest Folk North Boarhunt Village Hall Trampers Lane, North Boarhunt PO17 6DD www.forestfolk.co.uk

Mon 17 September - Granny's Attic (£12)

Mon 15 October - Emily Smith & Jamie McClennan (£14)

Mon 12 November - Tide Lines (£16)

Mon 19 November - Martyn Joseph (£17)

Singarounds first Monday of the month commencing 7.30 pm

tel Charles on 01329 833625, Janet on 023 9226 4288 or email info@forestfolk.co.uk

#### FOREST FOLK

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

Sept	3	Singaround
	17	Granny's Attic
Oct	1	Singaround
	15	Emily Smith & Jamie McClennan

#### GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

		Hope & Social + Martha Paton
Oct	3	Police Dog Hogan

#### **GREEN MAN FOLK CLUB**

8pm Holybourne Theatre, Holybourne
01420 562471 http://greenmanfolkclub.weebly.com/
Sep | 28 | Anna Tabbush and Rowan Piggott

#### HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

8.30-11 Next to The Vine, Hambledon 02392 632719 www.hambledonfolkclub.com

		Greg Russell & Ciaran Algar
Oct	10	James Hickman & Dan Cassidy



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email: info@celticfolk.net www.celticfolk.net



Pilgrims' Hall Winchester 7.30 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> September Extraordinary Georgian Women – Concert

1.30 to 4pm Saturday 29th September Michaelmas Fair – St Cross Hospital details at www.maddingcrowd.org - events

#### THE HYDE TAVERN

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

Sep	8	Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith
	13	Louis Brennan
	22	Ruth Theodore
Oct	2	Chastity Brown

#### THE LIGHTS

West Street, Andover 01264 368368

www.thelights.org.uk

Oct 26 Rachael McShane and the Cartographers

#### LYMINGTON FOLK & BLUES CLUB

Thomas Tripp pub, Lymington, SO41 9GF. djembejan2882@gmail.com

www.lymingtonfolkandblues.org/

Sep	5	Krista Green
Oct	3	Dom Prag

#### MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

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

Sep	13	Southbound – John Scott & Patrick O'Dea
Oct	11	Jinski

#### NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (weekly)

8-11 Bishop's Waltham Social Club 02380 641732 www.nonsuchfolkclub.co.uk

Sep	Singarounds as usual

#### RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB (weekly)

The Wathen-Bartlett at The Burley Club, Pound Lane, Burley, BH24 4EB. 01425 673713 www.ringwoodfolk.org.uk

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#### THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700 www.thespring.co.uk

#### **THE 1865**

Brunswick Square, Southampton, SO14 3AR. 02380 222605 www.the1865.com

Oct	12	Richard Digance
	18	Mark Chadwick
	31	Shred Kelly

#### **TURNER SIMS**

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ. 02380 595151 www.turnersims.co.uk

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#### WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum 01202 732239 www.wessex-acoustic.co.uk

Sep	1	Ric Sanders Trio + Anna Bass, Ray Taylor	
	21	Colum Sands plus Mel Langton	
Oct	12	Granny's Attic (note date change) plus	
		Anne-Louise Richards	
	26	Banter	

#### WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB

Whitchurch Parish Hall, RG28 7LQ, or Gill Nethercott Centre, RG28 7HP. jon@grizzlyfolk.com. www.grizzlyfolk.com/whitchurch-folk-club.

Sep | 15 | Nancy Kerr (GNC)

#### WHITE LION FOLK CLUB

Wherwell (near Andover). Roly Clarke 07919120159

Sep	20	Singaround
Oct	18	Singaround

Welcome back to 'Solent Waves'. The diaries are almost back to their normal lengths, although there are a few clubs which have still not published their September diaries so could not be included.

The moving of Mark Chadwick's concert in October from The Talking Heads to The 1865 alerted me to the fact that Folk concerts tend more to be at The 1865 now. Talking Heads appears still to be the place to go for sessions such as the weekly Irish session, the English Tunes session, as well as the Maple Leaf Lounge session and Ukulele Jam Rehearsal (many of which are free entry). Which venue appears in future diaries will depend on what is actually on.

After a long restoration, the Chapel in the Royal Victoria Country Park is once again available for hire. With its reputation for excellent acoustics, it will be interesting to see whether Chapel Sessions Music returns there; at the moment all their planned concerts still appear to be at St Edward's Church, Netley. The easiest way to see what is on seems to be via the Eventbrite website, *www.eventbrite.co.uk*, then 'browse' the events in this area. Sarah McQuaid will be appearing there on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

An early notice for the fourth in the concert series in aid of The MacMillan Cancer Support charity: this year it is on the 9th November, at 7.30, and as usual it takes place at the Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, PO18 0DE. For tickets, at £15, drop an e-mail to *sally.e.argent@gmail.com*. Guests appearing include Phil Green & Jane Grover, Tom Perry & Clive Brooks, Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner and Pete Morton. As a further incentive, there will be the usual huge raffle with many great prizes.

