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We hope you will enjoy the varied programme we have put together this year, and if you have any suggestions (helpful ones) for future Festivals, please let us have them. And cross your fingers for better weather ^(Help) this year.

We call ourselves the 'Friendly Folk Festival', and trust that newcomers will find it so. Our old friends will see a few innovations and improvements. So welcome, one and all, to what promises to be a very good weekend.

A FESTIVAL SINCE 1213

It was in this year that King John confirmed a weekly market and an annual fair each Midsummer day, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, although it is probable that these events had been held from Saxon days and Midsummer day celebrations date from pre-Christian times. In 1252 the Fair was extended to include the 'eve and morrow' and by 1294 was valued at 6s 8d (33p). The Fair's value continued to grow and in 1448 it was extended again this time to six days. By 1650 it's value had begun to decline, reaching 6s 8d again by 1701. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1752 (some people imagined that they had been deprived of eleven days of their life!) the Fair, like many others, kept to old Midsummer day - July 5th, and continued on this day until the 1930's when such was the interest, or rather, lack of it, that tolls were levied merely for the sake of tradition.

The old market house was demolished in 1843 and the replacement building can now be seen as part of the front section of the Blake Hall which was built in 1911.

Today we have revived the celebrations of old by gathering together musicians, dancers and craftsmen for a Festival of traditional arts in and around South Petherton on the weekend (an 'eve, day and morrow') nearest to Midsummer day. So why not come and join us when the gauntlet is raised, as the Saxon Lords of the Manor may have done in the past, to let the festivities commence, because it is you, the folk, that make Folk.

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THE YETTIES this is the first festival with the new line up. PETE, BONNY & MAC will be performing in their own inimitable style in the West Country Concert on Sunday afternoon and, of course, in the Yetties Ceilidh on Sunday evening.

TONY ROSE, one of the stalwarts of the 1960's revival of English traditional song, always in great demand nationally, a great singer, guitarist and concertina player - a man not to be missed.

THE BULLY WEE BAND. A welcome return to the festival for this highly talented group of musicians - really dynamic Celtic sounds. The boys tour frequently on the Continent and earlier this year made a triumphant entry into the U.S.A.. Their final concert on Sunday evening is not to be missed.

PACKIE BYRNE & BONNIE SHALJEAN form a brilliant team that is too well known on the folk scene to need any introduction - suffice to say that Bonnie's delightful voice and harp are more than equal to Packie's Irish wit.

SIX HANDS IN TEMPO. The lads, David Proctor, Steve Bailey and Alan Harris were for me the hit of Sidmouth in 1980. Can six hands really do all that.

CHRISTIEN ETERMAN is a lovely lady from Holland who sings some traditional, but mainly her own compositions - in English, so phrase books are not necessary!

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WHITE COCKADE, Dev, Audrey and Steve, a traditionally based 3 part harmony group
- culture with humour - resident group of our own BELL FOLK CLUB.

ERIK ILOTT, the Bristol shanty man - seaman, thatcher and farm labourer - songs from the seven seas. Don't miss Erik's workshop on international folk songs.

MICK TEMSE & PAT SMITH are brilliant duo from Wales playing concertina, melodian, guitar and spoons - come to their workshop on Anglo-Welsh songs and tunes.

JOHN ALDERSLADE and his amazing puppets! He will also be compering the West Country concert.

BUNGLE RYE. A touch of the Irish from this group from Bath and recently featured at Bell Folk club's Irish night.

DOGHOUSE. This delightful couple run the Black Horse folk club in Taunton and will be running our folk club sessions in the BELL INN lounge with:-

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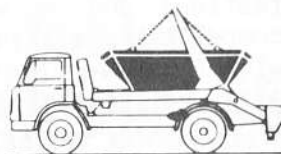
JOHN WHEELER our sales organiser and itinerant Welshman of stunning wit (eat your heart out Max Boyce). Oh yes, he sings quite well too!.

MICK RYAN formerly of the 'Ryan & Burge' duo, currently with re-formed group 'Crows' has now launched himself on a new, dynamic solo career

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DANSWYR TAWERIN from Swansea, here in 1979, make a welcome return visit with their colourful national costumes and spectacular dances. Winners in 1979 of the dance competitions at the Caernarfon and Carmarthen Eisteddfods they will be touring in the United States in August.

The SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN SOCIETY, will be presenting dances from the Scots tradition, with a 'touch o' the tartan'.

The SILVER AND GOLD BAND, well known all over the south west of England are coming from Plymouth.

