

# NIGHT OF THE LONGWAYS DANCES IV

**CEILIDH, CONTRA & PLAYFORD**

**AN EXPLORATION OF DANCES FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**in the company of**

**MARK ELVINS**

**to the driving dance music of**

**STICK SHIFT**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Dancing Begins at 8.00pm**

**£9 (£7 concessions, EFDSS and LBC members)**

**Cecil Sharp House**

**2 Regent's Park Road, Camden, London NW1 7AY**

**Tickets on the door or in advance from [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)  
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## **THE NIGHT OF THE LONGWAYS DANCES IV**

**Longways dances trace their ancestry back to the English country dances first recorded in Playford's English Dancing Master of 1651. As well as constantly developing and evolving over the years, these English dances have travelled to France, around Europe, across to America and back again. With new dances being written and styles changing, there are nowadays several different strands of longways dances – the original Playford, English social dances, barndances, e-ceilidh and contradances. Bringing them all back together over the course of an evening was a tempting challenge that we just couldn't resist.**

**So, put on your dancing shoes, bring a partner or come on your own (you'll find dance partners here), and join us as we explore music and longways dances from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

### **MARK ELVINS**

**Over the years Mark has called at dance clubs, and folk dance festivals. Due to career and family commitments, Mark retired from calling in 2000 but returned to calling with Stick Shift at the 2009 Zesty Contra Weekend.. He is the author of two books of contemporary dances (with a third book due soon).**

### **STICK SHIFT**

**Regulars at Sidmouth Folk Week, London Barndance and other dance venues, Stick Shift is an exciting dance band that, like all the best overnight sensations, has evolved over several years. Holly, Nigel and Robbie share not only a wide range of musical influences and experiences but also an obvious delight in playing together. With Stick Shift driving the dancing, the funky rhythms and infectious melodies combine to give both dancers and listeners an exhilarating time - you'll enjoy the ride!**

