

DANCE DIARY

REMEMBER TO SEND DETAILS OF YOUR EVENTS TO:

chairman@chilternfolk.org.uk or Joyce Wiles, newsletter@chilternfolk.org.uk.

PFS : Bring Plate of Food to Share *Club or independent events in italics*

- 14 Oct *Chesham Autumn Dance, 7.30-10.30pm* **PFS** 01494 783890
Guide HQ, Bury Lane, Chesham, HP5 1HX
Terry Phipps with Quarry Turners
- 21 Oct *Barn Dance, 8.00-11.15pm* **PFS** 07786 485501
Sands Village Hall, Lane End Road, HW, HP12 4JF or 01494 534691
Terry Phipps with Quarry Turners
- 22 Oct Family Dance, 2.30-5.30pm **PFS** 01628 486845
Amersham Common Village Hall, White Lion Road, HP7 9JD
Val & Ian McFarlane with Toucan Play
- 2 Dec Haddenham Ceilidh's Finale, 3-11.30pm 07717 047039
Haddenham Village Hall, near Aylesbury, HP17 8EE
See advert below.
- 2018**
- 6 Jan New Year Dance, 7.00-10.30pm **PFS** 01628 486845
Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, HP6 5AH
Ted Morse with Kelly's Eye
- 18 Feb Family Dance, 2.30-5.30pm **PFS** 01628 486845
Amersham Common Village Hall, White Lion Road, HP7 9JD
Ted Morse with Liza & Grahame O'Connor
- 21 Apr St Georges Day Dance and workshops, details TBA
- 29 Apr *Marlow Spring Dance, 3.00-6.30pm* **PFS** 01494 531716
Flackwell Heath Community Centre, Straight Bit, HP10 9LS
Mark Elvins calling

HADDENHAM CEILIDHS FINALE

Haddenham Village Hall, Near Aylesbury, HP17 8EE
Saturday 2nd December from 3pm

- 2.15pm Doors open
3pm Concert with Andy Turner & Mat Green, Jackie Oates,
Andy Cutting
6pm Stony Steppers - One step beyond
7.30pm Kitty Vernon will introduce Bow by Bow, Megan Wisdom,
Thomas Evans and Dave Webber & Anni Fentiman
8pm Ceilidh with Barry Goodman, Hugh Rippon and PolkaWorks

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Chiltern Folk Association

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Newsletter

AUTUMN 2017

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66 people enjoyed the Playford to Shaw Ball, the first event of Chiltern Folk's 2017-18 season. It was particularly encouraging to be able to welcome some younger, less-experienced dancers, and to see a number of 'regulars' guiding them through the dances. If we are to see a resurgence in participation in the type of dancing we all enjoy, then we must ensure that anyone putting a toe in the water is made to feel welcome. In any group, it is all too easy to speak in jargon, not always realising that others may not understand it.

One of my stated aims, when elected as Chair of Chiltern Folk, was to try and reverse falling club memberships and the lack of younger dancers. I remain firmly convinced that there are more people out there of all ages, who are interested in what we have to offer, even if they don't know it yet! The challenge is to find ways of engaging with them. Since the Web is now many people's first source of information, one of the first things we can do is refresh our site to encourage browsers to explore it in more depth, to learn more about folk dance and song in the local area. So watch this space – www.chilternfolk.org.uk. Feedback and further ideas will be very welcome.

Hazel

HADDENHAM CEILIDHS

It has been a fantastic journey. I never thought that after moving to Haddenham in 1971, finding a fantastic Village Hall and making arrangements for a monthly ceilidh to be held, that this would then continue for the next 45 years. The regular ceilidhs for the first 10 years then became ceilidhs with concerts and then shortly afterwards included an annual festival & craft fayre plus quite a few new year's eve extravaganzas. The ceilidhs also included dance display demonstrations from some of the best ritual dance sides throughout the country and further afield.

But all good things have to come to an end. The last regular ceilidh was held in June. My thanks to all those who have helped me make these events so successful and please join us for our finale on December 2.

John Heydon

(A longer version of John's article is available at www.chilternfolk.org.uk)

Is your club information up-to-date? If not, let us know!
Phone contact number for more info. Website links at www.chilternfolk.org.uk.

MUSIC, SONG AND STORY

Chesham Folk Club 01494 785593
Mondays, 8.15pm.
White Hill Centre, Chesham, HP5 1AG.

