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A FIXTURE DIARY for organizers to check for duplication on dates, and also to confirm those arranged by them, is kept on behalf of the S.I.F.D. by Frank Flanagan. His address is: 124 Fairbridge Road, Upper Holloway, London N.19. Tel: 01 272 5003 (suggested time to ring - between 5 and 6 p.m.).

Enquiries and orders for SIFD books, records and cassettes should be sent to Mrs. Audrey Whiteley, 16 De Vere Walk, Watford, Herts.

SIFD T-shirts, small, medium and large, available at £1.85 each from Kay Leighton (address above). Cheques and Postal Orders to be made out to S.I.F.D.

This month's cover is by Dorothy Bryan and shows dancers from Sardinia.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

At the January meeting the Committee dealt with matters arising from the Annual General Meeting, the Minutes of which will reach you shortly.

We gained the opinion from discussion at the A.G.M. that members would like us to engage national teachers from time to time, so long as we could be assured of their standard. We shall keep this guideline in mind. Details of an Armenian Workshop are included with this newsheet.

The Music Sub-Committee report that the recording has been made for our next E.P., and we hope to have it on sale by the middle of the year. We were pleased that Dunav Band were again able to provide the music for us.

Preliminary arrangements are in hand for the next Summer School to be held in Swansea in 1981. If you would care to make any suggestions for the course please contact Simon Guest or Jack Richardson.

I hope it is not too late to wish you all a happy New Year, with plenty of happy hours of dancing.

EDNA FOSTER
Hon. Secretary

POLISH WEEKEND 28TH/30TH MARCH 1980

"JACY TACY" are holding another Polish weekend on 28th/30th March 1980 at Clarence House, "A classical Queen Anne town house", right in the middle of Thaxted, Essex. All are welcome, but please send your bookings as soon as possible as the house only holds 37. Accommodation, although comfortable, is "hostel-type" in 3-4 bedded rooms. The cost will be in the region of £16 per person including meals. However, they do not provide a meal on the Friday evening - only coffee and biscuits during the evening, but food is available in local pubs.

Bookings can also be taken by the day, at a cost of £2.75 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. including coffee, lunch and tea; and £4 to include dinner and the evening. The house is available to us from 7.30 p.m. (not before) on the Friday evening until 3.30 p.m. on the Sunday.

Applications, which will be taken on a first-come first-served basis, should be sent, with a deposit of £3 made payable to "Jacy Tacy", to: Janice Wrench, 24 Alunthus Close, Lee, London S.E.12. Tel: 01 318 2470 (home) or (office) 01 636 1544 Ext. 573, emergency only please. Please state if you would be willing to take a late cancellation if you should not be successful with your first application, and include a telephone number where possible, so that we may contact you at short notice.

Additional information from Janice Wrench or from Betty Harvey, 30 Regent Square, London E.3. Tel: 01 980 9650.

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: Sybil Chapman. Further details from Rod Perkins, 30 Knighton Road, Bournville, Birmingham B31 2EH. Tel: 021 475 3440.

BERT PRICE PROFICIENCY AWARD SUB-COMMITTEE

From 1st January 1980, Charles Steventon has resigned from Chairmanship of the above Sub-Committee - having completed his "stint". Frances Horrocks has kindly agreed to be Chairman.

Speaking now personally as "Steve", I should like to thank all the members of the Sub-Committee, past and present, for their willing help in connection with Day Courses and Proficiency examinations. May I also wish Frances every success in her new position.

STEVE

SHORT COURSE IN BALKAN, GREEK AND TURKISH

The Clapton Adult Education Institute are running a short course in folk dances from the Balkans, Turkey and Israel :-

Six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., starting on TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, at Clapton Adult Education Institute, Upton House School, Homerton High Street, London E.9. Tel: 01 985 1135. Course fee: £2.40.

The tutors will probably be:- Chris Gunstone (Macedonian & Greek)
Sait Serifoglu (Turkish)
Fiona Howarth (Israel)

but these are not definite at the time of printing, and a more detailed list can be obtained by telephoning Mr. Donald Kenrick on the above number.

GALICIAN DANCE GROUP

An all-Galician Dance Group (Spanish nationality) with two drummers and two bagpipers, live in London and perform traditional Galician dances. If any group would be interested in contacting them with a view to asking them to take part in a local festival, or to teach at a day course, etc., would they please write to Chris Gunstone at 75 Baizdon Road, Blackheath, S.E.3. (enclose a stamped addressed envelope please).

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"OLÉ ESPANA", read the notice at Stoke Newington Assembly Hall in North-East London; - a most unlikely place to find a Spanish fiesta. The dancers, the notice went on to say, were to be led by no less than MANOLO, the celebrated Spanish Flamenco dancer.

A few people arrived outside the Assembly Hall some forty minutes before opening time, to be joined gradually and at more and more frequent intervals by others, eager to rush in to take the best seats with their free tickets (all the concerts are free in Hackney).

The atmosphere in the hall was cold, and the decor rather dusty and shabby. People shuffled around to find the best positions, and became rather noisy as they waited for the curtain to go up.

The programme, a folded duplicated sheet, gave no details of the names of the dances we were to see, but bore the names of the dancers - Castilian names, Valencian names, Andalucian names - conjuring up pictures of groups of fiery dancers from bodegas and tavernas.

