



# SOLENT WAVES



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## FASH 'Chat' – The End of an Era?

Nearly thirty nine years ago, the committee of what was then the South Hants District of the English Folk Dance and Song Society decided to replace the existing SOFA newsheet with a "communications newsletter" for members of EFDSS in the district. The idea was that it should have diaries of forthcoming events as well as comments, letters and articles from the membership, and also advertisements for future events, items for sale or wanted, almost anything folk-related. It would be free to members and available to purchase to anyone else interested in folk activities in our area.

For examples of what sort of adverts were included, our first editor, Pete Chadbund, placed an advertisement in this first issue for lutes, bowed psalteries etc. made to order, three local dance bands advertised their availability and under "Crafts", walking sticks were offered, hand-carved to order.

The new publication's name? The committee felt that we were "riding on the crest of a wave in the oceans of folk heritage" and proposed the name 'Solent Waves' which we have kept, even though later on the area organisation was no longer actually part of EFDSS, simply affiliated to it, the change having taken place in the earlier part of 1994.

The first issue with "Folk Association of South Hants" clearly in the heading was the September 1994 one, although the constitution and rules for the new organisation were published in the July issue, having been adopted in April that year.

That July '94 issue was number 170. At first only August was a "Solent Waves-free" month; it was a little later that the January issue was also dropped. With four issues missed during an uncertain period over 1982-3 when the editorship was changing, we averaged out at ten issues per year, and the July issue each year had a number ending in zero. Ten years after 'Solent Waves' came into being, our 100th issue was published by Elizabeth and Peter Pennycook (our longest serving editors (14 years!)) and they were still in this role for the 200th issue.

Our 300th issue was produced by Dennis Wheeler. By this time our "two note" logo was included in the title header, having been adopted in November 2005. All Dennis' issues, 95 of them, were produced using a computer, electronic word processing having been introduced by David Roberts, Dennis' predecessor. Before this, all copies were produced using a typewriter and cut and paste techniques!

I was editor for our 400th issue, and we celebrated, among other ways, by having it printed in full colour (a generous offer by our printers, Sarsen Press) including an impressive colour advert for the Wickham Festival on the back page. A couple of years later, it became more convenient, with changes in printing technology, for the Press to print in full colour, so from June 2019 onwards, what I compiled here on the computer was exactly what they printed.

This nice tidy numbering was ruined of course by the covid-19 pandemic when little folk activity was able to take place (although quite a few enterprising organisations started using the ‘Zoom’ application – it brought ‘Zoom’ to the masses – and some groups are still holding regular meetings via this medium). Over the 2020-2021 period we missed seven issues, although to help fill these gaps, I reissued a few historical editions via email – copies that I thought might be interesting and trigger a few happy memories. Unfortunately, with no paper copies of these, only people on my e-mail distribution list were able to benefit.

When I first started editing ‘Solent Waves’ we had about twenty readers who received their copy by email; now we have well over 100. In those days, my check list included “Check all websites work by accessing the internet, searching for www and http” and “Search on @ to see all in italics”. Although ‘Solent Waves’ is, and was, compiled using Microsoft ‘Word’, what we sent out was a pdf file. Readers of the paper copy, if they wished to follow a link within the text, or to email someone using the address given in our pages, had to type the letters into their computers; from the beginning of 2010, readers of the pdf copy could simply click on the hyperlinks to be transferred to where these links pointed.

This convenience was reduced somewhat fairly recently when email providers started checking much more closely what was being sent out and what was arriving in our mailboxes, and attached documents with many links therein, especially some of which were behind pictures, as our adverts are, were blocked. Instead of sending out ‘soft’ copies of our journal, I had to send out each month a link to the copy on the FASH website.

Returning to the story of the paper copy: sadly, printing and distributing ‘Solent Waves’, with the rising costs of paper, ink and postage, became the largest monthly expenditure for FASH, to the point where we decided, very reluctantly, to stop producing paper copies of our journal, and to distribute it only as an electronic copy. From September 2022, the only copy we produced was a .pdf file which we distributed by email and posted on our website for anyone (anywhere!) interested to

read or download.

