



West Midlands Folk Federation

Founded in 1965

Newsletter September 2008

check the website for news and
the next issue *may* be in Feb / March 2009 (see over)

WMFF Outstanding Contribution Award 2008

Theme Encouraging young people to engage/take part in Folk Art/traditional activities in the West Midlands Folk Federation Region.

Thank you to all who voted

The 2008 Award winners are St Mary's CE Primary School, Banbury. Many congratulations to St Mary's and to Kieran Young and Cookley Sebright Primary School, the other nominees.



The Award will be presented at Banbury Folk Festival on October 11th. Come and applaud their achievements in getting young people involved and enjoying folk activities.

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Registered Charity Number 506630

WMFF AGM

It's that time of year again

November 2nd

Venue tbc Coventry area

See website or contact an Executive Officer - help from 2009 **urgently needed**

Vacancies for Executive posts:

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

+1 or more Executive officers to assist in running the

Federation and taking forward the regional folk and traditional arts. If you want to talk through what is involved ring 01789 450250, e-mail info@wmff.org.uk or talk to Amanda Collicutt.

Many hands make light work - SOS as

no Executive=no WMFF

please consider volunteering so that 43 years of the West Midlands Folk Federation, Dave Jones and others vision, does not end in 2008. Registered charity status and the aims of WMFF are surely worth continuing?? It really is crunch time if we have no Officers elected in November.

Have your say and give the Federation new enthusiasm and ideas, with just a few hours of your time.

Advertise here - send

secretary@wmff.org.uk your news or webmaster@wmff.org.uk for the website and please, please remember to update us when you change your contact, web or email address! Priority is given to member news and events when space is limited.

The WMFF website continues to draw enquiries from outside the folk "inner circle" which is one of its main purposes. Reach new members by advertising your events.

Grants and loans

If you have research you want to publish, a project or event which fits the objectives of WMFF we may be able to support it with a grant or loan; promote it or put you in touch with others who have subject knowledge which would be useful. Submit a written proposal or ask for more information via info@wmff.org.uk

WMFF equipment for loan

Badge machine (button badges)

Mini disk recorder

Cybershot digital camera

Display boards

TRADARTS EVENTS

Ceilidh/Barn Dance with Captain Swing and Cuckoo's Nest: Saturday 18 October Quinborne Community Centre, Ridgacre Road, Birmingham 32 part of the Big National Ceilidh for Water Aid Tickets £7/£5 from 0121 246 9873

Traditional Song Sessions: Thursdays 1 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec Kitchen Garden Cafe, York Road, Birmingham 14

Traditional Music Sessions: Sundays 21 Sep, 16 Oct, 19 Nov, 21 Dec Prince of Wales pub, Alcester Road, Birmingham 13

Moseley Village Band: second and fourth Thursdays of each month St Columba's Church Hall, Alcester Road, Birmingham 13

Storytelling Cafe with Alma Simpson and Nell Phoenix Wed 15 Oct: Kitchen Garden Cafe, York Road, Birmingham 14 Tue 21 Oct: West Bromwich Library

Storytelling Cafe with Mats Rehnman: Stories of Nordic Nights Mon 10 Nov: Wombourne Library Wed 12 Nov: Foley Arms Hotel, Malvern Thu 13 Nov: Solihull Arts Complex Tue 18 Nov: Wednesbury Library Wed 19 Nov: Kitchen Garden Café, York Road, Birmingham 13 Sat 22 Nov: Brewhouse Arts Centre Sat 29 Nov: Northern Star Community Arts Centre, Chelmsley Wood

More details of all these events at www.tradartsteam.co.uk