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This month's cover design is by David Dewhirst and shows  
St. Nicholas riding through the streets of Holland.

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WOULD ANY MEMBERS WHO CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS PLEASE NOTIFY EDWINA AND MICHAEL HOLDUP,  
16 NETHERBY GARDENS, ENFIELD, MIDDX. AS WELL AS THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

## Secretary's Notes

At the November meeting the Committee spent quite some time debating the Treasurer's report and accounts, together with other current topics in preparation for the A.G.M., which takes place on Sunday, 1st December. By the time you receive this copy of SIFD NEWS, you should have received your papers for the meeting, which we hope will be well attended by a representative number of members.

As a result of a question recently put to us by one of our group leaders, we realise we have little information about special events, dances, etc. which are being held around the country. We feel it would be helpful to keep a central diary, to aid forward-planning and help to keep key events from conflicting. Frank Flanagan is willing to keep such a record if organizers will send information through to him. His address is: 124 Fairbridge Road, Upper Holloway, London N.19. Telephone (evenings): 01 272 5003.

EDNA FOSTER  
Hon. Secretary

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### POLISH JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 1980 AT 2.30 P.M.

AT BROMLEY PUBLIC HALL, BOW, E.3.

Once again, "JACY TACY" will be holding one of those celebrated Jumble Sales! Funds are required for renovating and renewing some of our costumes (in use now for a very long time) and for more extensive recording of our music.

If you have any old clothing, books, bric-a-brac, etc. you would like taken off your hands, please contact any member of the Group or me - Betty Harvey.

Tel: 01 980 9650.

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### THE MONTHLY FRIDAY CLASS AT CHEQUER CENTRE

The programme for the next two monthly Friday classes at Chequer Centre are:-

30th November Serbian dances plus, if there is time, Basque Bastan Dantza, Hegi, Fandango.

4th January Czech dances plus, if there is time, Syrtos, Tsamikos, Pentozale and Daichevo.

Everyone welcome. 6.45 to 9.30 p.m. Chequer Centre, Chequer Street, off Whitecross Street, off Old Street, London, E.C.1.

## VISITING TEACHERS

In response to the Secretary's request for comments, I wrote the following to the Committee. Perhaps other members would like to raise the subject as a talking point at the A.G.M. this month.

"Re the question of paying for teachers from overseas; I feel that it would be in the SIFD's best interests, and keep up the aims of the SIFD, to grasp as many opportunities as possible of learning authentic folkdances from national teachers. This can be done in different ways:-

- 1) Bringing national teachers over specially.
- 2) Taking advantage of national teachers already over here on a visit or passing through.
- 3) Encouraging our own English SIFD teachers who specialize in a country's dances to visit that country to collect material.

It is only in these ways that we are going to add to our repertoire and find good material for our books and records, and I feel we should do everything we can to further our interests in these directions. However, it needs careful selection of teachers, and also the way in which these aims are implemented.

### Bringing national teachers over specially.

We do already pay fares and expenses for one or two teachers to come every other year to our Summer Schools, which is a good thing and I think should continue. It is a big advantage to have them here for a whole week so that we can learn the dances properly. The only criticism I would make is that the taped music provided at the end of the session is not always of good enough quality.

### Teachers who are here on a visit or passing through.

Here, we would not have to pay their fares, and the SIFD does, I feel, have sufficient funds to pay them a fee for a day's course but we would have to decide what would be a reasonable fee; we would have to be sure that they are good teachers and their material is authentic; we would have to be sure that music would be available to us, both notation and records/cassettes - in other words that we are getting value for money.

Whether it should be a Day or a Weekend Course could be discussed, but would depend on what time the teachers have available. Also, to book a weekend residential course would probably not be practicable as these weekends have to be booked a year or more in advance and we do not usually have that much notice. I do not think we should take any of the weekends that we usually book during the year with Jack Richardson, Roy Clarke and Michael Clark, as one member suggested. These weekends are a very enjoyable mixture of social dancing, some teaching, some walking, some social gathering for pleasure etc., and not "workshop" weekends. If working weekends are to be arranged they should be kept quite separate and at a place where we can accommodate the largest number of people.

As regards a venue for Day Courses with these teachers, obviously the Londoners come off best. However, I noticed at the Romanian Course in London last month

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that, in addition to several London-based teachers, there were also teachers/group Leaders from Sheffield, Cambridge, Birmingham, Barnet. If we agreed to pay the fares of some selected teachers, this would go some way to help.

