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As flagged up in the last issue of What's Afoot, the price of the magazine will increase to £1 as from November, 2010. This is very much in line with comparable folk magazines from other parts of the country, and which we hope still represents excellent value. The magazine will continue to be sold through clubs, but why not get it sent to your door regularly. for an annual subscription of £5, which includes postage and Devon Folk membership.

Over the past year the Devon Folk Committee have been looking at publicity and membership issues. A motion which would have removed free membership for EFDSS members and clubs in Devon was rejected at the AGM, but hopefully the information set out on page 34 will make membership categories, costs, and entitlements much clearer.

Devon Folk is a voluntary organisation which gives both financial assistance and expert advice in support of number of festivals, workshops and school projects within the county. We would welcome your support in helping us to continue and expand such activities. Please consider joining as a club or individual.

Colin Andrews (Editor)

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### Local Treasure: Mike Boston

Mike Boston, Exeter born and bred, has been the fool of the city's high energy, high capering Great Western Morris for many years. Colin Andrews caught up with him in his home in Crediton. This article first appeared in the Morris Federation Newsletter, Winter 2009.

I have always regarded you and GWM as inseparable. Were you a founder member?

No, the side started in 1969 and celebrate their 40th year dancing out in 2010. Originally known as the Courage Morris Men, in the vain hope of getting sponsorship from the brewery of

that name who owned the Jolly Porter pub where they practised. I joined them in 1975 after I moved back to Devon to take up a teaching post at South Molton Community College. Since then I have, at various times been Squire, Bagman, Foreman and mostly Fool. Never Treasurer!

So what first aroused your interest in taking up Morris dancing?

I'd been interested in folk music since my school days in Exeter, first at The Mill, then at the Jolly Porter and then as a student in London and Leicester, where I was involved in organising folk clubs. I moved to Norwich in 1973, and since I couldn't sing or play, a good friend Alex Atterson, insisted that I'd better take up morris dancing and introduced me to the foreman and squire of Kemp's Men. They were a brilliant bunch of men, very much a typical 1950's revival Cotswold side. But they were fiercely independent, welcoming, open minded, mostly teachers and would have nothing to do with the Ring. They were really supportive and had a wonderful ensemble approach to teaching and bringing on beginners. They gave me the confidence to think that morris teams could encompass a variety of styles. Unfortunately I had only one dancing season in the eighteen months I was with them - but two of practice!

Have you ever tried any other form of Morris?

Great Western are essentially a Cotswold side, and I believe we have quite a reputation for our 'distinctive' interpretation of the Fieldtown and Bampton traditions. Again huge thanks are due to Roy Dommett for his encouragement and teaching. I'm not sure we would be where we are today had it not been for Roy. We've developed some new dances in these styles over the years, but never gone along the route of inventing a whole new tradition, like some sides. Following some workshops in the late 70's / early 80's

with Roy Dommett, we began to include a few border dances in our repertoire to perform in public in the winter. We've also danced rapper sword, and got involved with mumming.

What gives you the greatest pleasure in your dancing?

It's the whole chemistry of GWM really – the team spirit, the exchange of ideas, sometimes quite bizarre, the interaction with the audience, the rows. It's always the Squire who has the final say, however, in what we do. A good example was in 2005 at Towersey. We were due to perform at the headline

Sunday evening ceilidh spot. When we heard at 6.40 that England had regained the Ashes, our carefully rehearsed conventional display went out the window, and we adopted a cricketing theme in celebration, dancing with twelve quickly prepared cardboard cricket bats and added a few cricket based embellishments to the set. No time for a rehearsal.

How would you answer those who may criticise playing too much to the audience?

Audience involvement is a very important part of the Great Western experience, and it's certainly a key factor in my personal enjoyment of Morris. In whatever we do, though, we always aim for a high standard of dancing. My greatest dislike, and something I'd gladly see abolished from public display is what I call the 'Twelve Foot Wall Syndrome'. That's where a side dances with total disregard for their audience, so that even if they were cut off from view by a twelve foot wall erected between them and the audience, it wouldn't make the slightest difference to the performance. For this reason, I'm not fond of being a Morris spectator. On tours for example, I find it difficult to comprehend how any side can ignore interaction with the audience. Even in the formal setting of a festival or theatre stage it's still possible to establish a rapport with the audience

Are there any particular events that stand out as high spots in your Morris career?

In 35 years of involvement with Morris, there have been many memorable and inspiring occasions, such as dancing in the Arena at Sidmouth or performing in the Opera House in Brno, in the Czech Republic or Brooklyn Heights in New York which included a surreal and highly enjoyable encounter with a New York cop. We have visited South-West France and Brittany on several occasions. Near to home we have two wonderful local and bizarre places to 'dance'; Haytor Rocks and Postbridge, on the iron age clapper bridge. Both bonkers places really. Being filmed dancing inside the bar at the Drewe Arms, Drewsteignton (height about 6 foot, ok for me but the rest of them ...). A wonderful lunchtime at the Zetland in Warwick-Thank you Sally. I suppose the weirdest place was dancing, at the invitation and instigation of Roy Dommett in the Roman amphitheatre at Caleva Atrebatum - Silchester. Nobody there, just us and Roy. Completely surreal! Brilliant acoustics though. But I suppose you can't talk about high spots without mentioning the occasions when we performed on stilts.

#### How did that come about?

We were inspired by a French group who danced on stilts at Sidmouth festival in 1987. So in 1988, being Great Western, we were keen to experiment, and over the next few years performed morris, rapper and a mummers play on stilts. It was strange, perhaps, that at both Derby and Sidmouth Festivals, the lights failed just as I was about to do a backward somersault on stilts. In some ways the low

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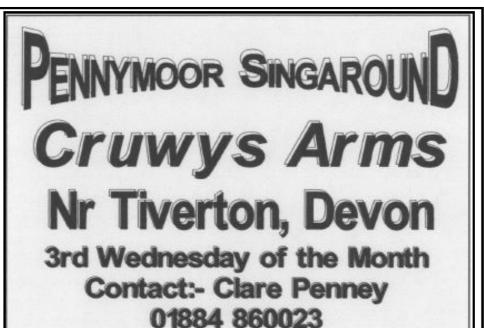
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spot of my dancing years was also down to the stilts, from the time I fell from them and broke my wrist, elbow and shoulder on the surface of a Kent car park. I remember waking up in hospital wondering whether I was in heaven or hell when I saw Chris Rose, still in his 7 Champions Molly kit, clumping down the ward in his hobnail boots. I would have loved a video camera!

What advice would you give to any newly formed dance team?

Bit presumptuous really to give advice but I suppose I'd say — and this applies to some existing sides —enjoy your dancing and be seen to enjoy your dancing. Smile! To achieve a good standard of dancing keep to one or two traditions in the first instance, watch and learn as much as possible from other sides. Don't be afraid to pick their brains, and don't be too precious or uptight about the dancing. It is, after all, only Morris, and if you're not getting pleasure out of doing it, why do it at all? Having said that it is good to have those occasional 'spots' where you feel a bit nervous. Secondly I would say don't have a fool or 'animal' unless you really know why you want them and have people who enjoy the role. Don't



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have a fool just because you think you ought to and then expect some poor sod to emulate what you think a fool should be.

Is there one aspect of Morris you would fight to keep above all others?

Fight is perhaps too strong a word, but I feel it is very important to retain the diversity in the Morris. Although there are some styles of which I'm personally not keen, I would strongly encourage sides to develop a style with which they feel comfortable, in order to retain interest and enthusiasm, particularly amongst younger people.

Some of Great Western Morris Men, like yourself, have been dancing for very many years. Have you got any youngsters taking an interest?

Some of my most enjoyable shows with Great Western have been for children. And, yes, we currently have eleven members under the age of 21. The dancing recruits are usually sons – and

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even two grandsons – of GW dancers, but not all. We have two daughters playing for us. On top of that we have two of our daughters who have taken up Morris, Jenny Hubbard with local team Glory of the West, and my daughter Miryam dances with New Esperance and Hawksword. My other daughter Nina is fighting to overcome knee injuries which keep her from dancing but she is heavily involved in the organisation of the Great Western Ceilidhs and the Blackmore bar at Sidmouth.

Now you are retired, what other interest will fill your time?

I've been retired for over a year, and in some ways I'm still adjusting to a different lifestyle. I maintain a nominal involvement with education through consultancy work for the Teachers' Development Agency and two examination boards. I try to keep fit, through swimming, cycling, pilates, la rueda -a form of salsa - and have recently started doing volunteer work for the RSPB – very early days on this one. I've been involved for a long time with local theatre, and I've taken part in a number of productions here in Crediton. Usually manage to play the village idiot - cant think why! Folk music, Morris, and organising ceilidhs remain my main interest. My involvement with the ceilidh side of Sidmouth festival will be diminishing but I am hoping to continue with the very successful bars we run at the Blackmore dance tent and will be helping with licensing admin. Add in being part of the team organising Great Western's 40th Birthday weekend and I don't think I will get

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# Jo Trapnell: Retiring At Sixty

Wills Aileen pays tribute to Jo Trapnell, who officially retired teacher & caller at the Bideford **Folk** Dance Club after 60 vears at the helm.



On 5th May, 2010, Bideford Folk Dance Club held a splendid party to celebrate Jo Trapnell's final club night after sixty years as teacher and caller. About seventy people - members past and present and representatives of the Devon Folk Committee - gathered to honour this great achievement. Jo was speechless as she entered the hall, but not for long, as she soon got the dancing under way.

Born in Liverpool, Jo trained at Chelsea College of P.E. where Douglas and Helen Kennedy regularly put the students through their paces, before moving to North Devon to teach at West Bank School, Bideford. There she met Peter, married, and had four children. Over the years Jo has taught dance at clubs and schools throughout the County, run weekend courses, and represented Devon at the Albert Hall Festival. She has received the Devon Folk Award, and is a Vice President of Devon Folk, having previously served on the Devon Folk Committee, and its forerunner, the Devon District Committee of the EFDSS. She is also a Vice President of Willand Folk Dance Club. All her many folk dance achievements have fitted around her family, tennis and golf.

Bideford Folk Dance Club was founded in 1923, but lapsed in 1947. It was suggested that Jo might revive it, which she did in 1950, and has been at the helm ever since. The Club later became a Registered Club of the EFDSS and still retains

its affiliation to this day. It has run many events throughout North Devon, and has supported the Devon Committees in every way it could.

