

WOOLSTON FOLK CLUB - The Obelisk Hotel, Obelisk Road, Woolston, Southampton. Sandy Satyanadhan. 023 8043 4209

SATURDAY


THE VILLAGE FOLK CLUB - 1st Sats. 8.00 - 10.30. The Limes Hotel, Catisfield, Fareham. Frank Hall. 023 9252 2500

ISLE OF WIGHT 'LIVE ACOUSTIC MUSIC CLUB'. 2nd Sats. 8.30 - 11 St David's Church Hall, Connaught Road, East Cowes. 01983 297058

WICKHAM MORRIS ANNUAL MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Wickham Morris will again be hosting their annual May Day Festival in Wickham Square on Wednesday 1st May - Greeting the Dawn at 5.15 am, then, after a day of touring, from 6.30 pm until dusk when we finish with a massed dance down the length of the Square.

It is free to come and watch but we will be accepting donations for this year's charities, DEBRA and KIDS Southeast.

This is our 21st Birthday year so we are hoping to open our celebrations with 21 sides dancing during the evening - we had 18 last year, so it should be possible! Invitations are out and we already have 12 coming, with lots more sides still to respond. If there are any other sides out there we have inadvertently missed but who would like to come, please contact me on 

Yvonne Wheeler, Baggie

BLAZIN' FIDDLES

8pm Saturday 27 April

Fo'c'sle Joint Promotion with

Turner Sims Concert Hall

Aidan O'Rourke, Allan Henderson,

Bruce MacGregor & Catriona MacDonald

with Marc Clement (guitar) & Andy Thorburn (piano)

£7 Folk Concession

Southampton University Highfield Campus

Box Office 023 8059 5151 * Free Parking

AT A HOSTELRY NEAR YOU...

(see back page for contact numbers)

WICKHAM MORRIS MEN

MAY

- 1 May Day Dance Festival
 9 8.00 White Horse, Wallington
 with Southsea Belles
 16 8.00 Horse & Jockey, Curbridge
 18 Winchester Folk Festival
 23 8.00 Elm Tree, Swanwick
 28 8.00 Golden Lion Southwick
 guests of Southsea Belles
 30 8.00 Ship Inn, Langstone Harbour
 8.45 Royal Oak, Langstone Harbour

JUNE

- 1-3 Chippenham Folk Festival
 6 8.00 Flower Pots, Cheriton
 13 8.00 King's Head, Wickham
 8.45 Traveller's Rest, Newtown

WINCHESTER MORRIS MEN

MAY

- 1 7.30 Queen Inn, Winchester
 8.30 Mash Tun, Winchester
 8 7.45 White Hart, Stockbridge
 8.45 Five Bells, Nether Wallop
 15 7.45 Tichborne Arms, Tichborne
 8.45 Three Horseshoes, Bighton
 22 7.45 Half Moon & Spreadeagle,
 Micheldever
 8.45 Fox, North Waltham
 30 8.00 New Inn, Swanmore
 With King John's, Martlet & Victory

JUNE

- 5 8.00 Church Lane, Wherwell
 9.00 Mayfly, Testcombe
 12 8.00 Mill Arms, Dunbridge
 With King John's

- 16 Wickham Carnival Procession
 20 8.00 Hunters Inn, Swanmore
 8.45 Rising Sun, Swanmore
 27 8.00 Cricketers, Curdridge
 8.45 Wheatsheaf, Shedfield

JULY

- 4 8.00 Victory, Hamble
 11 8.00 White Lion, Soberton
 18 8.00 Miner's Arms, Funtley
 25 8.00 White Lion, Soberton

AUGUST

- 1 8.00 Good Intent, Petersfield
 guests of Fleur de Lys
 8 8.00 The Vine, Hambledon

- 19 8.00 Hinton Arms, Cheriton
 9.00 Flower Pots Inn, Cheriton
 26 8.00 Crown Inn, King's Somborne
 9.00 Newport Inn, Braishfield

JULY

- 10 8.00 Plough Inn, Longparish
 9.00 Clatford Arms, Goodworth Clatford
 17 8.00 Greyhound, Broughton
 9.00 Tally Ho Inn, Broughton
 24 8.00 Running Horse, New Alresford
 9.00 Cricketers, Easton
 31 7.45 Boot Inn, Houghton
 8.45 John O'Gaunt Inn, Horsebridge

