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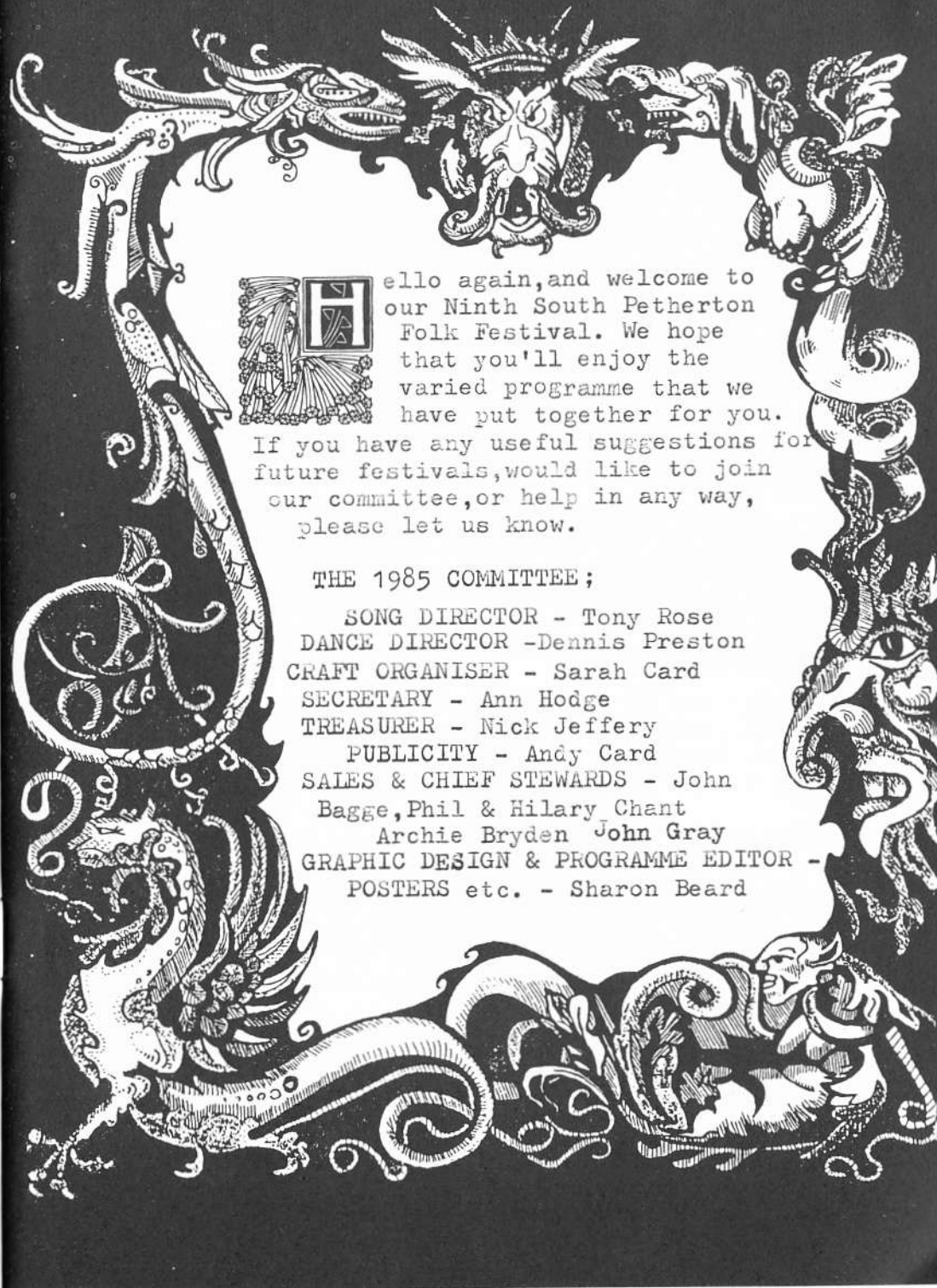
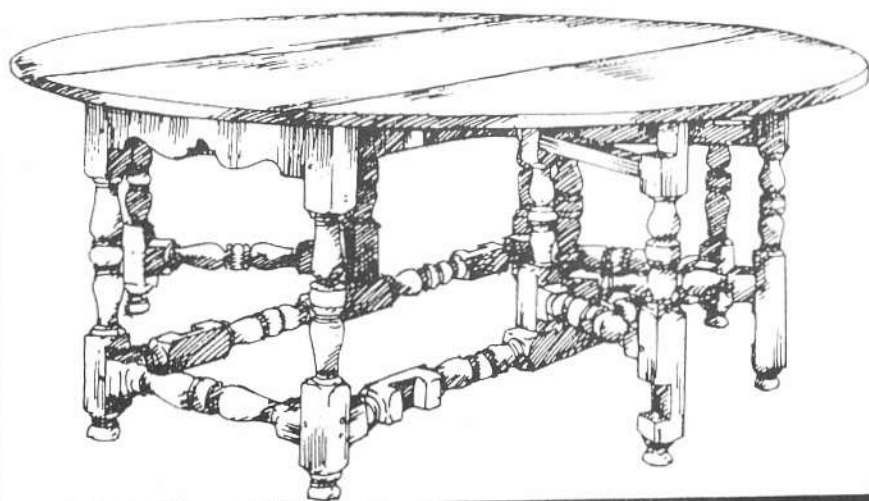
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A Festival Since 1213