Club members presented Jo with an inscribed garden seat, and Devon Folk presented her with a celebration cake (made by Rhona Hitchcock), flowers and a card to show their appreciation, not only to Jo, but to the Club for their great support. Everyone was delighted that Jessie Cooke was able to join part of the evening.

I have known Jo for 58 years, since we played hockey against each other for our respective clubs. I have happy memories of sharing events with her, and of time spent with the family at their

beach hut at Westward Ho! during

Whit Monday Morris tours. I have known her generous hospitality, her loyalty both to friends and the EFDSS, and her passion for dance.

As we saw when the dancing started on her last club evening in charge, Jo has not lost her touch. However, she felt it was time to go, and she has left the club in the good hands of Chris Jewell. We wish him every charge. Long may the Bideford

success. Long may the Bideford club continue!

Above: Chris Jewell & Jo Trapnell Below: Bideford Folk Dance Club



# **Old Devonshire Dances (1)**

Colin Andrews presents some interesting dances rediscovered in a century-old booklet. (See also WA 34 & 35 for an earlier account by Bob Franklin)

I am indebted to Bob Patten, who showed me an old publication he had discovered when sorting out some archive material in his attic. Six dances under the title above were described by Mildred Bult, and published by J. Curwen & Sons in 1908. The booklet included full notation of the dances, diagrams, photographs of children performing the dances, and the music for piano accompaniment.

Mildred Bult, in her introduction, writes, 'The quaint old country dances performed in a certain village in North Devon at such festivals as harvest homes, flower shows, choir suppers, etc., have always had for me a peculiar charm. Of late years, much to the disgust of the older inhabitants, these dances have nearly all been omitted, the modern valse and lancers taking their time honoured place. I have been fortunate enough to have several of the dances described to me by an old woman who, in her younger days, was devoted to the Terpsichorean art'.

Mildred Bult unfortunately does not name the certain North Devon village, nor, elsewhere, a neighbouring village where a particular dance was performed holding handkerchiefs. I would be very interested if any reader can provide me with further information on either the author herself, or on the identity of the village in which these dances were collected.

Six dances in all were described. Three are reproduced here, and the rest will be printed in

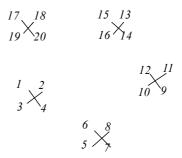


the next issue of What's Afoot. I have in some cases transposed the tunes from their original published key to make them more suitable for a DG melodeon, but original key is indicated. Original published description is given in italics, with my interpretation or comment bracketed in normal type.

#### CIRCASSIAN CIRCLE

Not the familiar circle dance often used as the last dance of the evening, but a Sicilian Circle formation. (See diagram). The dotted 4/4 tune feels more like a strathspey or a hornpipe.

Formation: company arranged in couples round room, ladies on right side of gentlemen, e.g.



- (1) Couples join right hands, and form fours all round the circle. Promenade or gallop round for 8 beats. (Right Hand Star)
- (2) Change hands and repeat. 8 beats. (Left hand Star)
- (3) Set and turn partners (number of beats?)
- (4) Ladies' chain. Ladies, giving right hands across, cross over to opposite gentleman, giving left hand to him, while he turns the lady under his arm, using right hand. (Normal ladies chain, with left arms held high?)
- (5) All waltz or swing round, each couple moving one place; that is, couple 1 &2 change places with couple 19 & 20, and couples 3 &4 with 5 & 6, etc. The dance is repeated, only 19 and 20 will be dancing with 5 and 6; and so on.

I assume numbers refer to individual persons rather than couples. This seems an unusual progression,

#### CIRCASSIAN CIRCLE



#### NB Original in D. No indication of repeats

however, the opposite direction from what one would expect. Am I correct in thinking it would bring original couples back together after 2nd time through the dance?

Rhyme used for helping strangers:

Cross hands, back again Set to partners Ladies chain

#### CROSS HANDS

(In neighbouring village danced holding handkerchiefs and therefore called 'Handkerchief Dance').

Formation: longways set

Music: The Quaker's Wife, 24 bars, played ABB

- (1) In fours, give right hands across and proceed as in 1, 2, 3 of Circassian Circle. This may also be done holding handkerchiefs or ribbons.
- (2) First couples gallop down centre to end and back again.

3) Swing and change.

Including set & turn partners (fig. 3 from previous dance) it's difficult to see how this fits the music.

#### **BRIXHAM REEL**

(1) Children stand in fours

$$\downarrow_G^L \uparrow$$
  $\downarrow_L^{G'}$ 

$$\downarrow_G^L$$

Make the figure of eight, turning the shoulder well and using the polka step.

(2) All join hands and polka round; end off in first position, but with each dancer having moved on one place. repeat dance ad lib.

An unusual progression. It appears to begin like 2 sets of the Dorset 4 Hand Reel side by side. A number of possibilities come to mind for adaptation to a 32 bar dance.

#### **BRIXHAM REEL**



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Tivvyfest is unusual. It runs for the whole month of May with the intention of including any club, society, school, group or individuals within this Community Festival. Other intended outcomes are that people will be given the opportunity to experience events they would not usually be exposed to and to become active participants. Here's a diary of the folk-tinged events that took place:

May 1st is and always will be "Padstow" to folk enthusiasts in this part of the world, but nevertheless we mark the beginning of our Festival with an Opening Ceremony which includes the Castle Primary School's Maypole dancers. We are delighted that local Primary Schools are beginning to encourage children to take part in dances that are part of English culture – though I haven't seen any junior Morris dancers as yet!

Our Concert on May 5th featured local singersongwriters and a Youth Choir, "Singing Aloud" and Community Choir, "Take Note". Rosie Eade, who is booked at Glastonbury this year, sang traditional folk songs as well as her own compositions whilst Winnow sang more modern folk-inspired songs. A newcomer to the Festival who gave a spellbinding performance was Naomi Hughes playing her Celtic Harp. It was particularly lovely to see the children drawn into the music as Naomi played for us.

On 8th May, Wren Music organised a Family Folk Dance and Workshop with David Faulkner and Becki Driscoll. We also had Mariners Away Shanty Singers delighting locals and French "Twinners" alike at the Market that day. That evening, "Stick the Fiddle" took part in a Concert at St Peter's Church which was very well received.

Pennymoor Singaround ran their excellent Jan Stewer night at Puddington Village School on 14th May. Jim Causley read from these comic tales whilst songs and stories, music and dance were expertly interwoven as Len Christopher presided over the event.

The following day Two Moors Primary School

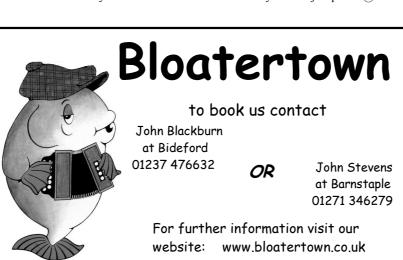
Country Dancers, West Country Concertinas and Winkleigh Morris all appeared to entertain at the Market and then at the Family Picnic that afternoon. Ruth Harry's Jammers also provided entertainment at all our Family Picnics. That evening we had a Singaround at the Half Moon. Everyone had a great time and loved the room despite having to compete as the evening went on with a disco downstairs! Incidentally, could we thank Winkleigh Morris, Mariners Away and all at the Singaround for their generosity? Altogether they raised £88.13 for Festival funds with their collections.

The following weekend (22nd/23rd May) we had two excellent events at the Town Hall's Mayoralty Room. The first, "Naughty but Nice" had local performer Emily Warren supporting the brilliant Nicola Clark. Nicola was a great hit with her charming and witty songs. We have already asked her to return for next year. Then on Sunday we had "West Country Wit & Wisdom" featuring Bill Crawford, Dave Lowry, Bill Murray, Margaret Palmer, Jason Rice and Rob Murch with Len Christopher as M.C. This, too, was a very popular event full of warmth and humour.

On Thursday, 27th May we held a Music Workshop at Tiverton High School. This was free to students with a small charge to adults to take part in the workshop run by Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll, ably assisted by Ruth Harry. Workshop participants took part in the Concert that evening which also featured Steve Thomason and Mariners Away Shanty Singers with Nick & Becki headlining. Numbers attending this event were poor despite admission only costing £3.00. However, it was heartening to have a member of the audience tell us "That's got to be the best £3.00 I've ever spent!"

Whilst our American Music Night was not exactly a folk event, it was primarily an acoustic night with performers singing and playing blues, jazz, folk and old-time music. As with the Singaround, it brought performers together from all over the county and was greatly enjoyed by all.

All in all, we did manage to bring quite a few folk-oriented events into the Festival with varying degrees of success. We hope that we can ensure that this element continues to be represented within the Festival. We are so grateful to the many people who have supported us, particularly the many performers who have given their time so willingly. We will be working on the 2011 programme as soon as we have recovered from 2010, and we hope that we will see lots of you in May 2011. We have a web-site: www.tivvyfest.com and I can be contacted by e-mail: janepsnow@tiscali.co.uk



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### **FOOTNOTES**

#### NEW ON THE SCENE

A new folk dance club has started up at Chudleigh. Organised by Mary Marker, it runs on Monday evenings during term time at the Millennium Youth Club. Bradninch Millers Morris are a new side recently started by Ian Bloomfield, and early reports are encouraging. A number of pub sessions have recently come to my notice, though some may have been operating longer - Culm Valley, Culmstock (3rd Mon.), Fox & Hounds, Fremington, N. Devon (last Mon.), Ostler, Uffculme (Thurs, fortnightly), Half Moon, Clayhidon (every Wed.), Clinton Arms, Frithelstock (every Sun.), Bridge, **Dulverton** (3rd Sat). Some of these may be open mike & not strictly confined to folk. Also reports of music session at Prixford (near Barnstaple) and Exebridge. The George at South Molton usually has a folk night on 1st Sat. - contact Cathy Doel 01769 572514. Bill Murray now runs a club at the Kings Arms, South Zeal, on 2nd Sun. but the session at the nearby Devonshire Inn, Sticklepath, on 1st Sun. is still continuing, compered by Mike Bond.

#### ON YOUR BIKE!

The popular fortnightly sessions at the Rusty Bicycle, Exeter, seem to be on the move, and in search of a permanent venue. There is a determination that the Wednesday evening folk music nights will continue. We'll try to keep you posted on our website.

