



The Southam Gathering

Friday 28th August to Monday 31st August 2020

Callers:

Andrew Shaw, Colin Hume, Ivan Aitken,
Orly Krasner (USA), Simone Verhayen (Belgium)
and Victoria Yeomans

Bands:

Chris & Julie Dewhurst, Dave Yeomans & Fran Bulpit,
Falconers (Saturday), Folkus Pocus, Keeping Thyme
and Paul Hutchinson & John Hymas (Sunday)

The dancing: The weekend will follow its familiar pattern with workshops during the day and dances in the evenings, finishing with cake after tea dances on Monday afternoon. All workshops and dances will be aimed at experienced dancers so familiarity with the basic dance figures is essential. The main emphasis will be on English dancing but there will also be some American as usual.

Venues: Workshops and dances will be held in all venues: the Grange Hall and Graham Adams Centre in Southam and as last year, we will also be using Long Itchington Community Centre; 2 miles and 5 minutes by car from the Grange Hall. It has ample parking and a large, pleasant, modern hall with an adjoining room and pleasant gardens for refreshments.

Dancers' tasks: As usual, we expect dancers to volunteer to make teas, wash up or be a steward. Please indicate which jobs you would prefer to do. We are very grateful to the four dancers who did three and the many who did more than one task last year. If everyone did at least one it would share the load more fairly. Only by everyone helping can The Gathering continue to flourish.

Refreshments & food: Cold water, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available at the breaks and the cost of these is included in the ticket price. If you would like us to arrange sandwiches for you at lunchtimes, please order and pay for them on your booking form. Alternatively, food can be found locally for lunch and evening meals.

New Southam dancers: We expect you will have realised that our numbers have been dropping and the days of a waiting list are gone. It is difficult for the committee to find potential newcomers in a shrinking pool so we need your help to find suitable dancers to join us and sustain The Gathering into the future.

We are asking for your recommendations for dancers to be included on the invitation list. Please remember we are looking for experienced and competent dancers who are particularly keen on English dance but probably enjoy some American too. Our target dancers will have wide experience outside their own clubs and go to Folk Dance Festivals such as Lichfield and Eastbourne (now May Heydays) and folkdance houseparties as well as Saturday evening dances.

When you propose dancers please give us some details of their dancing experience, clubs and the names of other dancers who are aware of their abilities. We will consider your suggestions but the committee reserves the right to include or remove dancers from the invitation list at its discretion. Newcomers who are added to the list will be invited for a probationary year but if they cause any concern they will not receive any further invitations.

Please obtain their permission and then forward dancers' names, details and email addresses to southamgathering@gmail.com. If accepted we will forward some introductory information as well as an invitation.

Tickets: Admission is by season ticket costing £80, which is only available in advance. Applications should be made on the attached form and either email to southamgathering@gmail.com or by post to: The Southam Gathering, 43 Thornton Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0NP.

Please send a cheque payable to Southam Gathering, or make a faster payment direct to our bank account:

Southam Gathering, Barclays Bank, Sort Code 20-73-48, Account Number 13622479.

If applicable, international banking details are:

SWIFTBIC: BUKBGB22, IBAN:GB73 BUKB 2073 4813 6224 79.

We will email you to confirm your booking.

A detailed programme and notes will be emailed a few weeks before The Gathering. In the meantime, if you have any queries, do ask.

Please let us know if you change your email address or if you do not wish to remain on our mailing list.

The Southam Gathering committee:

Corinna Tabor & Hugh Stewart, Andrea & Terry Stodell

The Southam Gathering is an event for experienced dancers by invitation only

Contact: southamgathering@gmail.com

Booking Form for The Southam Gathering

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A maximum of two tickets per form please.

Name of dancer

Name of dancer

Address

..... Postcode

Tel. No: email.....

Season tickets at £80 each - number required **Cost**

Sandwiches **£2.40 each** **Bread** **Brown** **or** **White** please state quantity required

Saturday Ham salad

Brie & cranberry

Prawns in Mary Rose sauce

Sunday Beef salad

Egg mayonnaise

Salmon and cucumber

Monday Chicken & bacon

Cheese salad

Tuna mayonnaise

Number of sandwiches at £2.40 **Total cost of sandwiches** **Total cost.....**

Delete as appropriate Either: I enclose a cheque (payable to Southam Gathering) for £.....

Or: I will make a bank transfer (reference is your surname) for £.....

I consent to my details being used for The Southam Gathering and to receive its emails:

Please agree: Yes..... No.....

I/we are willing to: **Make Tea** **Wash up** **Steward** **Do anything**

This does not commit you, but helps us see any potential problems

Send to: The Southam Gathering, 43 Thornton Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0NP or
email to: southamgathering@gmail.com

Liability: Whilst all reasonable care will be taken, neither the organisers nor their servants can be held liable for any loss, damage or injury, howsoever suffered, which may affect people at The Southam Gathering. Please look after belongings.

Data Protection: Information is held securely and only used for administration for The Southam Gathering. Emails will only be sent with explicit permission.