

# S.I.F.D.

NEWS # OCTOBER 1965



NORWAY

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the 10th October.

### CLASSES 1965/66

HUGH MYDDELTON SCHOOL, Corporation Row, E.C.1. (Farringdon Station or bus to Finsbury  
Town Hall).

Monday	Spanish	Beginners	19.00-20.00	Margaret Colato
		Intermediate	20.00-21.30	
Tuesday	Balkan	Beginners & Intermediate	18.30-20.30	Kenneth Ward.
		Advanced	20.30-21.30	
Wednesday	International	Intermediate & Demonstration	19.30-21.30	Margery Latham

CHRISTOPHER HATTON SCHOOL, Laystall St., E.C.1. (northbound buses 19, 38, 38A, 171  
or 172, alight at first stop in Roseberry Avenue).

*Monday	International	Beginners	18.30-20.30	Margery Latham
	Polish	Beginners	20.00-22.00	Betty Harvey
Thursday	Spanish	Advanced	19.00-20.00	Margaret Colato
		Flamenco	20.00-21.30	

CENTRAL CLUB, Y.W.C.A., Great Russell St., W.C.1.

Friday	International	Certificate class	20.00-21.30	Kathleen Munroe-James
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\* This class is arranged by the G.L.C.  
Light refreshments are available at all centres.

### IRISH FOLK DANCE AND SONG SOCIETY EVENTS

There will be a Folk Music Festival at Cecil Sharp House on the 16th & 17th October.  
Among other events there will be ceilidhs at 20.00 on the Saturday and at 18.00  
on the Sunday, at which there will be performances by those selected by the panel  
from the sessions of the same day. A leaflet with further information can be  
obtained from Cecil Sharp House.

There will be an Art and Photographic Exhibition at Cecil Sharp House from 9th Oct.  
to 6th November. The exhibits will mostly be concerned with folk subjects (dance,  
song, customs etc.,).

Other activities include the folk song cellar, various groups for musicians, American  
square dance evenings and opportunities to learn Playford, clog morris and sword  
dances. A card giving their autumn programme can be obtained from Cecil Sharp House.

### S.I.F.D. SHOWS

Two performances will be presented by the Society under the title of 'Folk Weave'.  
The first will be held at Rutherford School, Marylebone on Saturday 20th November  
at 15.00 and the second at the Commonwealth Institute on Friday 26th November at  
20.00. Tickets for the latter will be 5/- and 7/6.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The usual Secretary's Notes, giving information on what has transpired at our monthly Committee Meetings, will not be available this month as I shall be away on holiday for three weeks of September and shall be unable to attend the September Meeting. However, to keep you in the picture of what is going on, I give below a few notes written before leaving for sunny(I hope ) Athens.

One of the items on the Agenda for this month's meeting is to decide on a date for the next A.G.M. In accordance with the amendments made to the Constitution at the last General Meeting, the A.G.M. will be held later this year, probably towards the end of November. A new Committee has to be elected, and I would ask every member to think seriously about this and let us have your nominations promptly. It is up to each individual member to decide who they would like to see serving on the Committee, and who is best able to serve the S.I.F.D. by acting on the Committee.

We are very sorry to be losing one of our longstanding musicians and dancers, Mourie Pfeffer, who has been playing for us for a number of years. Mourie and Nora are moving to Manchester and will be making their home up there from September. Unfortunately, the Committee did not learn of this until rather late in the day and were unable to organise any sort of farewell party for Mourie and Nora. However, as a gesture of our appreciation of his help and support over many years, we felt you would like us to wish them "All the best" for their future, and to present Mourie with a cheque for £10 from our Society, as a small token of our appreciation. We are only sorry there wasn't time to buy a suitable memento.

Other items on our Agenda are our Show at the Commonwealth Institute in November and, of course, the preparation of our reports and accounts for the present Committee's term of office which is drawing to a close.