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 (83p). 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.



General Information

THE INFORMATION CENTRE is at the Blake Hall, in the square. (See map overleaf)

Opening times are as follows..

Friday - Midday to 9pm.

Saturday - 9am to 8.30pm.

Sunday - 9am to 6pm.

Please keep in touch for last minute ammendments to the proramme and additional events. T-shirts, tickets, etc.

TICKETS Weekend or day tickets may be obtained in advance from Ann Hodge 71 Silver street, South Petherton, Somerset. Phone S.P.40335 or at the Information centre during the festival.

Tickets for individual events will be available at the door.

PRICES The price of a weekend ticket is great value at £9.50 -inclusive of camping. if you can't stand the strain of the whole weekend then buy a Saturday ticket at £5 or perhaps a Sunday ticket at £4.50

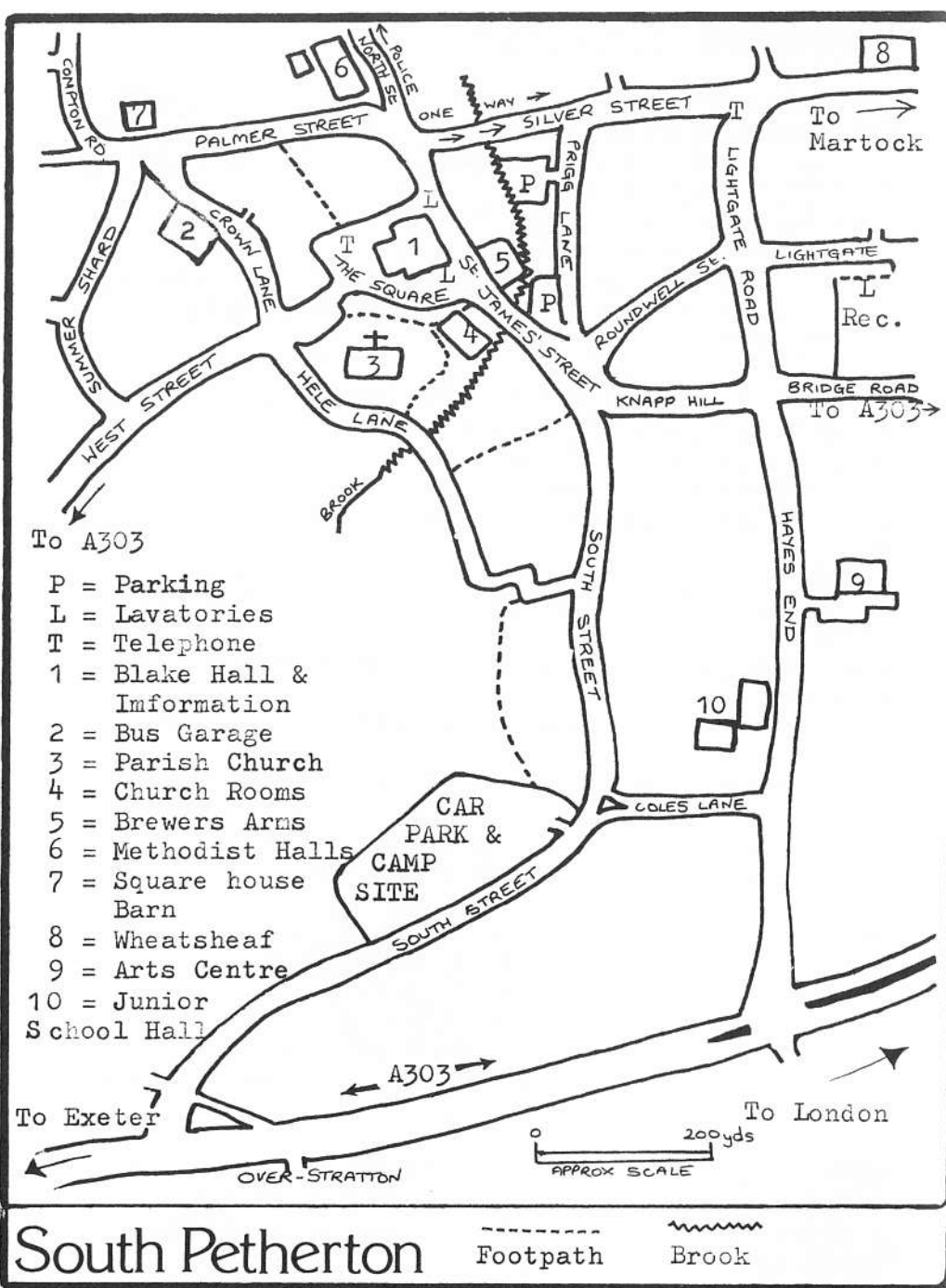
Tickets are half-price for Children and O.A.P's

