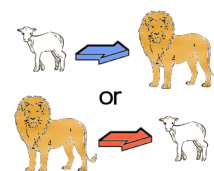




# SOLENT WAVES



*Newsletter of the Folk Association of South Hants*

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## FASH 'Chat' "Folk Dancing is New Craze in Eastleigh"

This headline was from the 'Eastleigh Weekly News' and referred to Eastleigh Folk Dance Club who met for the first time on Monday 17th March 1975.

Eastleigh Folk Dance Club was started by Syd and Joyce Wilkins and Joy Simmons in 1975, after discussions over the hedge between their two houses. Two initial sessions were held at Eastleigh Baptist Church Hall in March and May 1975.

As there was sufficient interest, the club started monthly ceilidhs in September of the same year. Joyce was our first Treasurer. After a few years, Syd took over and served in the role until 2014, when ill-health caused him to resign. Joy Simmons has been Secretary throughout and over the years has booked many different callers, often giving new callers an opportunity to call their first dances with a live band and dancers.

We have danced at Centre 66 in Eastleigh but voted with our feet when they double-booked us twice, and went back to the Baptist Church Hall. Dancing on carpet is not ideal so we then looked for a new home and found it at Railway Institute, opposite Sainsburys in Romsey Road, Eastleigh. The building is now owned by the Junction Church, but fortunately we have been able to stay in the same venue which has a spacious wooden dance floor, and a large stage which is often full of musicians!

Eastleigh Folk Dance Club have always been fortunate to have a live band, initially led

by Rollo Woods, later by Arthur Tooley and then by Stuart Martyn. We usually have at least 6 musicians playing for our club nights, often more.

Like most dance clubs in the area, Eastleigh Folk Dance Club has had its ups and downs. Joy recalls that the maximum number of dancers was 77 and the minimum number was when we restarted after Covid, where we had 3 dancers and 2 musicians per dancer!

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the callers, musicians and, of course, dancers who have supported Eastleigh Folk Dance Club over the last 50 years. We are celebrating our 50th Birthday on Monday 10th March, when Joy Simmons will be calling many of the dances which were called on the first ever Eastleigh Folk Dance Club night in 1975.

Again from the Eastleigh Weekly News - "People who had never heard of the 'Virginia Reel', 'Cumberland Square Eight' or 'Circle Waltz' were soon joining in and quickly mastering the figures."

If you would like to 'master these figures' and other dances, come along on 24th February, 10th March or other Eastleigh Folk Dance dates which are listed in the FASH diary.

*Joy Simmons and Anne Daw*

When Eastleigh FDC was founded, 'Solent Waves' did not exist, and I can only assume

there there was a mention of the new club in the previous publication, the 'SOFA news-sheet', copies of which, sadly, I do not have. Eastleigh FDC's ceilidhs on the 11th July and the 12th September were certainly included on page 3 of the very first issue of 'Solent Waves'.

In fact, Eastleigh FDC was the only club regularly included in the 'District Programme' in those early editions of 'Solent Waves', but their events included not just ceilidhs; Playford dance, Scottish dance and Running set all featured. Some evenings were noted as

workshops, often led by David Williams. Joy was first specifically mentioned as a caller in the November 1977 issue, although the editors omitted her name, only printing 'JS'; JS was properly identified as Joy Simmons in the December copy. 50 years of calling!

Note that Eastleigh FDC is not the only dance group in our area which has been running for 50 years; Solent Folk Dance Club, based on the outskirts of Havant and led these days by Sue Bradshaw, celebrated their 50th anniversary in the autumn of 2023.

*Editor*

## DANCE DIARY

### MARCH

**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 31st.

**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)  
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 31st.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/Eastleigh.folk.dance.club)  
10th, caller Joy Simmons – Eastleigh FDC 50th Birthday Celebration, 24th, caller Ian Kirby.

**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](mailto:southamptonirishset@gmail.com)  
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 31st.

**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).  
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

**Tuesday** 7.30-9.30. Salisbury Folk Dance Club, St. Martin's School, Shady Bower, Salisbury, SP1 2RG. [www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/](http://www.salisburyfolkdance.org.uk/) Contact Chris Nettle on [chairsfdc@hotmail.com](mailto:chairsfdc@hotmail.com)  
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Francis Oates with Pair of Shears

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

**Tuesday** 10.00 Stubbington International Folk Dance Group. Roman Catholic Church Hall, Bells Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PL. £7.00 including refreshments. Bob Neal 01329 609589 / 07748009838. [neal.bob61@gmail.com](mailto:neal.bob61@gmail.com)  
4th, 18th.