#### **DEVONFOLK ON AIR**

Nothing to do with the Devon Folk organisation, the BBC Radio Devon's folk progamme of the same name is broadcast every Sunday afternoon. Richard Digance took over earlier this year from Jim Causley as presenter. Richard is always keen to hear of items of folk interest in the county. contact him at www.devonfolk@bbc.co.uk

#### TWO FOLKSINGERS SADLY DEPARTED

Cliff Jones sadly reports the unexpected death of  $\circ_{\mathbf{SMALL}}$  GREEN FESTIVAL Viv Clements on 21 January at the untimely age of 62. With her trade mark long blonde hair down to her waist, her vast varied repertoire of songs from early music through folk to contemporary, 15

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and her incredibly beautiful voice, and haunting recorder and whistle playing, she will be missed at many a place where people gather to sing.

Ray Heard - tribute from the Cornelius Family Ray Heard, was a well-respected and well-loved musician. He sadly passed away on 9th May 2010 at Exeter Hospiscare, after battling with cancer. Ray was a loving husband to Linda and father to their daughters and grandfather to two grandsons.

Ray was a member of the folk group, Sean & Heard, which was formed in the 1990's, along with John Andrews. They were joined on occasion by Ray's daughters, Sharon and Carol, and many of their friends including Colin Wills.

His involvement in music goes back to the 1960's when he was a member of a local rock band, The Kynd. He became interested in folk music when the band broke up and has been performing in the genre ever since at the clubs and many special charity events.

Ray will, indeed, be sadly missed.

#### CHILD PROTECTION

Home Secretary Theresa May has announced that the new Independent Safeguards Agency (ISA) registration, due to begin in July, has been put on hold. There will be a review of the entire vetting and barring scheme, with a scaling back to "common-sense levels".

Devon's Show of Hands are at the Croissant Neuf Festival, near Usk, 13th -15th Aug. Details from luke@partyneuf.co.uk. 07766 855487

### **Devon Folk News**

Devon Folk would like to thank the South Hams Folk Dance Club for hosting their recent AGM at Malborough Village Hall and arranging the evening dance which followed it. During the dance we were able to take the opportunity to award a second Devon Award this year, this time to Euphine Bromell for over more than 30 years service to Folk activities in Devon, with special recognition of her long standing committee service in a variety of official capacities.

A few weeks prior to the AGM six schools in the South Hams area took advantage of an offer to engage in a variety of folk activities provided by members of the committee and a close associate. Maypole dancing was a strong favourite, but most also engaged in singing games, folk dancing and some sword or morris dancing depending on the ages of the children taking part and the wishes of the participating staff of the schools. Thanks to Ken and Hilary Hudson for their support and help to further this project in their area.

At the AGM itself tribute was paid to retiring members of the committee, especially Pat Kenworthy who has served on the committee for 30 years, 25 of which as membership secretary. Pat Reid also leaves us after having taken a very active role on the committee for more than 10 years. We welcome Jane Snow and the continuation of Jean Foster, Dick Little and Mary Marker.

The resolution proposed by the committee to make changes to the present categories of membership of Devon Folk was narrowly defeated. Before the voting took place a number of concerns were voiced by attendees which will now be taken into consideration in further discussions of the subject..

We congratulate Jo Trapnell and the Bideford Folk Dance Club on recently celebrating 60 years of dancing in the North Devon area and wish Chris Jewell every success in the future as he continues the club Jo began and has run for so many years.

The Devon Folk Music Workshop on Playing American Tunes For Contras and Squares which was held at the end of March in Chudleigh Community Hall was well attended by many musicians from all around the area and beyond. The evening dance which followed it gave further opportunities for musicians to play with Dave Brown as part of the band (using music provided for study during the day) or to dance to dance to Aileen Will's calling. Many of those attending expressed their appreciation and thanks for an enjoyable and worthwhile day.

We appreciate the continued support of MADCAPS, Bideford, Exmouth and Totnes Folk Dance Clubs and the Exmouth YWCA for donations totalling £380 and are pleased to have been asked to continue supporting the Teignmouth Festival again this year. We hope you will enjoy the full range of folk activities available at our local festivals and further afield throughout the summer.

R. Hitchcock.

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Social Dance - quick guide	E
MONDAY	S

#### MONDAY Chudleigh Folk Dance Club Wk Honiton Folk Dance Club Wk Marldon, MADCAPS Wk Sidford, Scottish Wk

#### **TUESDAY**

Northam, Third Age

Kingsteignton Folk Dance Club	Fn
Launceston Folk Dance Club	Wk
Liverton. Lucky 7 Folk Dance Club	Fn
Plymouth, Country Dance Plymouth	Wk
Sidford Folk Dance Club	Wk
Totnes Scottish Folk Dance Classes	Wk
WEDNIEGDAY	

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Bideford Folk Dance Club	Wk
Exmouth YWCA	Wk
Gittisham Folk Dance Club	Fn
Halsway Manor Folk Dance Club	Fn, 1&3
Newton Abbot Irish Set Dance	Wk
South Hams Folk Dance Club	Wk
THUDODAY	

#### THURSDAY

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Chard Folk Dance Club	Fn
Exmouth Folk Dance Club	Wk
Tavistock Folk Dance Club	Wk
Totnes Folk Dance Club	M, 3rd
Willand Folk Dance Club	Fn

#### EDIDAY

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Aylesbeare Folk Dance Club	Fn
Bampton Folk Dance Club	M, last
Bideford Ceilidh Club	Wk
Dartington Folk Dance Club	Wk
Exeter(Ide) D'Accord French Dances	M, 3rd
Exeter Folk Dance Club	M, 4th
Salcombe Regis Folk Dance Club	Wk

#### **SATURDAY**

Exeter, Devon Playford Club	M
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### Social Dance - details **Aylesbeare Folk Dance Club**

Alt. Fri, Aylesbeare VH. Ted Farmer, 01392 466326.

#### Bampton Folk Dance Club

Last Fri. St.Michael's Hall, Station Road. Hazel Ridd, 01884 820438

#### Beacon Wheel Chair Dancers

Sue Cummings 01803 554799

#### Bideford Ceilidh Club\*

Fri. Bideford Athletic Club, The Pill. John Blackburn, 01237 476632

#### Bideford Folk Dance Club\*

Wed. Northam Hall. Miss Pat Kenworthy, 5, Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple. 01271 860193

#### **Chard Folk Dance Club**

Alt. Thurs., Combe St Nicholas VH. 8 pm. Details: 01460 61996

#### **Chudleigh Folk Dance Club**

Mondays, term time. Millennium Youth Club, Old School, Chudleigh. 8 - 10 pm. Mary Marker, 01626 854141

#### Country Dance, Plymouth\*

Tues., Trinity United Reform Church Hall, Tor Lane, Hartley, Plymouth. 8 pm. Jacqui Joint 01752 774484

#### D'Accord\*

3rd Fri. 8 pm. French & Breton dances, Ide VH, nr. Exeter. Pat Tomkins 01392 811593

#### Dartington Folk\*

Most Fridays, Dartington VH, 7.30 pm. John Gibson, 33, Grange Park, Bishopsteignton, TQ14 9TS. 01626 778058

#### Devon Playford Club\*

Monthly, Sat. 2.30 pm. Bowhill Primary Sch., Buddle Lane, Exeter. Miss E. Conway, 151, Kingsdown Crescent, Dawlish, EX7 0HB 01626 862312

### **Devon Set Dancers**

Mrs. Q. Daniel, 6, Balmoral Close, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BJ

#### **Exeter Folk Dance Group\***

Last Fri. 7.45 pm Baptist Church centre, Palace Gate, Exeter. Mr. Chris Miles, 01395 275592

#### Exmouth Folk Dance Group\*

Thurs., Withycombe Methodist Church Hall. 8 -10 pm. Mr Chris Miles, 25, Old Bystock Drive, Exmouth, EX8 5RB. 01395 275592

### Folk dance contacts

#### **Exmouth, Isca Scottish Dancers**

Classes Tues & Wed, Sept - May. Mr & Mrs V.J. Tyler, 66, Ivydale, Exmouth. 01395 276913

#### Exmouth YWCA\*

Wed. 2.30 pm. Alexandra House, 57, Imperial Road. Mainly Playford. Mrs S. Harper, Flat 3, 6, Carlton Hill, Exmouth, EX8 2AJ. 01395 267171

#### Gittisham Folk Dance Club\*

Wed, fortnightly (usu. 2nd & last). Gittisham VH., nr. Honiton. Douglas Jones, Golden Square Farm, Stockland, Honiton, EX14 9LG www. seered.co.uk/gittisham.htm

#### **Great Western Ceilidhs\***

Sat. Monthly, Bowhill Primary School, Buddle Lane, Exeter. Pete Langley 01392 491228

#### **Halsway Folk Dance Club**

1st & 3rd Wed. Halsway Manor, Crocombe, Somerset.

#### **Honiton Folk Dance Club**

Mon. Turks Head Lodge 8 pm. Andrew Mycroft, 4, Sycamore Close, Hontion, EX14 2XP. 01404 46451 andrew.mycroft@btinternet.com

#### Kingsteignton Country Dance Club\*

Tues, twice monthly. Church Hall. Mrs. Jean Foster, 29, Highweek Village, Newton Abbot. 01626 363887

#### **Launceston Folk Dance Club**

Tues. St Johns Ambulance Hall, 8 pm (Not July & August). 01579 362423

#### Lucky 7 Folk Dance Club\*

Alt. Tues. Liverton VH. 8 pm. Mrs Margaret Moxom, 7, Newcourt Road, Topsham, Exeter. 01392 873606

# Marldon & District Country & Playford Society (MADCAPS)\*

Mon. Marldon VH. Mrs Jean Fillan, 29, Droridge, Dartington. 01803 866380

#### **Newton Abbot**

Wed. Irish set dancing, Jolly Farmer, Market Street. Maggie Daniel 01626 204350

#### **Plymouth Group**

Miss Patricia Day, 90, Shirburn Road, Plymouth, PL6 5PH. 01752 771259

#### Salcombe Regis Folk Dance Club\*

Fri. St Peter's Church Hall, Sidford. Mrs D. Cooper, 6, Darnell Close, Sidmouth. 01395

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#### Sidford Folk Dance Club\*

Tues. Sidford VH, Byes Lane. J. Westwood, 01404 813863, B. Bacon 01395 515186

#### Sidford Scottish Folk Dance Club

Mon. Sidford VH, Byes Lane. 8 pm. Brian Martin, 01404 850416

#### South Hams Folk Dance Club\*

Wed. West Charleton VH. Philip Worth, Greenbank, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HP. 01548 561415

#### **South Brent Folk**

Mrs K. Reynolds, High Leigh, Coach House, South Brent, TQ10 9DS.