CRAFT EXHIBITION This will be held at the Bus Garage in Crown Lane, and it's free admission so come along and watch traditional craftsmen at work. Opening hours are Saturday and Sunday 10am - 5pm.

CHILDREN There are lots of events for the children throughout the weekend with BUTTERFINGERS, and a return visit from the street theatre group RUFF STOUGH, with their amazing fire eating act, the tallest man in the world and much more! See programme (Centre pages) for Hobby Horse club and fun sessions.

CAMPERS Milk will be delivered to the camp site for sale from 8.30am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. There will also be a mobile snack bar based at the site.

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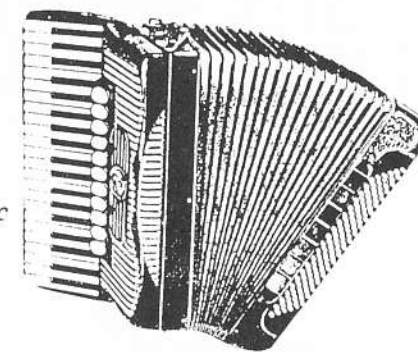
meet the artists

MARTIN SIMPSON - Martin is quite simply one of the best young guitarists and singers on the folk scene, combining a brilliant technical command of the guitar with great feeling and sensitivity in his performance. He's a highly electric performer, drawing on sources ranging from British and American traditional music to Randy Newman and Ray Charles. He's a mean Banjo player too, and is of course celebrated for his work with June Tabor.



DOWNES & BEER - This multi-talented and multi-instrumental duo has been amazing folk audiences for over ten years now, and their popularity just keeps increasing. Paul Downes is also a soloist of distinction and both he and Phil are in much demand as session musicians. Phil Beer has toured and recorded with Mike Oldfield, and is currently a member of the Albion Band. Both Paul and Phil are long-standing members of the Arizona Smoke Review. They will be at South Petherton on Saturday only.

THE BALHAM ALLIGATORS - This popular London band, featuring the abrasive accordion of Geraint Watkins, has already taken nearby villages Ash and Evershot by storm on numerous occasions over the past year or two - and now creeps menacingly along the A303 into South Petherton with its own inimitable brand of Cajun, Zydeco, R & B and Rock & Roll. A new feature for South Petherton Festival - we kick off the festival Friday evening with blistering bar room boogie!



The Festival information office is at the Blake Hall. - Please keep in touch for details of additional events and perhaps last-minute amendments to printed programme.

