



SOLENT WAVES



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FASH 'Chat' 1 – Winchester Mayfest 17th May 2025

The Mayfest will follow its usual one day format with more than 30 dance sides performing at many venues around the city centre, including the Cathedral Close, the Buttercross, St Maurice's Covert and (we hope) the Great Hall.

In St Lawrence's Church we will have a full programme of music which will come from the Hyde Pipers, who play Northumbrian Smallpipes and are very popular in and around venues in Winchester and in Hampshire generally, the Southampton Folk Orchestra will perform traditional music, under the guidance of Cath Watkins of Folk Active, and the Folk Active Youth Ensemble, for under 17s, led by Chris Nichols will also play traditional music. We will also have the Itchen Folk Band, a local group who have a varied programme with lots of choruses to join in, and Angling for Farthings, a Southampton-based vocal harmony group specialising in traditional folk songs from Hampshire and Dorset.

So, we will again have dancing in the streets! Morris sides showing the different styles of dancing from around the UK – they aren't all the same, in their costumes or their dancing! Appalachian clogging will be in St Maurice's Covert along with Southern English Stepping and Northern clog dances. There will be

opportunities for you to have a go with some of the different dance sides.

During the day you can usually find a pub or two with an informal music session going on, just people from the dance sides meeting and enjoying playing and singing together, so pop in and listen or join in the choruses.

We very much need some volunteers to help on the day, mainly as stewards, keeping an eye on the various dance spots, especially in the Great Hall, and in St Lawrence's Church Hall, the music venue. **Can you help?** If you can help or if you would like to know more about it, please contact me.

At the time of writing this we are still waiting for final confirmations from some performers and venues before publishing the programme, but it will be on the website, www.winchester-mayfest.org.uk once it has all been finalised. In the meantime, you can see lots of great photos from 2024 on the pics page of the website and on our Facebook page.

We hope to see lots of you at the Mayfest on the 17th May, as spectators and volunteers.

Lin Rayner

Winchester Mayfest Committee

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FASH 'Chat' 2 – So, How Did They Go?

We refer, of course, to our 2024/2025 series of workshops. When we looked back, the committee felt we had had a really good

selection of successful workshops for the season which has just ended.

We kicked off at the beginning of October with

well-known and very popular caller Victoria Yeomans. We anticipated this workshop would be well-attended as Victoria has called at weekends and festivals all around the country, so we were slightly disappointed with the numbers attending. We put this down to the fact that it was still very early in the season and possibly a few of our regular dancers were still taking holidays.

The workshop did show that it is not just the dancers who enjoy these sessions; Linda Game and Dave Yeomans rarely play together, but from the merriment and laughter coming from the stage, it was clear that the musicians were having as much fun up there as we were on the dance floor.

The November workshop was with Ivan Aitken, whose ready smile and usual brand of humour always helps things along. He called a range of dances from both sides of the Atlantic, some “reconstructed”, some new but danced to old tunes. He was accompanied by Claire Coxwell, Judith Beton and Rick Beton; Rick was the percussion member of the trio, and it is perhaps the first time most of us had danced to a spoons accompaniment.

December saw our now regular ‘Winter Gathering’. The Gathering represents a lot of work for our secretary, Daphne, as she has to organise not must one band and caller for the day, but several, plus any other entertainments such as a Mummers’ play. Considering all our callers and bands for the Gathering are relatively local, it illustrates just how much talent we have in our area, including several nationally- and internationally-known callers.

January’s workshop caller was Thomas Bending who had only fairly recently moved to the area (it had been suggested that perhaps Hampshire is a magnet for callers – one can but hope). Few of us had danced with Thomas before, but he proved an excellent caller, leading a lovely selection of dances from the pen of Philippe Callens. Not missing an opportunity, Bournemouth Dance Club immediately booked him for their Day of Dance next April (note the date – it will be on the 11th).

Louise Siddons led our February workshop which was a series of British contra-style dances (yes, we can write them too). What was perhaps unusual was that none of the dances included a swing – those who saw the word “contra” in the title and decided not to come missed a treat. The

music was from Linda Game and Ali Messer, who play regularly as ‘Box of Frogs’ and who are so completely ‘at home’ with contra dance music that it made an excellent day into a really great one.

