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Join us for the 1st ever Warwick University IVFDF

26th - 28th February 2016

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# A NOTE FROM IVFDF 2015

First of all, welcome to Exeter's IVFDF 2015! We are delighted that you've ventured down, up or over to deepest, darkest Devon to join us for a weekend crammed full of music, dancing and all things folky. Whether you're an old hand or a complete newbie, there's plenty for you in this year's programme.

IVFDF 2015 is brought to you by Richard Mason, Elliot Nelson, Alice Lockwood, Isabel Castle, Caroline Selley, James Bennett, Derek Lambert, Lauren Perry and countless volunteer stewards, technical helpers and, of course, Exeter Students' Guild and Exeter University itself. It's been an incredible two years of planning for three magical days of folky fun!

Now it's time to get on your dancing shoes, get out those violins and melodeons, start the music and let's dance our way through another year of IVFDF!

### A Note from IVFDF Central:

Hello! IVFDF Central are delighted to welcome you to IVFDF 2015. Exeter University Folk Society celebrate their anniversary this year and have booked an excellent line-up for their seventh turn as IVFDF hosts. IVFDF Central really want to hear from you so come and tell us about your society, group or band! Find me at the IVFDF

reception or look for the guy in the red and yellow scarf! Be sure to 'like' IVFDF on Facebook to hear the latest news (including plans for Warwick 2016). Have a great festival and remember to sleep at some point! James Bennett, IVFDF Development Officer

you how to enjoy the dances without worrying about fancy technical stuff. No kilt or partner necessary.

## Scratch Band- Pigasus Sunday 11:00 M&D Room

All welcome for the Survivors' Ceilidh preparation. We'll be playing through a traditional round of tunes with written music available. The ceilidh itself will be off-the-cuff as dictated by the callers themselves. Come and enjoy playing some folky tunes, Exeter style!

### Song Writing and Arranging-Nancy Kerr Saturday 10:30 M&D Room

Already a respected interpreter of traditional material, Nancy's emergence as a writer of rare style has drawn comparisons to William Blake in her reawakening of a radical folk mythology as a backdrop for contemporary narratives

### <u>Tin Whistles</u>- Alison Rowley Sunday 11:00 Cornwall House Room 1

A quick introduction to the subtle art of deafening your enemies with sweet, sweet tin whistle music. We'll go through the basics of playing the whistle, learn a tune or two, and discuss playing technique, how to practise and where to find further information. No previous musical experience necessary, and a limited number of whistles will be available to borrow on the day.

### Westcountry Songs- Jon Shapley Saturday 10:30 Cornwall House Room 1

Easy participatory workshop of West-country songs, some you might know but others you probably won't. Words will be provided but not notation, voice recordings welcome to help remember any tunes that you might want to add to your repertoire. No singing experience required.

### Westcountry Tunes- Jason Rice Sunday 9:30 M&D Room

Jason is a well known traditional musician who inherited his Dartmoor musical style from his family and in particular his grandfather Jack Rice. He has been a member of 'The Dartmoor Pixie Band' and 'Moor Music' for 20 years, playing for dancing, concerts, folk clubs and folk festivals all over the UK. He will be talking a little about what makes the Dartmoor style of music unique and teaching you a few tunes to take away with you and enjoy. Suitable for all instruments.

### World Music Choir- Alise Ojay Saturday 12:00 Cornwall House Room 3

"Tapping your Voice". Rest your toes and dance your voice. Gorgeous songs from around the world taught by ear in harmony parts by Alise Ojay, founder of the University of Exeter World Music Choir and the Crediton World Music Choir. Suitable for beginners and more experienced sing-

ers alike.

# IVFDF 2015 would like to thank all our contributing artists and workshop leaders.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Reception:** find us outside the Sanctuary, below the Great Hall.

Reception Number: 01392 726640

Opening times: **Fri** 5pm - 12.30am, **Sat** 8am - 12.30am, **Sun** 8am - 4.30pm Visit us to collect all weekend passes and merchandise upon arrival. If you are stewarding, please visit us to find the stewarding rota and to collect your steward shirt if you haven't already done so.

Roaming 24 hour mobile number (no texts please): 07773 578159

**Sleeping:** We have 2 sleeping venues - Kay House is the larger venue and for 'noisy' sleeping since its where the late night dancing is taking place. Exwick is the quiet venue, and the only venue that allows children sleeping. Both sleeping venues are approx. 15 minutes' walk away - and there are hills! So you might find it less of a burden to leave unnecessary stuff in the baggage room overnight. For the uninitiated, Kay House is not easy to find, so we will be

organising walking buses from the Great Hall late on both nights. Ask at reception for when the next one leaves. Please be considerate to local residents when walking to either venue.