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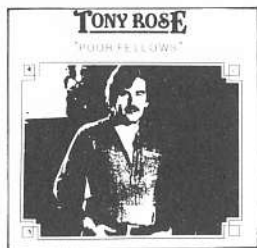
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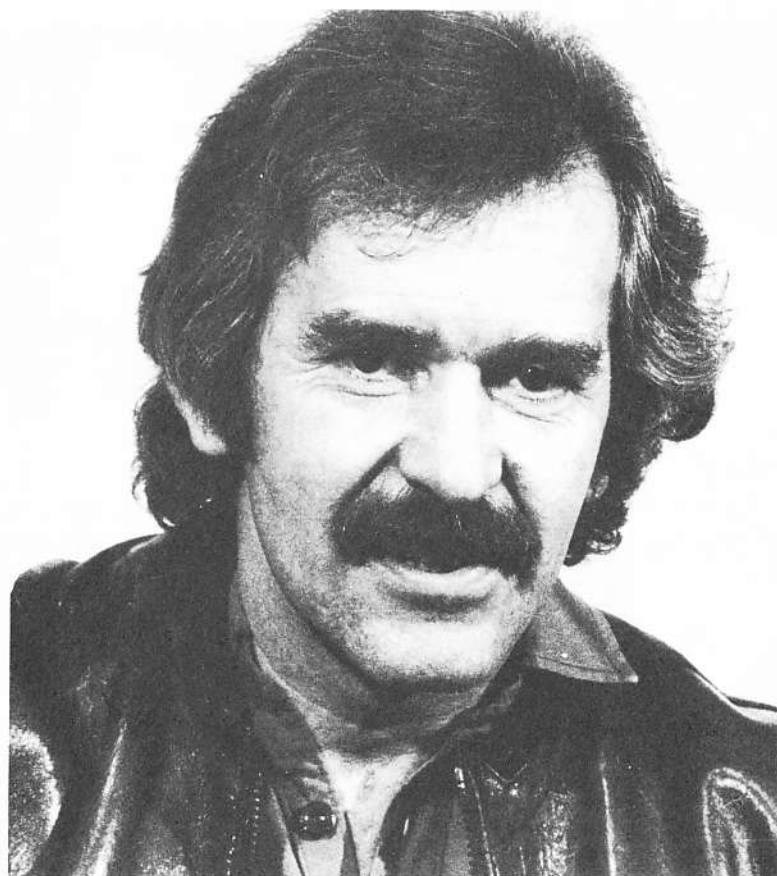


SAM STEPHENS & ANNE LENNOX-MARTIN - We're delighted to welcome to South Petherton for the first time this tremendously popular and versatile duo, whose gregarious and engaging personalities enhance every festival to which they are invited. Anne is equally at home with traditional songs, modern, blues, pop, or music-hall, and all are complemented by Sam's guitar...he'll sing too when he gets the chance, and their performance is pervaded by a great sense of fun!



CELEBRATED RATLIFF STOUT BAND - One of the names to conjure with over the years - a true 'original' of the folk scene. Jay woodfield and Tom Hall are back together this summer and we're delighted to see them at South Petherton. Original songs, novel presentation...difficult to predict what they'll come up with. but you can be sure it'll be 'different'!

TONY ROSE - This is Tony's second year as Song Director at South Petherton and he is particularly keen on being involved with the local folk scene in addition to pursuing his professional singing career. One of the most consistent of the folk revival singers, he has never been out of the top rank of solo singers. In between director's duties he'll be singing wherever and whenever possible during the weekend.



DOCKYARD & WARSHIPS - This Plymouth based foursome has carved out a handsome reputation for its multi-instrumental and multi-vocal talents throughout the west Country over the last couple of years. Graham and Val Lobb, and Geoff and Joy Lakeman bring their excellent mixture of good music and good humour to South Petherton for the first time.



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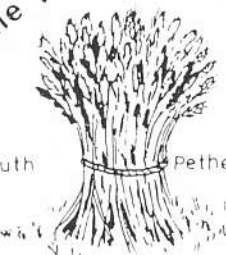
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ROSIE UPTON & PETE MCGREGOR - Rosie and Pete are good friends of South Petherton and we're glad to welcome them back once again. They are experienced singers, both as solo artists and as a duo, with Rosie's rich voice complemented by Pete's guitar. They are experienced MCs too, having organised folk clubs and events in the Bath and Bristol areas for some years. They currently run the BOAFOLK song club in Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.