Our own teachers.

We have some good, dedicated teachers who could perhaps be subsidized to attend folk "workshops" or visit recognised groups, or use their own contacts, in Europe, and bring back dances, music and costumes which would be available to the SIFD for teaching at our Day Courses etc. The committee would have to invite applications from our recognised certificated teachers and consider each application and whether to grant a subsidy and how much. Obviously we would have to limit the number of grants and also the amount of money available.

I hope the above comments will be of some use to the committee."

LILY SOUTHGATE

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SOME DREAMS DO COME TRUE!!

For several years I attended Committee Meetings of S.I.F.D. and asked time after time, "Could we not have a special Day Course for schoolteachers?" At last we have had one.

It always seemed such an obvious thing for us to do, and now that it has happened it seems even more obvious. There were about three dozen teachers present when three of our best teachers taught a dozen favourite dances from our books and records. It was a success.

I spoke to a number of the teachers who had never heard of the S.I.F.D. before, and they were all very pleased with the Course. Mr Hall, of Ealing Borough, was sincere in expressing his appreciation at the end, on behalf of all the pupils. Well deserved appreciation, for this Society now knows a lot about running Day Courses.

It is an added bonus that about £140 was spent on books and records; and leaflets were taken by the score.

Can we have another - soon?

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WILL GREEN

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Brian and Elizabeth Dowsett have moved, and now live at "Latchwood", 75 Fordwich Rise, Hertford, Herts. Tel: Hertford 52717.

S.I.F.D. DAY COURSE - CZECH

Hedy Fromings, from the Kensington Slavonic Dancers, will be teaching the following dances for the S.I.F.D. Day Course to be held on SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER 1979 :-

Bohemian: Hulan  
          Doublenska Polka/Strasak (if time)

Moravian: Mazurka  
          Cobbler's Dance

Slovak: Tancuj  
          Helpa Czardas  
          Trencin (if time)

at Hugh Myddelton School, Corporation Row, Clerkenwell Green, London E.C.1.  
from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Fee: £1.00 S.I.F.D. members, £1.50 non-members.  
Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

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FUTURE S.I.F.D. DAY COURSES

The following S.I.F.D. Day Courses have been arranged for the first half of 1980:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	
12th January	England	Peter Oakley
9th February	Denmark	Gaye Saunte
8th March	Hungary	Sybil Chapman
12th April	Russia	Jenia Graman
10th May	Switzerland	Robert Harrold
14th June	Catalonia	Lucile Armstrong
12th July	Bert Price Proficiency Award Examinations	

As usual, the Courses will be held at Hugh Myddelton School, Sans Walk, Corporation Row, Clerkenwell Green, London E.C.1. from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Fee: £1.00 for SIFD members, £1.50 for non-members. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

HALSWAY MANOR WEEKEND 2nd-5th MAY 1980

All those people who applied for the above Bank Holiday long weekend at Halsway Manor have had places reserved for them. There are still some vacancies at this delightful old Somerset manor house if anyone would like to join us for two or three days. It is still an official SIFD fixture; the only difference being that some enthusiasts have paid the initial block booking deposit instead of the S.I.F.D. paying it. The cost will be £34 plus not more than 50p to cover overheads, and will include accommodation and all meals from Friday dinner to Monday tea. Applications, with a £2 deposit please, to Michael Clark, 14 Weldon Close, Church Crookham, Aldershot, Hants. Tel: Fleet 4663.

## THE RAINMAKERS DAY COURSE AT BEDFORD

Way back at the beginning of this year, returning from a Cecil Sharp House Dance, three of us were throwing a few ideas about whilst weaving through the traffic back to Stevenage. Initially, we were planning our display and workshop to be held at Bedford College in September, organized by the Council of Sport with various other dance groups. This would be our third year of being involved in this annual event and we were concerned that each year at the end of the day we had been inundated with so many enquiries from dancers who lived within reasonable distance from Bedford, but too far from Stevenage. We felt there must be a way of introducing these enthusiasts to general international dancing, and decided on a Day Course in Bedford. We would need a school hall, a good all-round teacher preferably from the S.I.F.D., and as well as the usual help from our members we would need a modicum of luck to make the day financially viable. After pursuing our plans the great day arrived - 29th September 1979.