I have mentioned the FASH website: FASH has had a “presence” on the world wide web since May 1998, although you would have struggled to find our pages, initially on the Southampton University website, unless you had a copy of ‘Solent Waves’ where its URL (i.e. its internet ‘address’) was printed in the header. Our website could be accessed via the familiar *fash.org* address from April 2004, although this took you to the same pages. Trevor Gilson maintained these pages, and when I first became editor, once ‘Solent Waves’ had been sent to the printers, I had to take all the computer files I used, strip out all the adverts etc., convert all the diaries and ‘Solent Waves’ itself to basic internet files and send them all to Trevor to put on his website.

In February 2014, Dennis Wheeler started to put together a new website which would enable us to put our extended diaries where they could be found by anyone seeking the information, to list the many folk clubs’, folk dance clubs’ and display sides’ details, and which could be updated at any time without waiting for Trevor to process the files we sent him. This new website went “live” at the end of April 2014 and we announced it, with explanations of what could be found there, in our May 2014 issue of ‘Solent Waves’. The website you can look at today is largely unchanged from the layout Dennis designed twelve years ago. I did most of the “day-to-day” maintenance of the website, as much of the information it contained I needed anyway for the production of ‘Solent Waves’.

Over the years since we have made a few small changes; perhaps most notable was the addition of a full archive of our past issues of ‘Solent Waves’. Sadly the archive is not searchable, but is useful for finding dates of past events, as I have been doing, writing this ‘Chat’.

So the title – “The End of an Era?”. After this issue I shall retire from the position of editor on the FASH committee. Thomas Bending, who also sits on the committee, has said that he will maintain the FASH website in the future, but there is no-one on the present committee who is prepared to take on the monthly (well, ten times a year) preparation of ‘Solent

Waves'. I must thank all our other committee members who have helped provide articles and information for our journal, and especially I must thank the many advertisers who have helped fill our pages with news of their forthcoming events. Quite a few of these advertisers have been "regulars", placing adverts each month, and I feel sad to be losing contact with them.

And the question mark in the title? While

no-one on our committee is prepared to 'adopt' 'Solent Waves', it is quite possible that someone within our readership may be interested taking over its editorship. So, if there is someone out there who would like our journal to carry on under their guidance, do, please, get in touch. Any of the committee would be delighted to hear from you.

Dave Sutton

**2026 SusFA  
PLAYFORD BALL**

 will be on

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May at  
Colwood House  
Warninglid, off A23  
RH17 5SP**

Caller:  
**Madeleine Smith**  
with music by  
**Eclectic Regency**  
Dance 7.00 pm – 10:00 pm  
£12.00 Pay on Door  
COSTUME OPTIONAL  
**Bring Food; Tea & Coffee provided**

Further details & directions from:  
Bob Weddell, 07732797842, or [susfachair@gmail.com](mailto:susfachair@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  
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>

 *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)

**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)



*As many as will  
the best of english country dance  
past and present*

SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA  
7.30 – 10 pm £4 [nigelclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com)  
Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**A Spring Concert – Roll Round with the Year**  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30 to 9.30  
St Peter's Church Stockbridge

 **A Concert and Barn Dance**  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Victoria Hall Sutton Scotney

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

# DANCE DIARY

## MAY

**Monday** 8.00-10.00 Beaus of the Park FDC. Mostly Playford. Church of the Resurrection Hall, Penarth Avenue, Drayton, PO6 2AP. Sues Bradshaw 02392 713158

11th, 18th.

**Monday** 7.30-10.00 Bournemouth FDC. The Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9RW. Liz Neal 07471 207563 [chair@bfdc.club](mailto:chair@bfdc.club) [www.bfdc.club](http://www.bfdc.club)

11th, 18th.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/Eastleigh.folk.dance.club)

11th, Caller Sarah Perry

**Monday** 7.45-10.15 Southampton Irish Set Dancers, Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. Traditional Irish (square) set dances. £5, contact:

[southamptonirishset@gmail.com](mailto:southamptonirishset@gmail.com)

11th, 18th.