For the third time WOODFIDLEY come from Winchester to show items from their varied repertoire of national dances. They will also take a workshop on Manx dances and will take part in the Sunday folk service. For the first time here we shall see the Rapper sword dances of north east England, presented by BUCKLAND BLADES from west Somerset, while SWEET COPPIN make a welcome return visit to show the clog and other dances of the north west. The Morris tradition is well represented by the men of the TAUNTON DEANE, CHALICE, DARTINGTON and WESSEX clubs, all regular supporters of our Festival.

Our good friends the YETMINSTER IRISH DANCERS will come on Friday to give the Festival a flying start, while the SHAMROCK DANCERS from Bristol will be here on Saturday. Look out for those beautifully embroidered costumes.

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BRISTOL FASHION, our regular guests, again bring our English country dances and their team of Long Sword dancers to add to the variety of the Festival. Of our own local bands, JIGS FOR GIGS, increasingly well known from Bath and Bristol to Weymouth and Exeter, will play for the Friday evening dance, and SPAM will be heard during the weekend.

Well known for her delightful Playford expositions, CORRINE SHARP will take a Sunday morning workshop, while the ever popular GRAHAM DORE from Yeovil, will join the YETTIES for the Sunday evening Ceilidh.

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For the first time we are staging some craft workshops and hope that those of you who have the chance to try their hand at Batik, Basket-work or others will have something worthwhile to show for your efforts.

In the last few years there has been a heartening revival of traditional arts and crafts, and you may be able to see some craftsmen (and women) at work during the exhibition. Feel welcome to ask questions, as many artists like to talk about their work, and, you never know, you may be inspired to try something yourself.

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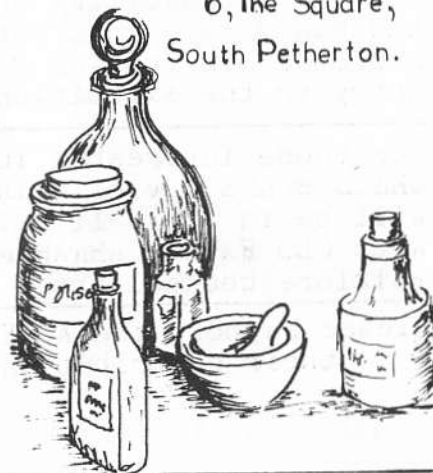
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Festival CATERER Bob Levy, will be around the village from Friday evening until mid-Monday morning with his mobile snack bar, staying on the camp site overnight, providing snacks as long as they are needed-so campers, there's a ready-cooked breakfast if you want.

The CRAFT EXHIBITION and SALE this year is in the bus garage in Crown Lane. The Craft Workshops are in the Toc H Club Room alongside it. Entry to the exhibition is free.

For those interested in musical instruments, CHRIS BONNETT, violin maker, and PILGRIM HARPS will be in The Bell skittle alley, together with OLD FATHER ABRAHAM (Traditional Life & Folklore booksellers.)