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

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

**Thursday** 7.30 Highcliffe Folk Dance Club, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe BH23 5JL. Jan Harris 01202 427523 [janharris16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janharris16@hotmail.co.uk). <https://highcliffecountrydancing.weebly.com/>  
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

- 5 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Callers Malcolm Churchill and Liz Neal with Pete and Sue Hall. Tea, and coffee provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499
- 6 7.30-10.00 Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, SO21 2AA. "as many as will", The Best of English Country Dance. Caller Nigel Close. 01962 714220 [nigelclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigelclose9@gmail.com)
- 9 10.30-3.30 **FASH** Workshop. Soberton Village Hall, SO32 3PF. The Madding Crowd – West Gallery Music – a music workshop, come to sing, play or just listen. To book (essential) contact [info@fash.org.uk](mailto:info@fash.org.uk) or 01243 531497. £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 9 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Louise Siddens with The Linda Game Band. £10 a ticket. [www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/](http://www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/)
- 12 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)
- 12 2.00-3.30 FolkActive Dance with Live Music for the over-50s. Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre, SO15 3HE. Details from [www.folkactive.org.uk/wellbeing/folkactive-dances](http://www.folkactive.org.uk/wellbeing/folkactive-dances).
- 14 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](http://www.earwicker.org/arish_mel.htm)
- Sat 15 7.30 St. Patrick's Day Barn Dance, The Bridge, Milford-on-Sea, Sea Road, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PH. With Murphy's Lore, tickets £18, which includes a single course supper, via the website. Licensed bar available.
- Sat 15 3.00 - 5.45 East Dorset Folk Dance Club. St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Ave. Highcliffe, BH23 5AA. Caller Sue Bradshaw 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 15 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Mark Elvins with Vertical Expression. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS website or on the door. More info from [www.barndance.org/](http://www.barndance.org/)
- 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](mailto:jo@folkactive.org.uk)
- Sat 22 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Barry Goodman with Jigfoot. Ian Nichols 07765820919 [www.shocc.co.uk/](http://www.shocc.co.uk/)
- 23 10.30-3.30 **FASH** Workshop. Durley Memorial Hall, SO32 2AD. Caller Frances Oates with Pete and Sue Hall. Workshop title "What Happens Next?". £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 28-30 "Spring Thing" Dance weekend organised by Basingstoke Irish Set Dancers. Cliddesden Village Hall, Church Lane, Cliddesden, RG25 2JQ. With WillPower – Irish set dance plus "something different". <https://setsmad.com> More information via [setsmad@gmail.com](mailto:setsmad@gmail.com)
- Sat 29 2.30-5.30 and 7.30-10.30 Henry Morgenstein's Day of Dance, Twyford Parish Hall, Hazeley Road, Twyford, SO21 1QY. Two separate sessions of English country dance with caller Nigel Close and a 4-member band. Tickets, in advance only, via [henry.morgenstein@gmail.com](mailto:henry.morgenstein@gmail.com) at £15 for either session or £25 for both. This event is for experienced English country dancers.

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- 18 7.00-9.00 WinQeilidh. The Nutshell Arts Centre, 15 Kings Walk, Winchester SO23 8AF. Gender-free ceilidh class with caller Louise Siddons and live music from Linda Game. £10, £5 to students. [www.facebook.com/groups/winqeilidh](http://www.facebook.com/groups/winqeilidh) <http://louisesiddons.com/WinQ.html>
- 19 7.30-11.00 SHOCC Ceilidh. The Hilt (Cuckoo Bushes Hall), Chandlers Ford, SO53 5NP. Caller Phil Bassindale with Banter. Ian Nichols 07765820919 [www.shocc.co.uk/](http://www.shocc.co.uk/)

Southampton Irish Set Dancers is included now in our diary; there is another Irish Set dance club within the county borders, and this meets most Thursdays at the Cliddesden Millenium Village Hall, RG25 2JQ. This month they are holding their regular "Spring Thing" – a weekend

of workshops and 'ceili'. If you are interested and would like more details, contact Carol via [caroljmonaghan@gmail.com](mailto:caroljmonaghan@gmail.com), or for information about their regular set dances, contact the group via [setsmad@gmail.com](mailto:setsmad@gmail.com). Their website is [www.setsmad.com](http://www.setsmad.com).

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Jo & Simon Harmer 01489 899023  
jo@folkactive.org.uk



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King's Somborne Parish Church

2:30pm–4.30pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

£10 including cream tea Admission by ticket only

from Louise (01794 389364), Janet (01794 388618),

Nola (01794 388248) or Cross Stores, King's Somborne

www.maddingcrowd.org @TheMaddingCrowdUK



## Hampshire Regency Dancers

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For more details see our website: [www.hrd.org.uk](http://www.hrd.org.uk)

We are also on Facebook: @hampshireregencydancers

For enquiries, email us at [info@hrd.org.uk](mailto:info@hrd.org.uk)

We hear of a new folk club starting up in Salisbury. This will be on the second Wednesday of each month, with the first session on the 12th of this month. 'Kick-off' is at 7.30 at the Harnham Community Sports & Social Club, Parsonage Green, Salisbury, SP2 8LA, and the club is aimed at "anyone who enjoys folk music of any kind. Go along to sing, play or just listen." Entry is £3, contact them via their Facebook page if you would like to book a spot.