PORTWAY PEDLARS - The Portway Pedlars are Len and Barbara Berry from Oxfordshire, who bring with them a rich collection of Oxfordshire songs, some rousing choruses and a great rapport with their audience.

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ORION - A relatively new duo comprising guitarist Martin Hanstead and singer/guitarist Dee Jarlett whom many will remember as the female member of last years guests Meridian.

GEOFF CRIPPS & LOUISA RUGG - Traditional and contemporary songs in harmony accompanied on guitars and keyboard - another new partnership with a recent debut LP. Geoff is organiser of the successful Islwyn Folk Club in South Wales.

DEVIL'S ELBOW - Four piece folk band from South Wales seeking to establish themselves further afield.

GALOPEDE - Andy and Sarah sing and play traditional, contemporary and music-hall. This husband and wife duo are with us again this year both on the committee and performing. They will be running the Friday evening Folk Club.

RUFF STOUGH - Not to be missed! a very entertaining street theatre group, with acts like fire-eating, stilt-walking etc.

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We are pleased to welcome back JOHN CHAPMAN, of Stratford-on-Avon, whom you may remember from our 1981 festival. He is a most popular and lively caller, who runs dances all over England. He will run the Saturday Ceilidh at the Junior school Hall

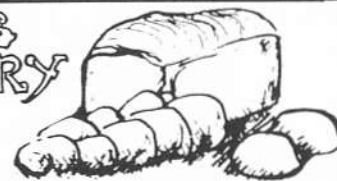
Here for the first time are The WESTON COUNTRY DANCE BAND, well known all over the west country, and largely consisting of members of the Brock family.

Other bands are The WICKWAR CEILIDH BAND, from Bristol, making a name for themselves in the West country; and the BUTTERFINGERS BAND who have run the children's events at every festival here since our first.

CORINNE SHARP with her musicians will be taking the Playford dance and workshop on Sunday, as she has done for the last few years.

We welcome back DAWN SWYR TAWERIN, from Swansea, who came to us twice before, with their lively spirited dances and colourful National costumes.

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Friday

	Prices
7.30 Opening of the Festival. 'The glove is up' in the square, followed by Irish, Morris and clog dancing. Compere - Lionel Garrett	
8.00 BOP TILL YOU DROP - Blake Hall The weekend blasts off with the blistering Blake Hall boogie of the Balham Alligators featuring Geraint Watkins, Cajun, Zydeco, R&B Rock n'Roll at its best.	2.00/1.00
8.00 FOLK CLUB - The Wheatsheaf Galopede introduce Sam Stephens & Anne Lennox-Martin, Celebrated Ratliffe Stout Band, Dockyard & Warships, Rosie Upton & Pete MacGregor, The Portway Pedlars, Devil's Elbow, Orion, etc.	1.00
8.30 CEILIDH - Junior School Hall Wickwar Ceilidh Band & John Driver	2.00/1.00

Saturday

10.00 CRAFT EXHIBITION opens - The Bus Garage	Free
10.30 CLOG WORKSHOP - The Arts Centre with the Broadwood North West Clog Team	0.75/40
10.30 onwards - DANCE DISPLAYS - The Square	
11.00 MEET THE -The Wheatsheaf CELEBRATED RATLIFFE STOUT BAND and DOCKYARD & WARSHIPS followed by informal session	1.00
11.30 HOBBY HORSE CLUB - Churchyard with Butterfingers & friends	0.30

REFRESHMENTS will be available throughout the day in the church rooms served by the W.I.

8.00 STAR SONG CONCERT Blake Hall £2.25/1.25
Downes & Beer, Marton Simpson, Sam Stephens & Anne Lennox-Martin, Dockyard & Warships, Celebrated Ratliffe Stout Band. MC Tony Rose.
ALSO - SUNDAY:
2.30 SOCIAL DANCE Junior School Hall £1.25/75
MC John Chapman & Weston Country Dance Band.