The venue was Dame Alice Harpur School situated in Bedford. The instructor was Janet Woolbar, renowned in the S.I.F.D for her expertise, assisted by Frank Flanagan and using the latest piece of equipment recently purchased by the Society, proving its worth in speed change, tone and volume. The day turned out to be really nice, and driving out to Bedford that fine September morning made us feel pleased with life and eager to get dancing.

Jill Bransby started the day off by introducing everyone to the Serbian Suite of dances and Niguno Shel Yossi. Then the local press reporter arrived and interrupted the proceedings by taking photographs and asking questions. Soon after this, Janet Woolbar took over, commencing with the two Estonian dances Oige Ya Vasemba and Raaksi Jaak. After a quick cuppa we were twisting and twirling to the two Swiss dances "Strompt em Babilee" and Scardanala. The Russian Lyrical came next, and what a joy to learn such a majestic dance properly, after having blundered around at Cecil Sharp House chancing our luck.

The Palestinian Hora, or New Kolo as some of us old'ns remember it, came next, and that was sufficient to tire most people until they had eaten their packed lunches outside on the terrace and lawn. The Israeli Lamidbar got us going nicely in the afternoon, followed by the Polish Lublin Polka. Another cuppa and then outside in the afternoon sunshine on the lawn for a recap. This was a really lovely way to finish a most successful day.

The members of Rainmakers worked hard in organizing the day. The school was exceptionally well kept and situated in nice surroundings. Frank Flanagan, as usual, did the right thing in the right place all the time, and last but certainly not least Janet Woolbar excelled herself in successfully adding more dances to our repertoire. Everybody attending, as well as the Rainmakers, expressed the view that this venture should not be the last as it had been most exciting and enjoyable.

ROY BOWTELL

ALL MATERIAL FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE MUST REACH THE EDITOR IN WRITING BY  
15TH DECEMBER



## S.I.F.D. BRANCHES

"SELPAR" (Midlands Branch of SIFD). Classes on Tuesday evenings in term time: 7.15 to 9 p.m. at Selly Park School, Stirchley, Pershore Road, Birmingham. Teacher: Miss S. Chapman. Further details from Rod Perkins, 30 Knighton Road, Bournville, Birmingham B31 2EH. Tel: 021 475 3440.

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"SELPAR" A.G.M. OCTOBER 20TH 1979

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year gone and our events and demonstrations have ranged from the sacred to the (profane?) secular. A grand evening was enjoyed at Alf Garton's Company dance, where we were the 'cabaret'; a convivial evening, when we entertained and were entertained by Stan Dewey's Wine Circle; King's Norton U.R. Church were our hosts for a Friendship evening; Gershwin's Wine Bar in Droitwich invited us to make an Hungarian evening... great fun, dancing in the open then imbibing in the Bistro! We also visited C.S.H. to demonstrate Hungarian village dances in July. This term a group has entertained patients at Rubery Hospital and our latest 'appearance' was for the birthday of the Young Wives' Club of Sparkhill Baptist Church. A busy year indeed.

To start the year off, though, our A.G.M. was held on the day of our Autumn Day-course, when Simon Guest, with Joan and friends, came to give us a day of French dancing. A lovely day, made all the more interesting by the photos and pictures Simon brought long. An important event was the 'Chairing' of the A.G.M. by the Chairman of the S.I.F.D....Simon. Thank you, Simon, particularly as that year was an important turning point for us.

Later in the year, Gaye Saunte came to give us our Spring Day-course; Danish dancing .. a good taster for this year's Summer School, and another most enjoyable time. The Polish group under Betty Harvey arranged a Polish/Hungarian day in which we joined together to learn and enjoy dances of those two countries. I'm sure the organisation of the day was very complex... it was very full, as were we after a splendid supper!

In the meantime, day-courses in London and elsewhere, and trips abroad, and our S.I.F.D. Summer School have kept some of us very busy indeed.

Our regular Tuesday meetings have kept up the numbers well, averaging 24, and the Wednesday group has also maintained its enthusiasm at Solihull. Now we need more groups starting up around the West Midlands. Live music is increasing in its range - thanks to the hard work of the 'Family Hunt'. We have finally achieved Branch status, which would not have been possible without the hard work of the Committee. As we now run on 'associated group' lines in the Institute, we are able to reduce the cost for members, include folks from outlying areas otherwise exempt from Birmingham classes, and generally widen our outreach. We are growing....we have our second infant member - David Kimball, who we hope will later join in with Gemma!

