

A Box of Delights

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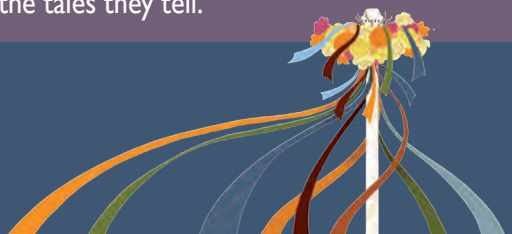


SUE HARRIS | JEANNIE HARRIS | GARETH KIDDIER | LAUREL SWIFT

A week of imaginative and creative ways to engage with traditional songs, music and dance, and outside-of-the-box ways to illustrate the tales they tell.

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THE TEAM

Sue Harris is a Hammered dulcimer player, choir leader and folk artist. She has played with numerous folk acts, worked extensively in theatre, and written music for a number of radio plays. She writes and arranges music for her community band, leads several community choirs, and her latest album received wide acclaim and has been featured on BBC Radio 3.

Jeannie Harris plays the one-row melodeon, is a qualified music therapist and has done extensive teaching work in special needs education. She was also a pivotal member of 70's group 'Magic Lantern' and founder member of the original 'Old Hat Band' and has been involved in folk music singing, playing and performing for most of her adult life.

Gareth Kiddier is well known to Halsway regulars, especially as one half of the English Contra Dance Band. He has been playing on the folk dance scene for over 15 years in bands including The Bismarcks, The Watch and PolkaWorks, and also calls and dances Morris.

Laurel Swift is a fiddle, viola, and double bass player, dancer and inspiring instigator of creative new projects and performances rooted in the folk arts. She plays in a dynamic fiddle-singing duo with Ben Moss; high-energy contemporary folk group Gadarene; ceilidh band The Glowworms, and choreographs national touring dance productions for Morris Offspring.

THE COURSE

A sociable week of activities that will give participants lots of opportunities to enjoy folk traditions in a variety of ways including: early morning singing, learning traditional tunes and dances (and creating props for them), learning songs to illustrate with shadow puppets, exploring the Quantock Hills, and dancing your socks off in the evenings!

Building on the success of last year's event, sisters Sue and Jeannie Harris will be joined by the highly energetic fiddler and dancer Laurel Swift, with support from Gareth Kiddier, to lead an inspiring programme of folk arts culminating in a light-hearted performance at the end of the week.

"Hats off to Sue, Jeannie and Gareth for a fully integrated, varied and fun itinerary, engulfing so many interesting folk arts"

Participant

WHO'S IT FOR?

It's for everyone! Musicians (any instrument), singers and dancers of all levels of experience including complete beginners. If you are keen to learn more about the English folk tradition, and would like to enjoy working with like-minded people in creating a unique performance, then this is for you.

BOOKING

Phone: 01984 618274

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Full board per person (all meals, accommodation, activities):
£270 - £330 depending on room choice.

Camping per person (all meals, and activities): £200

Non Resident (all meals except breakfast, and activities): £185

GETTING HERE IS EASY

We're just off the A358 Taunton – Minehead road, approx 20 minutes from the M5. Mainline railway station in Taunton, from which there's a regular bus service stopping an easy 5 minute walk from our door.

Company No: 849615 Charity No: 247230

Halsway Manor is a creative organisation that provides courses, events and activities for everyone interested in traditional music, dance, song, storytelling, folklore, arts and crafts.

Located in the Quantock Hills – a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – the historic Manor has a Great Hall, a Victorian Ballroom, wood-panelled lounge/bar and folk library (housing a Nationally important collection of books and audio recordings), and six acres of lovely gardens and grounds – great spaces for workshops and relaxing!

Our friendly staff ensure you are well looked-after, and our chefs provide tasty, home-cooked food (all diets catered for).

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