#### The Sunday Club

Monthly in winter, Exminster VH, 2 pm Peter Boskett, 01392 468462. peterandcynthia@tiscali. co.uk

#### Tavistock Folk Dance Club\*

Thurs. St Peter's School. (not July & August). Mrs Margaret Holt, 3, Copperfields, Horrabridge, Yelverton, PL20 7VB. 01822 855858

#### Teign Playford Club\*

Jean Foster, 29 Highweek Village, Newton Abbot, TQ12 1QA 01626 363887

#### **Totnes Folk Dance Club\***

3rd Thurs. Methodist Church Hall, 8 pm (Not June, July, August). Mr. H. Lowe, 12, Benedicts Road, Liverton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6JL. 01626 821045

#### **Totnes Scottish Folk Dance**

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4SN. 01392 411434		SE Horns Cross nr Bideford (Irish)	M, 3rd
Willand Folk Dance Club*		SE? Kingsbridge, Crabshell Inn	M, 1st
Alt. Thurs. Willand VH. Mary Marker,	57, Great	SE Plymouth, Blue Peter, Pomphlett	M, 1st
Hill, Chudleigh. TQ13 0JS. 01626 854	141	SE Princetown, Prince of Wales	M, 4th
		SE South Brent, Royal Oak	M, 3rd
Song & Music - quick	guide	SE Teignmouth, Devon Arms	M, 3rd
Folk song clubs (FC) and sessions	(SE) are	SE Barrel House, Totnes	M, 3rd
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pub. Please check with given con	tact_if_in	FC Totnes, Dartmouth Inn	M, 2nd
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MONDAY		FC Bodmin, Barley Sheaf	Wk
SE Chittlehampton, Bell Inn	M, 2nd	SE Ermington, Crooked Spire	M, last
SE Bridge, Topsham (Blues)	M, 2nd	FC Exeter, Barnfield Theatre	M, 1st
FC Fox & Hounds, Fremington.	M, 4th	FC Twisted Oak, Ide, Exeter	M, 2nd
SE Culm Valley, Culmstock	M, 3rd	FC Kennford, 7 Stars	M, last
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	*
SE? Bradninch, Castle Inn	Fn	SE Brendon, Staghunters Inn	M, 3rd
FC Exmouth, Manor Hotel	1,3,5	FC Combe Martin, Pack of Cards	Fn, 2&4
SE Chulmleigh, Court House (Irish)	M, 2nd	FC Minehead, Old Ship Aground	M, 1st
SE? Plymouth, Artillery Arms	Fn	SE Tuckenhay, Maltsters	M, 2nd
SE? Plymouth, Fortescue	Wk	SUNDAY	,
SE? South Brent, Pack Horse	Fn	SE Bere Ferrers, Old Plough (Irish)	M, 2nd
FC Tiverton, White Horse	M, 1st	SE Bere Ferrers, Old Plough	M, 3rd
SE Totnes, Royal 7 Stars	?	FC Bude, Falcon Inn	Fn
WEDNESDAY		SE Dawlish, Swan Inn	M
FC Bampton Bridge House Hotel	Fn,2&4	SE Exeter, Old Fire House	Wk?
SE Dawlish, South Devon Inn	M, last	SE Frithelstock, Clinton Arms	Wk
SE Exmouth, Beacon Vaults	Wk	SE Heddon Mouth, Hunters Inn	M, 4th
FC Lympstone, Globe Inn	M, 2nd	SE Lee (Ilfracombe), Grampus	Wk?
SE Malborough, Royal Oak	Wk?	FC Lee Mill, Westward Inn	Wk
FC Pennymoor, Cruwys Arms	M, 3rd	FC Okehampton, Fountain Inn	M, last
SE Plymouth, Hyde, Mutley	M, 2nd	FC South Zeal, Kings Arms	M, 2nd
FC Seaton, Grove Inn	M, 3rd	SE Sticklepath, Devonshire Inn	M, 1st
SE Sidmouth, Volunteer (song)	M, 1st	FC Topsham, Globe Inn	Wk
SE Sidmouth, Volunteer (music)	M, 3rd	FC Scoriton, Tradesman's Arms	M,4th
SE Teign House Inn, Christow	M, 1st	,	,
SE White Hart Bow. (Irish)	M, 1st	0 0 16 1 1 1 1	
		Song & Music - details	
THURSDAY		Bampton	
FC Bideford, Joiners Arms	Wk	2nd & 4th Wed Bridge House Ho	tel. Clare
SE Exeter, First & Last Inn (Irish)	M, 2nd	Penney, 01884 860023	
SE Exeter, Jolly Porter (Irish)	M, 2nd	Bere Ferrers	
SE Exmouth, Bicton Inn	M, 1st	3rd Sun. Old Plough. 01822 841064	
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## Folk music & song contacts

**Bideford Folk Club\*** 

Yelverton, Plymouth. 01752 261669(w), 01822

Thurs. Joiners Arms, Market Place. Jerry & 853620 (h)

Hilary Bix, 36, Lower Gunstone, Bideford. Tel/ Fremington (Barnstaple)

fax 01237 470792

**Bodmin Folk Club\*** 

Fri. Barley Sheaf Inn, PL312JX. Mike Freemantle Halsway Manor (Crocombe)

01726 816454. www.bodminfolk.co.uk

**Bradninch** 

Alt. Tues. Castle Hotel. 8.30 pm. Rob Reeves, Kennford

01392 881014

**Brendon** 

3rd Sat, Staghunters. Carole Henderson-Begg, 1st Thurs. Crabshell Inn. Bob & Brenda Burnside, 01769 540581

Rude

Sun, twice monthly. Falcon Hotel. Lucy Burrow, 2nd Wed. Globe Inn. Music, song & stories. Brian

01288 341582

Chittlehampton

1st Fri. concerts, usually in Parish Church. Pre-1st Sat. Acorn Folk Club, Old Ship Aground. concert supper if pre-booked. 01769 540581 or Eileen Ann 01643 709394.

540887. events@chumpchurches.org.uk

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1st Wed. Teign House Inn. Mixed music session Last Sun. Fountain Inn. Music & song. Details:

**Combe Martin** 

2nd & 4th Sat, Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Pennymoor Singaround\* Cards. Tom & Barbara Brown, 01271 882366.

Sun. Swan Inn. Mixed folk session. Details: Plymouth, Artillery Arms

01626 208116

**Denbury** 

Thurs. Union Inn. Acoustic mixed sessions. Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth. 01752 709809.

Vic Connell, 01803 812535

**Ermington** 

Last Fri. Crooked Spire. 07990 863135.

**Exeter, Barnfield Theatre** 

1st Fri. Bedford Room. Acoustic open mike 2nd Wed. Hyde, Mutley. Ali 01752 662002

session. Jerry 07843 419178

**Exeter, Twisted Oak** 

2nd Fri. Traditional song. Twisted Oak, Ide

1st, 3rd & 5th Tues. 8.30 pm. Manor Hotel

Beacon, Exmouth. Jeff Lewis 01395 269232

**Folk On The Moor** 

Sun. 7.45 pm Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Anton Seaton Horwich, 3, Woodside Cottages, Milton Combe, 3rd Wed. Grove Inn. 01297 20064

4th Mon. Fox & Hounds. Biddy Mallabone 01271

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1st Sun. Song & music session in the bar lounge.

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Last Fri. 7 Stars . Peter Cornelius 01392 210983

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Mather 01395 278594

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Wren 01837 53754. (Not June, July, August)

3rd Wed. Cruwys Arms, Pennymoor. Clare

Penney, 01884 860023

Alt Tues. Artillery Arms, Pound Street, Stonehouse. Geoff Rodd, 36, Downham Gardens,

Plymouth, Fortescue (Mutley).

Tues. Basement bar, 8.30 pm. Joe Higman 01752

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Plymouth, Folk Roots

Roadwater

2nd Fri. Valiant Soldier. George Ody 01643

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**Scoriton** 

4th Sun. 7.30 pm. Tradesman's Arms Sue & Simon Williams, Scoriton Farmhouse, Scoriton,

Buckfastleigh TQ11 0JB 01364 631308.

# Folk dance, music & song contacts

#### Sidmouth

1st Wed. traditional song. 3rd Wed music session. Volunteer Inn.

#### **South Brent**

Pack Horse Hotel. Alt. Tues. mostly song. Keith Beeby 01364 72587. Every Wed. mostly music. Caroline 01364 631308

#### South Zeal

2nd Sun. Kings Arms. Bill Murray 01647 231286

#### Sticklepath (Okehampton)

1st Sun. Devonshire Inn.

#### **Teignmouth**

Last Thurs. Devon Arms Hotel, Northumberland Place. Martyn Hillstead, 01626 778071.

#### **Tiverton Folk Club**

1st Tues. White Horse Inn. Susannah Billeter, 01884 821286

#### Topsham\*

Sun. Globe. 8.30 pm (guest nights 8 pm). Tickets for guest nights availabe one month in advance. www.topshamfolkclub.co.uk

#### **Totnes Folk Song Club**

2nd Thurs. Dartmouth Inn. Steve & Anne Gill,  $01803\ 290427$ .

#### **Totnes, Barrel House**

3rd Thurs. Klezmer & East European music.

