**Halsway Manor Folk Summer School**

**Monday 26th – Friday 30th August 2019**

Hello,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the Halsway Manor Folk Summer School!

Attached is the timetable. Please remember that the programme will be fluid enough for you to move from group to group, should you wish.  We aim to be flexible to allow you to explore more than your own main specialism and perhaps discover new talents and skills along the way. We will also be working on a full-group piece, allowing you to learn about how to structure a performance, work together, use all levels of skills – and together we’ll create something that’s amazing!

On Wednesday evening there will be a chance for you to perform! So please do bring a piece to share, if you’d like to.

A few notes:

* Please can you click this link - <https://forms.gle/GpfhrLzWyfXXMWPdA> - to tell us which you anticipant will be your man group for the week (you will be able to move groups during the course if you so wish). Choose from:

*Dance with Kerry Fletcher
Voice with Carolyn Robson
Guitar with Kevin Dempsey
Fiddle with Sophy Ball
Piano Accordion with Paul Hutchinson (you’ll need to be able to read music)
Mixed instrument Band with Jo Freya*

* **Mixed Instrument Band:** Anyone planning to join Jo's group at any point who would like 'transpositions' please email Jo (music@jofreya.com); she generally comes armed with the software to transpose but it’s good to have things done in advance, if possible.
* **Singers**: In the song workshops we normally have opportunities for individuals to sing solo so any songs on the theme of Fire would be good but not essential.
* **Dancers**: We’ll be working on a variety of dances from couple and group dancing to step dancing. If you have them, please bring smooth hard soled shoes.
* **Arrival** is from 4pm on Monday, dinner is at 6.30pm, with an introduction to the tutors, each other and the course at 8pm, followed by a welcome session! If you are arriving late please let the Manor know.
* **Diets**: If you are vegetarian / vegan or have any food allergies and haven’t already told Halsway, make sure you let them know in advance.

You can find directions to Halsway Manor on the website [www.halswaymanor.org.uk/your-visit/location/](http://www.halswaymanor.org.uk/your-visit/location/). If you’ve any other queries don’t hesitate to contact the office:office@halswaymanor.org.uk / 01984 618274 ext 1.

We really hope that you have a great time here – should you have any concerns during the week please do feel free to talk to any of the team and we’ll do our utmost to help you get the best from the summer school.

If you have any questions before you arrive please email office@halsway,manor.org.uk to get in touch with us.

All the best,

Kerry, Jo, Carolyn, Paul, Sophy and Kevin