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Annual Walking Tour of Winchester

MORRIS SIDES...

and other teams dancing out this Summer

If you want your dancing out details to appear in Solent Waves, please let me have them by 10th May for inclusion in the next issue. *Editor*

VICTORY MORRIS**JUNE**

- 6 8.00 Wheatsheaf Inn, Shedfield
9.00 Sams Rest, Shedfield
- 13 8.00 Spread Eagle, Sheet
9.00 Harrow, Sheet
- 20 8.00 Bat and Ball, Hambledon
9.00 The Vine Hambledon
- 27 8.00 The Crown, Chichester
9.00 Four Chestnuts, Chichester

JULY

- 4 8.00 Clarence Pier, Southsea
9.00 Florence, Southsea
- 11 8.00 Ship, Langstone
9.00 Royal Oak, Langstone

MEN OF WIGHT**JUNE**

- 6 8.00 Vernon Cottage, Shanklin Old
Village
9.15 Bonchurch Inn, Bonchurch
- 8 10.00 Old Gaffers Festival, Yarmouth
- 13 8.00 Countryman, Brighstone
9.00 Three Bishops, Brightstone
- 20 8.00 Sun Inn, Hulverstone
9.00 Red Lion, Freshwater
- 22 3.30 Fete Shorewell
- 25 8.00 Portsmouth with Southsea Belles

JULY

- 4 8.00 Taverners, Godshill
9.00 Rookley Inn, Rookley
- 11 8.00 The Sportsman's Rest, Porchfield
9.00 Blacksmiths Arms, near Newport

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- 18 8.00 Hotel Ryde Castle, Ryde
9.00 Crab and Lobster, Bembridge.
Guests of Men of Wight
- 25 8.00 Customs House, Gunwharf Quay

AUGUST

- 1 8.00 Brushmakers, Upham
- 8 8.00 Ship Anson, Portsea
9.00 Clarence Tavern, Gosport
- 28 7.30 Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge as
guests of King Johns Morris

SEPTEMBER

- 5 8.00 Rising Sun, Warsash
9.00 Jolly Farmer, Warsash
- 12 8.00 Queens Head, Sheet

- 18 8.00 Ryde Castle, Esplanade, Ryde
9.00 The Crab and Lobster, Bembridge.
With Victory Morris Men
- 25 8.00 Albion Hotel, Freshwater Bay
9.00 The Highdown Inn, Freshwater

AUGUST

- 1 8.00 Vernon Cottage, Shanklin Old
Village
9.15 Shanklin Sea Front (clock tower).
With the Wight Bells
- 8 8.00 Orchards Caravan Park, Newbridge
9.00 Prince of Wales, Freshwater
- 15 8.00 Wight Mouse, near Chale
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Wanted - Volunteer Stewards for Sidmouth International Festival 2-9 August

Sidmouth is looking for more stewards. Just get there with a tent and a lot of enthusiasm and they will supply you with a Full Week Season ticket including camping, Festival bus pass, a big mug of tea and a giant welcome. Application form at <http://www.sidmouthfestival.com/stewards.html> or contact Jess Adams, Festival Office, PO Box 296, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3XU, Tel 01629 760888.

WICKHAM MAY DAY

Dear Editor,

"Solent Waves would like a write up for May Day." said I to hubby, "Could you do a bit about the Dawn for me, please?" Dennis was struck by The Muse and the following was the result.

Wickham Morris greet the Dawn by Dennis Wheeler

'Tis early in the morning, just at the break of day,
That Wickham comes a'dancing to greet the month of May.

They gather as the sun comes a'creeping o'er the Square
To dance to played melodeons with music so, so rare.

The drums are beat and banjo plucked, the bells they jingle clear
As Wickham dance the Morris to keep tradition dear,

To welcome in the summer, beneath the new blue sky;
They smile together, laugh and dance, for all the passers by.

Every year that passes, the rosy sun dawns true
O'er Wickham for the dancing, as summer starts anew.
Concertinas, fiddles and accordions, played so fine,
Are echoed by the footsteps of the dancers all in line.

All the ancient dances and those created for this day
For Wickham form the link that will never fade away.
The Morris beat the rhythm with their sticks so firm and loud:
Summer is a'come again beneath its faint pink cloud.