**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](mailto:iowshiers@gmail.com).

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

**Tuesday** 7.30-9.30. Salisbury Folk Dance Club, St. Martin's School, Shady Bower, Salisbury, SP1 2RG. [www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/](http://www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/) Contact Chris Nettle on [chairsfdc@hotmail.com](mailto:chairsfdc@hotmail.com)

5th, 12th, Caller Malcolm Churchill with Pete and sue Hall, 19th, 26th.

**Tuesday** 8.00 Solent CDC. Church of the Resurrection Hall, Penarth Avenue, Drayton, PO6 2AP. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158

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

**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 / 07748 009838.

[neal.bob61@gmail.com](mailto:neal.bob61@gmail.com)

5th, 19th.

**Thursday** 7.30-9.30 Fordingbridge English Country Dancing, Godshill Village Hall, Fordingbridge SP6 2LG. <https://brodsue.wixsite.com/countrydancing> [fbcountrydance@gmail.com](mailto:fbcountrydance@gmail.com)

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

**Thursday** 7.30 Highcliffe Folk Dance Club, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL. Jan Harris 01202 427523 [janharris16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janharris16@hotmail.co.uk). <https://highcliffecountrydancing.weebly.com/>

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

6 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Caller Geoff Elwell with Pete and Sue Hall. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499

7 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](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com)

9 7.00-10.00 Pavillion Dance South West May Ceilidh. Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Caller Phil Bassindale with Monkey See Monkey Do. Adults £17, concessions £14. Licensed bar available. [www.pds.org.uk/](http://www.pds.org.uk/)

Sat 9 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Diane Silver with Contra Sutra. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS [website](http://www.efdss.org.uk/) or on the door. More info from [www.barndance.org/](http://www.barndance.org/)

10 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Diane Silver with Contra Sutra. £10 a ticket. [www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/](http://www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/)

10 3.30-6.00 "Ceilidh and Cake" Harman's Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB. Caller Malcolm Churchill with ceilidh band Maiden Oak. £5, children free, bring cash for tea, cake and raffle. Doors open 3.00, tickets from Lucinda Neall via [lucindaneall@proton.me](mailto:lucindaneall@proton.me).

13 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](http://www.folkactive.org.uk/wellbeing/folkactive-dances).

- 13 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](mailto:solentcontra@gmail.com)
- Sat 16 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Caller Jack Brown with Pete and Sue Hall. £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/>
- Sat 16 7.30 Fordingbridge Folk Club, Avonway Community Centre, Fordingbridge, SP6 1JF. Ceilidh with Jigfoot. More details via [fordingbridgefolk@gmail.com](mailto:fordingbridgefolk@gmail.com)
- 17 7.30 FASH AGM. To be held via the 'Zoom' application. Log-on details will be sent to people on our contacts list shortly. If you would like to attend but doubt you are on one of our lists, contact [info@fash.org.uk](mailto:info@fash.org.uk) to be sent the joining information and the information pack.
- 20 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)
- 22 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>
- 30 7.00-10.00 SusFA Playford Ball, Colwood House, Warninglid, RH17 5SP. Caller Madeleine Smith with music by Eclectic Regency. £12, further details from Bob Weddell 01293 536887 or Janet Douglas 01243 265010.

