



# SOLENT WAVES



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## FASH 'Chat' – the “Rising Music Festival”

The people of Whitehill & Bordon have spoken, and The Phoenix has delivered! This summer, Hampshire's beloved theatre and arts centre hosts the inaugural 'Rising Music Festival': Whitehill & Bordon's first EVER two-day youth music festival, in association with BackBeat Collective.

Taking place on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June, the Rising Music Festival will showcase a plethora of upcoming local artists, with musicians aged 24 and under given a platform to showcase their skills and talent.

Whatever the genre, from rock to rap, dance, pop and folk, the festival team are handpicking the best bands, duos, groups and solo artists to appear on one of the indoor and outdoor stages across the weekend, as the next generation of musicians have the chance to show you what they're made of!

In addition to a host of live performances, the festival will include music workshops for kids of all ages, comedy, spoken word, cabaret and more. Plus, local young people will have the chance to perform a track with a group of schools and colleges in the area to celebrate this epic event.

Are you aged 24 or under, in a band/a solo artist and interested to take part? Email Festival Director Amy Wheeler on [amy.wheeler@phoenixarts.co.uk](mailto:amy.wheeler@phoenixarts.co.uk) to find out more!

In the lead-up to the festival, The Phoenix is hosting an epic 'Battle of the Bands' competition for under 24s, with a host of

amazing prizes on offer, including a headline slot at the Rising Music Festival, free tickets for the festival and help with merchandising, your logo and more.

Heat 1 takes place this Sunday 23rd March at 5pm, Heat 2 on Sunday 27th April at 5pm and the Grand Final on Sunday 1st June at 5pm. Tickets for all Battle of the Bands events can be purchased on the door or via The Phoenix website ([www.phoenixarts.co.uk/](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk/)), costing £6 (or £5 for concessions and under 24s).

The Phoenix and BackBeat Collective are also putting on a series of FREE workshops aimed at young people who are interested in a career in the arts. With networking opportunities, group mentoring and talks from industry professionals, these free sessions are also bookable via The Phoenix website.

The next workshop, 'Breaking Through The Noise', takes place on Thursday 17th April at 7pm. (Apply straight away if you would like to attend). It is a workshop with a band that is living the dream and making waves in the industry. From performing at major festivals to working hard to break into the competitive music scene, they'll share their story of triumphs, challenges, and lessons learned along the way.

The third workshop will take place on 22nd May and is titled, 'Performing And Preparing For Every Gig'. Whether it's an intimate show or a festival-sized crowd, preparation is key to a killer performance. This session will focus

on how to adapt to different types of gigs and ensure you're ready for anything the stage throws your way. From creating a memorable set list to handling soundchecks and unexpected challenges, this is the ultimate guide to performing with confidence.

To expand a little bit, the Festival and the events leading up to it are not just about musicians. Phoenix Arts would also like to hear from young comedians, people interested

in becoming MCs, photographers, stage managers – in fact everything and everyone related to putting on a successful show.

Your first step is to contact Amy Wheeler via email (see above) or to fill in the form at <https://forms.gle/P2VByKut43rJzE3b9> but do it soon as the whole series of events leading up to the festival is already under way.

*Sally McIlhone (The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre) and Dave Sutton (editor)*

## DANCE DIARY

### APRIL

**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>  
7th, 14th, 28th.

**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)  
7th, Caller Barrie Bullimore with Pete and Sue Hall, 14th, 28th.

**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)  
14th, Club callers, 28th, Caller Nigel Barrell.

**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)  
7th, 28th.

**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).  
1st, 8th, 29th.

**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)  
1st, 8th, 15th, Caller Barry Reeves, 22nd, 29th, AGM then dancing.

**Tuesday** 8.00 Solent CDC. Bedhampton Community Centre, Havant, PO9 3ES. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158 <http://solentdance.weebly.com>  
1st, 8th, 15th, 29th.

**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 or [neal.bob61@gmail.com](mailto:neal.bob61@gmail.com)  
1st, 15th, 29th.

**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)  
2nd, 9th, 30th.

**Thursday** 7.30-9.30 Fordingbridge English Country Dancing, Godshill Village Hall, Fordingbridge SP6 2LG. <https://brodsue.wixsite.com/countrydancing/fbcountrydance@gmail.com>  
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

**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/>  
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

2 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Caller David Tullis. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499