#### Tuckenhay, Malsters Arms

2nd Sat. Sue & Simon Williams 01364 631308

#### Willand Club Band Workshop

Alt. Thurs. Willand Chapel, Gables Road. Mary Marker 01626 854141

#### Storytelling

#### **Totnes Storytell**

Quarterly, Kingsbridge Inn. Mavis Hewett, 01364 72972. Ruth Clarke 01803 732312

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#### **Around Kent Folk**

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#### **Dorset Folk**

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#### Halsway Manor Magazine

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#### **Somerset & Dorset**

www.folkmusicsomerset.co.uk. www.sadfolk. co.uk Tony & Peter's Folk Diary - email for list: sanchobramble@hotmail.com

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Also www.wiltshirefolkarts.org.uk

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5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Hardy Annuals dancing with Alan Davies, Margaret Thomas and Merry Conceit,
24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Fun Folk Week fun, dancing and a good holiday for all the family with Ted and Pat Morse, Philip and Joyce Rowc
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> August	The "not quite" Sheffield Week dancing with Pam and Ken Sheffield, Dick Little and Gwen Poole,
16th 20th August	Summer Days dance and walk with Margaret Thomas and Robert Wright,
27th Sept – 1st Oct	Music and Craft Week John Dudley and Alan and Christine Corkett
1st-3rd October	Halsway Society Members Weekend caller Colin Hume and Kelly's Eye
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> October	Dancing for the over 50s Beryl Jukes, Barbara Dunn, David Bradley, Meg Winters,
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> October	An Autumn Treat – a week of dancing with John Turner
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> October	Irish Set Dance Weekend Pendragon and Maggie Daniel
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Dancing Week Ron Coxall, Rod and Frances Stradling
1 <sup>s</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> November	Geoff Cubitt and the English Contra Dance Band Contra calling and dancing at its best!
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> November	Workshop Weekend a "do it yourself" dance weekend with Peter and Susan Swann (Merry Conceit),
19th-21st November	Zesty Contra Stick Shift
26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> November	Accordion Weekend Paul Hutchinson and Karen Tweed
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas House Party Chris Turner and Rod Stradling
29th December-2nd	New Year Party

# **Diary Dates (1)**

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### <u>July</u>

- Sat 24 SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin. Trio Threlfall
- Sun 25 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Mike O'Connor & Barbara.
  - SONG Tradesman's Arms, Scoriton
- Mon 26 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Jane Thomas, Amycrofters
- Wed 28 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Aileen Wills, Stick The Fiddle
- Fri 30 SONG 7 Stars, Kennford. SIDMOUTH FOLK WEEK
- Sat 31 SIDMOUTH FOLK WEEK

### <u>August</u>

- 1st 6th SIDMOUTH FOLK WEEK
- 6th -8th DARTMOOR FOLK FESTIVAL
- Wed 11 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Frances Hilson, Iain Bryden.
- Sat 14 SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin

  DANCE Lifton Hall Hotel. Colin
  Andrews, Home Brew Band. Charity function. Contact hotel for details.
- Wed 18 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Club callers.
- 20th-22nd BEAUTIFUL DAYS FESTIVAL, Escot House, nr. Honiton.
- Wed 25 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH.
  Eileen Nightingale, Stick the Fiddle.
- **Thu 26 SONG** Teignmouth FSC, Devon Arms.
- Fri 27 SONG 7 Stars FSC, Kennford.
- Sat 28 SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin. Craig and Willoughby
- 27th -30th WADEBRIDGE FOLK FESTIVAL
- Sun 29 CONCERT Plough Arts Centre, Torrington. Wurzels.

### **September**

- Wed 1 SONG Volunteer, Sidmouth
  MUSIC White Hart, Bow (Irish).
- Thu 2 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peter's School. John Estall
  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth.CH. Ted Farmer.
  SONG Crabshell, Kingsbridge.
- Fri 3 SONG Barnfield, Exeter.
- Sat 4 DANCE Civic Hall, Totnes. Alan & Marion Finch, Ivor Hyde's Band.
- **Sun 5 SONG** Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Artisan. 7.45 pm
- Mon 6 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Chris Miles, Friendly Folk.
- Tue 7 DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Doreen
  Cooper
  SONG Tiverton FSC, White Horse
  DANCE Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH
- Wed 8 SONG Globe, Lympstone.

  DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Ted
  Farmer. Jeroka
- Thu 9 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters Sch. Chris Thorne.

  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth CH. Peter Moxom, Amycrofters DANCE Willand FDC at VH. Ted Farmer, More The Merrier.

  SONG Totnes FSC, Dartmouth Inn.
- Fri 10 SONG Twisted Oak, Ide.
- Sat 11 DANCE Willand VH. Ray Goodswen Friendly Folk.
   SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin.
   SONG Acorn FSC, Old Ship Aground, Minehead. Phil Beer.
   SONG Maltsters, Tuckenhay.
- Sun 12 SONG Kings Arms, South Zeal SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. 7.45 pm
- Mon 13 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Andrew Mycroft, Aaron & Ollie.

  DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm

  MUSIC Bell, Chittlehampton.
- Tue 14 DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Ted Farmer
  DANCE Country Dance Plymouth, Trinity URC Hall. Gil Jefferies.

## **Diary Dates (2)**

- Wed 15 SONG Pennymoor Singaround,
  Cruwys Arms.
  DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH.
  Simon Maplesden.
  SONG Grove, Seaton.
  MUSIC Volunteer, Sidmouth
- Thu 16 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters School. Alan & Marion Finch.

  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth Ch. Hall. Chris Miles

  DANCE Totnes FDC, Meth. Ch. Hall SONG Globe, Frogmore
- Fri 17 DANCE D'accord French. Ide VH.
  CONCERT Plough, Torrington.
  Show of Hands.
- Sat 18 SONG Staghunters, Brendon.
  CONCERT Plough, Torrington.
  Show of Hands.
  PLAYFORD Devon Playford Club,
  Bowhill Primary Sch. Exeter, 2.30 pm
  Sue Horsham, Gwyn George.
- Sun 19 SONG Topsham FSC, Globe.
  Miranda Sylkes & Rex Preston.
  SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward
  Inn, Lee Mill. Cloudstreet. 7.45 pm
- Mon 20 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Ted Farmer, Amycrofters. DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm
- Tue 21 DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Simon Maplesden, Amycrofters.

  DANCE Country Dance Plymouth, Trinity URC Hall. Gil Jefferies.

  DANCE Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH
- **Wed 22 DANCE** Gittisham FDC at VH. Ryan Roberts.
- Thu 23 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters School. Jim Reade.

  DANCE Willand FDC at VH. Eileen Nightingale, Iain Bryden.

  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch. Hall. Nicole & Pete Mac.
- Fri 24 DANCE Exeter FDC, Baptist Centre,
  Palace Gate. Aileen Wills.

  DANCE Bampton FDC, St Michael's
  Ch. Hall.

  SONG 7 Stars, Kennford.
- Sat 25 SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of

- Cards, Combe Martin. Kimber's Men

  Sun 26 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward
  Inn, Lee Mill. Joe Topping. 7.45 pm

  SONG Fountain, Okehampton

  SONG Tradesman's Arms, Scorriton
- Mon 27 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Doreen Cooper, Jigs for Gigs DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm SONG Fox & Hounds, Fremington
- Tue 28 DANCE Country Dance Plymouth,
  Trinity URC Hall. Frances Oates.
  DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Peter
  Moxom.
- Wed 29 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Aileen Wills, Jeroka.
- Thu 30 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters School. Ted Farmer.

  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch. Hall. Frances Hilson.

  SONG Teignmouth FSC Devon Arms
  SONG Bideford FSC, Joiners Arms.
  Beer From The Wood.

#### October

 Fri 1 SONG Barnfield, Exeter.
 Sat 2 DANCE Civic Hall, Totnes. Sarah Bazeley, Dartmoor Pixie Band.
 DANCE Burrington VH. Oggle

Band. Details: 01271 314544 CEILIDH Langtree VH. Jo Freya, Old Swan Band. Tickets: 01237 476632

**SONG** Acorn FSC, Old Ship Aground, Minehead. Pat Smith & Ned Clamp.

**CONCERT** Plough, Torrington. Chloe Hall.

- Sun 3 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill, 7.45 pm
- Mon 4 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Frances Oates, Amycrofters DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm
- Tue 5 DANCE Country Dance Plymouth, Trinity URC Hall. Alison & Jerry Tucker.

**DANCE** Sidford FDC at VH. Jane Thomas.

**DANCE** Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH

# Diary Dates (3)

SONG Tiverton FSC, White Horse.

- Wed 6 SONG Volunteer, Sidmouth.

  MUSIC (Irish). White Hart, Bow.
- Thu 7 SONG Crabshell, Kingsbridge.

  DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters
  School. John Estall.

  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe
  Meth. Ch. Hall. Wendy & Shirley,
  Ollie & Aaron.
- Fri 8 CONCERT Plough, Torrington.
  Maddy Prior.
  SONG Twisted Oak Ide

**SONG** Twisted Oak, Ide.

Sat 9 PLAYFORD Teign Playford Club, Rydon Hall, Kingsteignton, 2.30 - 6. Jean Foster, Bob Franklin, Gwyn George.

**SONG** Maltsters, Tuckenhay. **SONG** Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin. Afternoon: squeezebox workshop. Evening: singers night.

**CEILIDH** Great Western Ceilidh, Bowhill Primary Sch. Exeter. The Committee Band.

- Sun 10 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Colum Sands. 7.45 pm DANCE Sunday Club, Exminster VH 2.30 pm. Experienced dancers.
- Mon 11 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. John Tarling, Home Brew.
  DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm. Dick Little, Gwyn George.
- Tue 12 DANCE Country Dance Plymouth,
  Trinity URC Hall. AGM Gil Jefferies
  DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Eileen
  Nightingale.
- Wed 13 SONG Globe, Lympstone.

  DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Jane
  Thomas, Stick The Fiddle.
- Thu 14 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters School. Ryan Roberts.

  DANCE Willand FDC at VH. Jane Thomas, John & Mary Brock.

  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch Hall. Aileen Wills.

  SONG Totnes FSC, Dartmouth Inn.
- Fri 15 DANCE D'accord French, Ide VH

Sat 16 SONG Staghunters, Brendon.

DANCE Willand VH. Ted Farmer,
Boys of Oakhill.

PLAYFORD Devon Playford Club,
Bowhill Primary Sch. Exeter, 2.30 pm
AGM. Club callers, Gwyn George.

DANCE Pensilva FDC, Callington

**Sun 17 SONG** Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. 7.45 pm

Town Hall. Ray Buckingham.

- Mon 18 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Ray Goodswen, Stick the Fiddle.

  DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm
- Tue 19 DANCE Country Dance Plymouth,
  Trinity URC Hall. Mary Marker.
  DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Nicole
  & Pete Mac.

**DANCE** Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH

Wed 20 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Ted Farmer.
SONG Grove, Seaton

SONG Pennymoor Singaround, Cruwys Arms.

MUSIC Volunteer, Sidmouth.