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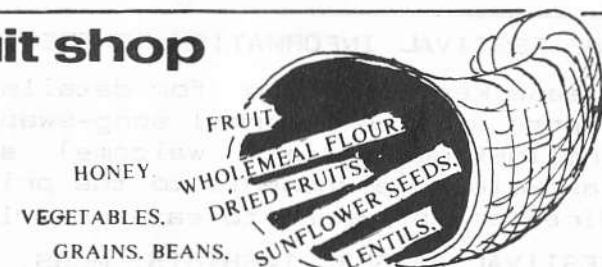
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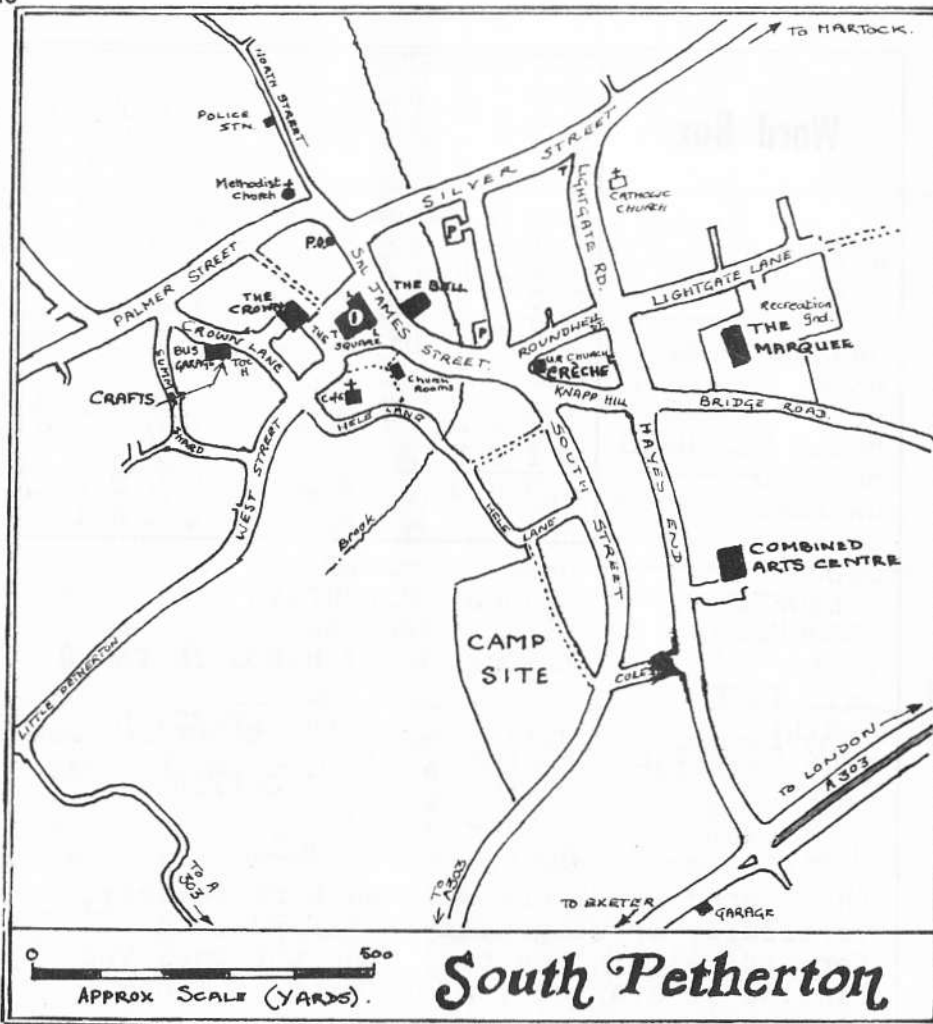
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FRIDAY - 19th June

- 6.30 OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL in The Square with the Yetminster Irish Dancers and the Morris Men.
- 8.00 CONCERT The Crown 1.50/75
with Tony Rose, White Cockade, Six Hands in Tempo, Doghouse, John Wheeler and Clive Wootton. *collecting this*
- 8.00 BARN DANCE Blake Hall 1.50/75
John Chapman(II) with Jigs for Gigs and Festival teams.
- 8.30 CLUB SONG SESSION The Bell Collection
- 11.00 LATE NIGHT EXTRA The Bell (season ticket holders only)

SATURDAY - 20th June

- 10.00 CRAFT EXHIBITION OPENS in the National Bus Garage, Crown Lane FREE
- 10.00 FOLK SONGS ROUND THE WORLD. The Bell 60/30
Erik Illott. *Mr. O'Neil*
- 10.00 BASKETRY WORKSHOP Toe-H Room 60/30
+ costs *Jane*
- 10.30 DANCE DISPLAYS start The Square
Compered by Tony Slinger
- 11.00 HOBBY HORSE CLUB The Marquee 60/30
Butterfingers, John Chapman(II) + visits from Festival Teams. *Miss Witherington*
- 11.00 MORRIS WORKSHOP The Crown 60/30
Graham Barrett *Cybil Walker*
- 11.30 CLOG WORKSHOP Church Room 60/30
Sweet Coppin *Miss Witherington*
- 12.00 A SONG AND A PINT The Bell 50/25
with Bungle Rye. *Sylvia*