Herga at the Castle 01923 264536
Mondays from 18 September, 8pm
The Castle, 30 West Street, Harrow HA1 3EF

Maidenhead Folk Club 01628 624460
Thursdays, 8.30pm
New Inn, Farm Road, Mhead, SL6 5HX

Marlow Bottom Acoustic Club
Wednesdays, 8.15pm 01628 483458
See <http://marlow-acoustic.uk/> for locations

Twyford Folk Music Workshop
0118 934 0300

1st Wednesdays, 8pm
Phone for details and programme

Uxbridge Folk Club 01895 464154
Thursdays, 8pm onwards
Royal Naval Association Club
388a Long Lane, Hillingdon, UB10 9PG

COUNTRY (SOCIAL) DANCE

Amersham FDC 01494 727512
Tuesdays, 8pm.
The Barn Hall, Chiltern Ave,
HP6 5AH

Chesham FDC 01494 785191
Fridays, 8.15-10.15pm.
Guide Hut, Lowndes Park,
HP5 1HX

Chinnor FDC 01844 352468
Thursdays, 8.00pm
Church hall (behind village centre),
Chinnor, OX39 4DH

Datchet FDC 01344 646391
Fridays, 8.00pm.
1st Weds (experienced dancers)
WI Hall, SL3 9EH

Maidenhead FDC 01628 485657
1st 3rd 5th Fridays, 8.00pm.
Furze Platt Memorial Hall,
SL6 7NG

Marlow FDC 01494 531716
2nd & 4th Fridays, 8.00pm.
Liston Hall, SL7 1DD

Oakenleaves (Ruislip)
Thursday, 8.15pm, 020 8422 4096
Methodist Church, HA4 7BZ

Oakenleaves II
2nd Sundays, 3pm, 01895 232196
Guide Hut, Bury St

Towersey 01494 481459
Mondays, 7.30-9.00pm.
Towersey Village Hall, OX9 3QG

Watford FDC 01923 233371
Mondays, 8.00-10.00pm,
Christ Church Hall, Watford,
WD24 5BD



28 Sep Reg Meouss
26 Oct Luke Jackson
30 Nov Said the Maiden
25 Jan Ninebarrow/Steve Turner
22 Feb Gerry Colvin Band
29 Mar Fleetwood Cave
26 Apr Robb Johnson

Events in Oxfordshire can be found on the OxFolk website: www.oxonfolk.co.uk

Were you folk dancing in 1940s-1970s Buckinghamshire?

Were you involved in folk dancing in the 1940s, 50s, 60 or 70s? Are you willing to share your memories of English folk dance? Chloe Middleton-Metcalf is undertaking PhD research at the University of Roehampton, London. This would involve an audio-taped interview of about one hour's length.

Please contact Chloe by 31st October 2017. Call on 07500862568, e-mail middletc@roehampton.ac.uk or write to Chloe Middleton-Metcalf c/o Lisa James, Departmental Secretary, The Dance Department, Froebel College, Roehampton University, London SW15 5PJ. See also <http://www.englishfolkcostumes.co.uk/>



Herga at The Castle is a new Monday night venue for folk and acoustic music at The Castle public house on Harrow on the Hill, 30 West Street, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 3EF

Arrive at 19:30 to buy a drink and chat - or earlier if you want to eat first - we will start precisely at 20:00.

We are excited to be starting this new venture, first with weekly sing-arounds, and, once we have found our feet in this new venue, we hope to start introducing booked guests. (Info shamelessly copied from <http://herga.club> - Ed)

MUSIC WORKSHOPS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Booking essential, bring and share lunch

8 Oct Pat Shaw Centenary Celebration, 10.30am-5.30pm
Towersey Memorial Hall, Chinnor Road, Towersey, Thame, OX9 3QY
with Mollie Koenigsburger and Vic Smith

29 Oct 'Beyond the Tune', 10am-5pm
Exploring Harmonies Through Folk Music
Chinnor Village hall, Church Road, Chinnor, OX39 4PQ
with Peter and Moira Gutteridge

Contact Madeleine Smith: 0844 352468, 07974 720473, folk.mad@gmail.com



CHESHAM FOLK CLUB

23 Oct O'Hooley & Tidow
6 Nov Jim Moray
27 Nov Sally Barker
11 Dec Paul Downes

Maidenhead Folk Club

7 Sep Geoff Higginbottom
28 Sep Steve Suffet
12 Oct Reunion Lane
26 Oct Liz & Alan Weston
9 Nov Jody Kruskal
16 Nov The Foxglove Trio
30 Nov Charity night in
memory of John Somerville
7 Dec Moose Rosser

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