Please make sure to leave walkways through the rooms and fire exits clear. Other things to note are that the late night dancing will be in the Frank Oliver Room, Kay House, so steer clear if you want a good night's sleep!

Sleeping venues open at 11pm Friday and Saturday, and must be vacated by 9am Saturday and Sunday (though baggage may be left)

Overnight contact for:

**Kay House**: Caroline Selley 07773 578159 **Exwick**: Jenny Harding 07911 734375

Baggage Areas: Great Hall Balcony and Forum Seminar rooms 7-9

All baggage storage is non-secure and left at your own risk.

**Showers:** Showers are available in the outdoor pavilion by the Sports Hall, changing rooms 1 (ladies) and 8 (men). Open until 10pm Fri, 8:30am-8pm Sat (but



# Workshops

### Historical Dances- Mark & Ruth Goodman

#### Saturday 12:00 Lemon Grove

Early dance was not gentle (despite what you see on telly) and this workshop will NOT be one for the faint-hearted – some students who attended the last Exeter IVFDF are probably still limping.

### History of Blowy Things- Mark Goodman Kentucky Ru Saturday 9:00 M&D Room

A bit of talking and a bit of playing. Bring along ANY instrument, even a comb and paper, a swanny whistle or your pet cat. But if you are a bit more adventurous, Mark will bring a variety of sets of bagpipes for you to have a go on from the earlier pan-European through to the Uilleann pipes and the vPipes.

### Irish Set Dancing- Maggie Daniel Sunday 9:30 Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage

A style of Irish social dancing popular all over Ireland and many other parts of the world. It is danced in square sets to Irish reels, jigs, polkas and hornpipes. Smooth soled shoes preferable.

### Jazz Dance- Nicholette Pollard Saturday 10:30 Lemon Grove

This workshop is open to everybody who either loves to dance or wants try something new. Jazz dance is the dance that you see in a musical show and film. We will start with a warm-up and continue by started almost by accident. Mike now learning choreographed movements leading to a short routine in a relaxed and schools, clubs and festivals around the fun environment. Wear suitable clothes- country and beyond. something you can move in.

### Jive- Matt Holladay & Tanya Lawrence Sunday 9:30 Lemon Grove

Mathieu and Tanya will guide you through a beginner sequence with a show stopping move to give you an introduction to Modern Jive. This will provide you with the foundations you'll need to take your Jive dancing to the next step.

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# Cycle Parking Great Hall Reception

### Maypole- M

### Sun 11:00 Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage

Mike Ruff has been teaching Maypole Dancing for more than a decade having runs workshops and training sessions at

## What Not To Miss?

### **The Morris Tour**

The tours will assemble outside **Central Station at 10.45am on Saturday**. The exact route of your tour will depend on which tour your team is in - this will be decided on the day. The tours will finish back at the University, where they will dance at the new University Forum building. Maps of how to get to Central Station are available from reception. If you get lost or need help then contact Laurence Honeysett on 07871 599136.

### The Survivors' Ceilidh (led by Pigasus) Sunday, 12pm, Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage

In the final ceilidh of the weekend, the doors to ceilidh stardom are flung open once more to anyone confident enough to lead a herd of festival weary dancers who still want more. Experienced and novice callers alike are encouraged to try their hand at mass crowd control in the form of dips and dives, grand chains and strip the willows!

Music will be provided by the scratch band, made up of amateurs and pros alike and all instruments welcome! Leading the chaos will be the University of Exeter's very own ceilidh band **Pigasus**, whose reputation for disorder, innovation and calypso rhythms to traditional tunes stretches beyond the university campus! **Musicians:** we recommend you visit the scratch band practice on Sunday at 11. **Callers:** please sign up at reception before noon on Sunday.

### The Display Ceilidh Saturday, 2pm, Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage

The display ceilidh is the traditional heart of the festival and a chance for dance groups from across the country to show off the dances they have been writing and practicing over the past year—think Eurovision, but with folk and a whole lot of talent!

Displays will be intermixed with general ceilidh dancing to ensure everyone has a go! Providing the music will be **Nancy Kerr and the Sweet Visitor Band**, fresh from their Friday evening concert. Influential singer-violinist Nancy Kerr recently launched her eagerly anticipated solo debut, Sweet Visitor. Join us, sit back and watch the Display Dances from groups all across the UK!

**Display Spots:** Dance groups wishing to perform are requested to visit the reception to sign up and book a rehearsal time.



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# Workshops

### <u>Beginners' Ceilidh</u>- Jeremy Child Saturday 18:00 Lemon Grove

Complete beginner? Never been to a Barn Dance? Can't even spell Ceilidh? This is the one for you! If you're new to ceilidhing, or just want a refresh, come along. Even if you think you can't dance, or have two left feet, Jeremy will have you galloping down the room in no time at all. No need to bring a partner. Experienced dancers wanting to help out more than welcome.

