



SOLENT WAVES



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FASH 'Chat' – Our Winter/Spring Workshops

Our 2024/25 workshop season got off to a splendid start with Victoria Yeomans and musicians Dave Yeomans and Linda Game, and by the time you read this, we will have had our second workshop, with Ivan Aitken and musicians Claire Coxwell, Judith & Rick Beton. **But still to come in 2024 is our Winter Gathering, on the 15th December at Durley Memorial Hall SO32 2AD from 10.30am to 3.30pm.**

This will be our third Winter Gathering and we are really looking forward to it. We will have our usual mix of popular and brilliant local callers and musicians, Mummers and a sprinkling of music, song and surprises. This is not a workshop. It is instead a day for fun and enjoyment, a great way to start the Christmas season and it's only £6 each, or £3 for a half day. £1 for tea, coffee and biscuits all day, and there will be mince pies and cake, but bring your own lunch.

We kick off 2025 on January 12th at Soberton Village Hall SO32 3PF with The Varied Dances of Phillippe Callens, called by Thomas Bending with Pete & Sue Hall. Phillippe Callens was a superb choreographer who produced some lovely and popular dances, and Pete and Sue will provide suitably beautiful music for us. Thomas is a deservedly well-known caller and musician and we are lucky that he now lives locally and we can get to know him better. Don't miss this workshop!

Next up, on the 2nd February, will be Louise Siddons with Linda Game & Ali

Messer for Not Quite and Mostly Contra, at Durley Memorial Hall. Louise says they will be mainly British Contra style dances – are they Contras? Louise is another famous caller who now lives locally, and Linda and Ali are well known musicians who play for Contras as Box of Frogs. Another brilliant combination of versatile and entertaining caller and musicians!

March 9th is our annual West Gallery Music workshop with The Madding Crowd, at Soberton Village Hall. Come to sing and play, but don't forget to book your place in advance to: info@fash.org.uk or 01243 531497.

The 23rd of March sees us back at Durley Memorial Hall with Frances Oates and Pete & Sue Hall and a workshop entitled What Happens Next? Or Frances says it could be called Patterns that I Like, as it will be a mix of some of her favourite dances. Frances is another caller who is popular across the country, at her own club in Cornwall and at clubs, festivals etc, and Pete & Sue will complement her calling with their lovely music.

Our last workshop of the season will be on April 13th at Soberton Village Hall when Jane Thomas will lead us through a Smörgåsbord of Interesting Dances and Tunes, with Pete & Sue Hall. This will be a pick and mix of dance that Jane enjoys teaching and dancing. We always enjoy Jane's calling, she is very popular and it will be good

to have her back again, working with Pete & Sue.

All workshops are from 10.30am to 3.30pm with a break for lunch from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. £1 for tea & coffee, available all day (bring your own mug if you prefer). Entry fees £12 for non-members or £9 for members (half

price for half day). Bring your own lunch or try a local pub.

If you have any suggestions for future workshops, please let us know, also if you'd like to help on the Committee.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Lin Rayner – FASH Chairman

DANCE DIARY

DECEMBER

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>

2nd, 9th, Christmas party.

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

2nd, 9th, Christmas party, 16th.

Monday 7.30-10.00 Eastleigh Folk Dance Club. Railway Institute, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FE. Live music. 02380 252248 www.facebook.com/Eastleigh.folk.dance.club

9th, Club callers.

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

2nd, 9th, 16th. (check dates via email before travelling)

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.

3rd, 10th, 17th.

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

3rd, 10th, Caller Rob Dawson, 17th. Christmas Party + live music with Chris Toyne.

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

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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

3rd.

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

5th, 12th.

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/>

5th, 12th, 19th.

4 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Callers 'Come All Ye' with Pete and Sue Hall. Tea, coffee and mince pies provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499

5 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 2.00-5.30 Eurobal Wessex. New Forest Christmas Bal with Southampton Euro Session. Ibsley Village Hall. Gorley Road, South Gorley BH24 3NL. £10. Details still to be published via their Facebook page.