The annual West Gallery Music workshop with ‘Madding Crowd’ I cannot personally comment on, but I gather it was very successful, and attended by well over 60 participants. With this sort of enthusiasm it will certainly continue to feature in our future series of workshops. Mike Bailey was the man with the challenge of keeping all the musicians and singers in order and in time.

In March Frances Oates joined us from Cornwall. Her workshop title of “What Happens Next” was not about unusual figures linked together, but about encouraging the dancers to keep thinking about the next figure, so that as they dance, each move leads smoothly into the next and the whole thing flows. She called a range of dances from straightforward ones to some really quite challenging ones. We danced each dance twice, the first time being what Frances referred to as the “draft copy”, with the expectation that the second time we would get it right, complete with all the nuances.

I should mention that Pete and Sue Hall provided the music for Frances, as they also did for Ivan in November, Thomas in January and Jane in April. We are very lucky to have two such talented musicians in our area and very grateful that they support us so often.

Jane Thomas came to us, also from the West Country, in April. She called a mix of dances, some not particularly challenging and some which definitely made us think, including a couple with rather unusual set formations. These were some of her favourite dances, both to teach and to dance, leading to a very enjoyable workshop.

So, how did they go? Absolutely brilliantly. We had a huge range of dance styles and types and some wonderful music from our bands and from Madding Crowd. We were led by very capable and experienced callers. We were delighted to see several dancers who had not joined us before but who assured us they had enjoyed the sessions and also a few people who have been to our workshops in the past but we had not seen again until recently. What more could we want?

Dave Sutton (editor)

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. Sue Bradshaw 02392 713158 <http://beausdance.weebly.com>
12th, 19th.

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
12th, 19th.

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
12th, Caller Sarah Perry.

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
12th, 19th.

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

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
6th, 13th, Caller Malcolm Churchill with Chris Toyne, 20th, 27th, Caller Janet Mason

Tuesday 8.00 Solent CDC. Bedhampton Community Centre, Havant, PO9 3ES. Caller Sue Bradshaw. 02392 713158 <http://solentdance.weebly.com>
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

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
6th, 20th.

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

Thursday 7.30-9.30 Fordingbridge English Country Dancing, Godshill Village Hall, Fordingbridge SP6 2LG. <https://brodsue.wixsite.com/countrydancing> jbcountrydance@gmail.com
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

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/>
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

1 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

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.

5 3.00-6.00 Ceilidh at Corfe Castle Village Hall, 67 East St, BH20 5EE. Caller Sue Perigo with Maiden Oak. £7.50 in advance, £10 on the door, children free. Please bring cash for tea/coffee, homemade cakes and raffle. Tickets and details from lucinda@neallscott.co.uk 01929 423965. Note that parking is limited at the hall, so use other village car parks.

7 2.00-4.30 Woodlands Folk Dancers. Woodlands Village Hall, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ. Callers Brian & Dorothy Ballard and Karen Ilott with Pete and Sue Hall. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug. Contacts 07888 759471, 07471 207563 or 07749 206499

9 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

- Sat 10 8.00-11.00 The London Barndance Company, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY. Contra dance, caller Sue Rosen with Bruce Rosen and Audrey Jaber. £15 (members £13) Tickets available via the EFDSS *website* or on the door. More info from www.barndance.org/
- 11 2:30-5:30 Sunday Afternoon Contra Dance, The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Egham. TW20 0QR. Caller Sue Rosen with Bruce Rosen and Audrey Jaber. £10 a ticket. www.ashfordfolk dancers.org.uk/contradances/
- 14 8.00-10.30 Solent Contrasts, Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, Shawford, SO21 2AA. Callers Barrie Bullimore and friends. Doors open 7.45 £5 (cards accepted). solentcontra@gmail.com
- 14 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.
- 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. <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 or from June Axon, 07908353968.
- 21 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
- 23 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://louisesiddons.com/WinQ.html>

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Sam's Stepping

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For enquiries, email us at info@hrd.org.uk



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Sunday 6th July 2025 – link on our website to tickets

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

The last of this season's Solent Contra is this month; the Sunday contra dance at Egham will carry on into June, but note that in June the

Egham contras and the London Barndance contras are not on consecutive days as usual. Pavilion Dance South West usually stage ceilidhs

every two months, but this time there will be one in both May and June.

