

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2024



Hi Folks,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer break.
Club nights re-open on Thursday September 5th with Vicky Baker calling.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 12th - Band Night with **Geoff Cubitt** calling. There will be a pooled supper.

Sad news - Alan McLean passed away in Stoke hospital 2 weeks ago. He and his wife Barbara were members of Stafford club for many years. We lost Barbara a few years ago. She was always a willing helper with refreshments for Musicians' days at Barnfields School and other club events. Recently Alan has been giving Joyce Walker lifts to club when we have had 'Special' evenings. She has danced and it has given us an opportunity to chat with him despite his poor mobility preventing him from dancing any more.

His funeral will be on Monday, 23rd September 2024 at 1pm at Stafford Crematorium, Tixall Rd. ST18 0XZ, followed by a Wake with refreshments at The Castle Golf Club, Castle Way Stafford ST16 1BP. Hopefully we will see some of his 'Folk' friends from Stafford and the surrounding Folk dance clubs there.

If you could, please tell me if you intend to come, it is not essential, but it would help the family to plan refreshment numbers. The delay of the funeral is because his grand daughter is currently away in America, and the family wanted to wait until her return.

Stafford Musicians' workshops start again in the afternoon on Sunday 1st September in The Bromage room at Walton Village Hall.
If you wish to speak with Maggie Kaye, her contact number is 07974649311

Future events being organised by other local Folk Dance clubs.

You may wish to support them.

Lichfield Club

Lichfield are having a 'Dancing through Time' English Folk dance. It is a free event on Monday 9th September at 7.15pm at Bader Hall, King Edward V1 School, Lichfield, WS14 9DE.
It will be an evening of beginner level dances to live music. Dance through time

as you learn the history of English folk dance, at the same time as the steps!
On Saturday October 26th, 7.30 - 10.30pm at Whittington Village Hall, Langton Crescent, Whittington WS14 9LR, Lichfield are holding a dance with Christine Dodd calling and 3D playing. Tickets £12.00, pay on the door. Contact Lynn Penny 0121 240 0321

Cannock Club

Club continues on Tuesday 3rd September at St Stephens Church Hall, Bideford Way, Cannock - 8pm -10pm. Christine Dodd calling.

On Saturday 7th December 1.30 – 4.30 Cannock are having their Christmas Dance with Nicola Scott calling and John Dudley providing the music.

Their Christmas Party night will be on 17th December at St Stephens church Hall. There will be a Pooled Supper.

Cannock Annual Twixt and Tween party will be on Saturday 28th December with Fish and Chip Lunch [optional] followed by dancing.

Stafford club

Christmas Party will be on Thursday December 12th. Band night with **Geoff Cubitt** calling. It will be a Pooled supper.

Our last evening will be on December 19th with club callers.

We re-open on January 9th 2025.

Rugeley Club - Slitting Mill Village Hall [Victory Hall]

Re-opens Wednesday September 4th 8pm

September 25th visiting caller Val Shaw.

October 9th visiting caller Joe Hodgson with Joe Dunn playing.

November 27th visiting caller Brian Stanton

December 18th Christmas Party. Pooled supper - Club callers.

Walsall Folk dance Club

Re-opens Thursday September 5th..

For Walsall activities see their website - walsallfolkdanceclub.org.uk

Clubnights are on Thursdays 8 - 10pm.

We look forward to seeing you all again this Thursday 5th Sept. at 8.00pm.

Liz & the Committee