8 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Charlie Turner with The Linda Game Band. £10 a ticket. www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/

- 11 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.
- 11 8.00-10.30 Solent Contrás, Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, Shawford, SO21 2AA. Callers Barrie Bullimore and friends. Doors open 7.45 £5 (cards accepted). solentcontra@gmail.com
- 13 7.30-10.15. Festive Ceilidh. Forest Arts Centre, Old Milton Road, New Milton, BH25 6DS. Murphy's Lore with their caller Noeleen. Tickets £18. Bar and food available (not included). www.forest-arts.co.uk/
- 13 7.00-10.00 Festive Barn dance, Graylingwell Chapel, Blomfield Drive, Chichester, PO19 6BZ. Dance to Rufus Returns. Doors open 6.30, tickets £13 + booking fee via the *website*. Licensed bar available.
- Sat 14 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. £6 per person. Bring and Share tea. Contact: Jan Harris 01202 427523, janharris16@hotmail.co.uk. <https://edfdc.weebly.com/>
- Sat 14 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 King Contra String Band. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS *website* or on the door. More info from www.barndance.org/
- Sat 14 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Melrose Ceilidh Quintet with caller Ian Nichols. Ian Nichols 07765820919 www.shocc.co.uk/
- 15 10.30-3.30 FASH Dance. Durley Memorial Hall, SO32 2AD. "Winter Gathering". Dance, with a few musical interludes, local callers and musicians plus who knows what else. Tickets £6, BYO lunch. 01243 531497
- 18 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 21 7.00-10.00 PDSW Festive Ceilidh. Pavilion Dance South West, Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Dance to Bow and Box with caller Fee Lock. Adult £20, concessions £17. Box Office 01202 203630, or book via www.pdsw.org.uk/whats-on/ Fully licensed bar available. Doors open 6.30.
- 29 10.30-3.30 SusFA Sunday Workshop, Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. Caller Barrie Bullimore "Christmas Crackers". £10, tea and coffee available, bring a picnic lunch. <http://susfa.interfolk.co.uk/events/index.html> For details call Janet Douglas 01243 265010
- 31 8.00-00.30 Whitchurch Folk Club's New Year's Eve Ceilidh. Whitchurch Parish Hall, 28 London Street, RG28 7LQ. Caller Kayleigh Topliss with Jig and Tonic. Adult ticket £20, includes a glass of bubbly at midnight, 17s and under £10. Tickets limited, available via the *website*

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14 7.30-10.00 Kimmeridge Keilidh. Kimmeridge Village Hall, The Etches Collection BH20 5PE. Arish Mel Ceilidh Band with caller Teresa Williams. £7.50 on the door, no bar so BYO drinks and nibbles. www.earwicker.org/arish_mel.htm

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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 nigeltclose9@gmail.com
Thursdays 5th Dec., 2nd Jan. & 6th Feb.

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



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 June. 8.00 – 10.30 in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 346 Portwood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB £5.
Contact:
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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 September to June
£5.00 per person on the door
For more information, please email solentcontra@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/solentcontradances>



The Madding Crowd are giving
just one Christmas Concert:
Friday 20th December 7.30pm
St Mary's Church Bishopstoke SO50 6DL
Free entry and refreshments - Donations welcome
www.maddingcrowd.org [@TheMaddingCrowdUK](https://www.facebook.com/TheMaddingCrowdUK)



CONTACTABAND
For your barn dance bands and callers
UNA BOULTON 023 9263 2770

A mention of Wassailing at Fishbourne in January reminded me of Dave McGlade's FASH 'Chat' in this year's February issue of 'Solent Waves' (which is still available on our website at www.fash.org.uk/archive/2021-2030/SW_2024-02.pdf). It prompted me to look at what wassailing events are running in and around Hampshire. There proved to be fewer than I expected.

The event which first drew my attention will take place in Fishbourne, just this side of Chichester, on the 18th January. This will be the first such event to be held at the Fishbourne Playing Fields Centre on Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE. 'Kick-off' will be a 7.00 in the evening with local Morris side Fishbourne Mill Morris entertaining the crowd, followed by The Prize Old Mummers performing a traditional Mummers Play. Finally, of course, a procession to the Apple Tree with singing and the traditional drinking of Cider (or beer) while wassailing the tree.

There is presently little information to be found about this event, but it will be advertised in the December issue of 'Fishbourne Village Voice' which will be available shortly on the Fishbourne Parish Council's website at www.fishbourne-pc.gov.uk/fishbourne/village-voice/. The event is free to attend, but there will be a collection in aid of local children's charity Naomi House.