The Guildford Folk club are running their monthly Come All Ye sessions, but unfortunately they are not announcing the dates early enough to be included in 'Solent Waves'. However, their recent newsletter mentioned a series of events around Guildford. The first was in April with Anne Niepold & Andy Cutting, announced too late to be included in the last issue, but in June, on the 21st, at St Mary's Church in Quarry Street, there is a solo concert with Sam Sweeney. Melodeonist Elye Cuthbertson will be opening the concert which begins at 7.00 p.m. However, there is also a fiddle players' workshop in the afternoon, from 2.00 to 4.30 led by Sam. All the details are on the Folk Inspiration website, www.folkinspiration.org/. Further concerts and workshops will follow in September, October and November, although not all are in St. Mary's Church.

Chichester Folk Song Club's guest in May will be Ken Wilson on the 19th, then in June on the 9th, Reg Meuross will be on stage. There are actually two guests in June as Pete Coe joins them on the 30th.

2025 SusFA PLAYFORD BALL



will be on



**Saturday, 17th May at
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Warninglid, RH17 5SP (off A23)**

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: June Axon:
07908353968 or Bob Weddell: 07732797842,
susfachair@gmail.com

**SUMMER
2025**

WHAT'S ON

GRYPHON - SONIC TONIC TOUR 2025

WED 25 JUN | £22

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ANVIL ARTS

Churchill Way, Basingstoke, RG21 7QR. (The Haymarket is at RG21 7NW) 01256 844244
www.anvilarts.org.uk

May	24	Richard Thompson at The Haymarket
	31	Laura Cortese & Bert Ruymbeek at The Forge
Jun	5	Peggy Seeger – 90th birthday Tour with Neill and Calum MacColl at the Haymarket

THE ARC

Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB
www.arcwinchester.org.uk/

May	30	Ellie Gowers
Jun	20	Jane Austen 250: A Celebration in Music & Words - Lisa Timbs

BOURNEMOUTH FOLK CLUB

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

May	9	Reg Meuross at Ringwood
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BRUNNY FOLK CLUB

Cafe@the Allendale Centre, Hanham Rd., Wimborne BH21 1AS. www.brunnyfolk.co.uk/
 Contact via the website to book a support slot.

May	12	Club night
Jun	9	Closed
	23	Bass & Taylor

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/ Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays www.focsle.org/#online

May	13	Singaround with guests Ramskyte
	27	Singaround
Jun	10	Singaround with guest Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne
	24	Singaround

FORDINGBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

Avonway Community Centre, Shaftesbury St, SP6 1JF www.fordingbridgefolk.com/

May	2	Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst
Jun	6	Floor spots

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

Old Milton Road, New Milton, BH25 6DS.
 01425 612393 www.forest-arts.co.uk/

Jun	5	Martin Simpson
	6	Jacob & Drinkwater
	10	Peggy Seeger – 90th birthday Tour with Neill and Calum MacColl
	19	Jane Austen 250: A Celebration in Music & Words - Lisa Timbs

FOREST FOLK

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

May	5	Singaround
	26	The East Pointers
Jun	2	Singaround
	16	Eddi Reader & John Douglas (sold out – waiting list available)

GRAYSHOTT FOLK CLUB

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

May	13	Honey & The Bear
Jun	4	Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan

THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

Guildhall Square, PO1 2AB
<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk>

May	7	Richard Wood
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HAMBLEDON FOLK CLUB

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

May	14	Jack Rutter
Jun	11	Sam Carter

HANGER FARM ARTS CENTRE

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

May	8	Daphne's Flight
	18	Sorrel Nation
Jun	22	Richard Digance
	25	Gryphon – Sonic Tonic tour 2025
	29	Hinterland – Charity Concert

HAYLING ISLAND FOLK & ACOUSTIC CLUB

Newtown House Hotel, Manor Rd., Hayling Island, PO11 0QR. www.facebook.com

May	5, 19	Singaround, every other week
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THE HYDE TAVERN

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

May	1	Catherine MacLellan & Lucy Farrell
	7	Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan
	15	Dan Walsh
Jun	12	Steve Turner

LYMINGTON ACOUSTIC

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

May	6	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/>

May	8	Folk at the Bridge: Brooks Williams
Jun	12	Folk at the Bridge: Steve Jinski

NONSUCH FOLK CLUB (every other Thursday)

