

## *Folk Dance and Snowdrop Weekend*

**Yarn Market Hotel, Dunster 31st Jan to 2nd February 2020**  
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### **Exmoor**

Much of the Exmoor area is designated as a National Park that extends for nearly 270 square miles. Huge stretches are owned by the National Trust or protected as Nature Reserves and Heritage Coast, so there is a four-fold guarantee that these landscapes and seascapes are of a truly exceptional quality.

On the open moorland of Dunkery Hill if you look towards the coast a sea of purple heather rolls down into the lush green farmlands that fringe the coast. All of Exmoor's ingredients come together in this one glorious scene – a spectacular coastline, ancient oak woods and the heather moorland, it's this amazing scenic variety that sets Exmoor apart.

### **Snowdrops**

There is no hard proof that snowdrops are native to Britain. Generally they do not thrive well in northern Europe and it is thought that they were brought to Britain from southern Europe by Benedictine monks in the 11<sup>th</sup> century because of their religious symbolism. They certainly seem to thrive around monastic sites.

Mildness of climate seems to be a requirement for snowdrops, despite their association with snow. They also like damp conditions and are often found near rivers. On Exmoor their main means of spreading is by floodwaters. Snowdrops need pollinating insects to form seed, but flower when there are few such insects therefore the flowers have to be extra attractive to the overwintering insects that are around.

### **Dunster**

Dunster was a purely agricultural settlement in Domesday times. It developed under its Norman owners, the de Mohuns, who established a borough in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century. When the Luttrell family became Lords of the Manor, they helped develop Dunster as a market centre, harbour and cloth-manufacturing centre. Its heyday was in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. By the 15<sup>th</sup> century the harbour was replaced by Minehead. The cloth industry finally died out in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Luttrells remained in the Castle until 1975 when they passed it over to the National Trust.

The Castle is usually open in January and February on a guided tour basis

# Yarn Market Hotel



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## Weekend Itinerary

**Resident Hosts:** *Angela Morecroft and Antony Brunt*  
*(Resident Proprietor and EFDSS Member)*

**Resident Caller** *Ray Goodswen*

**Resident Musicians** *Dampiers Round*

### PROGRAMME

**Friday** Arrive and check in during afternoon  
18.00 Welcome reception  
18.15 Dinner in hotel restaurant  
20.00 Dance (finishes 22.30pm)

**Saturday**  
8.00 Breakfast - (available until 9.30)  
9.30 - 12.15 Dance workshop  
(Coffee break at 10.45 approx.)  
12.30 Lunch (soup and rolls)  
13.15 Depart for Snowdrop Valley and walk  
18.15 Dinner in hotel restaurant  
20.00 Dance (finishes 22.45pm)

**Sunday**  
8.00 Breakfast - (available until 9.30)  
9.30 - 11.00 Dance Workshop followed by coffee break  
11.15 - 1.00 Farewell Dance  
13.15 Sunday lunch

17.30 **Optional** evening meal (not included in price)

*We reserve the right to amend the details of the programme.*

## Folk Dance 31st Jan—2nd Feb 2020

### Booking Form

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Name Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss.....

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Address.....

Postcode.....Tel. No.....

E-mail .....

### Inclusive charge for the break.

Double, £270 per person (£250 before 30/09/19)

Twin room, £270 per person (£250 before 30/09/19)

Single room, £290 per person (£270 before 30/09/19)

DEPOSIT PAYABLE WITH RETURN OF BOOKING FORM -  
£75 per person BALANCE PAYABLE ON DEPARTURE

Your deposit is non-refundable but in the event of a cancellation we will hold it, for a period of Twelve months, against a future booking at the rate of £10 per person per night, subject to the deduction of £30 administration charge.

Extra night accommodation at £60 per person B&B (Dinner £25) **Yes/No**

Do you have any dietary or other special requirements (please specify)

Please return the completed Booking Form (together with the deposit), by crossed cheque made payable to: Yarn Market Hotel as soon as possible. Address: Yarn Market Hotel, 25-33 High Street, Dunster, Somerset TA24 6SF (Tel 01643 821425)  
Or payment by Credit Card, Access/Visa/Switch

Card Number \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Start Date.....Expiry Date..... Switch Issue no.....

Three digit Security Number \_ \_ \_

Signature ..... Date.....