

Social Dance Information and Questionnaire

Social dance is an important part of Sidmouth FolkWeek, and we are trying very hard to improve the facilities available.

We had been very hopeful that a new improved venue would have been available for this year's FolkWeek. This was All Saints Church which has been refurbished – the pews have been removed and the church is being used more flexibly, for a variety of community and church uses. Unfortunately, only at a late stage did we learn that the floor would be carpeted.

We also looked at the newly-refurbished Parish Church, but this has a stone floor. Kennaway House Lawn (formerly Church House Lawn) is no longer available as the surface is not flat.

We looked at other halls but there was concern about location and at least one of them was unavailable.

So, we would like your feedback on some alternative venues and their locations and how they would suit the social dance programme.

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Sidmouth College

The town's secondary school has a great school hall – there is a terraced seating area on 3 sides, with 3 steps down onto the floor. There is excellent parking. But it's about a mile from the Esplanade, at Primley (on the map on page 46 of the Festival Programme, it's just off the map near the letter "S" in Sidford Road). If we used this venue, we could re-schedule the Festival Bus to drop off and pick up on nearby Sidford Road). It could be used for evening dances, as well as daytime workshops.

What do you think? Do the advantages (good size, floor and car parking) outweigh the disadvantage of location?

St Francis Church Hall and St Nicholas School Hall

Both on Woolbrook Road (just south of the word 'Road' on the page 46 map in the Festival Programme, close together). St Francis is the larger hall. There is parking and again the Festival Bus could be scheduled to stop outside. 10-15 minutes walk from the campsite. Any comments?