- Thu 21 DANCE Totnes FDC, Meth. Ch Hall
  DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters
  Sch. Ray Buckingham
  DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe
  Meth Ch Hall. Simon Maplesden
  SONG Globe, Frogmore
  SONG Bideford FSC, Joiners Arms.
  Pete Coe.
- Fri 22 CEILIDH Tawstock VH. Pete Coe, Bloatertown Band

# **22nd-24th BARING-GOULD FESTIVAL**Okehampton. See display advert.

- Sat 23 CONCERT Plough, Torrington.
  Brass Monkey.
  SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of
  Cards, Combe Martin. Jackie Oates &
  Jim Causley.
- Sun 24 SONG Fountain, Okehampton SONG Topsham FSC, Globe. Crucible. SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Isambarde. 7.45 pm SONG Tradesman's Arms, Scorriton
- Mon 25 SONG Fox & Hounds, Fremington.

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# Diary Dates (4)

**DANCE** Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Jane Thomas, Amycrofters. DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm

- Tue **26 DANCE** Country Dance Plymouth, Trinity URC Hall. Chris Thorne. DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Aileen Wills
- Wed 27 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Nicole & Pete Mac. Thu 28 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters
- Sch. Frances Oates. **DANCE** Willand FDC at VH. Ted Farmer, Stick the Fiddle.. **DANCE** Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch Hall. Chris Miles. **SONG** Teignmouth FSC 7th Anniv. Devon Arms. The Bollards.
- 29th-31st AFTER THE FAIR FESTIVAL Bampton See display advert. **DANCE** Exeter FDC, Baptist Centre Palace Gate. Wendy Hoare. **DANCE** Bampton FDC, St Michaels Ch. Hall.
- SONG 7 Stars, Kennford. Sun 31 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill.

#### November

- **DANCE** Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Chris Miles, Friendly Folk **DANCE** MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm
- **SONG** Tiverton FSC, White Horese. Tue **DANCE** Country Dance Plymouth, Alan & Marion Finch **DANCE** Sidford FDC at VH. AGM Jane Thomas. **DANCE** Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH
- Wed 3 MUSIC (Irish) White Hart, Bow. SONG Volunteer, Sidmouth.
- Thu 4 DANCE Tavistock FDC St Peters Sch. Chris Thorne. **DANCE** Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch. Hall. Jane Thomas, Jigs SONG Crabshell, Kingsbridge.
- 5 SONG Barnfield, Exeter.
- Fri

- **DANCE** Civic Hall, Totnes. Jane Sat Thomas, Bridgwater Band. CEILIDH Great Western Ceilidh, Bowhill Primary Sch. Exeter. Band tbc. See website. SONG Acorn FSC, Old Ship Aground Minehead. James Findlay.
- Sun **SONG** Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Kirsty McGee. 7.45 pm
- Mon 8 MUSIC Bell, Chittlehampton DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Eileen & Graham Barrett. DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm. Aileen Wills.
- Tue **DANCE** Country Dance Plymouth, Trinity URC Hall. Chris Thorne. **DANCE** Sidford FDC at VH. Peter Moxom, Amycrofters.
- Wed 10 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Eileen Nightingale, Stick the Fiddle. **SONG** Globe, Lympstone.
- Thu 11 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters Sch. Alison & Jerry Turner. **DANCE** Willand FDC at VH. Simon Maplesden, & Brian Heaton. **DANCE** Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch. Hall. AGM Club callers. SONG Totnes FSC, Dartmouth Inn. Sara Gey & Kieron Means.
- Fri 12 SONG Twisted Oak, Ide
- Sat 13 SONG Maltsters, Tuckenhay. SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin. **DANCE** Willand VH. Sarah Bazeley, Dartmoor Pixie Band.
- Sun 14 SONG Kings Arms, South Zeal. SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. DANCE Sunday Club, Broadclyst VH (tbc), 2.30pm Experienced dancers.
- Mon 15 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Wendy Hoare, Amycrofters. **DANCE** MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm
- Tue 16 DANCE Country Dance Plymouth Trinity URC Hall. Gil Jefferies. DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Eileen Nightingale. DANCE Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH

# **Diary Dates (5)**

Wed 17 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH.
Aileen Wills.
SONG Grove, Seaton
SONG Pennymoor Singaround,
Cruwys Arms.

MUSIC Volunteer, Sidmouth.

Thu 18 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters Sch. Jane Thomas.

DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch Hall. Denis Warry, Ollie & Aaron

**DANCE** Totnes FDC, Meth. Ch. Hall **SONG** Globe, Frogmore.

Fri 19 DANCE D'accord French, Ide VH.

Sat 20 DANCE Tavistock Town Hall. Sarah
Bazeley, Dartmoor Pixie Band.
PLAYFORD Devon Playford Club,
Bowhill Primary Sch. 2.30 pm. Ray
Goodswen, Gwyn George.
SONG Staghunters, Brendon.

Sun 21 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Anthony John Clarke.

Mon 22 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Jane Thomas, Jigs for Gigs.

DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm

**SONG** Fox & Hounds, Fremington

Tue 23 DANCE Country Dance Plymouth,
Trinity URC Hall. Frances Oates.
DANCE Sidford FDC at VH. Aileen
Wills

Wed 24 DANCE Gittisham FDC at VH. Frances Hilson, Iain Bryden.

Thu 25 DANCE Tavistock FDC, St Peters Sch. John Estall
DANCE Willand FDC at VH. Jane Thomas, More The Merrier.

**DANCE** Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch Hall. Muriel Forrest.

SONG Teignmouth FSC Devon Arms

Fri 26 SONG 7 Stars, Kennford
DANCE Exeter FDC, Baptist Centre,
Palace Gate. AGM. Chris Miles
DANCE Bampton FDC, St Michaels
Ch. Hall.

Sat 27 SONG Shammick Acoustic, Pack of Cards, Combe Martin. Magic Xmas

Tree Tour with Pete Morton, Maggie Boyle, Chris Parkinson.

Sun 28 SONG Tradesman's Arms, Scorriton
 SONG Fountain, Okehampton.
 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward
 Inn, Lee Mill. 7.45 pm

Mon 29 DANCE Honiton FDC, Turks Head Lodge. Ron Rudd, Ivor Hyde. DANCE MADCAPS Club, Marldon VH. 7.45 pm

Tue 30 DANCE Lucky 7 FDC, Liverton VH

#### <u>December</u>

Thu 2 DANCE Exmouth FDC, Withycombe Meth. Ch. Hall. Aileen Wills, Pete

Fri 3 SONG Barnfield, Exeter.

Sat 4 DANCE Civic Hall, Totnes. Nicole & Pete Mac Band.
SONG Acorn FSC, Old Ship

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Sun 5 SONG Folk on the Moor, Westward Inn, Lee Mill. Craig & Willoughby.

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For further information please contact:- Peter Boskett, 57 Park Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 9HP. 01392 468462 e-mail:-peterandcynthia@tiscali.co.uk

## **Useful contacts (5)**

### Ritual & Display Groups

#### Alive & Kicking

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#### Beltane

Bruce Johnstone-Lane, 40, Walkers Gate, Wellington, TA21 8DJ 01823 669875 brucejlowe@btopenworld.com

#### **Bideford Phoenix Morris**

Sue Jones, 01237 477047

#### **Blackawton Morris**

Chris Janman, 1, Castle Lane, Blackawton, Totnes. 01803 712362

#### **Black Bess**

Suzanne Lovell 01803 873908

#### **Borderline**

Fran Lane 01271 830676 bag4borderline@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Bovey Tracey Mummers**

Rod Wilkins 01803 812581

#### **Bradninch Millers Morris**

Ian Bloomfield, 6, West End Road, Bradninch, EX5 4QW

#### Cat's Eye Border

Alison Chapman achapman@cityplym.ac.uk

#### Cogs & Wheels

Alison Cruse, Waterside, Cleave Hill, Sticklepath, EX20 2NH. 01837 840070 alisoncruse@hotmail.com

#### **Dartmoor Border**

Constance Ashby

bagman@dartmoorbordermorris.com

#### **Dartington Morris Men**

Iain Davison, 07841 087669 iain.davison@dataharvest.co.uk

#### **Exeter Morris Men**

Mike Painter, 102, Gras Lawn, Exeter, EX2 4ST. 01392 426743 mikepainter@blueyonder.co.uk

#### **Exmoor Border Morris**

Liz Crone 01271 882913

#### **Flaming Morris**

Graham Bungay 01395 578484

#### **Firestone**

(Appalachian & Irish). Richard Mason, 3, Kingfisher Drive, Exeter, EX4 4SN. 01392 411434

#### Glory of the West Morris

Carol Mantell, Beggars Roost, Higher Ashton, Exeter, EX6 7QR 01647 252740

#### Great Western Morris Men

Trevor Cook, 1, Croft Cottage, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JU. 01647 24307. bagman@great-western.org.uk

#### **Green Willow Clog**

Sue Fildes 07768 625333

#### **Grimspound Border Morris**

Martin Gosling 01626 214733

#### **Harberton Navy**

Nonnie Duncan, Little Cholwell, Harberton, Totnes. 01803 867650

#### **Heather & Gorse**

Jenny Gill, 01626 779795

#### **Ilfracombe Red Petticoats**

Janet Ellis 01271 342351

#### Kings Arms Pace Egg & Mummers

Dave Denford, The Cottage, Ramsley, South Zeal, EX10 2LD

#### **Lodestone Border**

Brian Cunningham 01822 853856

#### Newton Bushel Morris Men

Nigel Parwons, 16, New Exeter Street, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, TQ13 0DB. 01626 853545 nigel.bagman@hotmail.co.uk

#### **North Devon Mummers**

Francis & Barbara Verdigi, 01271 813843

#### **Plymouth Maids**

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#### Plymouth Morris Men

Peter Watson, 01752 330249 www.plymouthmorris men.org.uk

#### Porthleven Morris Men

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Jane Hewitt, 53, Kingsway, Exeter, EX2 5EN 01392 660646

#### **Saffron Maids**

Eunice Wighton. www.saffron-maids.org.uk

#### **Shuffle The Deck**

Appalachian. Jenny Draper, Ladywell, Grange Road, Buckfast, TQ11 0EH. 01364 643320

# **Useful contacts (6)**

#### **Sidmouth Steppers NW Morris**

Liz Clode, 25, Primley Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9LD. 01395 513389 liz.clode1@btinternet.com

#### **Sidmouth Traditional Mummers**

Henry Piper, 21B, Broad Street, Ottery St Mary, 01404 811491 henry.piper@zoom.co.uk