Saturday cont'd

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| 2.00 | BATIK WORKSHOP (not including cost of materials) | Toc H Room | 60/30 |
| 2.30 | MEET THE ARTISTES Packie Byrne and Bonnie Shaljean | The Bell | 60/30 |
| 2.30 | CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND DANCE WORKSHOP in Butterfingers and John Chapman(II) | The Methodist Hall | 60/30 |
| 3.00 | DANCE DISPLAY Traditional dances of the British Isles by the Festival teams. | The Marquee | 1.00/50 |
| 3.30 | COME ALL YE with John Alderslade, Clive Wootton, and Erik Ilott. | The Crown | 80/40 |
| 4.00 | CHILDREN'S DANCING AND MUSIC. The Square John Chapman(II) and Butterfingers | | |
| 4.30 | SONG WRITING COMPETITION & WORKSHOP The Bell | | 60/30 |
| 5.00 | CRAFT EXHIBITION CLOSES | | |
| 6.00 | MEET THE TEAM Dawnsyr Tawerin and Welsh dances | The Methodist Hall | 60/30 |
| 8.00 | SONG CONCERT Packie Byrne & Bonnie Shaljean, Bully Wee Band, Bungle Rye, Six Hands in Tempo, Christien Eterman and Mike Silver. Compere Dev Deverill. | The Crown | 2.00/1.00 |
| 8.00 | CEILIDH John Chapman(I) with Silver and Gold and displays by visiting teams. | The Marquee | 2.20/1.10 |
| 8.00 | CLUB SONG SESSION | The Bell | Collection |
| 11.00 | LATE NIGHT EXTRA | The Bell (season ticket holders only) | |

SUNDAY - 21st June

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| 10.00 | CRAFT EXHIBITION OPENS in the National Bus Garage, Crown Lane. | | FREE |
| 10.00 | MUSIC WORKSHOP Bully Wee Band | The Bell | 60/30 |
| 10.00 | CEATIVE EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP. (not including cost of materials) | TocH Room | 60/30 |
| 11.00 | DANCE DISPLAYS Compere Tony Slinger | The Square | |
| 11.00 | MANX DANCE WORKSHOP Woodfidley | The Crown | 60/30 |
| 11.00 | PLAYFORD DANCE WORKSHOP Corrine Sharp | Arts Centre | 60/30 |
| 12.00 | A SONG AND A PINT with Erik Ilott | The Bell | 50/25 |
| 2.30 | FESTIVAL SERVICE with music, song and dance | Parish Church | |
| 2.30 | SOCIAL DANCE John Chapman(I) with Silver & Gold | The Crown | 80/40 |
| 3.00 | WEST COUNTRY CONCERT The Yetties, Tony Rose, White Cockade, Erik Ilott: Compere John Alderslade. | The Marquee | 1.75/85 |
| 3.00 | FIVES WORKSHOP informal talk on an old West Country game | The Bell | 60/30 |
| 3.45 | MORE DANCING DISPLAYS compere Tony Slinger | The Square | |
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- Q. When and where is the BELL FOLK CLUB held?
- A. Every Sunday at the Bell Inn, South Petherton, at 8.30pm, with a guest every third week and singers nights on the intervening Sundays.
- Q. What is the purpose of the BELL FOLK CLUB?
- A. The BELL FOLK CLUB provides a venue where live music can be heard and traditional folk activities can be indulged in. These include boozing, wenching and making lots of noise.
- Q. When and why did the BELL FOLK CLUB come into existence?
- A. The club was founded in 1975 to provide a weekly setting for the enjoyment of folk. Before its establishment, participants in traditional activities were often arrested, slapped across the face or forcibly ejected from public houses, buses, trains and respectable homes. The club provides an opportunity for folkies to become as traditional as newts and indulge in their activities without fear of prosecution or harassment.
- Q. How do I apologise for my behaviour during a club night?
- A. Don't bother. Nobody will remember who did what or to whom. It is usually sufficient to deny that you were there at all!
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The Jellalabad Folk Club

At the head of the Khyber Pass in Afghanistan there's an old fortified township called Jellalabad. It was in 1842, or thereabouts, that the glorious Somerset Light Infantry fought their greatest battle and defeated the Afghan hordes, despite being vastly outnumbered.

For this they were allowed to incorporate the name Jellalabad into their crest and Queen Victoria granted them the title "Prince Albert's Own Regiment"....

All of which explains why a Folk Club in Yeovil, which meets in the Preston Road at the Somerset Inn, which in turn sports the Regimental badge as part of its inn sign, happens to be called "Jellalabad".

General TONY ROSE, his lieutenant MIKE BOLTON, quartermaster PHIL GEORGE and comely camp followers Megan and Val run the club on a weekly basis on Thursday nights and ensure there is a lively succession of well known guests who together with floor singers offer different styles of music and song.

There's a policy of having one local night a month, usually incorporating some kind of theme, but, of course, singers and musicians are welcome to come and make music any Thursday. Even if you don't wish to perform you are invited to swell the ranks of the audience.

For further details, see Tony at the Festival or ring West Coker 2007 or Yeovil 27239. Your support will be most appreciated when we re-open in September for our next season.