Thank you - to all Committee members and dancers, who have kept us going throughout a year that has not always been an easy one....oil strikes and recently bus strikes being just two of our problems.

My best wishes to everyone for the coming Selpar year.

Sybil Chapman.  
(Chairman).

## S.I.F.D. AFFILIATED GROUPS

BARNET INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB meets every Friday, 8 to 11 p.m., at Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone, Barnet, Herts. Leader: Brian Dowsett. Secretary: Janet Heathfield, 29 Cedar Avenue, East Barnet, Herts. Tel: 01 368 5345.

BARLOW INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday (except end of July and all August) at Wilbraham Road United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Withington Road), Chorlton, Manchester, from 7.30 to 10 p.m. Further details from Philip Lloyd, 268 Upper Chorlton Road, Manchester M16 0BN.

CANONS FOLK DANCERS meet every Tuesday 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Park High School (in term time only), Thistlecroft Gardens, Stanmore, Middx. Nearest station: Canons Park. For further information please contact the Secretary, Miss J.G.S. Goodman. Tel: 01 907 9857.

KENSINGTON SLAVONIC DANCERS (Czechoslovak dancing) meet every Wednesday at The Fox School, Kensington Institute, Kensington Place, London W.8. (Nearest underground: Nottinghill Gate) from 7 to 9.30 p.m. Beginners and Advanced. Tutor: Hedy Fromings. Tel: 01 699 8597.

HARROW GREEN FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Wednesday during term time at Daneford School, Turin Street (off Bethnal Green Road) London E.2. 7 to 9.15 p.m. General International with some English. Tutor: Kelsey Blundell plus occasional guest teachers. For further information contact the Secretary: Alex Beauclerc. Tel: 01 701 3785.

NUTBROOK INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., except August and Bnuk Holidays, at Kirk Hallam Community Centre, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Secretary: Gillian Coulton, 53 Tulip Road, Awsworth, Notts. Tel: Ilkeston 303665.

WOODVALE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday at Borough Green Village Hall, 7.45 to 10 p.m. Secretary: Miss Sue Douglas, 20 Normanhurst Road, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

RAINMAKERS CLUB FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall, Albert Street, Stevenage. Secretary: Mrs. S.M. Leavy, 40 Shephall Green, Stevenage. Tel: Stevenage 65918.

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### CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Hilda and Roger Sturge, who run a group in Bristol, have now changed their telephone number. The new number is: 0272 621802.

S.I.F.D. ASSOCIATED CLASSES

DANISH

Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Kidbrooke School, Corelli Road, London S.E.3. Tutor: Gaye Saunte. Tel: 01 318 0237.

ISRAELI

Wednesday evenings. Beginners 7 to 8 p.m. Advanced 8 to 10 p.m. at Kidbrooke School, Corelli Road, London S.E.3. Tutor: Gaye Saunte. Tel: 01 318 0237.

Wednesday evenings. Basic Israeli Dance Course 6.15 to 7.15 p.m. Advanced 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Henry Fawcett School, Bowling Green Street, Oval, London S.E.11. Tutor: Fiona Howarth. New members should consult Fiona before enrolling for the Advanced Class.

POLISH

Monday evenings. Beginners 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Intermediate 8 to 9 p.m. Advanced 9 to 10 p.m. at Christopher Hatton School, Laystall Street, Rosebery Avenue, London E.C.1. Tutor: Betty Harvey.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL

Wednesday evenings. Beginners 6 to 7 p.m. General & Advanced 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. at St. Albans School, Baldwins Gardens, London. Tutor: Janet Woolbar.

Monday evenings. Beginners 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. (two classes 15-30 and over 30s).  
Wednesday evenings. Advanced 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Rutlish School, Watery Lane, London S.W.20. during term time. Contact: Charles Steventon. Tel: 01 542 3831.

YUGOSLAV

Tuesday evenings. Beginners and Intermediate 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. Advanced 8.30 to 9.30 p.m. at West Square Branch of South Bank Institute, St. George's Road, London S.E.1. Tutor: Ken Ward. Secretary: John White, 10 Durnsford Avenue, London SW19 8BH (01 947 2417).

