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Dear BVB

Changed summer rehearsal dates

The news that Earthfest (circulated recently by Fritjof) wants us to play for them on **Saturday June 27th** creating an attractive Spring / Summer set of gigs

This 'new' gig (we have played for them before when it was 3 Greens Festival) has meant that steerers have had to reconsider the shape of rehearsal patterns in June and July to facilitate good performances

It is general band policy not to change the dates of rehearsals but in this case it makes sense and is both practical and possible. Possible because we have been able to balance Alison's availability and that of Long Ashton Community Centre and practical in that, we did not want to have 3 BVB events on the same weekend in June which would have happened if we had stuck to the original pattern

We realise that some band members may have already planned in summer dates and trust you will do your best to accommodate these changes - indicated below.

Changes are as follows

The month of May remains the same as on the website except for a possible kitchen rehearsal

Sunday 17th May - monthly rehearsal with Alison

Friday 22nd May possible 'Kitchen rehearsal' if required tbc - this is an addition

Wednesday 27th May Alveston History Society -

In the months of June and July there are changes and the possibility of a kitchen rehearsal

Sunday 7th June monthly rehearsal with Alison - this is a change

Friday 19th June possible 'Kitchen rehearsal' if required tbc

Saturday 27th June: Earthfest . Emerson's Green - this is a new gig notified by FK earlier

Sunday 28th June monthly rehearsal - cancelled - this is a change

Sunday 12th July monthly rehearsal with Alison - this is a change

Friday July 17th possible 'Kitchen rehearsal' if required tbc
Thursday 23rd July Pensford Evergreens

Sunday 26th July monthly rehearsal with Alison this is cancelled (replaced with the 12th – this is a change)

Gigs : May , June , July

I am having to miss February and March rehearsals, one for a holiday the other for a family occasion. I will not be out of Bristol all that time – in fact I will be busy, having consulted with Alison on tunes, planning the 3 possibly 4 different programmes.

70 % of the tunes - will be played across all gigs. The remaining third will reflect the month, the places - 2 in Somerset 1 in Glos..

The working title for Alveston in Glos. is

1. Dancing into May : a celebration of Springtime with 1850s west country music, words and mischief with Brigstowe Village Band: Musical Leader :Alison Rowley

They have emphasised that they are very keen **on the mischief !**

2. June Earthfest is an outdoor summer performance now spread over a month and the event on June 27th is the finale and takes the form of a Flower and Produce show in the village hall with some outside activities, one of which would be us. More detail later. Working title will be something around Midsummer Revels

3. July: Pensford :will be similar music program but with some emphasis on their local history, music and musicians

4. No word from Bristol folk festival yet.

In other news

I phoned John Mills, who was operated on for kidney cancer earlier this week yesterday. He is home and convalescing very cheerfully. All has gone well he waits for final results.

See everyone in April
best wishes
Liz