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- Sat 20 7.30-10.0 Salisbury Folk Dance Club's 50th Anniversary Dance, St. Martin's School, Shady Bower, Salisbury, SP1 2RG. Caller Frances Oates with Pair of Shears. Ticket details to follow. [www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/](http://www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/)
- Sat 27 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Caller Richard Lane. £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/>

## 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](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)

May	19	Kate Rusby at The Anvil
	30	Jack Rutter at The Forge
Jun	16	The Irish House Party at The Haymarket
	21	The Carole King and James Taylor Songbook at The Haymarket
	27	Vikki Clayton at The Forge

### THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

[www.arcwinchester.org.uk/](http://www.arcwinchester.org.uk/)

Jun	6	Katie Spencer
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### BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

Cafe@the Allendale Centre, Hanham Rd., Wimborne BH21 1AS. [www.brunnyfolk.co.uk/](http://www.brunnyfolk.co.uk/)

May	11	Headline - Boodle
	25	Club Night
Jun	8	TBA
	22	Plum Loco

### FOCSLE MUSIC

The Guide Dog, Earls Rd., Southampton, SO14 6SF. [www.facebook.com/FoczleMusic/](http://www.facebook.com/FoczleMusic/), Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays [home.2quakers.net/music/focsle-virtual](http://home.2quakers.net/music/focsle-virtual)

May	12	Singaround
	26	TBA with guest

### FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

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

May	1	Floor Spots
	16	Ceilidh with Jigfoot
Jun	5	Dove's Vagaries

### FOREST ARTS CENTRE

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

May	21	Jim Causley & Miranda Sykes - Everything Possible
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### FOREST FOLK

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

May	4	Singaround
	25	Flats & Sharps
Jun	1	Singaround
	8	Eddi Reader & John Douglas

### GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

May	2	Eabhal (on tour from Scotland)
Jun	3	The John McCusker Trio

### THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

Guildhall Square, PO1 2AB.

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk>

Jun	28	Spooky Men's Choral
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### HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

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

May	13	Narthen
Jun	10	Bob Fox

### HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

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

May	13	Tannahill Weavers
	14	Painted Sky
	17	GreenMatthews' Midsummer Revels



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



**FLATS & SHARPS**  
**Monday 25 May 2026**

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)

**HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB**  
Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island,  
PO11 0QR. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

May	4, 18	Singarounds
Jun	1, 15, 29	Singarounds

**THE HYDE TAVERN**

57 Hyde Street, Winchester, SO23 7DY  
[www.hydetavern.co.uk/](http://www.hydetavern.co.uk/)

May	9	Ma Polaine
	12, 13	Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan
Jun	25	Two Bit Troubadours

**LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC**

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

May	5	Singarounds 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/>

May	14	Graham Carter
Jun	11	Inominata

**NEW THEATRE ROYAL**

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

May	16	Steeleye Span
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**NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)**

Bishop's Waltham Social Club

<https://sites.google.com/site/nonsuchfolkclub/>

May	7	Lyn's Favourites
	21	Singarounds
Jun	4	Sarah & Brian
	18	Charity Night

**THE PHOENIX Theatre and Arts Centre**

Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0LR

01420 472664 [www.phoenixarts.co.uk/](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk/)

May	31	The Rising Music Festival: Battle of the Bands – Heat Two
Jun	28	The Rising Music Festival: Battle of the Bands – Final

**THE RAILWAY INN**

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

<https://www.railwayinn.pub>

May	16	Wake The River
	21	Boo Hewerdine and Yvonne Lyon
Jun	5	Ruth Theodore plus special guest Katie Dahl

**THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE**

56 East Street, Havant 02392 472700

<https://thespring.co.uk/>

May	23	Music Bites - Round the Edges
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**THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER**

Jewry Street, SO23 8SBJ. 01962 840440

[www.theatroyalwinchester.co.uk](http://www.theatroyalwinchester.co.uk)

May	1	Steeleye Span
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**TURNER SIMS**

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

02380 595151 [www.turnersims.co.uk/](http://www.turnersims.co.uk/)

May	1	Lisa Knapp & Gerry Diver
	2	Malin Lewis
	3	The Furrow Collective Singing Workshop (2 pm)
	3	The Furrow Collective
	23	“Three Acres And A Cow” - A history of land rights and protest in folk song and story.
Jun	13	The John Martyn Project

**WEMSFEST**

Live music etc. around Emsworth

[www.wemsfest.com/](http://www.wemsfest.com/)

