

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

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PROGRAMME

Classes - A programme of classes for the first three months of the year has been arranged and details are given on a separate sheet.

Dances

Sundays - Inns of Court Mission, Broad Court, Drury Lane W.C.

6-30 to 9-30 p.m.

December 30	M.C. David Rasbash	Music Henry Schuster
January 6	M.C. Bert Price	Music Jim Tytheridge
13	M.C. David Rasbash	Music Jim Tytheridge
20	M.C. Michael Clarke	Music Jim Tytheridge

Cecil Sharp House, 2, Regents Park Road, W.C.1.

6-30 to 9-30 p.m.

January 27th M.C. Ivor Sober Music Henry Schuster

HARROW GREEN FOLK DANCING GROUP Trumpington Road School, Leyton  
(Trolleybus 685 or 687 from Leyton Station, Und.)

7-30 to 10-00 p.m.  
Wednesdays

January 9	General Dance and Class
16	" " " "
23	" " " "
30	" " " "

January 2 New Year's Dutch Supper Party. Will all who come please bring some cakes or refreshments and a wrapped present, of value not exceeding 2/6, clearly marked "male", "female" or "neutral". There will then be a small gift for everyone.

Saturday

January 19th General Dance. A large attendance is wanted so please bring your friends and come in costume.

Jack McConachie's Party

Jack McConachie is holding another party at Fred Tallant Hall, Drummond Street, N.W.1. (near Warren Street Underground Station) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 27th. We suggest that an excellent Sunday can be spent by dancing with Jack in the afternoon and at Cecil Sharp House in the evening.

English Folk Dance Festival

We are pleased to announce that the Society has been invited by Mr Kennedy to supply a team to dance Vava Vadmal at the E.F.D.S. Festival at the Royal Albert Hall on January 4th and 5th. This is a great honour since neither would we be asked, nor would we accept this invitation, without the knowledge that the dance is authentic and will be danced correctly, to the credit of the Society and with justice to the dance and to the country from which it comes. We hope there will be a big attendance of Society members at this Festival.

NOTE:- THE DANCE ON DECEMBER 30 WILL BE HELD AT INNS OF COURT MISSION  
NOT AT CECIL SHARP HOUSE

## DEMONSTRATIONS

Before I write about our only demonstration this month, I should like to add a little to my remarks on the last demonstration in November at Islington to the Guides and Rovers. This demonstration was recorded on a tape recording machine and we were allowed to hear it played back. Both Maurrie (who played) and I found it very instructive and we invited the young man responsible for it, Mr Donald French, to come along to Cecil Sharp House. He recorded two or three dances and played them back to Jim Tytheridge. We all learnt quite a lot about our faults and feel that this recording tape could help us to correct them. Our thanks to Mr Donald French for his enthusiasm and we hope that he will be able to co-operate with us on future occasions.

On Saturday, December 8th, we went to the Russian Relief Association at St Mary Abbots Hall, Kensington. It was from these people that we were able to borrow the Russian costumes used at the Albert Hall. As most of you know, Dr Cyriax made copies of the borrowed costumes for the Society. We now possess six male Russian costumes complete with boots. We did an ambitious programme of 22 dances, including Vo Sadu, Hopak, Krakowiak and Vava Vadmal. Our audience was extremely appreciative, and warmly hospitable, and we all enjoyed our evening very much indeed. Our very strenuous part of the programme was followed by ballroom dancing - to the Krakowiak music and a ballroom version of Karapet - all very interesting.

I should like to thank the seventeen members of the demonstration team who took part.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

MARGERIE LATHAM.

### Costumes

Margery and Irene are trying to find out where all the Society's costumes are. If you have any item belonging to the Society, will you please let one of them know as soon as possible.

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