

MISERDEN, Gloucestershire (singers' event - long weekend) 8 to 11 July
(Thursday evening to Sunday late afternoon)

This popular event will again start on the Thursday. Led by two wonderful singers, Jay Parrack and Karen Dietz, the weekend will feature lots of singing and just a smattering of dancing.

Miserden is a small village set in beautiful Cotswold countryside. Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud are all nearby but you may want to just sit in the field and admire the view. The village pub is very welcoming and people often enjoy a session combined with a pub lunch.



WHIXLEY, North Yorkshire (long weekend) 27 to 30 August
(Friday evening to Monday evening and informally to Tuesday morning)

This will be our eighth visit to the village of Whixley, close to Knaresborough, a delightful town complete with 'petrifying' sights. Harrogate and York are both close by. A modernised village hall, enclosed camping site and a village pub that assures us a great welcome, make this one of the most popular events in our calendar, but it's really the people who make it what it is.

KINGTON LANGLEY, Wiltshire (long weekend) 27 to 30 August
(Friday evening to late Monday afternoon)

The August Bank Holiday (South) event returns to a favourite village hall site in Wiltshire. The small village of Kington Langley lies between the M4 to the north and Chippenham to the south. Nearby are the historic National Trust village of Lacock and the Regency city of Bath. Other attractions in the area include Malmesbury, the Cotswold Water Park, Westonbirt Arboretum, the Cotswold hills and more royal residences per square mile than any other part of the UK!



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Summer family weeks (fully-catered)

RHAYADER, MID WALES (4 weeks)

24 to 31 July

31 July to 7 August

7 to 14 August

14 to 21 August

In the very heart of Wales lies the Elan Valley, a paradise for walkers, cyclists, anglers and nature-lovers. Red kites patrol the skies, otters the rivers. On the edge of this beautiful area of mountains, lakes, and forests, we've found a large, level, secluded field, less than 1½ miles from the small market town of Rhayader. The Elan Visitor Centre is 2 miles away. The Elan Trail, an 8-mile cycle track runs near our site, following an old railway line to Graig Goch dam. A mountain road takes you to the superb waterfalls and steam railway at Devil's Bridge. The sea at Aberystwyth or Borth is only 30 miles away and Plynlimon, where the Severn, Wye and Rheidol all rise, is even closer. Leaders Chris Jewell, Jason Rosser, Paul Weir and Karen Dietz guarantee a high demand for this year's marquee camp.

BUTLEY, SUFFOLK (1 week)

31 July to 7 August

A welcome return to Butley village hall, near Woodbridge and the Suffolk coast. Attractive heathland abounds and campers have been known to go to the village pub, close to the site. Trips out may include Orford with its imposing castle, Aldeburgh (home of Snape Maltings, Peter Pears and Benjamin Britten), Southwold and Walberswick together with the fleshpots of Ipswich. Minsmere RSPB bird reserve is in range and there is a boating lake close to the famous 'House in the Sky' at Thorpeness. All this and Maggi Hambling's famous steel sculpture of a scallop on the beach. Leader for this week is Jay Parrack so a lot of fine singing is guaranteed!

St DENIS Le GAST, NORMANDY, FRANCE (2 weeks)

31 July to 7 August

7 to 14 August

A return to France for our Francophiles, and a return to the friendly village of St Denis le Gast, where we have always had a great welcome from the villagers. In the past we have had music sessions in the bars of the village and an evening soirée at the hall where we have swapped English and French dances. The evening meal is served in the school hall next to the Mairie, cooked for us by a local chef. Many things to see in the area including the D-Day Landing beaches, The Tapestry at Bayeux and Villedieu les Poêles with its famous bell foundry. For those who fancy a swim there are some beautiful uncrowded sandy beaches at Les Salines near Bréhal. Leaders include Brian Pollard, who already knows the village and the locals very well.

Self-catering weekends

WILDHERN, near Andover, Hants. (long weekend) 30 April to 3 May

(Friday evening to Monday late afternoon)

Welcome in the spring amidst beautiful rolling countryside. The hamlet of Wildhern lies on the very fringe of the North Wessex Downs AONB, an area steeped in history including Avebury and Silbury Hill. The Downs offer so much to delight walkers and country-lovers.

DALTON, North Yorkshire (long weekend) 28 to 31 May

(Friday evening to Monday evening and informally Tuesday morning)

Set in an area of moors, valleys and rivers, exciting walking country and beautiful scenery, Dalton is less than 7 miles from the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The camp is not far from Richmond, Barnard Castle and Raby Abbey. The usual mix of Folk Camps activities will be on offer.

HANLEY SWAN, Worcestershire (long weekend) 28 to 31 May

(Friday evening to Monday late afternoon)

A pleasant village with green and duckpond, Hanley Swan is just 3 miles from the foot of the spectacular Malvern Hills. You can see the hills from your tent and a few minutes' drive will set you up for a stunning walk over the ridge of six peaks. Descend via the excellent teashop at St Anne's Well into stately Great Malvern itself, a town redolent of a more genteel age. Upton upon Severn is close, charming and well worth a visit, as is Worcester with its fine 13C cathedral. Coddington (8m) has a truly delightful vineyard, producing excellent English wine.

BECKFORD, Worcestershire (dancers' event - short weekend) 4 to 6 June

(Friday evening to Sunday late afternoon)

A weekend targeted at the more experienced dancer with a focus on challenging dances to quality music. The village of Beckford sits beneath Bredon Hill, famed by Housman's poem, which has truly wonderful views - and not a little magic. In addition to many lovely Cotswold villages, the towns of Tewkesbury, Evesham, Cheltenham and Winchcombe, with its fine abbey, are all within range.

BECKFORD, Worcestershire (musicians' event - short weekend) 11 to 13 June

(Friday evening to Sunday late afternoon)

A weekend for players of any and every kind of instrument. Lots of playing and a little bit of dancing. See Beckford dancers' weekend for other details.

BECKFORD, Worcestershire (session music event - short weekend) 18 to 20 June

(Friday evening to Sunday late afternoon)

Lots of music with just a smattering of dance and song. See Beckford dancers' weekend for other details.

