



# TALKS BY MIKE RUFF

*Mike Ruff's involvement in country dance stretches back more than 40 years. During that time he has been a member of various performance and social dance groups and has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, the South Bank and festivals around the world including Australia and Israel. As well as dancing he works as a professional musician and taught dance in schools for 15 years. Author of The Maypole Manual, with Jenny Reed, Morris Hey and The Quicksilver Barn Dance Book.*

## Talks on dance and music in their historical context.

### Court Entertainment To Ceilidh -

Throughout history English Country Dancing has been popular with everyone including Kings, Queens and ordinary people. It has evolved and responded to changing music social attitudes, fashion, architecture and politics both at home and abroad. **Choose from:**

- Medieval Music and Dance
- Tudor Times
- Stuarts, Civil War and Restoration
- Georgians and Jane Austen
- Victorians and the Industrial Revolution.
- The whole 600 years - a rapid overview of English Country Dance in an hour

### Other topics and lecture/recitals:

- History of Maypole Dancing
- History of Morris Dancing
- Music and Instruments for Country Dancing
- History in songs \*
- WW1 Songs & Stories behind them \*
- The Festive Season – Customs and Carols \*

\*involves live music from Mike

Talks and associated workshops can be from 50 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours or all day!

Suitable for University of the Third Age groups, WI groups, local history societies, folk festivals, and schools.

Prices negotiable from £75 plus travel @ 40p per mile



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