#### **Sunrise Border Morris**

Martyn 07768 613894

#### Tarka Morris Men

Daemon Billing, daemon@billing.euro1net.com

#### **Tinners Morris Men**

Mike Palmer 01647 433464

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Roger Hancock, 01208 73907

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#### Wheal Sofia NW Morris

Colin Baker 01404 841359

#### Winkleigh Morris

Angela Haines, Hollacote, Hollocombe, Chulmleigh, EX18 7QE 01837 83219

#### Wreckers Border

Jack Spiers, 01579 350696

#### **Festivals**

#### **Bampton After The Fair**

End of October. Clare Penney 01884 860023

#### **Baring-Gould Festival**

22nd- 24th October. Wren 01837 53754 info@ wrenmusic.co.uk

#### **Bideford Folk Festival**

No festival in 2010 Jerry Bix 01237 470792

#### **Bude Folk Festival**

Late May Bank Holiday. Lucy Burrow 01288 341582

### **Burnham Folkfest**

August. www.folkfest.co.uk

#### **Crediton Folk Festival**

April. Pete Lister 01363 775695 creditonfolkfestival@yahoo.co.uk

#### Dartmoor Folk Festival

Mrs J White, Sunnyhill, South Zeal, EX20 2JL. 01837 840102 www.dartmoorfolkfestival.co.uk. August 6th - 8th

#### **Dulverton Folk Festival**

Late May Bank Holiday weekend

#### **Intervarsity Folk Dance Festival**

Richard Mason 01392 411434

#### **Malborough Music Festival**

August. malborough.festival@ukonline.co.uk

#### Pennymoor Song & Ale

Early June. Clare Penney 01884 860023

#### **Plymouth Folk Festival**

Marilyn Goldsbrough 01752 564847

#### Sidmouth Folk Week

www.sidmouthfolkweek.org.uk 30th July - 6th August 2010

#### **Sourton Song Weekend**

Fox & Hounds, May. Kathy Wallis 01579 363505 Kathy.wallis@nasuwt.net

#### **Teignmouth Folk Festival**

June 2010 www.teignmouthfolk.co.uk Anne Gill, 01803 290427

#### Wadebridge

August Bank Holiday weekend. 01208 812230

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#### **English Folk Dance & Song Society**

Cecil Sharp House, 2, Regents Park Road, London, NW1 7AY. 020 7485 2206. info@efdss. org www.efdss.org

#### The Morris Federation

Fee Lock,28, Fairstone Close, Hastings, Sussex. 01424 436052. www.morrisfed.org.uk

#### The Morris Ring

Charlie Corcoran, 70, Greengate Lane, Birstall, Leicestershire, LE4 3DL. Tel/fax 0116 267 5654 www.themorrisring.org.

#### **Open Morris**

Kate Waller, 01902 563126. secretaryoform@yahoo.co.uk

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#### "UAM" FROM ME Julie Fowlis

Having purchased both her last 2 CDs, I hoped that this recording was as good, if not better. Hebridean music is mostly what you get, both with vocal and tune sets, so being able to understand the lyrics may be a problem to some, as only one percent of the local population speak it. I have over years listened to rock without understanding all the words so for me this was no problem.

Julie plays a number of instruments including whistle, pipes, oboe, melodeon etc. and is backed by bouzouki, guitar and several other musicians, too many to list here.

Her earlier recordings were less fussy, which I felt made them absolutely sensational with a freshness that gave me immense joy. "Uam" does this to a lesser extent even though the majority are as good, I found the last two or three tracks slightly weaker.

Julie is I understand topping the bill at Sidmouth this year so you can see why I am excited about her music and her band. As Steve Cooney once said "I think the music comes from the land" and if so I think I would like to go there one day.

Steve Gill

# THE CEREMONY OF MAY Garry & Rose Blakeley Attitude CD007

Magic - the word describes both the atmosphere of the Hastings Jack in the Green Festival and this CD of music, song and spoken verse that celebrates this May Day tradition.

The Ceremony of May is based on poems from Rose Blakeley's book, *A Pathway Through The Seasons*, with music composed by Garry. Rarely have I heard a stand-alone album which so successfully captures the essence of a live performance, let alone the spirit of a whole weekend spectacle. *Dawn Awakening*, the opening instrumental track, is aptly named, for who could resist the temptation to leap out of bed and dance to the captivating rhythm and

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melody of drum and lead fiddle? It's followed by the haunting song, *The Beltane Bud*, which is interspersed with narration by Jane Downes, who presents the main Ceremony poem at interludes between the songs and tunes.

The album is a very skilful mix of genres - spoken word, traditional sounding songs & tunes, but also full electronic and folk rock treatment used with great effect on some tracks to create, well, an 'electric' atmosphere! There is even a full orchestral arrangement in a reprise of *The Green Man*. From the Morris-like whistle & drum on *Jack's Release*, the fiddle lament for Jack, and the lively *Summer Polka*, the music always seems absolutely right for the context of the story.

Garry and Edd Blakeley provide most of imaginative instrumentation, with extra fiddle from Tom Leary on *Jack's Lament*, and melodeon contribution from Hugh Crabtree.

As I said at the beginning - pure magic!

Colin Andrews

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#### RAISON D'ETRE Dave Swarbrick

Dave Swarbrick is one of the very few folk performers who have virtually become a legend in their own lifetime. This album, some eight years from conception to completion, captures him at his best, a joyous feast of musicality.

The opening *Spanish Ladies* medley brings back memories of his early vinyl LP *Rags, Reels and Airs* with Martin Carthy and the late Diz Disley, and though on this CD it has been rearranged with the Jason Wilson Band, there's no mistaking the Swarbrick touch on the fiddle. Martin Carthy makes a guest appearance along with John Kirkpatrick on the early 18th Century set which includes *The Brown Joak*. (Morris dancers might well find the notes on the origin of the well-known Black Joke tunes enlightening!)

Dave Swarbrick recalls with great affection playing with the Beryl Marriott Ceilidh Band, and the lovely pieces taken from Bunting's Ancient Music of Ireland, are a perfect blend of fiddle and piano from these virtuoso musicians.

On many tracks, Dave is joined by guitarist Kevin Dempsey. Their duet, *Sweet Alban*, composed for Jill Swarbrick-Banks, is in my opinion perhaps the most captivating tune on the whole album.

Much of the material is drawn from the 18th century collections of Playford, Ravenscroft, Wright, and others. The unusual length tunes, the triple time hornpipes, and intricate melodies give the opportunity for Dave to produce some amazing and inspirational fiddle music which would challenge many a competent performer on the instrument.

Anyone expecting to hear some influence from the folk rock days period with Fairport Convention will be disappointed. I guarantee, however, that no-one will be disappointed by the superb album that Dave has put together, supported by many friends who are also top class musicians and performers in their own right. An outstanding album in every way.

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#### HUMMINGBIRD'S FEATHER Craig Morgan Robson VRCD10

"I want you to reap it with a scythe of leather And rake it up with a hummingbird's feather"

These lines are taken from the opening track. As well as providing the title for the album, they give insight into how carefully Moira Craig, Sarah Morgan and Carolyn Robson (CMR) choose each track: lyrics are important. Drawing from their own individual traditions, CMR each contribute songs for the trio to sing. The arrangements sympathetically allow for three superb singers to blend their voices and harmonies to create a whole that enchants the listener. At times subtle instrumentation is added, but for the most part they sing a-cappella.

All the songs are traditional or drawn from writers who have become known as traditional writers. The comprehensive sleeve notes provide details of the sources and the reason for choosing the songs included on "Hummingbird's Feather". From the first track, Cambric Shirt, a light riddle, to the last, Down the Lane, the listener is transported between Scotland, Northumberland and the south of England, with cameos of the world of work, home, sorrow, and enjoyment. Two carols The Bitter Withy, a narrative carol, and Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, an American carol collected in the Orzak Mountains in 1958, add seasonal interest, while Down the Lane recalls the Holmfirth Anthem, to which it appears to be related. A version of Lord Bateman collected by Cecil Sharp from Henry Larcombe of Somerset is sung with a fresh approach and fitting accompaniment: in common with all good ballads the narrative touches upon wealth, travel, imprisonment, romance and bigamy. A favourite that will be new to many listeners, is Boney on the Isle of St Helena, a song of its time when it would have, no doubt, been sung with mixed feelings on this side of the English Channel. CMR acknowledge the influence that The Copper Family has had on their development and sing their version of Claudy Banks with a few lines added, 'borrowed' from another, Sussex singer, Pop Maynard.



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Throughout, CMR sing with power. Even when singing in a more gentle style, the resonance and fine timbre of their voices is present. They skilfully use their individual strengths to vary the presentations, and the use of piano, guitar and 'cello on three separate tracks, adds another dimension to the interpretation. It is an excellent CD

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The talented Askew sisters, Hazel and Emily, have developed a style that suggests a maturity beyond their years, one that many performers fail to achieve however long their career. On their latest CD, *Through Lonesome Woods*, they give a remarkably uplifting performance. Hazel plays melodeon and sings lead vocals, while Emily plays violin and sings backing vocals. Throughout the delivery is flawless, from the first to the last track this album holds the listener's attention.

The instrumental tracks are played with a vigour and rhythm that makes it difficult to believe that anyone would not find themselves moving in time to the music wherever they are, whatever they are doing. To highlight particular tunes as favourites is inenviable, however, if pressed, the medley of *The Blue-eyed Stranger/Goddesses/Mrs Casey*, might be included in my Desert Island Discs!

In contrast to the upbeat instrumental tracks, the vocal tracks include three ballads: *Henry Martin, Lord Bateman*, and *The Two Sisters*. To include three ballads on one album and retain the listener's attention is ambitious, one which they achieve admirably. Both the stories and the tunes are captivating in these haunting renditions. Other songs include a delightful waltz setting of *If I were a Blackbird* taken from the Gardiner Collection; *Jack the Jolly Tar* collected by Sharp from William Nott of Meshaw, and *The Turtle Dove* collected in Dorset by the Hammond Brothers. From the sources mentioned for these three, it will be gathered that this is an album of southern English music.

By the time The Askew Sisters have reached an even wider audience with concert and festival appearances, as well as people who buy the CD as an introduction to this duo, people will be wanting another album. Not only is praise due to Hazel and Emily, congratulations must also go to Andy Bell for such a high-standard recording and production.