EASTERN EUROPEAN

Tuesday evenings, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. at St. Marylebone School, 64 Marylebone High Street (off Baker Street) London. Tutor: Alan McLean.

HUNGARIAN(including Transylvanian)

Friday evenings, 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Millbank School, Erasmus Street, Pimlico, London (behind Tate Gallery and 5 minutes from Pimlico Station). Tutor: Alan McLean.

## SUNDAY DANCES

- Dec. 2nd Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.1.  
M.C. Frances Horrocks - Lines and Circles. "Flavour of the month", Balkan.
- Jan. 6th Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.3.  
M.C. Ernie Nolan, with Woodvale Group. Please wear costume to make this a "special" evening.
- 7 to 10 p.m. Admission 50p SIFD members, 75p non-members.

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## WHAT'S ON

- Dec. 1st HALF-DAY COURSE IN ESTONIAN DANCING at Watford Central Library, upstairs (use side entrance), 1.45 to 4.45 p.m. Tutor: Aily Elstraat. Musician: Wilf Horrocks. Admission 50p.
- Dec. 1st BALKAN PARTY at Johanna School, Johanna Street, London S.E.1. Tickets from Fred Wood, Tel: Orpington 27363 (Home), Erith 47724 (Office).
- Dec. 1st to Jan. 31st GREEK FOLK ART. An exhibition of Greek folk costumes, jewellery, embroidery, weaving etc. at Horniman Museum, London. Also lectures on Traditional Greece (Dec. 1st) and The Islands of Greece (Dec. 8th) at 3.30 p.m. at the Museum. Admission free.
- Dec. 2nd S.I.F.D. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 4.30 p.m. Cecil Sharp House.
- Dec. 8th S.I.F.D. CZECH DAY COURSE. See page 6.
- Dec. 14th CHRISTMAS PARTY organized by Barnet International Folk Dance Club, at Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone, Barnet, Herts. 8 to 11 p.m. M.C. Henry Morris, with music by Dunav Balkan Group. Tickets £1 (50p for under 15s) available from Janet Heathfield, 29 Cedar Avenue, East Barnet, Herts. (s.a.e. please) or reserve by telephone, 01 368 5345.
- Dec. 14th/16th WEEKEND AT DUNFORD
- Dec. 19th GREEK FOLK MUSIC at Purcell Room, Festival Hall, London, 7.30 p.m. For details, ring Greek Embassy, Press & Information Office, 01 727 8040.
- Dec. 29th/31st K.L.S.TKA COSSAKS. Traditional Russian, Ukrainian, Georgian and Moldavian songs, music and dances. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, 7.45 p.m. Tickets £1.90 to £3.80 (7.15 p.m. on the 30th).

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## ADVANCE NOTICE

Barlow Group, Manchester, will be holding their Mid-Season Dance on 12th January 1980 at Allen Hall, Wilmslow Road, at 7.30 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

LITHUANIAN

Linksmu sventu Kaledu ir Laimingu  
Nauju Metu

GERMAN

Frohliche Weihnachten und ein  
Glueckliches Neues Jahr

ESTONIAN

Roomsaid Joulu Ja Uut Aastat

DUTCH

Zalig Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig  
Nieuwjaar

HUNGARIAN

Boldog Karacsonyi is Ujevi  
Unnepekot

SWEDISH

Glad Jul och ett Gott Nytt Ar

POLISH

Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i  
szczesliwego Nowego Roku

GREEK

Kala Christougena kai Eftikhes to  
Neon Ethos

UKRAINIAN

Veselykh Svyat i scaslivooho Novoho  
Roku

TURKISH

Yeni Yilinizi kuthar. Saadetler Di-  
lerim

SLOVENE

Vesele Bozicne! Srecno Novo Leto!

HEBREW

Mo'adim Lesimkha

SPANISH

Feliz Navidad y prospero Ano Neuvo

ARMENIAN

Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Peri  
Gaghand

CATALAN

Felic Nadal i Any Nuo

JAPANESE

Shinnen Omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto

ITALIAN

Buon Natale e felice Capo d'Anno

SWAHILI

Furaha Nyingiza Siku-kuu. Raha  
Nyingiza Duhosa.

ROMANIAN

Sarbatori Fericite. La Multi Ani!

ALBANIAN

Kreshendalat dhe. Motin e ri

FRENCH

Joyeux Noel et heureuse Annee

Gezuare