## 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)

Mar	21	Smith & Brewer and The 4 of Us at The Forge
	23	Levellers Collective: 2025 Acoustic Tour at The Anvil
	27	Phil Beer at The Forge
	30	Cara Dillon: "Coming Home" at The Haymarket

### THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

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

Mar	22	Peatbog Faeries
Apr	11	Police Dog Hogan

### 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](mailto:info@bfcprepresents.co.uk)

Mar	14	Peter Knight's Gigspanner Trio at Ringwood
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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/)  
Contact via the website to book a support slot.

Mar	10	Club night
	24	John & Di Cullen
Apr	14	Mostly Harmless
	28	Enda McCabe

### FOCSLE MUSIC

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, usually a guest on the 2nd.

The Guide Dog, Earls Rd., Southampton,

SO14 6SF. [www.focsle.org/](http://www.focsle.org/) Zoom meetings 2nd

and 4th Wednesdays [www.focsle.org/#online](http://www.focsle.org/#online)

Mar	11	Singaround
	25	Singaround, guests World Gone Wrong
Apr	8	Singaround, guest Brian Peters
	22	Singaround

### FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

Avonway Community Centre, Shaftesbury St,

SP6 1JF [www.fordingbridgefolk.com/](http://www.fordingbridgefolk.com/)

Mar	7	Crows
Apr	4	Singaround

### FOREST ARTS CENTRE

Old Milton Road, New Milton, BH25 6DS.

01425 612393 [www.forest-arts.co.uk/](http://www.forest-arts.co.uk/)

Apr	16	Tom McConville
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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/)

Mar	3	Singaround
	17	Phil Odgers and Bobby Valentino
Apr	7	Singaround

### GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

Grayshott Village Hall, Grayshott, GU26 6TZ.

01428 607096 [www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/](http://www.grayshottfolkclub.co.uk/)

Mar	1	Polly Paulusma (with Jon Thorne)
	11	Kris Drever with Chris Stout (Note: at Churt Village Hall, GU10 2JA)
	29	Steve Knightley

**THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH**

Guildhall Square, PO1 2AB

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk>

Mar	4	Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle in The Lens Studio
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**HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB**

8.30-11 Next to The Vine, Hambledon

02392 632719 [www.hambledonfolkclub.com/](http://www.hambledonfolkclub.com/)

Mar	12	Will Finn and Rosie Calvert
Apr	9	Filkin's Drift

**HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE**

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton,

SO40 8FT 02380 667683 [www.hangerfarm.co.uk/](http://www.hangerfarm.co.uk/)

Mar	13	Gigspanner Trio
Apr	5	Fire and Rain & American Pie

**HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB**

Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island,

PO11 0QR. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Mar	10	King Rollo & Fraser Harper 'Reunited with the Blues - in Story & Song'
	24	Singaround

**HOLYBOURNE THEATRE**

Holybourne Theatre, Holybourne

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

Apr	5	Carolyn Robson, Moira Craig and Friends
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**THE HYDE TAVERN**

57 Hyde Street, Winchester, SO23 7DY

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

Mar	6	Brothers Gillespie
	20	Polly Paulusma
	27	The Pursuit of Pleasure

**MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB**

Village Community Centre (now The Bridge), Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PH. 01590 643404

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

Mar	13	Folk at The Bridge: Innominata
	15	St. Patrick's Day Barn Dance – with Murphy's Lore – details in the Dance Diary

**LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC**

The Angel and Blue Pig, Lymington, SO41 9AP.

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

Mar	4	Singaround 1st Tuesday
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**THE MUSIC INSTITUTE**

The Guildford Institute, Ward Street GU1 4LH

<http://www.musici.club/>

Mar	14	Acoustic Open Stage
Apr	11	Acoustic Open Stage

**NEW THEATRE ROYAL**

Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DD

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

Mar	14	Turin Brakes & John Bramwell
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**FOREST FOLK**  
North Boarhunt Village  
Hall, Trampers Lane,  
North Boarhunt PO17 6DD



**Phil Odgers & Bobby Valentino**  
**Monday 17 March 2025**

For tickets (£18) and further info,  
tel Charles on 01329 833625,  
Janet on 023 9226 4288 or  
email [info@forestfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@forestfolk.co.uk)  
**[www.forestfolk.co.uk](http://www.forestfolk.co.uk)**

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

Mar	13	Singaround + member spot
	27	Singaround

**THE RAILWAY INN**

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

<https://www.railwayinn.pub>

Mar	1	State of the Union
	20	Chris Wood + Sarah Rose
	27	Stick In The Wheel
Apr	24	Ma Polaine

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TWYFORD**Church Lane, SO21 1NS [www.wegottickets.com/](http://www.wegottickets.com/)

Mar	26	Ashley Hutchings & guest Blair Dunlop
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**THEATRE ROYAL, WINCHESTER**

Jewry Street, SO23 8SBJ. 01962 840440

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

Apr	5	The Fureys
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**TURNER SIMS**

University of Southampton SO17 1BJ.

