



# The Southam Gathering

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## Callers

**Andrew Shaw, Geoff Cubitt** (Saturday), **Hilary Herbert, Simone Verheyen** (from Belgium), **Trevor Monson and Victoria Yeomans**

## Bands

**Falconers** (Saturday), **John Hymas & Denise Bearon** (Sunday & Monday),  
**Keeping Thyme, Mollie Koenigsberger & Dave Yeomans, Momentum and Stradivarious**

**Welcome back:** Last year we were delighted to run the Gathering for the first time since 2019. The 2023 Gathering will have the usual mix of excellent calling and wonderful music, good company and great dancing.

**The dancing:** The weekend will follow its familiar pattern with workshops during the day and dances in the evenings, starting on Friday evening and finishing with cake after the 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. Last year, dancers enjoyed the less crowded dance halls so we will maintain the lower house limits this year to give extra space.

**Venues:** Workshops and dances will be held in all venues: the Grange Hall and Graham Adams Centre in Southam as usual and 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 dancers who did two or more tasks 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:** Water, tea and coffee 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:** You will have realised that our numbers have been dropping and we no longer sell out. It is difficult for the committee to find potential newcomers in a shrinking pool so we would like your help to find suitable dancers to join us and sustain The Gathering into the future.

We are asking for recommendations of dancers to be added to the invitation list. We want 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 May Heydays and folkdance house parties as well as Saturday evening dances.

If you can propose new dancers please give us some details of their dancing experience, clubs and the names of other dancers who know their abilities. Newcomers added to the list will be invited for a probationary year so if they cause any concern they will not receive further invitations. The committee reserves the right to include or remove dancers from the invitation list at its discretion.

With their permission please forward dancers' names, details and email addresses to [contact@southamgathering.org.uk](mailto:contact@southamgathering.org.uk). If accepted we will forward some introductory information as well as an invitation.

**Tickets:** Admission is by season ticket costing £105, which is only available in advance. Applications should be made on the attached form and sent by either

email to: [contact@southamgathering.org.uk](mailto:contact@southamgathering.org.uk)

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

International banking details are: SWIFTBIC: BUKBGB22, IBAN:GB73 BUKB 2073 4813 6224 79.

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

An early August email will have the detailed programme and notes. In the meantime, if you have any queries, do ask.

The Southam Gathering committee:

Andrea & Terry Stodell, Corinna Tabor & Hugh Stewart

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

**Email: [contact@southamgathering.org.uk](mailto:contact@southamgathering.org.uk)**

**<https://www.southamgathering.org.uk>**

# 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 £105 each** - number required ..... **Cost** .....

<b><u>Sandwiches</u></b>	<b>£2.75 each</b>	<b>Bread</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>please state quantity required</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Ham salad	.....	.....		.....	.....
	Brie & cranberry	.....	.....		.....	.....
	Prawns in Mary Rose sauce	.....	.....		.....	.....
<b>Sunday</b>	Beef salad	.....	.....		.....	.....
	Egg mayonnaise	.....	.....		.....	.....
	Salmon and cucumber	.....	.....		.....	.....
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken & bacon	.....	.....		.....	.....
	Cheese salad	.....	.....		.....	.....
	Tuna mayonnaise	.....	.....		.....	.....

**Number of sandwiches at £2.75** ..... **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: **contact@southamgathering.org.uk**

**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.