P.S. So far there have been no Courts-martial.



TAUNTON FOLK CLUB has been based at the Black Horse for many a long yonk (a yonk being, for the purposes of this piece, half an epoch). The present club, organised by the blind god Chaos, via his earthly representative PAUL MILLS, has been running for 12 months and is now a firm part of the Somerset circuit. We meet every Wednesday with a guest at least once a fortnight and our "closure month" is January (while we slumber in the mud!).

There is absolutely no musical policy at the Horse. We welcome traddies, moderns (even amazing turns with Bohemian Elk-hounds) and our guest list reflects this. We go both for "names" and for "up & comers". You can find out just who we've booked by checking the County Gazette, Taunton & Bridgwater Shopper or Melody Maker's "Folk Forum" - if your nerves can stand it.

The origins of OLD VIC MUMMERS are lost in the mists of modernity but one point should be made clear from the start; this is not a group of defrocked Morris men!

The Old Vic have been a part of the local folk scene for just over two years and in that time their heavy armaments have clashed away at local festivals, with regular incursions onto defenceless television screens and into the columns of the press. Keynote of the performance is the sheer gusto in which the troupers revel and deliver their parts. This is not a rendition for an audience with faint hearts or over-sensitive eardrums.

The irregular tour of the Somerset pubs by the Old Vic (full of Yuletide spirit and other things) is now a regular part of December's events in the county.

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The five are Dance clubs; Yeovil, Chard, Crewkerne, Hambridge and South Petherton. They meet on a weekly or fortnightly basis in a hall in their locality, and most times twenty or thirty enthusiasts, often more, can be found there thoroughly enjoying learning more about the traditional dances of this country. Musicians and Callers are given the chance of doing their bit too, but, above all, these are social gatherings and they give us all a chance to indulge our enthusiasm in a mutual hobby - the Folk world.

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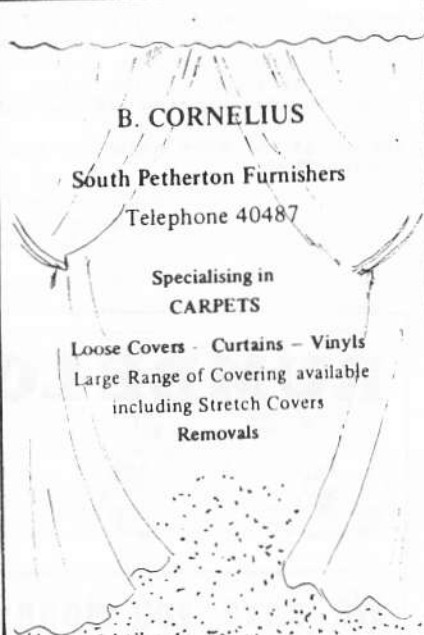
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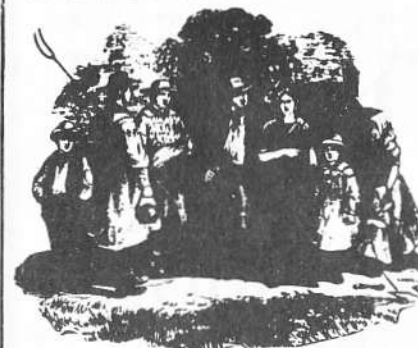
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So the gent drove in, and water
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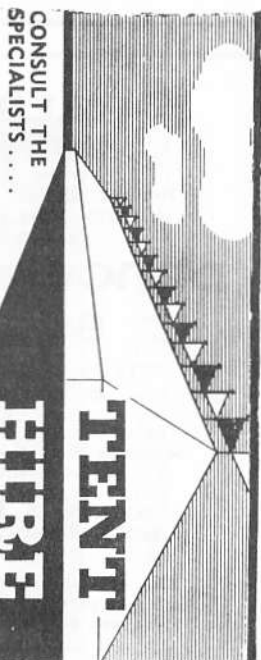


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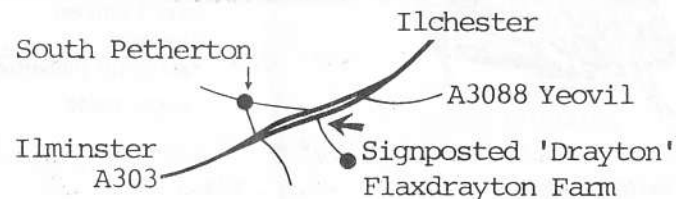
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