

Teach Folk Dance in your school!

Teachers' Folk Dance Workshops on Wednesdays 1st and 8th February 2012
at Green Lanes School, Hatfield from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

More and more schools are rediscovering folk dance, not just as an element of the P.E. curriculum, but as a truly cross-curricular subject, which is fun both to teach and learn.

The workshops aim to give participants a repertoire of dances, training in how to teach them and a target for teachers and children to aim for. **A number of new dances will be included in this year's programme**, so if you're intending to bring your children to the Summer Dance Festival in July you'll be able to try out the new dances before beginning to teach them.

Teachers new to Folk Dance are especially welcome – the workshop will be full of tips and ideas to make teaching Folk Dance fun as well as manageable – but more experienced teachers will also find plenty of interest in the new dances and extended format of the workshops.

Folk dance has links with many other subjects, including History, Art, Music and Literacy. Boys and girls enjoy it equally, learning valuable social skills as well as improving co-ordination and confidence. And, of course, folk dance is terrific exercise, keeping children fit in an encouraging social atmosphere while enjoying music.

The Dances...

are presented in a booklet and cover a range of difficulty that will satisfy pupils from KS1 to Year 6 and beyond.

The booklet also contains help with finding and using appropriate music for the dances, with special reference to *Keep Dancing*, a CD of tunes and dance instructions produced by the English Folk Dance and Song Society, with assistance from Herts. Folk Association.

The Training...

will be given by Barry Goodman, who is an experienced teacher of folk dance to children and adults.

Barry will explain the figures and formations of the dances and suggest ways of introducing these to Primary school children.

These are practical workshops, so please wear comfortable clothing and suitable footwear for dancing.

The Target...

is the **Hertfordshire Summer Festival at Hatfield House on Saturday July 7th 2012.**

Every year hundreds of children from schools all over Hertfordshire meet together for a festival of dancing (from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.) where they can share and enjoy a common skill with each other. The dances taught at the Teachers' Folk Dance Workshops, included in the booklet, form the repertoire for the Festival.

JOIN IN A SONG – all schools taking part will be invited to join in with a couple of folk songs at the festival – we'll make sure the words are in the programme, so that we can have a **BIG SING** as one of the activities for the day.

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Come along to the Teachers' Folk Dance Workshop on **February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**  
at Green Lanes School AL10 9JY

Time: **4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Cost: £45 for two sessions (including booklet)

This year we are running these workshops as part of Hertfordshire's CPD programme:

**Please book places via The Grid (<http://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/pe/>)**

(If your school would like to take part in the Summer Festival but will not be represented at the Workshop sessions, please contact Barry Goodman at [barry.goodman1@ntlworld.com](mailto:barry.goodman1@ntlworld.com) to request a dance booklet)

Details of the Summer Festival can be found at <http://www.hertsfolkassn.org.uk>

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**Green Lanes School, Hatfield**  
**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Whether you're new to teaching Folk Dance to children, or have been doing it for years, there will be something for you at this workshop!

A chance to develop your skills and learn new dances, led by **Barry Goodman** with live music from **Barbara Burton**.

Apply at [www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/pe/](http://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/pe/)

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