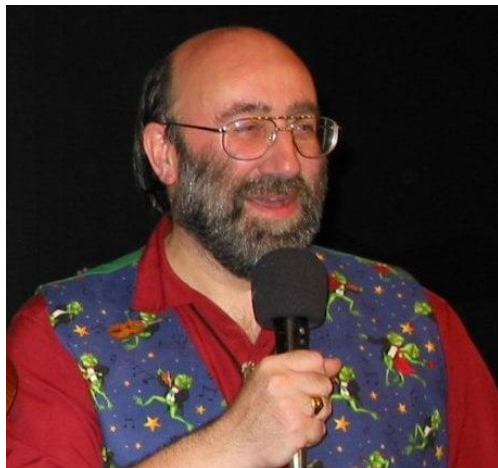


# Big News for Chippenham Social Dance



After 16 years managing the Social Dance Programme at Chippenham Folk Festival, Mike Courthold announced at this year's virtual festival that he is moving on to focus on new projects. We are sure all of you will join with the Chippenham Folk Festival team to thank him for the many happy memories he has created for our social dance attendees and wish him all the best with his new endeavours.

Fear not, Stepping into those converted dancing shoes, we are excited to introduce our new Social Dance Manager; Gareth Kiddier.

Gareth Kiddier has been playing and dancing for many years. He has played in ceilidh bands, contra bands, and English country dance bands. He loves dancing all styles of folk dance, although his knees are against him nowadays. He has played for, and danced Morris, and still enjoys all aspects of English dance.

He has been supporting Sidmouth Festival for some years as folk dance coordinator, and is pleased to bring his experience to Chippenham. He has been a fan of Chippenham for many years, it is a stand out festival for folk dance. He wants to continue to give regular dancers an excellent dance experience, whilst looking to the future and supporting younger and new dancers.