I hope you have all rejoined by now. Don't forget - Classes commence on the 27th September.

LILY SOUTHGATE  
Hon. Secretary.

The A.G.M. has since been fixed for 27th November - Ed.

Financial position:	Bank	£261 . 17 . 0
	Deposit Account	£844 . 2 . 2
	Cash	£ 37 . 7 . 0
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The £20 increase in the Deposit Account is due to Interest.  
ROLAND R. MINTON  
Treasurer.

1965-66 MEMBERSHIP FEES were due on 1st September. If you have not yet paid yours, please send it to the Treasurer without delay so that we can know how many copies of the News Sheet to print for November. This is the last issue to be sent to those who have not renewed their membership.

Will anyone who has a HARROW GREEN costume please return it to Len Pascoe.

G.F.D. Festival of Movement & Dance, Crystal Palace - 11 Aug. 65.

The Central Council of Physical Recreation invited the Society to present a dance item for the above event. Unfortunately owing to a minimum of 30 dancers being required, the day chosen being mid-week and the month August it was impossible to arrange. In order to keep the S.I.F.D.'s name in the public eye, Croxley Green Group offered to help. This was accepted and two items were performed, one representing Mexico, the other Israel. The matinee audience was sparse, though there were only a few empty seats in the evening.

I understand from onlookers that the seats were extremely hard - just wooden steps and not even a two hour 'leg show' would draw them to the Crystal Palace again!

Croxley Green's annual Summer Course in North Wales was made particularly popular by a vivacious and talented young lady from Mexico, who taught songs in Spanish from South America including 'Chacerera'.

Instead of performing on Rhyl skating rink this year, the group chose to entertain at various homes for the aged and sick. A very touching vote of thanks was given at one home by a dear old lady of 99 years, who thought it was time the B.B.C. heard something about folkdancing.

Several people have asked, "Who arranged the Swansea Course this year?"

Here are the facts:

Jack & Joan Richardson	Publicity and general organization
Kathleen Munroe James	Programme & part publicity
Margery Bracey	films
Margery Latham	Liaison

Costumes and slides were exhibited by Kenneth Ward, Simon Ward and Kathleen Munroe-James

Kathleen Munroe - James.

Mrs. E. Barber returned from Cyprus several months ago. Does anyone know her present address? We have not been able to send her recent issues of the News Sheet.

CONGRATULATIONS to Janice Franklin and Eric Craig on their wedding on the 25th September. We send them our very best wishes for the future.

Y.H.A. LONDON REGION FOLK DANCE AND SONG GROUP will hold their meetings fortnightly (starting 24th September) from 20.00 to 22.00 at Highgate Youth Hostel, 84 Highgate West Hill, N.6. (Archway station, Northern Line.)

Two pounds were collected and presented to MOURIE PFEFFER on his leaving London. He has our good wishes, and we hope we shall see him sometime.

We still have no 'letter of explanation' from Richard Beckford.

THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY apologises for not sending membership slips. As soon as he gets them from the previous membership secretary he will send them out.

We apologise for the late appearance of this issue of the News Sheet.

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From the beginning of November SUNDAY DANCES (except the last in the month) will be held in a new hall: The Dance Centre  
Floral St., W.C.2  
(near Leicester Square)

There will be a special dance for our first dance there on 7 Nov. The hall is new and has a very good floor. It is a condition of hiring that everyone must wear soft shoes, and in particular there will have to be a strict rule against stiletto heels.

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HENDON FOLK MUSIC CLUB is holding an International Folk Dance on Halloween Night, Saturday 30 Oct at 19.30 at the Hendon College of Technology, The Burroughs, N.W.4. Admission 5/-, which includes light refreshment. Station: Hendon Central (Northern Line).

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A NOMINATION FORM for proposing candidates for office in the Society in the coming year is attached to all News Sheets going to members. We remind those nominated, proposer and seconder that they must be paid-up members at the time of nomination.