May	10	The Tannahill Weavers at Southbourne Village Hall, PO10 8HN
	22	Boo Hewerdine & Yvonne Lyon at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL
Jun	7	John McCusker Trio at Southbourne Village Hall, PO10 8HN

**WESSEX ACOUSTIC**

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum,  
DT11 7AD <https://wimborne-acoustic.co.uk/>

May	8	Sherburn Bartley Sanders
Jun	5	Pete Coe

**WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT**

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

May	16	Mark Harrison Band
Jun	5	Bonfire Radicals

**WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB**

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

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

May	6	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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**WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB**

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

May	10	Club night
Jun	14	Club night

Lots of entries in the diaries this month: all the dance clubs are still running before some of them close for the summer, many of the folk clubs continue through the summer, and this month we start to add in all the display sides' programmes. I have to apologise, the display sides diary is not as complete as I might have hoped because some of the teams have yet to publish some of their events list (some have yet to publish *any* of their calendar on-line where I can find it). *cont. on p11*

**DISPLAY SIDES DIARY – MAY/JUNE****Alton Morris** <https://altonmorris.co.uk/>

29	8.00	The Crown, Badshot Lea, with Hook eagle Morris, Jackstraws and Mayflower Morris
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**Basingclog Morris** [www.basingclog.org.uk](http://www.basingclog.org.uk)

12	8.00	The Calleva Arms, Silchester, with Berkshire Bedlam
16		Winchester Mayfest
19	8.00	The Wagon & Horses, Hartley Wintney, with Customs & Exiles
28	8.00	The Olde Red Lion, Chieveley, with Old Speckled Hen.
2	8.00	Longbridge Mill, Sherfield-on-Loddon, with Borderline Morris
6		Fishbourne Mill Morris' DoD, Chichester
7		North Waltham Village Carnival
9	8.00	The Bell in the Bury, Odiham, with Fleet Morris
16	8.00	The Phoenix, Hartley Wintney, with Jackstraws
23	8.00	The Coach & Horses, Rotherwick, with Kennet Morris
26		Queen's Oak and Rose & Castle weekend of Dance in and around Towcester (3 days)
30	8.00	The Mill House, North Warnborough, with Mayflower Morris

**Bourne River Morris Men**

<http://brmm.org.uk/>

1	05.00	The Cross Keys, Mannington
7	8.00	The Coach and Horses, Wimborne
14	7.30	Witchampton Club, Witchampton
16		Winchester Mayfest

**Bourne River Morris Men (cont.)**

21	8.00	The Bermuda Triangle, Poole
28	8.00	The True Lovers Knot, Tarrant Keyneston
2	7.30	The Green Man, Wimborne, with Hobos Morris
11	7.30	The Clay Pipe Inn, Poole, with Holly Copse Molly
18	7.30	The Cove House Inn, Portland, Frome Valley's Midsummer get-together
27		Folk on the Quay, Poole

**Fleet Morris** <http://fleetmorris.org.uk>

12	8.00	The De Havilland Arms, Fleet, with Hook Eagle Morris
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**Holly Copse Molly** [www.hollycopsemolly.com](http://www.hollycopsemolly.com)

12	7.30	Green Man, Wimborne, with Hobos Morris
31	8.00	Wessex Folk Festival, Weymouth
11	7.30	The Clay Pipe Inn, Poole, with Bourne River Morris Men
18	7.30	The Cove Inn, Portland, with Frome Valley Morris
20	7.30	Teignmouth Folk Festival (2 days)
28		Folk on the Quay, Poole

**Hook Eagle Morris Men**

<https://hookeagle.org.uk/>

1	05.32	May Day Dawn at the Shack Café, Hook
2	4.00	Butser Ancient Farm Beltane Festival
3		Rochester Sweeps Festival
9	3.00	Beer Festival, The Plough, Little London
12	8.00	The De Havilland Arms, Fleet, with Fleet Morris

