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2020 Great Alne Long Weekend: Fri 24th- Mon 27th April

Enjoy in our 37th year - folk dancing, song, music & very much more!

Great Alne is a small Warwickshire village. Near to its delightful tiny church, are clusters of timber-framed cottages. It's in countryside associated with Shakespeare: Stratford-Upon-Avon is just 8 miles distant. It's 2 miles to much historic architecture of interest in the market town of Alcester: founded on the river Alne by the Romans. There is a varied range in our International dancing; altogether, a particularly wide scope of folk dancing is available.

Being a compact village hall, the venue also lends itself well to the small and quite intimate group activities that we offer: such as part-singing, playing pan-pipes, drumming, handbell and handchime ringing, maypole dancing, and Morris dance. All are there for you to participate. If you prefer; take part, then just relax for a while to enjoy watching others, as they sample the many things on offer.

We endeavour to cater for all abilities in our dance, song and music.

Bring an instrument to play easy tunes in music groups (or we may even have a ukelele available). For sessions such as the pan pipes, drumming & handchimes; these we supply, and all begin with enough basic instruction to provide a fulfilling experience.

These are ideal activities to bring your grandchildren or children to try. They're inclined to surprise us by deftly developing new skills!

By the way, **young people up to 18 years** accompanied by a paying adult (mainly daytimes Sat & Sunday) are **welcomed free-of-charge**.

Please take-up this as YOUR gift opportunity! Share this joy which YOU have previously found in dance, song etc with a younger cousin, nephew, niece or family friend, and bring them along with you! **PTO.**

In 2020, charismatic **Karin Bellaart** from the Netherlands offers another varied International mix. Amazing, lively **Elsa Perez** brings more South American Dances, a few from her S. Africa & elsewhere.

Julian Stanley leads Breton sets, & on Sun at 3pm a French Petit Bal!

Each evening has a Social Dance. **Nicola Scott** calls American Contra on **Fri eve**, **Karen Hanna** & **David Pattenden** play. It's **Brian Stanton's English** folk-evening on **Sat**. Evergreen calling of **Kim Smith** on **Sun** & **Worcestershire players**. Sprinkles of fun **International** dances too.

'Fresh air' is also on the programme. There's planned walking, eg on Sat afternoon. Do bring walking boots or suitable shoes: a walk or a bike ride on Sunday (Bring a bike if you can: try asking Paul, if none).

We provide a seated hot evening meal (or a salad) on Friday and a hot lunch (or a salad) on Monday. On Saturday and Sunday we offer baguettes etc. at lunchtime and a varied choice of hot dishes for evening meals. Cold snacks: eg biscuits, cakes, fruit are generally available at all times. All of the food is very reasonably priced!

Friday afternoon & all Monday to 5pm are the quieter periods, during work / school times: especially ideal for the retired, or those wishing to get to know our International dances & teachers in smaller groups.

There are excellent B&B's in pretty local villages. Should you wish to bring a motorhome or caravan, please first check with Paul: phone 0121 689 1802. If answerphone, please leave your name, tel & details.

Do join us for all, or any part of this Long-Weekend. We appreciated a most helpful first grant (after 36 years) from SIFD last time and plan relatively few changes to its winning 4 eventful days in 2020!

Website shows each day's programme, prices, local walks, a booking form and accommodation ideas: SEE www.greatalnefolk.org.uk