2.45 Overture by the Wickwar Band, followed by -	
3.00 THE BRITISH DANCE TRADITION - Blake Hall 1.25/75 Welsh, Irish, Scottish, Clog and Morris teams, - Compere Archie Bryden	
4.30 MEET SAM STEPHENS & - Square house Barn ANNE LENNOX-MARTIN Collection introduced by Tony Rose	
5.00 STAVE DANCE WORKSHOP - Blake Hall 0.75/40 with Knobs & Knockers	
5.00 CRAFT EXHIBITION CLOSSES until tomorrow	
6.00 ALL MORRIS CLUBS - the Square plus others	
6.00 MEET DAWNSWYR TAWERIN - Church Rooms 0.75/40 and learn Welsh dances	
6.00 CLOG WORKSHOP - Methodist Hall 0.75/40 with Green Willow	
7.30 FOLK CLUB - The Wheatsheaf 1.00 Rosie Upton & Pete MacGregor introduce The Portway Pedlars, Geoff Cripps & Louisa Rugg, Devil's Elbow, Orion, and Dockyard & Warships among others	
8.00 CEILIDH - Junior School Hall 2.25/1.25 With The Weston Country Dance Band and Festival items - MC John Chapman	

REFRESHMENTS Are available throughout the day in the Church rooms, served by the W.I

Sunday

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| 10.00 | CRAFT EXHIBITION OPENS - Bus garage | Free |
| 11.00 | onwards DANCE DISPLAYS - in The Square
Compere Bev Cave | |
| 11.00 | MUSICIANS' WORKSHOP - Blake Hall
with Wickwar Ceilidh Band | 0.75/40 |
| 11.00 | PLAYFORD WORKSHOP - The Arts Centre
with Corinne Sharp | 0.75/40 |
| 11.00 | HOBBY HORSE CLUB - Methodist Hall
with Butterfingers and Friends | 0.30 |
| 11.30 | MEET THE ARTISTE - Wheatsheaf
Guitar workshop with Martin Simpson | 1.00/50 |
| 12.00 | SONG AND A PINT - Brewers Arms Yard
including short spots from Dockyard
& Warships, Portway Pedlars, Geoff Cripps
& Louisa Rugg, Sam & Anne, Tony Rose | 0.75/40 |
| 2.30 | MORE FUN FOR THE CHILDREN - Upper Church Room 30 | |
| 2.30 | (till 6) FINAL CONCERT - Blake Hall
Martin Simpson, Sam Stephens & Anne
Lennox-Martin, Tony Rose, Dockyard &
Warships, Rosie Upton & Pete MacGregor,
Orion, Celebrated Ratcliffe Stout Band,
Geoff Cripps & Louisa Rugg, The Portway
Pedlars ... | 2.25/1.25 |
| 2.30 | FESTIVAL SERVICE - The Parish Church
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| 3.45 | DANCE DISPLAYS - in the Square | |
| 5.00 | PLAYFORD DANCE - Junior School Hall
with Corinne Sharp and her Musicians | 1.25/75 |
| 5.00 | CRAFT EXHIBITION CLOSES | |
| 7.30 | CLUB SESSION - The Wheatsheaf
All who remain | 0.75/40 |
| 7.30 | FINAL DANCE - Blake Hall
with Wickwar Band, MC Bev Cave | 1.25/75 |

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Coming here for the second year running are the DORSET KNOBS AND KNOCKERS, to show traditional Dorset Stave dancing, they'll be taking a workshop too.

From Dartington we welcome again the Morris Men and their ladies, the GREEN WILLOW CLOGGERS, who have given us such stirring displays in past years.

As well as the DARTINGTON men, we shall have return visits from the CHIPPENHAM, WHITE HORSE and WESSEX MORRIS sides, while the BATHAMPTON men will call in on Sunday.

JOHN DRIVER, from Taunton, will call for the Friday Ceilidh, and BEV CAVE, from Bristol, on Sunday Evening. 'Our' JOHN CHAPMAN (yes, there are two) will keep the children dancing at the Saturday morning's Hobby Horse Club.

