

HAROLD RANSOM (1918 - 2003)

Harold Ransom will be remembered with love and affection by many in the folk dance and the song clubs in Hampshire, and by many more who encountered that dynamic duo, Yvonne and Harold, at folk festivals and events everywhere. Yvonne, with her outgoing personality, would, perhaps, make the first contact, but Harold was there in the background, very supportive, and so enthusiastic, and inventive. John Turner remembers him as the gentle Gadget Man, always with something new that he was trying out.

In his address at Harold's funeral, David Slater told us how Harold, aged 14, had left his father's butchers shop, to join the Royal Navy, and how he had served on wartime convoys. He met Yvonne in 1950 and they married in 1951. Living in Gosport in the early '70s, they went regularly to the Isle of Wight Folk and Craft Holidays. Yvonne was a gifted needlewoman, but Harold, too, liked to try all

the craft ideas that were on offer.

They took part in the 17th century village historical museum. Harold taught himself to play the psaltery and, in his role as the music master, enjoyed telling groups of school children about the music and dance of those days.

Since the formation of FASH Harold and Yvonne were active members of the committee, and seldom missed a Sunday workshop at Soberton. Harold gained a special reputation here for making a delicious kind of bread pudding, which he would generously offer round to all in the lunch break.

In year 2000, when Yvonne had to retire as secretary, the FASH committee was pleased to award Life Membership to Harold as well as Yvonne in recognition of their invaluable contribution to Folk in South Hampshire. Yvonne died shortly afterwards and now Harold has left us too. We will miss them both.
Pam Stallworthy, FASH Chairman

MAY DAY

Wickham Morris will again be celebrating May Day in their now traditional style.

5.15 am Greeting the Dawn in Wickham Square.

Touring during the day.

6.30 pm Dancing Displays again in Wickham Square, opened by the Wickham Junior Maypole dancers and Junior Morris dancers from Swanmore Junior School, followed by a dozen or more 'grown up' teams until a Massed Dance at Dusk heralds a move to local hostelrys for music and song.

Attendance is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. Our chosen charity this year is Headway, providing support for sufferers of brain injuries and their families. A warm welcome is extended to all

Yvonne Wheeler

JOHN CHAPMAN

John Chapman died of a heart attack on 5th March. John was one of the best-known American callers in the country for many years and has called often in the FASH area, including occasional workshops at Soberton. People will remember his singing calls, his dances such as 'Clopton Bridge', but most of all they will remember what a lovely man he was, and how he made sure that everyone at one of his dances had a really good time. We send our best wishes to Dee.

AT A HOSTELRY NEAR YOU...

WINCHESTER MORRIS MEN

JULY

- 2 8.00 Swan, Barton Stacey
9.00 Clatford Arms, Goodworth Clatford
9 8.00 Greyhound, Broughton
9.00 Tally Ho Inn, Broughton
16 8.00 Plough, Longparish
9.00 Mayfly, Testcombe
23 8.00 Running Horse, New Alresford

KING JOHN'S MORRIS

JULY

- 3 8.00 Brushmakers, Upham with Victory
M.M
10 8.00 Royal Oak, Fritham with Bourne
River M.M
17 8.00 Peartree Inn, Boorley Green
24 8.00 Woodman, Lower Upham
27 Steam Rally, Netley Marsh

VICTORY MORRIS

JULY

- 3 8.00 The Brushmakers, Upham with King
John's MM
10 8.00 The Ship, Langstone
9.00 Royal Oak, Langstone
17 8.00 The Rising Sun, Warsash
9.00 The Jolly Farmer, Warsash

AUGUST

- 8-10 Broadstairs Folk Festival
14 8.00 Ship and Castle, Rudmore

MEN OF WIGHT

JULY

- 3 8.00 Ryde Castle, Esplanade, Ryde
9.00 The Ponda Rosa, Ashley (nr Ryde)
10 8.00 The Battery Inn, Seaview with the
Wight Bells
17 8.00 The Albion, Freshwater Bay
9.00 The Highdown Inn, Totland
24 8.00 Orchards Caravan Park, Newbridge
9.00 The Sun, Hulverstone
31 8.00 White Horse Inn, Whitwell
9.00 The Buddle Inn, Niton undercliff
AUGUST
7 8.00 Vernon Cottage, Shanklin Old Village
9.15 Shanklin Sea Front (clock tower)
14 8.00 The Barns, Arreton with the Wight
Bells

WICKHAM MORRIS

JULY

- 3 8.00 Victory Inn, Hamble
10 8.00 Fox & Hounds, Denmead

- 9.00 Cricketers Inn, Easton
30 7.45 Boot Inn, Houghton
8.45 John O' Gaunt Inn, Horsebridge

AUGUST

- 25 Noon Flower Pots Beer Festival, Cheriton

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 National Meeting of Morris Ring
Tour details above

AUGUST

- 27 7.30 Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge with
guests

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 Winchester Morris Ring Meeting as
guest of Winchester M.M
20 Woolston Folk Festival

- 21 8.00 The Ferry Boat, Hayling
9.00 The Florence, Southsea

SEPTEMBER

- 4 8.00 The Black Dog, Waltham Chase
9.00 Sam's Rest, Shedfield
5-7 Winchester Morris Ring Meeting as
guest of Winchester M.M
11 8.00 Golden Lion, Southwick
9.00 The George, Widley
18 8.00 The Queen's Head, Sheet

- 21 8.00 The Albion, Freshwater Bay
9.00 The Bugle Inn, Yarmouth
23 11.00 Havenstreet Steam-up Saturday
28 8.00 The Taverners, Godshill
9.00 The Rookley Inn, Rookley

SEPTEMBER

- 4 8.00 The Mill Bay, Ventnor Esplanade
9.00 The Spyglass, Ventnor Esplanade
6 Winchester Morris Ring Meeting as
guest of Winchester M.M
11 8.00 Sandown Sea Front
9.00 The Crab and Lobster, Bembridge
14 Wight Bells Weekend of Dance
18 8.00 Vernon Cottage, Shanklin Old Village
9.00 The Chine Inn, Shanklin
25 8.00 Squires choice

- 17 8.00 The Good Intent, Petersfield with
Fleur de Lys Morris

- 24 8.00 Shoe Inn, Exton
31 8.00 White Lion, Soberton