

# Workshops

**All workshops are for mixed abilities and beginners are very welcome!** Whether you've never done this sort of thing before or are more experienced, there will be something for you. For the dance workshops, you don't need to come with a partner, just be prepared to dance with a variety of people. If possible, smooth soled shoes are best for gliding around the dance floor. If you have any special needs, please feel free to call Kerry beforehand on 01732 849163.

## **Dance Workshop 1: *Three's a crowd***

Saturday 12noon – 1pm with Angi Pendreich & Isabel Senior of Les Batons

Dances for odd numbers of people. You really don't need a partner for this workshop because we'll be learning some of Europe's three-person, five-person, and possibly even more-person dances!

## **Music Workshop 1: *Introduction to European dance music***

Saturday 12noon – 1pm with Paul Haynes of Les Batons

**Led by bagpipes, but for all instruments:** a friendly workshop for beginners and those new to this type of music. A chance to play with other people, with sheet music provided. Same format as the midday music sessions held before each monthly Les Batons dance. Tunes will mainly be in G or C.

## **Dance Workshop 2: *Two's company***

Saturday 2.30pm – 4pm with Kerry Fletcher

How to dance as a couple. We'll be looking at three, four and five time couple dances, such as the schottische, waltz and mazurka, trying to get the most out of the rapport between the two partners.

## **Music Workshop 2: *Swedish & English dance music***

Saturday 2.30pm – 4pm with Arcadia

**Led by fiddles and guitar, but for all instruments:** we'll be exploring some of the fascinating rhythms of both countries, discovering the similarities and contrasts between them, and also work on putting two tunes back-to-back.

## **Dance Workshop 3: *One's a Fandango***

Saturday 4.30pm – 6pm with Kerry Fletcher

Come and learn the fancy footwork and twirling arms of the Fandango! It's a lively dance popular in the Basque Country. Danced on your own but in a big group, it's loads of fun and a great way to work up an appetite for the Eurobash banquet!

## **Music Workshop 3: *French dance music***

Saturday 4.30pm – 6pm with Phil Martin (aka Drohne) of Les Batons

**Led by hurdy-gurdy, but for all instruments:** An exploration of French dance music with particular emphasis on playing for the dancers, with the right "feel". Tunes will mainly be in G or D.

## **Eurodance / bal: *Let's party!***

Saturday 8pm – 11pm with Arcadia & Kerry Fletcher

You've workshopped hard all day – now's the chance to show off your fancy footwork, in ones, twos, threes and more!!

## **Music/Song Workshop: *Songstrumental Workshop***

Sunday 10.30am – 12noon with Meridian

Meridian's popular workshop – something for everyone! Richard will work with the instrumentalists on the melody of a song, whilst Anna moulds everyone else into an instant community choir singing the same song. We will then join together to create a glorious technicolour arrangement of words and music which we will perform in the afternoon dance party.