



THE 41st ANNUAL EDC EARLY DANCE FESTIVAL

25 – 27 October
2024



**Hereford
Town Hall**
St Owen's Street
Hereford HR1 2PJ

THE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY	18:00	Reception opens
	18:30	Welcome
	19:30 – 21:00	David Sutcliffe speaking about 'Cecil Sharp, his life and his work in the recovery of early folk dances'. Drinks & a Light Supper are included.
SATURDAY	9:00	Festival Reception opens for rehearsals
	13:00 – 17:00	Festival Performances
	18:00 – 19:15	Dinner
	20:00 – 22:30	Dancing with caller Georgia Delve and Sharon Lindo & The Abbey House Band
SUNDAY	11:00 – 12:30	Visit to Hellens Manor, Much Markle, Ledbury HR8 2LY

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Last year, many of you were able to join us for the 40th anniversary of the EDC Annual Early Dance Festival. The 2023 Festival lived up to all expectations in the grand manner. This year we return to Hereford to celebrate another 40th birthday, the EDC itself has been working for historical dance for 40 years.

Once again, we have the whole of the spacious and beautiful Hereford Town Hall. It has a lift to the upper floor, disabled parking at the rear and plenty of seating in the foyer. It is 5 minutes by car from Hereford Station, 13 minutes on foot. Hereford, for those new to it, is an ancient market town (chartered by Richard the Lionheart in 1189). Its Cathedral houses the Mappa Mundi (10-5 Fri to Sat, herefordcathedral.org) and The Black and White House Museum is wonderfully preserved (See www.blackandwhitehouse.org.)

FRIDAY NIGHT: To mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Cecil Sharp, David Sutcliffe will draw on his authoritative new biography, *Cecil Sharp and The Quest for Folk Song and Dance* for a talk about Sharp's work recovering dance.

SATURDAY: The morning is busy with rehearsals by performing groups. Tea and coffee will be available in the Hall kitchen throughout the Festival, but lunch will not be provided on site. Please bring a packed lunch or visit one of the cafes nearby.

The Festival Performances will run from 13.00 – 17:00, with the usual interspersed sessions of dancing for all. We hope to see plenty of groups sharing the dances they have enjoyed working on together.

The evening entertainment starts with a dinner at 18:00. There is no bar; you may bring your own drinks and please bring glasses too. We have an excellent caller and band to play a wide range of traditional dances. Tea, coffee + water will be available all evening, again try to bring your own cups. Party gear if possible.

SUNDAY: Our weekend ends with a guided tour of Hellens Manor, Much Marcle, Herefordshire HR8 2LY. Hellens is a beautiful Tudor/Jacobean home in a rural setting. It's full of stories, art, furniture, lovely grounds and gardens. Details about places to lunch in the village will be available on booking.

HOTELS: There is a choice of accommodation in Hereford, but **The Green Dragon** (at https://bookings.hopsoftware.com/property/Green-Dragon-Hotel?_ga=2.138796986.867745904.1667899047-889101872.1660136927) is offering 10% off their B&B rate for 25-27 October. Use Code EDF24.

SALES: Some tables for sales will be available. Please pay when booking, at £10 a table.

SPECIAL OFFER ON MEMBERSHIP

Anyone joining the Early Dance Circle at the Festival, who fills in a Standing Order Form, will receive a £10 discount on their first year's membership.

BOOKING FORM

❖ Please book for the Festival as early as possible. Advance booking is required for the Saturday buffet dinner and reservations for it must be received by **Monday 7 October 2024**.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE FESTIVAL, everyone attending and/or performing should send this form, with payment, to: **Michele Odell**, 11 Alton Gardens, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1ND.

Tel. 0208 650 8811 Email: bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk

A booking confirmation will be sent by email.

Make cheques payable to “The Early Dance Circle.” To pay by BACS, email your Booking Form to bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk and instructions will be provided.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

NAME

ADDRESS

POST CODE

TEL.

EMAIL

GROUP BOOKINGS

Name of Group:

Please list individual names on a separate sheet, stating clearly whether they are members or non-members.

DO YOU / YOUR GROUP INTEND TO PERFORM? YES / NO

If YES, you will be sent a Registration Form. Please return your completed form as early as you can. We want to welcome as many groups as possible.

Personal Data: The Early Dance Circle (EDC) will not share your data and will use it only to communicate with you about our activities and events in the early dance world.

Filming and Photography: Please be aware that there will be filming and photography at this event. By attending, you accept that photographs and recordings taken by the EDC and its agents may be used in EDC publications, publicity, the EDC website and on line.

<p>HEARING AIDS: Would anyone needing hearing support, please notify Michele well in advance. The Hall has a T-Loop.</p>

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Please tick boxes for each person. The Saturday supper must be ordered in advance, by Mon. 7/10/24, with no refunds possible after that date. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the Festival, but please bring your own mug / drinking vessel if possible. We would like to stop using single-use plastics (we still have a small supply to use up).

Member / Dance Musician		£10.00	£13.00	£25.00	£10.00	£10.00	£9.00	Dietary needs: Insert V for veg. VE for vegan. GF for gluten free. Note any allergies	Cost Per Person
Non-Member		£12.00	£17:00 Student £8	£25.00	£15.00	£10.00	£9.00		
NAME	EDC member Y / N	Drinks, light supper & Lecture	The Festival	Saturday Buffet Supper	Saturday Dance	Sales Table	Guided Tour of Hellens Manor		
TOTAL COST									