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

Mar	6	Lady Maisery with O'Hooley and Tidow
Apr	3	Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham
	24	The Young'uns: 20 years of singing together
	28	Tarren



**THE WEDGEWOOD ROOMS**

147b Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW

[www.wedgewood-rooms.co.uk/](http://www.wedgewood-rooms.co.uk/)

Mar	27	Lucy Spraggan ( Acoustic Duo)
Apr	24	Track Dogs

**WEMS FEST**

Live music etc. around Emsworth

[www.wemsfest.com/](http://www.wemsfest.com/) [adwemsfest@gmail.com](mailto:adwemsfest@gmail.com)

Mar	15	Kris Drever & Chris Scout at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL
	24	Steve Knightley: "The Winter Yards in Spring -Sole Tour at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL
	29	Fara at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL
Apr	15	Feast of Fiddles at St. James' Church, Emsworth, PO10 7DP

**WESSEX ACOUSTIC**

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum

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

Mar	28	Phil Beer
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**WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT**

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.

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

Apr	26	Megson
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**WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB**

Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd, RG28 7LQ,

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

Mar	8	Ainsley Hamill with Sam Kelly and Toby Shaer (WPH)
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**WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB**

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

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

Mar	5	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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**WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB**

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

Mar	9	Singaround 2nd Sundays
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Earlier in the year, Wemsfest announced a couple of new venues they will use. These are the Havana Bar in Little London, Chichester (described as beautiful, brick-vaulted and atmospheric) and The Old Orchard (Southbourne Village Hall) in First Avenue, PO10 8HN. The first concert of particular interest in the folk area is Gnos, on the 2nd May in Southbourne. Tickets available in the usual way via the website and a link to 'wegottickets' or in person at 'Bookends' or 'Harbour Records' in Emsworth.. Note also

that Wemsfest have changed their e-mail address. Sadly we hear of another loss to our local 'world of folk'; Ken Stephens died earlier this year. Paul Clarke of Focsle Music wrote:

"We're saddened by the quiet passing of Ken Stephens, singer, songwriter, concertina-player, yarn-spinner, MC and general cheerleader for the folk scene. If not a founding member of The Fo'c'sle Folk Club, he was certainly an early adopter, and supported it on and off for at least 60 years.

He was known all over the country, mainly at shanty festivals, and drove considerable distances, even in his 80s, to attend events, often ones with little expectation of big audiences: he just seemed to love communicating by song. Musical collaborators include Cyril Tawney, Sophie Wright, Johnny Coppin and Pete Watkinson, as well as duo partner Fiona Murfitt (Wyndwytych). Some of these groupings had followings in Europe and the USA.

Ken was a keen supporter of FOCSLE Music's "Live on the Lawn" strand, including hosting one event, and (in the immediate aftermath of the Pandemic, when our venue was still unavailable) floated the bizarre, though unrealized, idea of meeting on a local station concourse (enclosed, and not as impossibly noisy as you'd imagine), an enthusiasm backed up with sourcing the venue and an offer to finance the initial meets.

Ken, for a long time not a well man, had had a fall at home in early November, then a series of misfortunes in hospital, including most recently, a fall there. He died in his sleep overnight Thursday/Friday 16th/17th January. As one who abhorred unnecessary "fuss", he had requested no formal funeral; a long-time musical sidekick, Geoff Payne, will be fixing some singing-based memorial event in due course."

My thanks to Paul for letting me reprint his words. My own memories of Ken were as a melodeon player who would occasionally, when he was not shooting off somewhere fairly distant, play for our Morris dancing.

Finally a reminder that this month we have two FASH workshops: the first our (now) annual get-together with 'The Madding Crowd' to perform West Gallery Music, and the second, a dance workshop with Frances Oates with the intriguing title "What happens next?" To find out what does come next, join us at Soberton on the 23rd. Frances is supported with music from Pete and Sue Hall.

*Dave Sutton, editor*





## The next FASH Events:

**Sunday 9th March, Soberton Village Hall, 10.30 – 3.30**  
**West Gallery Music with The Madding Crowd**

**Sunday 23rd March, Durley Memorial Hall, 10.30 – 3.30**  
**Frances Oates with Pete and Sue Hall**

**“What Happens Next? or Patterns that I like ” – a  
 mix of favourites with interesting patterns.**

## 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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