

Sunday 29th April

Working Programme -

27.4.12

- 12.20pm - 2.10 **Food**: Hot meal choices: Jacket spuds: Homemade Soups: Fresh sandwiches: Cake selection -
- 8.55am - 9.30 **NOTES AT NINE** - for all musicians - You are welcome with any instrument or ability - **M John S.**
- 9.30 am - 9.40 **BREAK**- a wake-up TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost is included) -
- 9.40 am -10.05 **KENTUCKY RUNNING SET**- A lively Social start with couples - **Musicians play too!** - David Petrie
- 10.05 am -10.15 **BREAK**- TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost is included) - *Chance to mix & meet* -
- 10.15 am -12.20 Early English rounds, Georgian, Balkan, African too: **PART SONGS. WORKSHOP** - session 1 - **James E**
Part song workshops - Always of superb quality from James - Greatly appreciated - The resulting short performances a delight !
- 10.15 am -11.15 Another selection of **INTERNATIONAL DANCES** - (plus a short Hambo revision) = Anne Leach
- 11.15 am **PART SONG Performance** - **PLEASE STAY TO LISTEN** - @ LEADER **James E.**
- 11.20 am -11.30 **BREAK**- TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost included) *A brief chance to mix & meet* -
- 11.30 am -12.25 **BRIAN's BALKAN DANCES** - Another selection - you won't need a partner for these - = Brian Dowsett
12.25 pm **PART SONG Performance** - **PLEASE STAY TO LISTEN** - @ LEADER **James E.**
- 12.30 pm -12.55 **LUNCH STOP**-Tables outside - order at kitchen door [*Longer stop if bad weather.*] - Recital - tenor recorder/strings: Libby & David Mc.
Bad weather? - The coldest, wettest, windiest day - following the worst night in 29yrs here - Trees down in the lanes - flooding -
But after a companionable meal to the mellow echoes of Libby's recorder - Memorable workshops of extended dance followed -
- 1.00 pm - 1.30 **CAJUN** from SCRATCH - Learn the Louisiana-swamp-limp & more - (*There will be dance partners here*) - = Linda Moon mus. Flis
Linda's difficult journey to arrive meant we had Cajun later to CD's instead of bikes or walks - Flis danced: - soon had to leave -
- 1.00pm - 3.00 **PART SONG WORKSHOP** - session 2 - Another wonderful standard of workshop - = **James E.**
More superb songs crisply performed to conclude James's visit - Thank you James for a greatly valued - Yet all too brief a stay -
- 1.30pm - 2.10 The last of Anne's **INTERNATIONAL DANCE** selection - (& very brief Hambo revision) - = Anne Leach
This was much enjoyed and extended to make-up for Anne's pruned workshops yesterday -
- 1.30pm -2.05 **MAYPOLE** - An OK fit inside to delight of all - Paul's dedication again much appreciated - - Paul
- 2.10pm - 3.00 **HANDBELLS** - Sadly these were left aside when Linda at last arrived to teach Cajun - = Paul
- 3.05pm **BIKE RIDE** -(John T.) - or a walk. (Adrian.) For tea & scones, go (or drive) along by-ways **to Meg's.**
- OPTION:- Guide sheet tour round Alcester's old Buildings- (In the Hall.) -
- On a bleak day - extended dancing indoors was preferred - Meg's garden left to the rain - We arrived in shifts to sit-in her rooms.

Sunday Evening - A good Evening for a VISIT - especially to enjoy Scottish Dancing - Food from 5.10 - 7.10 pm.

- 5.15pm - 5.50 **BRIAN's BALKAN DANCES** - an evening warm-up where you don't need a partner Brian Dowsett
- 6.05pm - c 7.00 **Invited musicians** - You are welcome to ask Sue if you wish to join the band - Leader - **m Sue Webb**
- 6.00pm - 6.30 **KENTUCKY RUNNING SET**- a lively Social warm-up in couples. David Petrie
- 6.30pm - 7.05 **INTERNATIONAL MUSIC & DANCE** - Dancing a tune at a time - Brian & André MC's - **M Allcomers Band**
- 7.05pm - 9.30 **A SCOTTISH SOCIAL DANCE** - (Interval c 20mins) - **David Bradley & Musician's Band** - **m Nicola Scott MC**
An ace succinct fulfilling Social Evening from Nicola - David skilfully leading the band in his effective non-demanding manner -
- 8.15 pm **BREAK**- TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost incl.) -
- c 9.30pm - c 9.55 Continue dancing, but to CD's with - Brian's Balkan Dance Highlights - Brian Dowsett
- c 9.55 pm **BREAK**- TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost is included)
- c 10.00pm - c 11.30 **LNE COUPLE DANCING** - French etc - MC and music with :Pete Grassby - Late finish - **Cocoa DRINK** (incl.)
Pete - From his Fillongley 60th - Generously supplied victuals - Then skilfully lead a wonderfully relaxed Evening's wind-down -

Monday 30th April Take time out to visit today - Less busy! - Snacks and a meal shared in the Hall today -

- Few able to share this delightful Monday did so - An excellent day of select workshops - Lovely Bluebell scent in Oversley Wood -
- 8.55am - 9.40 **NOTES AT NINE** - For all musicians - Join-in with any instrument, or level of ability - **M Paul**
- 9.45am -10.20 **SCOTTISH DANCES** - A lively start in sets - Nicola
- 10.20 am -10.30 **BREAK**- TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost included) *Chance to meet & chat* -
- 10.30 am -11.30 **BRIAN's BALKAN** selection - Summing-up - Brian Dowsett
A happy, laid-back manner resulted in another superb workshop - Even a couple of fresh dances emerged - Newly "recruited" to be teaching at Great Alne - Brian has a wonderfully relaxed way of showing even quite energetic material - Thanks Brian & Elizabeth.
- 11.30 am -11.45 **BREAK**- TEA / COFFEE/ SQUASH (cost is included) - **Gap-fill snacks !** -
- 11.45am -12.50 **JULIAN's BOUREES IN SETS** - a follow up to Julian's excellent workshops last year - Julian Stanley
The lovely Diamond Set Bourée provided the climax of Julian's ace workshop - More again next year please Julian -
- 12.50 pm - 1.00 **BREAK**- **Gap-fill snacks & drinks break** - in the hall -
- 1.00pm - 1.40 **KENTUCKY RUNNING SET**- a conclusive Social session in couples - David Petrie
A superbly skilled conclusion to the "Long Weekend" - Also new to Great Alne this Year - David and Mary's way of sharing in the other workshops was superceded only by their own contribution - Many thanks to you both - Until another year perhaps ? -
- 1.40pm - 2.15 **HANDBELLS** - Unfortunately were abandoned in favour of sharing lunch together now - Paul
- 2.15 pm - 3.00 Belongings **ALREADY** removed. - **Volunteers** helpfully swept & cleaned the hall - Paul final check
- 3.00 pm **END**
- c 4.30 pm **Short WALK** in Oversley Wood's carpet of bluebells - A peaceful walk to end the day in this lovely natural scent -

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