

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING
NEWS SHEET.

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S.E.3.

Hon. Sec; Miss M.J. Le Fort,
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CARLYLE GIRLS SCHOOL, HORTENSIA ROAD, CHELSEA.

Due to holidays, there will be no classes at this school.

INNS OF COURT MISSIONS, BROAD COURT, DRURY LANE, W.C. 6.0.p.m. - 9.30.p.m.

SUNDAY.	5th.	NO DANCE.			
"	12th.	M.C.	Bert Price	Music.	Jim Titheradge.
"	19th.	"	Ivor Sober	"	" "
"	26th.	"	Horace Maitlane	"	" "

The will be dancing every Wednesday at Trumpington Road School, Leyton with the Harrow Green Folk Dancing Group.

Dances on the Rector's Lawn will be arranged if possible by a Member of the Imperial College and will be announced at Inns of Court.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

All Members are reminded that the Society's year ends on August 31st and subscriptions automatically become due.

In accordance with the Constitution the present Committee will be retiring and nominations for Office Bearers, Members of the Committee and resolutions for the General Meeting, must be received in writing by the Secretary not later than August 15th.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

So far this month we have given three demonstrations. Two of these took place on Saturday July 7th.

(1) at St. Johns Vicarage, Enfield. This was a return visit. It was a pleasure to dance on the lovely lawn; but Lily Day gave a dramatic finish to the demonstration by gracefully fainting at the last minute of the last dance, which happened to be Hopak.;;;

(2) We were whisked from Enfield to Wapping for our second demonstration in two cars provided by the Wapping people. The second car was involved in a collision just to add to the excitement of the day. Luckily from my point of view, Dr. Ivor Sober was one of the four involved and he was able to convince the ambulance folk that no bones were broken and that hospital treatment was not necessary; so the demonstration was able to take place - only half an hour late. A triumph for all concerned. The dancing was greatly appreciated by the Wapping people, this again was a return visit, and they hope we will make this an annual event - but not the accident.

(3) This demonstration was for the Harrow Green Folk Dancing Group. The evening was broadly Central European and very broadly as far as my programme was concerned, for I included, Estonian, Polish, and Russian.???

My thanks to the teams who danced this month - we really are getting quite punctual.

We have one more demonstration this month (JULY) on the 28th at Leyton Orient

Margery Latham.

A Special Announcement to All Members

From CHARLES FAWKES AND BERT PRICE:

You will be interested to hear that we have been asked by the Secretary of the United Nations Students Association to assist him in organising a Folk Dancing evening at the Albert Hall on Monday, October 22nd.

The object of the evening is to demonstrate in a practical way the friendship that can exist between the peoples of many different countries. The week which starts on that Monday is to be known and publicised as the United Nations Week and many official functions will take place.

U.N.S.A. has invited the following Embassies to take part: India, Indonesia, Turkey, Iran, China and Brazil. India and Indonesia have already offered full co-operation - India being able to let us have a party of dancers in costume and Indonesia being willing to let us have a party of musicians as well as dancers.

Now, we are naturally extending a similar invitation to our Society and we are promised in addition a party of Polish and a party of Estonian dancers. Jack McConachie is going to do two solo dances and Patrick Shuldham-Shaw is willing to lead and call an American Square.

The Programme cannot be worked out in full detail until all who have been asked have stated what they are willing to do but U.N.S.A.'s idea was that we should ask the S.I.F.D. to act as what might be called a chorus and to dance various dances between those by 'foreign' groups. In addition to this a specially trained demonstration group of the S.I.F.D. will show several of our dances.

Run by U.N.S.A. with their vast connections this must, automatically, be a 'big' affair and will be a wonderful chance for all our dancers and a grand boost for S.I.F.D.. Remember that all the dancers not having to change costumes will be on the floor the whole time and will be able to get a wonderful view.

There are six thousand seats in the Albert Hall and very many important people will be asked so we do ask you all to give every bit of assistance you can in learning the dances as thoroughly as possible and attending for rehearsals when asked. Full details of the programme will be made available as soon as they are worked out.

CHARLES FAWKES
BERT PRICE

From THE COMMITTEE OF THE S.I.F.D.

The Committee will notify members chosen for demonstration and chorus groups and also tell them their partner's name.

Such pairs should dance together as much as possible and all members selected for the demonstration groups or the chorus should do everything in their power to get costumes for themselves. Full assistance will be given by the Committee.

Please help us to make our biggest opportunity our biggest success.