I can't possibly follow that for the day's tour to Swanmore and Lordshill schools, to West Quay in Southampton for television filming and to two pubs and our sponsor's brewery, idyllic as the New Forest countryside was in the sunshine, so I won't even try.

For the evening of dancing, we didn't quite manage the dream 21 sides to celebrate our 21st Birthday Year (despite 23 original 'yes's) but spirits were not too dampened by the shower as the young Maypole and Morris dancers from Wickham and Swanmore Primary Schools respectively opened the evening's proceedings. Some of the audience were less stalwart but those remaining had a good evening enjoying the many varied styles on offer from 16 sides. We warmly thank all our guest sides for coming, the inhabitants of Wickham for their forbearance and the generosity of our many supporters who contributed over £200 to launch our charity collections for the season.

And it will all happen again next year on Thursday, 1st May 2003 - book it in your diaries now!
Yvonne Wheeler, Baggie for Wickham Morris

EDITORIAL

You may already be aware that Pete Chadbund, founder editor of Solent Waves, caller, musician and Fool, suffered a serious stroke in April that necessitated a stay in Odstock hospital. The good news is that he is now in Milton Keynes hospital, and is expected to move into a rehabilitation ward soon. Unfortunately, whilst he was at Odstock, Sue Chadbund and their daughters were involved in a car crash after visiting him, requiring more hospitalisation. Fortunately, they are now

convalescing at home. So, to Pete, we wish you the speediest and fullest possible recovery, and to Sue, Emma and Clare, our thoughts are with you as you recover and get ready to look after Pete when he comes home.

Finally, just to reiterate what Joan has said in her FASH chat, if you are organising anything in, or around, the South Hants area, please let me know. Diary entries are free, and it doesn't cost much to advertise.

David Roberts

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FESTIVALS

Trevor Gilson has passed me this (abbreviated) list of reasonably local festivals. All these and more are listed on the SCoFF festival web page, <http://www.freenetpages.co.uk/hp/trg/SCoFF/fests.htm> with more details and links to the festival web sites.

Christchurch Festival, Dorset, Fri 5 July to Sun 7 July 2002 with a wide range of music and dancing. Paul Cole 01202 480209 paulc500@btinternet.com or Howard Nicol hon@sonion.com.

Jubilee Music Festival 5-7 July 2002, Coda Music Centre, Chewton Glen Farm, Chewton Farm Road, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 5LQ. 01425 270003, info David.Walters@coda.org.uk.

Frome Festival 5th July - 14th July 2002 at many venues in Frome. Martin Bax / Frome Festival Committee Telephone: 01373 453889

Winchester Hat Fair 5-7 July 2002. Free street entertainment 01962 849841 cat@hatfair.co.uk.

The Beaminster Festival's Fiddles at Beaminster, 6th 7th July, 10am till 5pm, Beaminster School, Fleet St, Beaminster, Dorset. 01308 862299

Romsey Beggars' Fair Saturday 13 July 2002 Romsey Hampshire U.K. when the whole town goes folky for a day (many free events and some Friday evening).

Titchfield Bonfire Boys present Blues at the Abbey, Titchfield Abbey, Titchfield, Nr Fareham, Hants, Saturday 20th July. Paul Hawkins, paul@tbbs.fsnet.co.uk, tickets 01329 221342.

Trowbridge Village Pump Festival, Wiltshire 26-28 July 2002, Stowford Manor Farm. Information 01225 769132.

Mickleham Bluegrass Festival 3-4 August 2002, Village Hall, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey. sutton-acoustic@cablenet.co.uk 01372 741262.

Lewes International Guitar Festival, East Sussex 5-11 August 2002, Laurence Hill lorenzok1@yahoo.com.

White Horse Folk Festival, Oxfordshire, 16,17,18 August 2002. 01235 765445 fax 01367 710163 or KateandDaveG@aol.com.

Southsea Folk Festival on South Parade Pier, Southsea. 26 August Bank Holiday Monday - Sunday 1 September 2002. 02392 436267 or barkingspidermusic@btinternet.com.

Wareham Wail Friday 30 August-Sunday 1 September 2001 the connoisseurs's singaround: Alan White warewail@aol.com.

Swanage Folk Festival, 6-8 September 2002.

Solent Folk Festival Saturday 21 September 2002, Woolston Community Centre, Southampton, focsle@SCoFF.zzn.com. 023 8045 6337