- 3 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)
- Sat 5 7.30-10.30 Barn Dance, Jubilee Hall, Timsbury, SO51 0NJ. Music by Spike Island. Tickets are free but donations to George's Trust ([www.georgestrust.org](http://www.georgestrust.org)) please. If you intend going, let them know via [enquiries@spikeislandband.uk](mailto:enquiries@spikeislandband.uk) or [info@georgestrust.org](mailto:info@georgestrust.org). No bar so take your own refreshments.
- Sat 5 10.00-4.00 Bournemouth Folk Dance Club's Day of Dance. St. Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road, West Moors, BH22 0AP. Caller Ivan Aitken with Pete and Sue Hall. Doors open 9.45, BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided (BYO mug). £10 in advance, £15 on the door, booking via 07471 207563. Large car park at the hall.
- 9 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)
- 9 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).
- 11 7.30-10.00 Kimmeridge Keilidh. Kimmeridge Village Hall, The Etches Collection BH20 5PE. Arish Mel Ceilidh Band with caller Sue Perigo. £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 12 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Rhodri Davies with Box of Frogs. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS *website* or on the door. More info from [www.barndance.org/](http://www.barndance.org/)
- 13 10.30-3.30 **FASH** Workshop. Soberton Village Hall, SO32 3PF. Caller Jane Thomas with Pete and Sue Hall. Workshop title "A Soberton Smörgåsbord of Interesting Dances". £12, FASH members £9. BYO lunch.
- 13 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Rhodri Davies with Box of Frogs. £10 a ticket. [www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/](http://www.ashfordfolkdancers.org.uk/contradances/)
- 16 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)
- 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/)

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Sat 3 7.00-10.00 Pavilion Dance South West May Ceilidh. Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Caller Tom Gregory with Threepenny Bit. Tickets £17 (concessions £14) via the *website* or the box office 01202 203630. Licensed bar available.

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Sat 17 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 17 7.30-10.00 SusFA Playford Ball. Colwood House, Warninglid, RH17 5SP. Caller Madeleine Smith with Eclectic Regency. Tickets £12, pay on the door. Directions and more details from Bob Weddell 01293 536887 or [susfachair@gmail.com](mailto:susfachair@gmail.com) or from June Axon, 07908353968.

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## 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

I am not sure how many younger people read our journal – I suspect not too many – but if you know under-25s who might be interested in the events described in our 'Chat', do, please, make them aware of what is going on at Phoenix Arts.

I was a little surprised when I looked over the dance diaries to realise that the last week and a half of April has no single (i.e. once a month or 'non-club') events that I am aware of. I am not sure whether this is things winding down a bit as the end of the winter/spring activities approaches or whether it is "just one of those things". The May diary is definitely rather smaller in event numbers, but this is usual; April includes the last of the SHOCC ceilidhs for this season and also the last FASH workshop (see our banner advert



## Hampshire Regency Dancers

Regency Dancing in the Winchester area, 8pm Wednesdays. Have fun recreating dances of Jane Austen's lifetime, costuming, entertaining the public, even attend a Ball. We're a local group with a global reputation.

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We are also on Facebook: @hampshireregencydancers

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

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SHAWFORD PARISH HALL Pearson Lane SO21 2AA

7.30 – 10 pm £4 [nigeltclose9@gmail.com](mailto:nigeltclose9@gmail.com)

Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May

on the last page). Further, the Sunday Pulborough workshops finished in February – no more there until the end of October, when Madeleine Smith will be calling.

We are looking forward to the third of the Bournemouth FDC's  
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**SPRING  
2025**

# WHAT'S ON

## FIRE AND RAIN & AMERICAN PIE

SAT 5 APR | £18 / £16



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

May	24	Richard Thompson at The Haymarket
	31	Laura Cortese & Bert Ruymbeek at The Forge

### THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB  
[www.arcwinchester.org.uk/](http://www.arcwinchester.org.uk/)

Apr	11	Police Dog Hogan
May	30	Ellie Gowers

### 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.

Apr	14	Mostly Harmless
	28	Enda McCabe
May	12	Club night

### CELTIC FOLK

Ferndown Village Hall. Church Road. BH22 9ET  
 01202 083740/623740 <https://celticfolk.net>

May	17	Gnoss
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### FOCSLE MUSIC

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)

Apr	8	Singaround with guest Brian Peters
	22	Singaround
May	13	Singaround with guests Ramskyte
	27	Singaround

### FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

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

Apr	4	Floor spots
May	2	Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst

### 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/)

Apr	7	Singaround
May	5	Singaround
	26	The East Pointers

### GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

May	13	Honey & The Bear
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### HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

8.30-11 Next to The Vine, Hambledon  
 02392 632719 [www.hambledonfolkclub.com/](http://www.hambledonfolkclub.com/)

Apr	9	Filkin's Drift
May	14	Jack Rutter

### HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

Aikman Lane, West Totton, Southampton, SO40 8FT 02380 667683 [www.hangerfarm.co.uk/](http://www.hangerfarm.co.uk/)

Apr	5	Fire and Rain & American Pie
May	8	Daphne's Flight
	18	Sorrel Nation

### HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB

Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island, PO11 0QR. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Apr	7	Singaround, celebrating the life of Capt. Barry Swindells
	21	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/)

Apr	24	Ma Polaine
May	1	Catherine MacLellan & Lucy Farrell
	7	Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan
	15	Dan Walsh

### LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC

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

Apr	1	Singaround 1st Tuesday
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### MILFORD-ON-SEA FOLK CLUB

Village Community Centre (now The Bridge), Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PH. 01590 643404  
<https://thebridgemos.org.uk/>

Apr	10	Folk at the Bridge: Caroline and Dave
May	8	Folk at the Bridge: Brooks Williams

### THE MUSIC INSTITUTE

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

Apr	11	Acoustic Open Stage (TBC)
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**NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)**

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

Apr	10	Singaround
	24	Singaround – theme: Expressions of Time

**THE PHOENIX Theatre and Arts Centre**

Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0LR  
 01420 472664 [www.phoenixarts.co.uk/](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk/)

May	30	Sarah McQuaid
See also our 'Chat' for April and May events leading up to the "Rising Music Festival" in June		

**THE RAILWAY INN**

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

Apr	3	Lilo
May	10	Jack Francis
	18	The Deep Dark Woods
	25	Nick Harper

**THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE**

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

Apr	4	Alex Hart
May	16	Ellie Gowers
	24	Fire and Rain & American Pie
	30	Adam Beattie and Fiona Bevan

**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/)

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/)

Apr	24	Track Dogs
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**WEMSFEET**

Live music etc. around Emsworth  
[www.wemsfest.com/](http://www.wemsfest.com/) [adwemsfest@gmail.com](mailto:adwemsfest@gmail.com)

Apr	15	Feast of Fiddles at St. James' Church, Emsworth, PO10 7DP
May	2	Gnoss at Southbourne Village Hall, PO10 8HN
	16	Siobhan Miller Trio at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL

**WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT**

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

Apr	26	Megson
May	3	Cerys Hafana
	16	Talisk (Sold out)
	17	Siobhan Miller

**WHITCHURCH FOLK CLUB**

Whitchurch Parish Hall, London Rd, RG28 7LQ,  
<https://whitchurchfolk.com/whitchurch-folk-club/>

Jun	13	The Weaving (WPH)
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**WINCHESTER ACOUSTIC CLUB**

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

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

Apr	2	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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**WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB**

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

Apr	13	Singaround 2nd Sundays
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*cont from p 5* Days of Dance at the beginning of April – we are pleased to see that this seems to have become an annual event – and in May, SusFA will be holding their annual Playford Ball. Since the first of May is only at the end of this month, it seemed reasonable to see whether many of our local Morris sides are proposing to dance sun-up on May morning.

Bourne River Morris Mens' website shows the side now with its complement of women dancers (quite a few Ring sides admit that including ladies in the team has led to improvements). Their programme is presently small (lots to be added, no doubt) but they are dancing on the 27th of this month in a St. George's Day celebration on Poole Quay, together with other sides. They will be dancing out on May Day morning at the Cross Keys just north of Ferndown.

One of the more complete diaries, although at present few local, evening, dances are included, Mary Rose and Royal George's calendar tells us that they will dancing at sun-up on Portsdown Hill.

Portsmouth's Victory Morris Men have yet to publish their diary for 2025, although Mafficking Border Morris' (the third Portsmouth side) calendar shows that both sides will be in Petersfield on the 21st April for a Motor Neuron Disease Association event, possibly also with Alton Morris. Victory usually greet the May Day



## The next FASH Event:

**Sunday 13th April, Soberton Village Hall, 10.30 – 3.30**

**Jane Thomas with Pete and Sue Hall**

**“A Soberton Smörgåsbord of Interesting Dances”**

**– a pick and mix of favourites which Jane enjoys teaching and dancing.**

rising sun at the Spur Redoubt, Portsmouth.

Wickham Morris have not yet published their 2025 calendar, but it seems reasonable to assume that they will dance at dawn in Wickham Square as usual.

The New Forest Meddlars will be celebrating St. George's day (on the day!) at the Silver Hind in Sway, then greeting the dawn on May Day in their usual location – Bolton's Bench in Lyndhurst.

Neither King John's Morris Men nor Red Stags Morris appear to have published diaries of events yet, but their usual May Day morning venue is Southampton Bargate.

Hook Eagle Morris already have a fairly extensive calendar, and as well as a 'warm-up' on

the 19th, will be celebrating St. George's Day with a local tour. They will be greeting the dawn on May 1st at the Shack Café in Hook.

We can anticipate that Men of Wight will dance at dawn on May Day at Longstone, Mottistone, possibly with other Island sides.

Next month, I hope to include our usual Morris Diary listing what most of the dance sides will be getting up to in the coming year, and on this note I would encourage any bagmen, whose sides' lists of events for 2025 are not on a readily accessible website, to let me have details of their programme for this year's events.

Finally an early reminder that the FASH AGM will be held, via the 'Zoom' application, on Sunday the 18th May at 4 p.m.

*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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