SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

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SUMMER PROGRAMME.

It is not too early to look ahead now to the Summer Programme. We hope that this summer we shall be able to have a lot more activities out of doors than we have had in previous years. Negotiations are going on for dancing in a number of Parks, although we are not quite sure yet where we shall be dancing. We hope to be able to have at least one of our Wednesday dances every month in the open air.

MORE MEMBERS PLEASE.

We ask all Members to bring the Society as well as our dances to the notice of their friends. We have at the moment about 80 members. This means that there are lots of people attending our dances who have not joined the Society, and we ask for your assistance in getting them to swell our numbers.

ESTONIAN DANCERS.

We have been very pleased to have had our Estonian friends instruct the advanced class in some of their dances on two occasions recently. The lucky few hope to be able to pass those dances on to the rest of the Society in the near future. In fact some of the very attractive yet simpler dances, like the Running Polka and the Viru Waltz are already being rapidly learnt at our dances by most members.

APRIL PROGRAMME. (Callers and Musicians given for each function)

INNS OF COURT MISSION, Broad Court, Drury Lane. 3.30.p.m.

Sunday 14th. ADVANCED CLASS (Invitation only)

" 18th. DANCE D.Rasbash, Bert Price, M.Pfeffer.

CARLYLE SCHOOL, Hortensia Rd. Cholsea, S.W.3. 7.0.p.m.

Wednosddy 14th DANCE I.Harriss, B.Price, K.Lee.

" 21st BASIC STEPS. M.Butterworth, I.Prebble, R.Sharp.

" 28th DANCE M.Hill, G.Noble, I.Prebble.

N.B. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON APRIL 7th.

CECIL SHARP HOUSE, Regents Park Rd.N.W. 6.30.p.m.

Sunday 4th DANCE D.Rasbash, H.Schuster, B.Price.

" 25th DANCE C.Fawkes, H.Schuster (Henry hopos to get a small orchestra for this dance)

LIBRARY

It has been suggested that we found a library on International Folk dancing which would be at the disposal of Members. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be any books with which to start it, books on International Folk Dancing being rather few and far between. If you come across any books which are likely to be of interest to the Society, it would be a great help if you would inform a member of the Committee. The Society has in its possession at the moment a number of American Periodicals, these are, however, too frail and irreplacable to be allowed outside the Committee.

YOUTH HOSTELLING

We are attempting to arrange at least one Youth Hostelling week-end every month. Small groups are going to Henley and Streatley on April 30th and May 1st, and to Patcham Arundel and Holmbury ever the Whitsun Week-end. Both these week-ends are going to be very energetic. In the former, the plan is to row down the Thames and also to do quite a bit of walking. If we can stand up, there will probably be some dancing at Streatley Hostel on Saturday night. During the Whitsun week-end there will be some fine long walks over the South Downs. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining accommodation at these Hostels, you stand the best chance of getting in if you book individually. In our next issue we will tell you about a suggestion of a whole week in the Peak District in the last week of August, if you are interested, please get in touch with Jean Palmer.