Some twanging of guitar strings being adjusted, clatter of castanets being tried out, and then the curtain rose, to discover a line of seated dancers - seven girls, two men, plus the celebrated MANOLO, a group of guitarists and three singers. There was little in the way of "props" but they were not needed as the colours of the costumes were vivid and, indeed, garish, shouting to be admired. All the dancers rose from their seats to take up their position for Sevillanas, to open the Show; then, one after the other, the girls and men each got up in turn to perform their solo items. The musicians were excellent, as were the singers, but at first the atmosphere was rather dead and the pace slow and not very inspiring. Then Manolo took the stage and danced superbly. It was getting more exciting.

Then, gradually, the dancers began to get the feel of the show; the audience was totally attentive, the pace quickened, and by the time the interval came they were really captured by this talented group.

In the second half, the dancers really let their hair down (literally in some cases) and Manolo excelled himself in his leaps and turns, and controlled zapateado. All the girls were good in their execution of steps, hand movements, castanet playing, and interpretation of the music; some were even better than the others; one girl was outstanding and it was she and Manolo who, dancing together, provided the climax, which really was Spanish dancing at its best. The musicians and singers provided expert accompaniment, and the whole Show was a resounding success.

It really didn't matter that the dancers were, in fact, English, and that during the daytime they were secretaries, clerks, and Manolo an East-End barrow-boy, for on stage they really do become - MANOLO, the celebrated Spanish flamenco dancer, and his Company.

LILY SOUTHGATE

ALL MATERIAL FOR THE MARCH ISSUE MUST REACH THE EDITOR IN WRITING BY
15th FEBRUARY

"JACY TACY" HALF-DAY COURSE IN POLISH DANCE, FOLLOWED
BY AN EVENING PARTY

to celebrate their 15th year as a group.

on SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH 1980, at MOORFIELD SCHOOL, BUNHILL ROW, Nr. OLD STREET
LONDON E.C.1.

Afternoon Course: 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Cost: 50p (at door).

Amongst dances to be taught/revised will be:-

Sztajerek }
Krzyzok } Sacz Region

Walc }
Polka } Lublin Region

Lasowiak
Krakowiak

It is also hoped to fit in some new material.
Teachers: Betty Harvey and Janice Wrench.

Party:

6.45 to 10.30 p.m. Dancing will be from other
East European countries, including Hungary, Romania
and Yugoslavia, as well as from Poland.

Cost: £1, including refreshments. Tickets in advance
only (numbers are limited). Stamped addressed envelope
to: John Gilliam, 25 Northwood Road, Carshalton Beeches,
Surrey. Tel: 01 647 6148. Cheques payable to Jacy Tacy.

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SIFD DAY COURSE IN DANISH DANCES
SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

This month Gaye Saunte will be teaching the dances required for the Danish
Silver Badge. They are:

Menuet }
Sving Kontra } Compulsory
Mellem Kagel Og Vaeg }
Treting }
Feder Mikkell }
Sekstur 2 } Choice of three
Hornfiffen }
Jødetur(Mors) }

Gaye will also teach Rheinlaender Polka, Rheinlaender Familie and Sekstur I
as general warming up dances.

As usual, the course 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 for
SIFD members, £1.50 for non-members. Tea and coffee available. Please bring a
packed lunch.

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 Bank Holidays, at Kirk Hallam Community Centre, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Secretary, Gillian Coulton, 53 Tulip Road, Awworth, 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.

FOLKESTONE DISTRICT NATIONAL DANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday during school terms, 7.30 to 9 p.m. at South Kent College of Technology, Folkestone. Leader: Olive Field. Secretary: Frances Cox, 24 Darnley Close, Folkestone. Tel: Folkestone 39774.

OXFORD INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Monday, 8 to 10 p.m. at Blackfriars, 64 St. Giles, Oxford. European, English, Balkan and Israeli. For further information contact Miss Diana Jean Porteus, 105 Southmoor Road, Oxford. Tel: Oxford 57543.

WYCOMBE FOLK DANCE CLUB meets every Monday except Bank Holidays from September to mid-July at The Guildhall, High Wycombe, Bucks. Leading instructor: Marion Gerson. Chairman: Ken Poyton. Tel: Marlow 2194.

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, E.C.1. 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

Feb. 3rd Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.1.
M.C. Simon Guest.

Mar. 2nd Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.1.
H.C. Gaye Saunte.

7 to 10 p.m. Admission 50p SIFD members, 75p non-members.

WHAT'S ON

Feb. 9th S.I.F.D. DANISH DAY COURSE. See page 6.

Feb. 14th CONCERT OF DANCE. 300 children, ages ranging from 6 to 16, present a variety of dances from home and abroad. Fairfield Hall, Croydon. 7.30 p.m. Tickets: Adults £1, children 50p.

Feb. 16th MUSIC IN A ROMANIAN VILLAGE. Lecture with colour films, slides and recordings. Horniman Museum, London. 3.30 p.m. Admission free.

Feb. 19th FOLK DANCE COURSE (Balkans, Turkey, Israel). The first of six Tuesday evenings. See page 4.

Feb. 23rd ARMENIAN WORKSHOP. Not yet confirmed at time of printing. It is hoped to enclose a separate sheet with this issue of SIFD NEWS.

Feb. 23rd LATVIAN FOLK MUSIC. Lecture with musical examples provided by the London Latvian Kokle Ensemble. Horniman Museum, London. 3.30 p.m. Admission free.

March 1st ISRAELI DANCE one-day course. Beginners and simpler dances for teachers. At Henry Fawcett School, Oval, London. Full details from Fiona Howarth, Tel: 01 460 0823.

THE MONTHLY FRIDAY CLASS AT CHEQUER CENTRE

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

1st February A French evening, with Simon and Joan Guest.

29th February Carinthian Landler, Greek, and, if there is time, revision of French dances.

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