**Hook Eagle Morris Men (cont.)**

17		Alresford Watercress Festival, New Alresford
22	8.00	The Wagon and Horses, Hartley Wintney, with Alton Morris
29	8.00	The Crown, Badshot Lea, with Alton Morris, Jackstraws Morris and Mayflower Morris
6		Fishbourne Mill Morris' DoD, Chichester
13	2.00	Hartley Wintney Festival, Village Centre
24		Midsummer and National Bakewell Tart Day, Odiham Castle, North Warnborough, with Basingclog Morris
27	8.00	The Crooked Billet, Hook.
29	8.00	Calleva Arms, Silchester, with Kennett Morris

**King John's Morris Men**[www.kingjohnsmorris.org](http://www.kingjohnsmorris.org)

1	05.00	May Morning, The Bargate Southampton, with Red Stags Morris
7	7.30	The Goat, Downton (TBC)
16		Winchester Mayfest (TBC)
25	11.00	West Dean Fete (TBC)
10	7.45	The Milbury, Beauworth, with Winchester Morris Men
	8.45	The Flowerpots, Cheriton, with Winchester Morris Men
20	1.00	Whiteparish Fete (TBC)

**Mafficking Border Morris**<https://maffickingborder.co.uk/>

16		Winchester Mayfest
24		Chippenham Folk Festival
6	8.00	Fishbourne Mill Morris' Day of Dance, Chichester
8	7.30	The Good Companion, Southsea, with Mary Rose and Royal George
23	8.00	Spice Island, Portsmouth
	9.00	The Bridge Tavern, Portsmouth
28		Charity event in aid of MND at The Rose in June, Copnor

**Mary Rose & Royal George**<https://maryroseandroyalgeorge.co.uk/#/>

3		Jack-in-the-Green Festival, Hastings (2 days)
16		Winchester Mayfest
25	8.00	The Ship Inn, Langstone, with Wickham Morris
27		Rose in June Beer Fest in aid of MND, Copnor

**Men of Wight** [www.menofwight.org.uk](http://www.menofwight.org.uk)

1	04.30	Dancing in the May Day dawn at Longstone, Mottistone,
14	8.00	The Cedars, Wootton Bridge
22	8.00	The Sportsman's Rest, Porchfield
23	11.00	Scarecrow Festival, Chillerton
	1.00	Shanty Festival, The Square, Yarmouth
27	22.30	The Crab Inn, Shanklin
4	8.00	The King Lud, Ryde
11	8.00	The Bonchurch Inn, Ventnor
18	8.00	The Portland Inn, Gurnards
25	8.00	Sandown Pier

**Moonshine Border Morris**[www.facebook.com/groups/MoonshineBorderMorris](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MoonshineBorderMorris)

29	8.00	Shanklin Seafront, with Oyster Girls
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**Mr Baker's Dozen** [www.mrbakersdozen.org.uk](http://www.mrbakersdozen.org.uk)

2	3.30	Goddard's Brewery, Branstone
11	8.00	The Post Office, Niton
18	8.00	The King Lud, Ryde
6		Weekend away (no details yet)
17	8.00	The Wheatsheaf, Newport Quay, with Oyster Girls

**New Forest Meddlars**[www.newforestmeddlars.co.uk](http://www.newforestmeddlars.co.uk)

1	05.30	May Day dawn at Bolton's Bench, Lyndhurst
9	?	Green Man Parade, Burley
16		Winchester Mayfest
30		Wessex Folk Festival, Weymouth

**Oyster Girls** [www.oystergirls.org.uk](http://www.oystergirls.org.uk)

6	8.00	Waverley Park Holiday Centre, East Cowes
9		Broadwood Morris Men's Day of Dance, Horsham
10	8.00	The White Horse, Maplehurst
13	8.00	Ryde Seafront
20	8.00	The Traveller's Joy, Cowes
27	8.00	The Crab, Shanklin
3	8.00	The Waterfront, Totland
10	8.00	The Cockle, Newport
13	2.00	Wolverton Garden Fair
17	8.00	The Wheatsheaf, Newport Quay, with Mr Baker's Dozen
24	8.00	Gurnard Beach Huts/ Portland Inn, Cowes