### Border Morris- Great Western Morris Sunday 9:30 Cornwall House Refectory

Great Western sometimes dance border Morris in the winter in addition to their summer Cotswold dancing. Demonstrating that Morris is a living and developing tradition, this workshop will focus on dances developed during the folk revival of the 1970s which are in themselves now 40 years old.

### <u>Bodhran and Bones</u>- Pete Grassby *Sunday 9:30 Cornwall House Room 1*

A beginners' workshop showing how to hold the instruments through to what sort to buy. Some instruments provided.

### <u>Breton Workshop</u>- Fraîch'Airs Saturday 10:30 Cornwall House Refec

This workshop features a huge array of beautiful circle and couple dances from France and Brittany. People from all ages and levels of experience are welcome to come and try us out. We will be looking at the dances in tonight's Bal in Pieminister, so if you want some ready hints and

tips, this is the place to be! So hunt out those berets and join us for a fun filled hour of French dances and beautiful melodies with Fraîch'Airs.

### Broom Dance- Jenny Read Saturday 10:30 Ewe Bar

This workshop will take you through the basics of the Dartmoor Broom Dance, as well as some of the high flying aerial moves from other traditions. So don't be shy: ask a broom to dance! (Brooms provided – just bring yourselves!)

#### <u>Calling Workshop</u>- Mike Courthold Saturday 12:00 Cornwall House Room 2

Aimed at all levels of calling experience, for callers working with bands or recorded music at dances or ceilidhs for experts or novices. The discussion will be tailored to the needs of those present, with practical advice offered from Mike's long experience as a caller, dancer, and dance organiser.

### <u>Campfire Songs</u>- Joanna Bennett and Sarah Wetherfield

Saturday 9:00 Cornwall House Room 2
Join us for a session of campfire singing, from traditional songs to the downright silly. With approximately 40 years of Guiding experience between us, we'll teach you a range of songs to sing around the campfire, including action songs and rounds. We know it's a bit early in the morning, but it will certainly be a fun way to wake yourself up! This workshop will be kid-friendly, but should be fun for all.

## **Dances**

#### **Friday Night**

### Scottish Dance: Pigs Might Fly + Seonaid Scott

8-11pm, The Terrace, Devonshire House

Pigs Might Fly are a lively local ceilidh band. Having played for ceilidhs for several years, the band decided they fancied a challenge so accepted a request to play for the Scottish Country Dance. We hope you like our take on this music style – Scottish Country Dancing with a bit of a ceilidh twist. Dancing programme on page 13.

#### **Ceilidh:** Panjandrum + Gordon Potts

8pm-12am, Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage Panjandrum's speciality are earworms; eclectic melodies from all over Britain, Europe and Scandinavia as well as some self penned gems, all kicked into shape for e-ceilidh dances. Everyone in the band has been a dancer and/or dance teacher so they really know how to fit a good tune to a good dance.



#### Saturday Afternoon

### **Display Ceilidh:** Nancy Kerr and the Sweet Visitor Band

2-5.30pm, Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage

Influential singer-violinist Nancy Kerr recently launched her eagerly anticipated solo debut, Sweet Visitor. Join us, sit back and watch the Display Dances from groups all across the UK!



#### **Saturday Evening**

# Ceilidh: Tickled Pink + Nick Walden

8pm-12am, Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage Tickled Pink were formed in 1989, making 2014 their 25th Birthday

# Spotlight on...

**Great Western Morris - Friday night ceilidh spot, Morris tour, Sunday workshops-** Great Western likes to put on a good show of "Performance Morris"; dancing with character, audience contact and a high entertainment value. Formed in the late 1960's they are primarily a Cotswold Morris team. They try not take it too seriously, but work hard to entertain.

**The Night Before - Workshops Saturday-** The Night Before are a Coventry-based folk dance band who play an exciting range of energetic and fun tunes for ceilidhs, contra and Playford dances. Inspired by an eclectic range of folk music from North America and Europe, their energetic and vibrant sound combines the lyrical tune, delicious harmonies and driving rhythm of fiddle, accordion and guitar.

**Abacus - workshop Sunday**- Abacus are a brand new ceilidh band formed from Exeter students and residents. Their music is based round flute, fiddle, guitar, bass and percussion, and comprises an eclectic mix of traditional and modern tunes

**FireStone - Display ceilidh, Contra-** The high energy Appalachian cloggers will be much in evidence around the festival on Saturday, with displays during the afternoon display ceilidh and evening contra. If you don't see them, then you will certainly hear them!