The following day, the 19th, The Weald and Downland Museum at Singleton, to the north of Chichester, is holding a wassailing event with the traditional procession, singing, a performance (mumming?) and general noise making, with three

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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

Dec	12	The Albion Christmas Band at The Haymarket
	22	The Unthanks: 'In Winter' at The Haymarket
Feb	8	Family Folk Show with Megson at The Forge

THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

www.arcwinchester.org.uk/

Dec	6	Acoustic Cafe - March & Frittilaries plus Lucy Rachel
	11	St. Agnes Fountain
	19	'A Winter Union'
Jan	25	Jim Moray + Amelia Coburn
Feb	13	The Salts

BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB

St Andrew's Church, Millhams Road, Bournemouth BH10 7LN. or Trinity United Church, Christchurch Rd., Ringwood, BH24 1DH info@bfcprepresents.co.uk

Dec	7	Janice Burns and Jon Doran at Ringwood.
Feb	7	Eliza Marshall at Bournemouth

BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

Cafe@the Allendale Centre, Hanham Rd., Wimborne BH21 1AS. www.brunnyfolk.co.uk/

Dec	9	Christmas Special inc. Just Us, Cheese & Weasels, Jubilate and many others
Jan	13	Paul Openshaw
	27	Club night

FOCSLE MUSIC

Live Guests on 2nd (and occasionally other) Tuesdays, at The Guide Dog, Earls Road, Southampton, SO14 6SF www.focsle.org/
www.facebook.com/FoczleMusic Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays www.focsle.org/#online

Dec	10	Singaround
	17	"Live on the Lawn / in the lounge" Christmas Party (+ King John's Mummings - TBC), see the website for details
Jan	14	Singaround.

FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

Avonway Community Centre, Shaftesbury St, Fordingbridge SP6 1JF

www.fordingbridgefolk.com/

Dec	6	Singaround
Jan	3	Jim Causley - Wassail!
Feb	7	Wessex Folk Orchestra

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

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

Dec	1	Merry Hell
	5	Green Room Live: Chris Fox + Lucy Kitchen
	13	Festive Ceilidh with Murphy's Lore

FOREST FOLK

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

Dec	2	Singaround
	16	The Urban Folk Quartet
Jan	6	Singaround
	20	Steve Knightley
Feb	3	Singaround
	24	Jim Causley & Miranda Sykes

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

Dec	13	"Christmas Special" with Melrose Quartet.
Jan	18	Showman & Coole + Rube & Rake
Feb	8	The Tannahill Weavers



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

UPCOMING GUEST NIGHTS

Urban Folk Quartet
Monday 16 December 2024

Steve Knightley
Monday 20 January 2025

Jim Causley & Miranda Sykes
Monday 24 February 2025

SINGAROUND EVENINGS
The first Monday of the month

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

www.forestfolk.co.uk

HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

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

Dec	11	Doug Eunson & Sarah Matthews
Jan	8	Painted Sky
Feb	12	Detta Kenzie with guitarist Tobias ben Jacob

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton,
SO40 8FT 02380 667683 www.hangerfarm.co.uk/

Jan	24	Keith James: The Songs of Leonard Cohen
Feb	1	Emerald Falls
	13	Davey Dodds & Gillie Hotston
	21	Sound of the Sirens – Seasons

HOLYBOURNE THEATRE

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

Dec	7	Head North
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THE HYDE TAVERN

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

Dec	5	Helen Gentile & Lewis Wood
	19	Manos Puestas Trio

LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC

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

Dec	3	Singaround 1st Tuesday
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THE MUSIC INSTITUTE

The Guildford Institute, Ward Street GU1 4LH
<http://www.musici.club/>

Dec	13	Mistletoe Garland
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NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)

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

Dec	05	Singaround + Ian Kimber
	19	Christmas Party
Jan	16	Singaround
	30	Singaround

THE RAILWAY INN

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

Dec	1	Florrie Ransom + support
	5	Ian Jamieson

THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

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

Dec	12	Johnny Coppin – On A Winter's Night
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WHAT'S ON THIS WINTER



Emerald Falls

1 Feb, 8pm

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Davey Dodds & Gillie Hotston

13 Feb, 7.30pm

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Feb	6	Emily Barker
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THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER

Jewry Street, SO23 8SBJ. 01962 840440

www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

Jan	11	The Ciderhouse Rebellion
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	16	Reg Meuross
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TURNER SIMS

