

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING.
NEWS SHEET

JANUARY,
1951

Hon. Treas; Mr. H.J.Price,
70, Meadowcourt,
S.E.3.

Hon. Sec. Miss M.J.Le Fort.
3, Selwyn Road,
Upton Manor, E.13.

CLASSES AT CARLYLE SCHOOL, HORTENSIA ROAD, CHELSEA, S.W. 7.30.p.m.-9.30.p.m.

WEDNESDAY	10th	GENERAL	Music by Mdm. Barbara
"	17th	ESTONIAN	" " " "
"	24th	SWEDISH	" " " "
"	31st	GENERAL	" " " "

ADVANCED CLASSES at CARLYLE SCHOOL.

FRIDAY	12th	POLISH	" " " "
"	19th	SWEDISH	" " " "
"	26th	KOLO	" " Records.

INNS OF COURT MISSION, DRURY LANE, W.C. 6.30.p.m. - 9.30.p.m.

SUNDAY	7th	Bert Price,	Jim Titheradge & Band.
"	14th	Ivor Sober,	" " " "
"	21st	Jim Titheradge	" " " "

PADDINGTON HALL, PORCHESTER HALLS, QUEENSWAY, BAYSWATER, W.2. 6.30.p.m.-9.30.p.m.

SUNDAY	28th	Charles Fawkes	Henry Schuster & Band.
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For the above dance, please remember to obtain your tickets in advance, as NO MONEY MAY BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR. Price of admission 2s.6d.

The HARROW GREEN FOLK DANCING GROUP at Trumpington Road School, Leyton, have resumed their Wednesday classes.

Will any Member able and willing to copy music for the Society please contact Bert Price.

A Personal Letter from the Chairman;

May I first wish you all happiness and prosperity in this new year? With a membership such as ours and the connections we have, we are in a singularly good position to give, as well as to receive, a great deal of enjoyment.

This, however, calls for some self-discipline. Amongst our members it is inevitable that we should have a small minority who put self first. Perhaps it is done subconsciously but done it certainly is and the result is unpleasant for members and for their guests.

On Sunday Dec; 17th at Paddington Hall a number of our Polish friends were present. Amongst the dances on the programme was Polonaise - the national dance of Poland for centuries and a nostalgic symbol for Polish people. Those of you who were present will know that some of our members elected to shout loudly and even to clap derisively at the efforts of some of the people on the floor. Could there be more unpleasant behaviour? Can we hope to build up friendship with the people of other nations in this way? How would we feel if we were exiles in a foreign land, had been asked to show our national dance - if we had one - and then were subjected to raucous laughter and shouting?

Do let us try and remember that, when we attempt the dances of any country except our own, we are putting ourselves in a position where our conduct must be unimpeachable. When, further, we wear the national costume of another country it is more than ever necessary that we should behave at all times with some decency and a measure of decorum. There is no room whatsoever for self-exhibitionism which is purely a mockery of another person's ideal.

Will you all please help to maintain the good name we have built up over the last four years and try to see that your Chairman's opening message for 1952 may be on a more pleasant note?

Charles Fawkes.



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