**Pilgrim Morris** [www.pilgrimorris.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimorris.org.uk)

2	12.30	Summerpole – see the website
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**Red Stags** [www.redstagsmorris.org](http://www.redstagsmorris.org)

2	8.00	The Guide Dog, Southampton, with Wickham Morris
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**Sarum Morris** [www.sarummorris.co.uk](http://www.sarummorris.co.uk)

1	06.00	Dancing at Dawn, Old Sarum Castle
2		Cuckoo Fair, Downton
4		Spring Fayre, Salisbury Museum
7	7.30	The Goat, Downton, with King John's Morrismen
16		Winchester Mayfest
21	8.00	The Red Lion, Heytesbury, with Holt Morris
24		Chippenham Folk Festival
26	8.00	The Cross Keys, Mannington, with Hobos Morris
30		Oak Apple Day, Great Wishford
31		Wessex Folk Festival, Weymouth
4	8.00	The Royal Oak, Fritham, with Anonymous Morris
11	8.00	The Greyhound, Broughton, with Wickham Morris
14		Wimborne Minster Folk Festival
18	8.00	The Royal Oak, North Gorley, with Bourne River Morrismen (note - this does not match with BRMM's published programme)
20		Laycock Summer Ale
26		The Radnor Arms, Nunton (TBC)
27		Folk on the Quay, Poole (2 days)
30	8.00	The Kings Head, Redlynch, with New Forest Meddlars

**Spank the Planks**

<https://spanktheplanks.weebly.com/>

16		Winchester Mayfest
24		Chippenham Folk Festival
27		Folk on the Quay, Poole (2 days)

**Victory Morrismen** [www.victorymorrismen.org.uk](http://www.victorymorrismen.org.uk)

1	05.00	The Spur Redoubt, Old Portsmouth
	10.00	Mystery Bus Tour
	6.00	Dancing in Old Portsmouth
4	10.15	St. Mary's Church May Fayre
7	8.00	The Brewers Tap, Milton
	9.00	The Artillery Arms, Milton
14	8.00	The Robin Hood, Rowlands Castle
	9.00	The Castle Inn, Rowlands Castle
21	8.00	The West Street Alehouse, Fareham
	9.00	The White Horse, Wallington
28	8.00	The Southsea Village, Southsea
	9.00	The Aukland Arms, Southsea
4	8.00	The Harrow, Steep
	9.00	The Queen's Head Sheet

**Victory Morrismen(cont.)**

6		Fishbourne Mill Morris' Day of Dance, Chichester
27		The Rose in June, Southsea, Charity Beer Festival

**Wickham Morris** [www.wickham-morris.org.uk](http://www.wickham-morris.org.uk)

1	05.15	Dancing at Dawn, Wickham Square
	6.30	Wickham Square, with other sides
2		Upton Folk Festival (2 days)
7	8.00	The Victory Inn, Hamble-le-Rice
14	8.00	The Fishermans Rest, Titchfield
16		Winchester Mayfest
21	8.00	The Hunters Inn, Swanmore
23		Chippenham Folk Festival (2 days)
28	8.00	The Flower Pots Inn, Cheriton
4	8.00	The Milbury at Beauworth, Arlesford
6		Fishbourne Mill Morris' Day of Dance, Chichester
11	8.00	The Greyhound, Broughton, with Sarum Morris
13		Wickham Fete
18	8.00	The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge
25	8.00	The Ship Inn, Langstone, with Mary Rose and Royal George
27		Folk on the Quay, Poole

**Winchester Morris Men**

[www.winchester-morris-men.org.uk](http://www.winchester-morris-men.org.uk)