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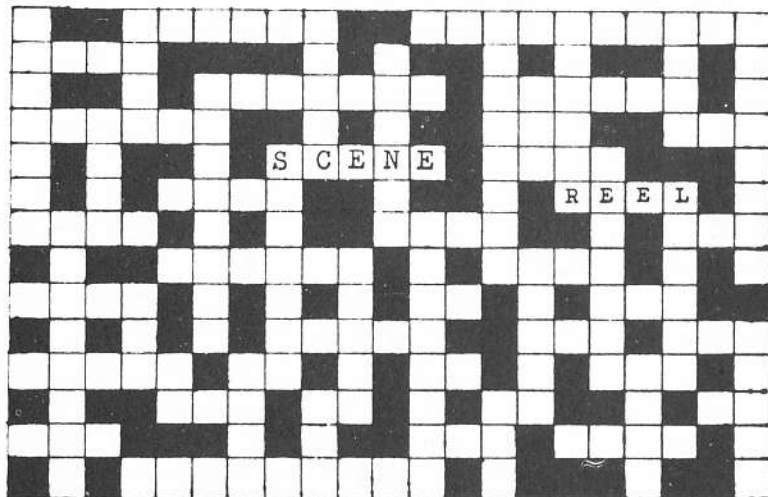


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YEOVIL'S JELLALABAD Folk club is no longer meeting on a regular weekly basis at the Somerset Inn, but is still putting on various folk nights such as Martin Carthy on Sept. 5th - for details ring Tony Rose on West Coker 2007

CHEDDER Folk-in-the-Bath club is held on Sunday evenings at the Bath Arms Tel. Pete McNab Chedder 742320

BRIDGEWATER- Folk Club is held Fortnightly on sundays at the Quantock Gateway Hotel, Bridgewater. They've got artists lined up like Steve Turner and Jez Lowe to name but two! for details and dates ring Mike Heasman on Bridgewater 56022

SHERBORNE - The Yetties Music Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Warmington Hotel. Tel. Pete Shutler Sherborne - 814667

CHARD Folk club is held at the Golden Fleece, South Chard on the last Friday of each month. Tel. Andy Card on Chard 4936

WELLINGTON Folk club meets at The Ship Inn, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Tel Marie Stanbury on (0984) 23526



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YEOVIL Dance Club meets on Tuesdays at the Old Barn, Plantagenet Chase Tel. 0935 27761

CREWKERNE meets on Thursdays at the Church Hall, Abbey St. Tel. 0460 75213

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SOUTH PETHERTON meets on 2nd Fridays from May to Sept. at the Arts Centre, Hayes End. Tel. 0460 40335

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20th. June (Thurs) 'PITCHFORK REBELLION' Dance - 17th Cent. dances. At Dillington House. With Butterfingers/Archie Bryden at 8.15pm.
- 21st. June (Fri) Dance at Grass Royal School, Yeovil With Five Prong Pick/Dave Jackson
- 21st. June (Fri) Dance at Kingsdon Village Hall With The Turmuts Country Dance Band/Alan Twelftree (Kingsdon Tennis Club Event).
- 22nd. June (Sat.) Childrens dance Festival - Wells 2pm
- 22nd. June (Sat.) Dance at Holway Mill, Sandford Orcas - With Five Prong Pick/Dave Jackson
- 29th. June (Sat.) Dance at Martock Primary School - with Glen's Elastic Band/Pip Oxenbury 8pm.
- 5/7th July White Horse Folk Festival Details Tel. (0980) 630638
- 6th July (Sat) Barn Dance at Ten acre Farm, Lufton, Nr. Yeovil with The Turmuts Country Dance Band/ Graham Dore
- 19/22 July. Village Pump Folk Festival, Trowbridge. Details (0373) 65342
- 20th. July (Sat) Dance at Somerton Sports Club - With Five Prong Pick/Dave Jackson.

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DID YOU KNOW - that the origins of 'Humble pie' probably came from a medieval Christmas dish? Today we know that to eat humble pie 'means to submit or to withdraw to a humbler position. But medieval 'Humble' or 'Umble' as they called it, simply meant offal or tripe. This traditional dish fed pauper as well as king. But through the ages 'Umble' became 'Humble' and so people thought it to be only the food of the lowly or poor.

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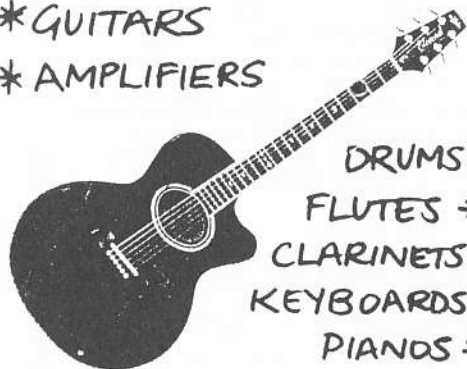
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(For more information get -
'Medieval Holidays &
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