# **Special Thank Yous**

We would like to thank our wonderful stewards, the Music Office, the University of Exeter, the Students' Guild, St. John's Ambulance, all workshop leaders and musicians, all performers, our external advisors, IVFDF Central, lighting and sound engineers, and our sponsors: Hobgoblin Music, University of Exeter Arts and Culture and RSCDS.

The festival could not run without the co-operation of various Guild and University staff. We would like to thank the porters, cleaners and catering staff who are assisting us in the running of this year's IVFDF.



# Concerts

#### **Friday Night**

Concert: Nancy Kerr and the Sweet Visitor Band, and Blackbeard's Tea Party

8pm, The Lemon Grove, Cornwall House

Influential singer-violinist Nancy Kerr recently launched her eagerly anticipated solo debut, Sweet Visitor. Reawakening an era of radical folk mythology, she writes contemporary narratives about love and conflict,

migration, hardship and jubilation, and the tensions between rural and urban life.

Blackbeard's Tea Party brings funky folk tunes, storming songs and an infectious stage energy, a party mix of fiddles & squeezeboxes, guitar noise & synth bass, and a feast of international hand percussion to bring you an unforgettable folk-rock extravaganza.



#### **Saturday Night**

### Music and Dance Show: Buffalo Gals Stampede



6-7pm, Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage
The hottest new Anglo-American dance
show on the scene, featuring high-energy
percussive step dance to the driving
rhythms of the UK's favourite old-time
country string band, The Buffalo Gals.
Traditional, blue grass sounds infused with
vibrant energy and humour - and a little of
the unexpected - makes this an
intoxicating dance show to remember.

# Where do I go?

Finding your way around the Exeter campus is not always easy, but here is how to find the main venues:

**Great Hall Hobgoblin Stage**- from reception go up the flight of stairs nearest the entrance. Go up one flight of stairs.

**Terrace** - head through reception, through the double doors and up the stairs to your right. Go up one flight of stairs and the Terrace is on your right.

**Pieminister** - Go through the Terrace and turn right.

**M&D room** - Go through the Terrace and down the stairs. At the bottom turn right, through the cafe, and the M&D room is on your left.

**Alumni Auditorium** - Go into the Forum and up the stairs at the far end. The room in front of you is the Alumni Auditorium

**Cornwall House (CH)** - Go out of the Great Hall doors to the road. Go down the hill. As you get to the mini roundabout take the path diagonally left up the hill ahead of you. Cornwall House is ahead of you.

**Lemon Grove** - the main room on your right as you enter CH.

Ewe Bar - the first room on the left as you enter CH

CH Refectory - the second room on the left as you enter CH

**CH3** - Go through the Lemon Grove - the room ahead as you go through the door is CH3

**CH1 & CH2** - Go through the Lemon Grove and take the door diagonally on your right. Walk to the end of the corridor where you will find the rooms.

**Central Station** - Follow the route to Exwick Parish Hall as far as the traffic lights at the junction of New North Rd. Turn left and follow the road until you get to the clock tower (a roundabout with a clock in the middle). Turn right down Queen Street. The station is on your left.

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		Friday				Saturday			
		20.00-	22.00-	23.00-		09.00- 10.15	10.30-	12.00-	14.00-
Cornwall House	Cornwall House Room 3					Appala- chian - Richard Mason	Rapper - Warwick Uni	World Music Choir - Alise Ojay	
	Cornwall House Room 2					Campfire Songs - Joanna Bennett & Sarah Wether- field	Playing for Dance - Mike Ruff	Calling - Mike Courthold	
	Cornwall House Room 1					Beginners' Melodeon - Pete Grassby	Westco- untry Songs - Jon Shapley	Rapper Stepping - Jake Wood	
	Cornwall House Refectory	Bar				Kentucky Running Set - Burt Hunter	Breton - Fraîch' Airs	French Dancing- Jean- Christophe Denis	
	Ewe Bar	Bar				Klezmer Dance - Stephen Nutt	Broom Dance - Jenny Read	North West Morris - Phil Davies	
	<b>Lemon Grove</b>	Concert: Nancy Kerr Band	Concert: Black-	beard's Tea Party		Salsa - Martin Travers	Jazz Dance - Nicholette Pollard	Historical Dancing - Mark & Ruth Goodman	
Devonshire House	Piemini ster	Bar							
	M&D					The History of Blowy Things– Mark Goodman	Song Writ- ing / Arranging- Nancy Kerr	How to Play for Contra - Vertical Expression	
	Terrace	Scottish Dance: Pigs Might Fly: Seonaid Scott				Contra: Rhodri Davies & The Night Before	Advanced Contra- Linda Leslie & Vertical Expression	Playford- Bob Morgan & The Night Before	
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