1	7.00	The King's Head, Wickham, with Wickham Morris
4	11.00	Abbey Gardens, Winchester
	1.00	The Flowerpots Inn, Cheriton
6	7.00	The Square, Winchester
	7.45	The Shoal Restaurant, Winchester
9		Whitchurch Folk Festival
13	7.45	The Ship Inn, Owslebury
	8.45	The Brushmaker's Arms, Upham
16		Winchester Mayfest
20	7.45	Church Street, Wherwell, with Mayfly Morris
	8.45	The Eagle Inn, Abbots Ann, with Mayfly Morris
25	pm	Bampton Evening Tour, with Bampton Morris Men
27	7.30	The Plough Inn, Sparsholt
	8.30	The Village Pond, Crawley
	9.30	The Fox, Crawley
4	7.45	The Boot, Houghton
	8.45	The John O' Gaunt, Kings Somborne
10	7.45	The Milbury Inn, with King John's Morris Men
	8.45	The Flowerpots Inn, Cheriton, with King John's Morris Men

**Winchester Morris Men (cont.)**

17	7.45	The King's Head, Hursley
	8.45	The Bugle Inn, Twyford
24	7.45	The Cricketers Inn, Easton
	8.45	The Wonston Arms, Wonston
27	1.00	The Queen Inn, Winchester
	p.m.	St. Cross Hospital, Winchester

**Yateley Morris Men**

[www.yateleymorrismen.org.uk](http://www.yateleymorrismen.org.uk)

1	05.30	Dance at Dawn, Wyndham's Pool, Yateley
4		Yateley May Fayre, Yateley Green

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Note that where there are usually just one or two entries on a side's diary, it usually means I have copied them across from other programmes when two or more sides are dancing out together.

This month, of course, we have the Whitchurch Folk Festival, the Winchester Mayfest, the Wolverton Folk and Blues Fair and the Wessex Folk Festival all taking place. Many local folk dancers and musicians will decamp to May Heydays at the beginning of the month and to the Chippenham Folk Festival at the end.

St. George's Church is one of the venues for the Waterlooville Music Festival on the 3rd to the 7th June, and the 'Folk and Ale Night' there, on the 5th, features Mick Ryan's band 'Crows'. Full details and tickets are available from the website [www.waterloovillemusicfestival.org.uk/](http://www.waterloovillemusicfestival.org.uk/) Note that there are also lunchtime concerts/recitals which are free to attend, although the Friday's event is the only folk concert.

As noted in our adjacent advert, the FASH AGM is to be held on the 17th of this month. In the past

**Yateley Morris Men (cont.)**

5	7.30	The Waggon and Horses, Hartley Wintney
12	7.30	The Bull Inn, Arborfield
18	7.45	The Crooked Billet, Honeyhill, with Kennet Morris
26	7.45	The Princess Royal, Badshot Lea
	8.45	The Crown, Badshot Lea
2	8.00	The Winchfield Inn, Winchfield
5		Netherlands Tour (4 days)
16	8.00	The Plough, Little London
23	8.00	The Surrey Cricketers, Windlesham, with Thames Valley Morris

**The next FASH Event:**

**Sunday 17th May, 7.30 p.m.  
to be held on-line via the  
'Zoom' application.**

we have held this on a Sunday afternoon, but that was because there was a cream tea followed by a dance in the evening. In more recent years, attendance at the dance has been low so we changed to an on-line meeting. We feel that moving the AGM to an evening might encourage more people to attend, so it is set to start at 7.30. For those on our mailing lists, packs including the accounts and the officers' reports will be going out shortly, together with log-in details for the meeting. Contact our secretary (details below) if you would like to attend but have not received a pack. Do, please, consider joining the committee – two or three of the current members are retiring, leaving the numbers rather low. *Dave Sutton-editor*

**Folk Association of South Hants**

As well as promoting and supporting folk activities and events in Hampshire, we hold workshops on Sundays, at Soberton or Durley Halls, from 10.30 to 3.30, see [www.fash.org.uk](http://www.fash.org.uk) for details. FASH members £9.00, non-members £12.00. Tea and coffee available. Please bring your own lunch.

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