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

www.turnersims.co.uk/

Dec	15	Greenmatthews: 'Gaudete!'
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Feb	27	Fairport Convention with support from Danny Bradley
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THE WEDGEWOOD ROOMS

147b Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW

www.wedgewood-rooms.co.uk/

Dec	4	Oysterband
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	12	Skinny Lister
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WEMSFEET

Live music etc. around Emsworth

www.wemsfest.com/ wemsfest@btinternet.com

Dec	6	Oysterband: 'A Long, Long Goodbye Tour' at St. James' Church, Emsworth, PO10 7DP
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WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.

www.westendcentre.co.uk/

Feb	8	The Blackheart Orchestra
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	28	Martin Simpson
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WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB

Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd, RG28 7LQ,

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

Dec	14	Tom Gregory with The Dust and Mischief Band
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	31	New Years Eve Ceilidh – details in the Dance Diary
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Feb	7	Coracle
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WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB

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

www.facebook.com/WinchesterAcousticClub/

Dec	4	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

Dec	8	Singaround 2nd Sundays
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start times during the day. These seasonal events are included in the normal entry fee – tickets can be booked via their website www.wealddown.co.uk/events/wassailing-day/ (free of course to Museum members). Remember to take something to make a noise with – whistle, rattle or perhaps something to bang – if you are going to join in.

More locally, Butser Ancient Farm are holding an evening 'Wassailing the Orchard' event on the 17th January. More details and tickets are available via their webpage www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/.

Also within the county borders, Hartley Wintney will be holding their annual Wassail Night on the 10th January. If you wish to participate, gather at the Wagon and Horses at 6.45, when Hook Eagle Morris Men will put on a lively show before leading the procession to the Vaughan Millennium Orchard. There is no charge for the event and more details can be found on the Parish Council website www.hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk/council_events/wassail-2025/.

Mentioning Wassailing of course leads me to thinking about another more or less seasonal event – the traditional Mumming Plays. Our local teams are out as usual as we approach the year end. Broadside Mimmers' website is no longer active, but their programme for this year can be found on their Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/BroadsideMimmers/

The Prize Old Mimmers' website has their program on the 'Tour Dates' page; also on the website you can find some of the earlier years' scripts for their plays, many of which offer a rather different spin on the traditional story. King/St. George is always one of the cast, as is the doctor and Father Christmas. The Devil is usually involved as is the Dragon, but how these are woven into the tale tends to vary.

One of POM's tour dates is the 1st January at the Flower Pots pub and brewery – an event to welcome the New Year. This year (still this year, although we are already beginning to think of events nearly a year ago as 'last year') at least three Morris sides were dancing at the Flower Pots, but at the moment only Mary Rose and Royal George appear to have this event included on their programme.

King John's Morris Men's website has been under reconstruction for quite a few months but their Mimmers' tour dates are given on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/KingJohnsMorris/. I was



The next FASH Events:

Sunday 15th December, Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30
Our “Winter Gathering”, dance, music and more.

Sunday 12th January, Soberton Village Hall, 10.30 – 3.30
Thomas Bending with Pete and Sue Hall
“The Varied Dances of Philippe Callens”

saddened to note from this webpage that the Hampshire Bowman in Dundridge has closed, not for refurbishment as is often the case, but because the tenant landlord is leaving the industry – as he put it: for a better work/life balance with a bit more emphasis on the life bit (*I paraphrase a little – Ed*).

Hunting around a bit on the internet, I get the impression that both Mumming and Wassailing are traditions that maybe we are beginning to lose. Even just a year or so ago there were clearly quite a few more of these types of events around our area. I can find wassailing mentioned on several websites but as soon as I start to look for the equivalent sites with events in 2025 or even 2024, they simply are not there. I could find evidence of a Boxing Day play at Crookham in 2023, but no indication that there would be one this year.

Similarly, the New Forest Mummers were looking for new recruits in November this year but their Facebook page gives no further indication that a play will take place – perhaps there just were not enough folk interested.

Anyway, enough mourning the apparent loss of some of our traditions. It is good to see some concerts taking place again at Bournemouth Folk Club, although sadly this month’s will be last one at the Guildford Institute’s Folk Club. Note that the contacts at Focsle Music are now lin@focsle.org and jonathan@focsle.org, no longer Paul.

So finally, as we approach the end of the year, it remains only for me to wish you all, on behalf of the FASH committee, an enjoyable, and perhaps also relaxing, festive break.

Dave Sutton - editor.

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