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

May	8, 22	Singaround
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THE PHOENIX Theatre and Arts Centre

Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0LR
 01420 472664 www.phoenixarts.co.uk/

May	30	Sarah McQuaid
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See also our April 'Chat' for 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>

May	10	Jack Francis
	18	The Deep Dark Woods
	25	Nick Harper
Jun	14	Gaz Brookfield

THE SPRING ARTS CENTRE

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

May	16	Ellie Gowers
	24	Fire and Rain & American Pie
	30	Adam Beattie and Fiona Bevan
Jun	7	Mark Harrison

THE WEDGEWOOD ROOMS

147b Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW
www.wedgewood-rooms.co.uk/

Jun	16	The Longest Johns: Pieces Of Eight Unplugged Tour
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WEMSFEET

Live music etc. around Emsworth
www.wemsfest.com/ adwemsfest@gmail.com

May	2	Gnoss at Southbourne Village Hall, PO10 8HN
	16	Siobhan Miller Trio at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL
Jun	1	The East Pointers at Chidham Village Hall, PO18 8TL

WESSEX ACOUSTIC

The Royal British Legion, Blandford Forum
 01202 732239 <https://wimborne-acoustic.co.uk/>

Jun	13	Fleetwood Cave
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WEST END CENTRE, ALDERSHOT

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD.
www.westendcentre.co.uk/

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/

May	7	Singaround every 1st Wednesday
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WOOLSTON and BURSLEDON FOLK CLUB

Long Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8BZ.

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

May	11	Singaround 2nd Sundays
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cont from p 6 On the 14th May the newly formed Salisbury Folk Club presents Cable Street and Charles Allison at the Harnham Sports and Social Club. More details on their *Facebook* page; find them also in the Salisbury Gig Guide www.salisburygigguide.co.uk. The club's regular night is the second Wednesday each month.

Until recently we were not sure where the Riverside Folk Club was meeting but they have now settled in Hedge End at St. Luke's Church in the coffee lounge, every Wednesday, 7.30 start. The contact is Paul Burgess at brigandchief@gmail.com or message him on 07971529950.

As I write, the Sussex Folk Association's equivalent of 'Solent Waves', 'Sussex Pie', has just been sent out – if you would like a copy, contact its current editor (he is trying to retire) on sussexpie@yahoo.co.uk. It includes an article by Abigail Penfold describing the challenges she faced and the help she received in setting up and running the new Chichester Folk Dance Group (Wednesday evenings, dates included in our Dance Diary).

From the May issue until the end of the summer we usually include the monthly dance programmes of our local display dance sides. Not all sides have published their dance-out and events details yet, although based on past experience, I feel fairly sure most of them will put their programmes on their websites before long. If I can find the details in the public domain, I will publish them.

DISPLAY SIDES DIARY - MAY

Alton Morris <https://altonmorris.co.uk/>

1	7.00	May Day evening in Wickham Square, with other sides
9	7.30	Queen's Head, Sheet, with Mary Rose & Royal George
10	10.00	Alton Spring Fair, Alton Public Gardens
17		Winchester Mayfest
23	7.30	The Three Horseshoes, East Worldham, with guests
30	7.30	The Crown, Badshot Lea, with Hook Eagle Morris, Mayflower Morris and Jackstraws Morris

Basingclog Morris www.basingclog.org.uk

6	8.00	The Wagon and Horses, Hartley Wintney, with Customs and Exiles
13	8.00	The Mill House, North Warnborough, with Mayflower Morris
17		Winchester Mayfest
19	8.00	The Anchor, North Warborough, with Jackstraws Morris
27	8.00	The Olde Red Lion, Chieveley, with Old Speckled Hen.

Hampshire Regency Dancers www.hrd.org.uk

24	11.30, 2.00	Regency Dance at The Vyne, Sherborne St. John
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Holly Copse Molly www.hollycopsemolly.com

10		Bradford Upon Avon – Green Man Festival
22	8.00	The Horton Inn, Wimborne, with Sarum Morris
27	7.30	The Cross Keys, Mannington, with Hobos Border Morris
19	8.00	The Anchor, North Warborough, with Jackstraws Morris
27	8.00	The Olde Red Lion, Chieveley, with Old Speckled Hen.