Notice of another charity concert came to us via Focsle Music: Rob Noble and the Shantyhounds have organised a concert featuring themselves and the Barnet Hill Lifeboat Crew, together with songs from individual members of these groups. It takes place on 27th October at 2.00 pm at St Stephen's Church, Church Road, Shottermill, Haslemere GU27 1NS - right on the edge of our county - and is in aid of a children's home in Kenya which Rob has supported for over 20 years. Tickets at £10, which includes tea, sandwiches, scones and available via the website cakes. are www.shantymen.co.uk or from Rob himself on 01428 641727.

Music@theBarn at Tuppeny Barn in Southbourne (PO10 8EZ) presents Miranda Sykes on 29th September. The concert starts at 8.00 and tickets are available via their website www.tuppennybarn.co.uk/musicthebarn.

Following the success of the Day of Folk Dance in Southampton last year, King John's Morris Men have arranged another Day of Dance this year, on the 15th September. With display dancing at four locations in the middle of Southampton (all within easy walking distance of each other), from 11.00 until 4.00, the day finishes with a ceilidh at St Barnabas Church Hall, Lodge Road, SO14 6TE. Local band Jigfoot will be providing the music for the ceilidh and tickets at £10 are available by emailing folkdancesouthampton@gmail.com. For lots more information, guidance on how to parking etc. get there, see the website http://folkdancesouthampton.weebly.com. This is an event that FASH is supporting.

If you have already glanced at the back page of this issue, you may have noticed that the posts of a couple of our committee members have changed. Lin Rayner and Dennis Wheeler have effectively swapped roles, so that Dennis is now FASH chairman and Lin is our treasurer. E-mail addresses are unaltered, should you need to contact anyone on the committee. Other committee posts are unchanged except that we welcome Bob Askew onto the team.

As this is the September issue, it is the time for me to make my annual appeal for people to come and try Morris dancing (or any of the other display dance styles in our area). Most sides will be restarting practice this month or next, and if you would like to try, and see whether it is for you, go along to your local team on their practice evening – they may even have a 'taster' session planned in their diary. Contact details, where they practise and when, for most local sides, are on our website www.fash.org.uk/morris.htm and you can find more details on the sides' own web sites via the links. Wear sensible shoes – trainers are ideal for Morris dancing – and go along give it a try!

Also a reminder that the next FASH workshop is in October, on 14th. Lisa Purkiss will be calling at Twyford Parish Hall to music from Andrew Purkiss. The workshop is titled "Dances Old and New".

Note too, that the first Twyford Ceilidh is at the end of *this* month, not the beginning of next, due to Hall availability.

Finally it is our sad duty to record the loss of another well-known member of our 'folk community':

#### **Svd Wilkins**

We are sad to have to report that Sydney Wilkins passed away on Sunday 8th July at Southampton General Hospital. He went into hospital the previous Thursday for a relatively minor procedure; however, on Saturday his pulse and blood pressure dropped but this was stabilised. Saturday evening Syd was doing the Telegraph crossword but passed peacefully in his sleep early Sunday morning.

Many of you will know Syd from his long association with FASH as its treasurer, and before that as treasurer for the South Hants branch of EFDSS. He, his wife Joyce and Joy Simmons started the Eastleigh Folk Dance Club in 1975 and Joyce was the treasurer for the first few years until Syd took over and remained in that post until early 2014. Syd enjoyed calling on club evenings and particularly liked the dances and music of the Playford era, some of which was played at his funeral.

Syd and Joyce ran monthly Saturday dances for a number of years at the Technical College and at Fleming Park in Eastleigh, and they and their three children were regulars at Folk Camps, so much so that Syd became a Folk Camp Warden. For FASH, and before that for the South Hants District of EFDSS, Syd was a reliable and conscientious treasurer and a thoughtful and enthusiastic contributor to discussions committee meetings. Using his experience in printing he was an enormous help in getting our **FASH** publicity materials looking more streamlined and 'professional'.

Syd retired from the FASH committee in 2011 but he was always available for questions and carried on with distributing his share of Solent Waves for a number of years. Although we haven't seen much of him in more recent years, as he became a bit frailer, we in FASH will always remember his many and varied contributions to folk activities over the years and he will continue to be so remembered by all his friends and colleagues in the folk world.

Joyce and the family would like to thank all of you who attended the funeral and sent cards; this was very much appreciated.

FASH Committee

## **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 £7.00, non-members £10.00. Tea and coffee available. Please bring a plate of food for an American Bring and Share Lunch. Or bring your own lunch, or try the local pub.

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