Bob and Jacqueline Patten

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COMPASS CLCD 091 ROOT 2 CLCD 092

#### Stewart Hardy & Frank McLaughlin

It's one of the pleasures of editing this magazine that from time to time some unsolicited gems drop through my letter box. I had not come across these two talented Scottish musicians before.

Stewart, the fiddler, and Frank, who plays guitar and Scottish small pipes, met far away at a festival of Scottish music in Bavaria. They soon began to collaborate on various musical projects and perform together. Much of their material is self composed, though with a strong tradtional influence.

Both albums were produced in 2009, Root 2 as the duo, but Compass incorporating several other musicians. Root 2 is entirely instrumental, and has more instant appeal to me, with an attractive and varied selection of tunes uncluttered by electronics and multi-layered arrangements. It also includes a good smattering of traditional material. I particularly liked the opening track, Joy Together, a delightful gentle melody (also, strangely, included on Compass), followed by the intricate Pilgrim's Way with its Spanish sounding influence inspired by Santiago de Compostela. The fiddle playing is excellent, the guitar backing most complementary, and the piping's pretty good too!

Compass includes several other musicians, with flute, accordion, and cello, and is quite different in its style. It has a more 'commercial' folk feel to it, aimed at the broader pub gig or concert audience than a more discerning folkie audience. The album also includes some vocal tracks - classics like *Wayfaring Stranger* and *Hush Little Baby*, suggesting an appeal perhaps to the American market. That said, the whole album makes for very pleasant easy listening.

I'd be quite happy to play both albums in my car on a long journey, but to attract my undivided attention, I definitely prefer Root2.

Colin Andrews

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### Reviews

#### TICKLED PINK

#### Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner

Anyone who is familiar with a live performance from Lynne & Pat will appreciate their broad spectrum of material from achingly beautiful songs to self – penned graphic, comic pieces about life experiences that most performers wouldn't dare to mention. This CD contains all this and more.

Lynne & Pat's acapella singing falls very easy on the ear, their very different voices blending so well. Other tracks have a lovely understated guitar accompaniment by Pat that never gets in the way of the song with the added treat of oboe & fiddle on some tracks by that consummate musician, Paul Sartin.

The opening track, *Bonnie George Campbell* is sung in harmony with accompaniment while a Dorset version of *Rosemary Lane*, and the Child ballad, *The Wife of Usher's Well* are very pleasing unaccompanied harmony versions of traditional songs. They quote *Green Grows the Laurel* as being one of their most popular songs, which is not surprising as they present the song beautifully and have made it their own by combing verses from various sources.

The CD includes three songs written by Pat. I particularly like the very unusual story of, *The Black Ship*, a well-constructed song with a great tune with guitar accompaniment, telling the story of a ship on fire in the London Docks.

Lynne & Pat's many fans who want to learn a comic song about such joys as The Menopause or The Smear Test, for example, will be pleased to know that the CD includes four written by Lynne and one by Pat. The first time I heard them I found them very funny but even though the slightly shocking and highly amusing live performance greatly aids the comedy the songs do work very well on the CD.

There is something for everyone here, traditional, contemporary, and comic song all beautifully sung. This album will keep you listening all the way through.

Hilary Bix

### Not a review!

#### ROGER HAHN COMPILATION CD

This CD is not on sale but can be obtained, for a donation to cancer charities, from Clare Penney (See Pennymoor advert for contact details). The sleeve notes by Clare are given below.

I asked Roger to make a CD when he became ill. Sadly he did not have enough time left in him to bring it about. Rather than leave it at that I put out a call to his many friends for any recordings they may have made over the years, and this is the result. If you are looking for a pristine rendering of the tunes he played you will be disappointed. I hope instead you will enjoy again times shared with friends and with countless musicians and singers in those wonderful vibrant sessions we call 'folk'.

Roger was renowned for his slow airs, which for him took the place of words when expressing deep emotion. At the other extreme there were constant pleas for him to slow down - when asked why he played so fast his inevitable reply was 'because I can' - and of course he could. So andrew.mycroft@btinternet.com thank you, Betty, for putting a fiddle in the hands of the child, Fiddler Jennings for re-igniting the seeds of interest when as an adult he brought the fiddle down from the loft and blew off the dust. It became one of the great pleasures of his life, and his enthusiasm and encouragement a source of inspiration to others. Thanks, too, to all those musicians, known and unknown, who like Roger carried the tunes in their head, heart and hands to pass safely on to following generations.

This CD has only been made possible by the kind donation of recordings from friends. The earliest recording is from Hanratty's Hotel, Limerick in the early 90's, and the latest at Westland just a few weeks before he gave away his fiddles. The one on the cover photo (given to him by Fiddler Jennings) is now played by Mark Bazeley. Of the several he made himself, he gave one to Jackie Oates and others to Matt Norman, happy that they would continue to be played.

The tunes are drawn from many sources; Roger's only criterion was that he liked it!

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Swarb received the highest award from the English Folk Dance and Song Society, the Gold Badge of Merit from the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters, again their highest accolade, in 2003. In 2004, he also received a Lifetime Achievement Award in the annual BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and in 2006, Fairport Convention received an award for Liege and Lief, the most influential Folk album of all time, as voted for by the listeners. In 2007, Swarb received another award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, this time for Best Duo with Martin Carthy as well as being nominated in the best instrumentalist category. In 2008, he won the Hancock Award for Musician of the Year in which over 3000 people took part, claiming over 40% of the vote.

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#### Plymouth Morris Men Rise to the Challenge for Sport Relief

We 'danced' the Plymouth Mile, on Plymouth Hoe, at 11am on Sunday 21st March 2010!

Members taking part were: Andy King, Adrian Foss, John Summerscales, John West, Little Jeff, Tim Ingram, Ray Newnham, Dan Shearer, Mike Frost and Doug Herdson (following on crutches after his recent knee replacement!).

The weather was fine and sunny

and the spectacular views over Plymouth Sound could not have been a better setting for this auspicious occasion. Beginning with a warm up session, in full kit, with the rest of the entrants, the TV cameras were quickly on to us and our place on 'BBC Spotlight' was guaranteed! We then danced 'Beaux of London City' (Shooting), Adderbury, on the race start line, in front of Plymouth's very own World Diving Champion, Tom Daley, before the race started.

Having let most of the eager runners past, we then proceeded on our way with the 'Winster Processional', along the Hoe Promenade. Once out on the road we quickly came upon a young Policewoman on traffic duty, helping to enforce the local road closures. 'Rose Tree', Bampton, was unavoidable and the young lady was very sporting and remained dignified at all times, even when hoisted six feet in the air.

It was with much will power that, a few minutes later, we processed past the Yard Arm Public House, promising to return once the race was finished. A little further on and we came upon another unsuspecting Policewoman, with a young Police Cadet; again manning a road closure point. No sooner had we given her a pair of wavers, and formed up for another rendition of the 'Rose Tree', when there was traffic chaos all around! Attempts to sort the traffic by helpful members of Plymouth Morris Men only served to exacerbate the problem and the Policewoman was forced to return to duty. Once the road was empty again and all was calm, we managed a very brief version of the 'Rose Tree' and headed back towards the Hoe Promenade and the finish line.

'Winster Processional' was warmly received by the crowds lining the route along the Promenade up to the finish line and, once again, the BBC cameraman was there to capture another snippet for 'Spotlight'. Once over the finish line there was an opportunity to perform another dance and 'Skirmish', Bledington, was performed while the collecting buckets were passed along the lines of

spectators. Then it was off to collect our 'Goody Bag' and medal!

So far, as a team, we have raised over £600 in sponsorship and collections for Sport Relief! You can still sponsor us! Just visit www.mysportrelief. com/plymouthmorris The money you give, or have given, will help people living incredibly tough lives both at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries.

# Morris Matters (2)

Adelaide Morris Men spent most of May touring the U.K. and dancing with many different sides. In Devon, they danced at Shebbear (below) with Tinners, Cogs & Wheels, and Bideford Phoenix on Wednesday, 26th May, and the following evening at Ipplepen (right) with Exeter MM, Dartington MM and Plymouth MM. They began their dancing marathon at the Moulton Day of Dance in Northamptonshire, and ended at the Thaxted Ring Meeting in Essex, taking in a trip to meet sides in Cornwall, and at various other other places around the country.



Great Western Morris celebrate their fortieth anniversary over the first weekend in July, Over the years they have established friendly contact with a large number of sides, many of which will be joining them for the festivities. Their base for the weekend is in the Teign Valley but there will displays of colourful and energetic dancing around Dartmoor and elsewhere in Devon.

Over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend **Exeter Morris Men** travelled to the Netherlands to join the **Helmond Morris Men** who were hosting a Ring Meeting to celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Colin Andrews reports.

Despite the aid of Sat-Nav and vague recollections from a previous visit, their home base in the residential part of Helmond was tricky to find. It was fortunate that Dutch generally speak good English! Some of us even got lost moving the short distance from their base to the school sports hall where we were billeted. (it didn't look like a school - and had one loo for up to 100 Morris men.!



Those of us who arrived on the Thursday evening danced around Helmond, amid huge crowds in the street markets on their public holiday to mark the Queen's birthday. Saturday was more conventional, with coach tours into the surrounding area, performing outside windmills, and at a massed stand in a functional though architecturally awful shopping mall in Eindhoven. Fortunately, we'd not been in that city the previous day when a state of emergency had been declared due to massive invasion of football hooligans.

Sunday was damp, which considerably reduced the audience at Helmond's answer to Poundsbury - a modern, traditional development with ersatz canal and market hall. Dancing Bonny Green to music from a hand turned barrel organ was defintely memorable - as was they rest of the museum of mechanical cinema organs, squeezeboxes and other instruments.

Helmond Morris Men looked after us very well, with plenty of the essential, like food and beer! By Ring Meetings standards, it was quite a small affair, with only 7 sides in total, including the hosts, but it made for a very friendly gathering where we could get to know everyone, and we enjoyed 3 magical music and song evenings at the Theo Driessen Institute, their 'home base'.

#### **Next Squire of the Ring**

Robin Springett, of **Dartington Morris Men**, was pipped at the post by Peter Halfpenney, of **Harthill Morris Men** in the election for the next Squire of the Ring. Robin is, however, the South-West Area Rep. for the Ring.

New dancers: For anyone keen to have a go at Morris, Autumn is the best time to start, at the 50 beginning of the winter practice season.





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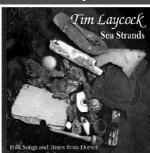
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