Hook Eagle Morris Men

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

1	05.32	May Day Dawn at the Shack Café, Hook
4		Rochester Sweeps Festival
10		Whitchurch Folk Festival
18		Alresford Watercress Festival
30	8.00	The Crown, Badshot Lea, with Jackstraws Morris

Mafficking Border Morris

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

17		Winchester Mayfest
24		Chippenham Folk Festival (3 days) (TBC)

Mary Rose & Royal George

<https://maryroseandroyalgeorge.co.uk/#/>

1	05.30	May Day Dance Sun-up, Portsdown Hill
2		Jack-in-the-Green Festival, Hastings
9	7.30	The Queen's Head, Sheet, with Alton Morris
17		Winchester Mayfest
24		Chippenham Folk Festival (3 days)

Men of Wight www.menofwight.org.uk

1	04.30	Dancing in the May Day dawn at Longstone, Mottistone,
11	11.00	Shanty Festival, The Square, Yarmouth

New Forest Meddlars

www.newforestmeddlars.co.uk

1	05.30	May Day dawn at Bolton's Bench, Lyndhurst
10	10.00	Green Man Parade, Burley, start in Burley Manor Grounds
17		Winchester Mayfest
31		Brockenhurst College Summer Event

Oyster Girls www.oystergirls.org.uk

17		Winchester Mayfest
21	2.00	Ventnor Esplanade to greet Spanish Galleon

Pilgrim Morris www.pilgrimorris.org.uk

1	05.15	Dancing up the sun at St. Martha's, Guildford, with Guildford Vox Community Choir
3	10.30	Summerpole – see the website
5		Blackheath Village Fair
10		Broadwood Day of Dance
14	8.00	The Fox, Pirbright
17		Bramley May Fair
21	8.00	The Olive Tree, Sutton Green
28	8.00	The Hop Blossom, Farnham
31	2.00	Oak Apple Day Celebration, The Royal Oak and Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

Victory Morrismen www.victorymorrismen.org.uk

1	05.00	The Spur Redoubt, Old Portsmouth
	10.00	Mystery Bus Tour
	6.00	Dancing in Old Portsmouth
5	10.15	St. Mary's Church May Fayre
8	8.00	The Rose in June, Copnor
	9.00	Jolly Tax Payer, Copnor
15	8.00	The George, Rowlands Castle
	9.00	The Castle Inn, Rowlands Castle
22	8.00	The Southsea Village, Southsea
	9.00	Apsley House, Southsea
29	8.00	The Ropemaker, Havant
	9.00	The Wheelwrights Arms, Southsea



The next FASH Event: Sunday 18th May, via the Zoom application, 4.00 The FASH AGM.

Wickham Morris www.wickham-morris.org.uk

1	05.15	Dancing at Dawn, Wickham Square
	6.30	Wickham Square, with other sides
9	8.00	The Queen's Head, Sheet, with Alton Morris
11	10.00	Bishops Waltham Garden Fair, Winters Hill Hall, Durley
15	8.00	The Victory Inn, Hamble-le-Rice
17		Winchester Mayfest
22	8.00	The Hunters Inn, Swanmore
29	8.00	The Flower Pots Inn, Cheriton

All the 2025 dates for the 'Morris Diary' that we have can be found on the FASH website at www.fash.org.uk/morris_diary.htm, which I shall try and update regularly as I hear about more display events.

As the banner advert above shows, we are holding our AGM this month. As we have in the last several years, we are holding it on-line via the Zoom application. Going back a lot further, we used to hold our AGM in the afternoon then

continue after a cream tea with a dance in the evening. People's priorities changed with time and there was less enthusiasm for a cream tea, and we found that it was simply uneconomic to hire a hall, caller and band with only a few attendees.

I think holding a live meeting did encourage more discussion and it was easier to pose questions to the attendees to gain some ideas of where they thought FASH should be going. The appeal we make every year is for people to join the committee. When I joined, the committee was seven- or eight-strong but over the years members have retired. Last year of course, quite a while after the AGM, Elizabeth Haigh was no longer able to contribute following a debilitating stroke, so we are now down to just four members. Please consider helping on the committee – your participation would not be unduly onerous; perhaps a little help on the secretarial side, or simply contributing ideas and discussing future workshops and how we can promote folk events in Hampshire.

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 for details. FASH members £9.00, non-members £12.00. Tea and coffee available. Please bring your own lunch.

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