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## Norwegian Mazurka

Handwritten musical notation for a Norwegian Mazurka in 3/4 time. The piece consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. It features a melodic line with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody, also containing triplet markings. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a final triplet of eighth notes.

## A. Norwegian Polka

Handwritten musical notation for a Norwegian Polka, labeled 'A', in 2/4 time. The piece consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is characterized by a steady eighth-note pattern. The second staff continues this pattern. The third staff concludes with two first endings, labeled '1' and '2', which lead to a final cadence.

Handwritten musical notation for a Norwegian Polka, labeled 'B', in 2/4 time. The piece consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is characterized by a steady eighth-note pattern. The second staff continues this pattern. The third staff concludes with a final cadence marked with a '7' and a double bar line, indicating a seventh chord resolution.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members into the Society:

Miss J. Brockbank	Miss Chris Raby
Miss Suzanne Clark	Miss Rae Raby
Miss Muriel Hart	Mr. Peter Reeve
Miss Pat Heaven	Mrs. Lorena Thomas
Miss M. K. Leighton	Miss S.R. Thompson
Miss Sylvia Parson	Mr. C. J. Trippett
Mr. & Mrs. K. Poyton	Mr. Toni Züger

Our DancesVII BALALAIKA DANCE GROUP

Our Gipsy Dance was taught to us by a Russian teacher, Anatol Smirnoff. In the beginning it was a boy and girl dance, but at that time the boys did not care for it, and so it became a girls' dance, done by either one or two. Gipsy dancing is of course more international than Russian, but it can have a distinctly Russian flavour, as the Moiseyev Group showed in their programme. It would be interesting to see whether for instance Spanish gipsies could join in this dance, or Russian ones into a Spanish routine.

To dance any gipsy dance one must feel free, abandoned, and in turns deeply melancholy or axuberant, with very quick changed of mood. The rhythm is very subtle and tricky, and it is surprising what difference it makes when the dance is done with tambourines instead of just clapping hands. The music for this is "Two Guitars", a Russian tune specially arranged for this dance, starting very slowly and building up to a fast climax.

JENIA GRAHAM  
Secretary, Balalaika Dance Group.

## NEW MUSICIAN

Bernard Dixon is a first-rate accordionist with experience especially in Scottish. He has been a member for some time but has only recently moved to London from Newcastle - on - Tyne. The first time he will play for us will be at Roland House on the 24th Novembef.

HARROW GREEN'S CHRISTMAS DANCE & PARTY will be held on Friday the 10th December in York Hall which is in the Oxford House in Mape Street E.2. (off the Bethnal Green Rd; station: Bethnal Green). There will be dancing, music, songs and games, with entertainers invited from outside the group. All are welcome to what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

THE POLISH CLASS has a NEW TEACHER this year. This is a good opportunity for members wanting to increase their repertoire.

## SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING - THE COMMITTEE

Chairman:	Mrs. Margery Latham, 14 Beechwood Ave., Kew, Richmond, Surrey.	Home: PRO 7055 Work: WHI 9000 ext. 701
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Other Committee Members	Marjorie racey Kay Modi	Peter Colato Ken Blackwood

## SUNDAY DANCES IN OCTOBER

19.00-21.30

Cecil Sharp House (Regents Park Road, Station : Camden Town)  
31st. October M.C. , Admission: Members 3/-, Non-members 3/6

Roland House (Stepney Green, Station : Stepney Green; walk westwards along the Mile End Road till you come to Charrington's Brewery, opposite this (i.e. on the left) is a sign which points to Roaland House down a narrow street. Roland House is on the left; entrance is through an archway to the hall behind.)  
Admission: Members 2/-, Non-members 2/6.

3 Oct	Stephen Ward	Cliff Beck
10 Oct		Alan Corkett
17 Oct		Wilf Horrocks
24 Oct		Bernard Dixon