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PROGRAMME.

CLASSES;- CARLYLE SCHOOL, HORTENSIA RD; CHELSEA, S.W.

There will be no general or advanced classes held during August. Classes will recommence on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th with a BALKAN CLASS.

DANCES;- INNS OF COURT MISSION, BROAD COURT, DRURY LANE, W.C.2. 6.30.-9.30.p.m.

SUNDAY. 3rd.	NO DANCE.				
" 10th.	M.C. JIMMY HARDING.	Music.	MOURRIE BFEFFER.		
" 17th.	" GEOFFREY ING.	"	"	"	"
" 24th.	" ---	"	"	"	"

CECIL SHARP HOUSE, 2, REGENTS PK: RD: N.W.2. 6.30. - 9.30p.m.

SUNDAY 31st. M.C. IVOR SOBER. Music HENSHOOTERS BAND.
Admission 2s.6d. members - 3s.0d. Guests.

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HARROW GREEN FOLK DANCING GROUP, will not be holding dances at Trumpington Road School during August, but open air dances might be held. If details of these arrive before this sheet is completed, they will be inserted.

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BALKAN CLASSES;- It will be a suitable opportunity for new members and their friends to begin to learn the intricacies of Balkan dances when the new term begins at Carlyle School on Tuesday Sept; 9th.

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DEMONSTRATIONS. Our demonstration team went to the Guide Headquarters in Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. on June 21st to show some of our simple dances to a group of Rangers. They were attending a one day lecture course in preparation for a visit to the Continent and it was thought that a knowledge of Continental Dances would be helpful to them. We held our informal class on the roof, (a flat one, I hasten to add, for the benefit of anyone who thinks we have taken to climbing) showing the dances first, then getting the Rangers to join in. I had a very enthusiastic letter from the Ranger Sec; saying how much they had enjoyed it.

We had time for a quick tea and a hurried change of the more conspicuous parts of our costumes, (the men still sported white socks and embroidered or lace edged shirts) and caught a bus to Highbury. Here we danced at a Scout Garden Fete, on a patch of grass which was very uneven despite the heroic efforts of the Boy Scouts with roller and mower. I understand that the fete was financially a success and our dancing added colour and gaiety to the afternoon. Thanks to the team for their "good deed". This was Richard Mattson's last demonstration before his National Service. We are sorry to lose him, he worked hard during his few months with the team and we look forward to the time when he can join us again.

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Margery Latham.

SURREY CREST. A very enjoyable week-end was spent at Surrey Crest on July 12/13th. Twenty five members and friends enjoyed a week-end of dancing interspersed with walking, attempted tennis playing and coffee drinking.

BONFIRE NIGHT. A dancing-cum-bonfire week-end is being arranged at Surrey Crest on November 8/9th. As the number of guests is limited it is essential that an early reservation should be made. The booking deposit of 7s.6d. should be paid or sent without delay to;-

Bill Hallam-Eames,
61, Isham Road, S.E.16.

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PUBLICITY. John Brown, a commercial artist member, has agreed to act as consultant and designer in all matters concerning publicity.

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BADGES. Members are invited to submit designs for a suitable lapel badge for the Society. These designs should reach the Secretary not later than 15th September.

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OPEN AIR DANCE. A dance will be held in the enclosure in RUSSELL SQUARE on THURSDAY 7th AUGUST at 7.30.p.m. price for admission will be 6d. each.

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The method which has been used hitherto for the election of the committee is considered unsatisfactory when one candidate is standing for election to more than one position. For example, if a member is standing for the chairmanship, he may also wish to stand for ordinary membership of the committee in case he is not elected as chairman. If he is in fact elected as chairman all the votes he receives for ordinary membership of the committee are wasted. It is therefore proposed that members be asked to express their order of preference for the candidates for each of the positions on the committee. The votes will then be counted for the chairman, secretary, treasurer and ordinary members of the committee in that order. As soon as any candidate is elected to an office, the votes for any subsequent position will be disregarded and the next highest preference of the voter will be taken in each case.

This new method will be tried experimentally this year and, if it is successful, a motion will be submitted to a General Meeting for the Constitution to be amended so as to include the precise method to be adopted. It should be pointed out that at present the constitution does not lay down in detail the method by which the elections shall be carried out. It is therefore in order to use this new method in the meantime without altering the constitution. Any comments on the proposal will be welcome.

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ALBERT HALL. As stated in our last month's News-sheet we have again been asked to dance at the United Nations Students Ass; Albert Hall Festival on October 23/24th. Will any member who has not already done so, please complete and return immediately, the form below to; Mrs. M.Latham, 381, St. Johns St; E.C.1.

23/24th

I would like to dance in the Albert Hall Festival on October 23/24th and will make every effort to attend all rehearsals.

I have a costume representative of (state the country)

I have not a costume, but am prepared to acquire one (delete if necessary)

NAME. Mr. Mrs. or Miss

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please also state (a) whether you would prefer to dance with a certain partner or not and (b) if so, give the name of the proposed partner.

DEMONSTRATIONS (CONT) On Thursday July, 17th a small team went up to Manchester at the invitation of Mr. Baldrey of the Sth. of Manchester Group, to meet the Danish Team, in whose honour he had arranged a dance. Laurence Howell nobly offered to take us in his 'bus' and we made record time, leaving London at noon and arriving in Manchester at 5.0.p.m. The first part of the evening was taken up with demonstrations by various National teams, besides the Danes; we enjoyed the vigour of their dances, as a result of watching them, we hope to improve our own dancing, we also watched a Ukrainian team, hence the speeding up of our Hopak tempo. It was a very entertaining and enlightening evening and we are extremely grateful to Mr. Baldrey enabling us to take part. Incidentally we left Manchester at 1.30.a.m. after a delightful supper party and arrived in London at 6.0.a.m.

On Sat; July 26th our demonstration team joined with Harrow Green in an afternoon of dancing at Leyton Orient Stadium. This as last year's effort was run by Marie Le Fort at the invitation of Leyton Borough Council. We actually only demonstrated 6 dances, but we spent a strenuous afternoon doing general dancing and American Square with whoever could be persuaded to come onto the grass. Despite the heat many people did join us and I hope we made many converts. My thanks to the teams for all their hard work.

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Margery Latham.

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

Hon. Sec; Miss M. Le Fort.
3, Selwyn Road,
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STOP PRESS. Harrow Green will be holding OPEN AIR DANCING on Wednesdays Aug; 13.20.27th on WANSTEAD FLATS, near the GREEN MAN, Leyton - no charge.



Mr J. Richardson
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