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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 costumes from Romania.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The February Committee Meeting dealt mostly with routine matters, but I must draw your attention to some changes in our dates. The first Sunday in April falls on Easter Sunday; therefore our monthly Dance at Cecil Sharp House will be on 13th April, and for the same reason the Friday evening at the Chequer Centre has been changed to the 11th instead of the 4th April, which is Good Friday. In May, the first Sunday is also a Bank Holiday weekend; therefore the May Sunday Dance will be on the 11th and the Friday evening class at Chequer Centre will be on the 9th.

If after reading the Minutes of the A.G.M. there were some of you who doubted our need to increase subscriptions in September next, can I give you just one example of increasing costs? The new postage rates which apply from this week will cost us in the region of £90 a year extra just to post the SIFD NEWS.

You will recall that we have mentioned from time to time the renovation which is taking place on our costumes. One item we need is storage boxes. The present boxes are ex-laundry boxes. Does anyone have access to this type of box, or know where they can be obtained? Janet Woolbar or any member of the Committee would be pleased to hear from you.

Dorothy Bryan reported that membership now totals 380, and this includes 53 new members. We are very pleased to have you with us, and hope you will thoroughly enjoy your dancing.

EDNA FOSTER
Hon. Secretary.

S.I.F.D. BOOKS

The publishers of our books have felt compelled to raise their prices - an inevitable result of inflation. This, coupled with the recent increase in postage rates, has forced the Society to raise the price of its instruction books from £1 to £1.50, including postage. This increase will take effect immediately, although orders received on forms sent out before 4th February will be invoiced at the old price. For the present, prices for records and cassettes remain unchanged.

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH DANCE - 22ND MARCH 1980

The West Midlands Branch will be holding a Dance at Woodlands Park Hall, Woodlands Park Road, Bournville, Birmingham, on 22nd March 1980, from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. Cost: 50p (40p for SIFD members). Details/tickets from Rod Perkins at 30 Knighton Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2EH.

S.I.F.D. DAY COURSE IN HUNGARIAN DANCES

on SATURDAY, 8TH MARCH 1980

at HUGH MYDDELTON SCHOOL, SANS WALK, CORPORATION ROW, CLERKENWELL GREEN, E.C.1.

Tutor: Sybil Chapman
Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Fee: £1.00 for SIFD members, £1.50 for non-members

Tea and coffee available. Please bring packed lunch.

Dances to be taught will be:-
Konji Verbunk
Girls' dance from Kalocsa
Kupuvári Csárdás
Kor Csárdás
Hetlepes
Lassu Sergo
Slow and quick Csárdás

There will also be a revision period of the dances taught last time. The dances for the Silver Badge will be announced at the Course. The majority of Hungarian dances are performed in boots, and people attending the Course might like to bear this in mind when selecting suitable footwear for the day.

POLISH WEEKEND - 28TH/30TH MARCH

CLARANCE HOUSE, THAXTED

There are still (at the time of printing) a few places left. Details were given in last month's SIFD NEWS.

The programme will depend to some extent on the weather, but will provide, we hope, opportunity for walks around Thaxted, some Polish films, and of course plenty of dancing, Polish and other. Please bring a costume for Saturday evening, and remember to include a pair of hard-soled shoes in your cases. Dancing from 8.30 p.m. on Friday. Further details from, and applications to, Janice Wrench, 24 Alanthus Close, Lee, London S.E.12. Tel: 01 318 2470.

"JACY TACY" JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to those who contributed towards the above Sale. As a result of it the group have been able to augment their funds by more than £130.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Lily,

Once again the Minutes of the A.G.M. give me some cause for amusement. Protocol would have it that interested members who are unable to attend this meeting would offer their apologies for their absence and these would be duly noted in the Minutes, thereby getting their names in print. It could be viewed that the other 340 members, who are interested enough to join the Society, would have attended if at all convenient. Apologies for absence would automatically be accepted from those who could not attend and their names noted in the Minutes. (God help the typist).

But a fairer system, I feel sure, would be to name those who do actually attend, thereby glorifying their names forever.

It would appear that only 37 members were interested enough in the S.I.F.D. affairs to attend; the other 340 or so members who did not actually offer apologies could be deemed apathetic. I therefore propose that those who showed interest in the affairs of the Society shall continue to be known as the S.I.F.D. (Society for International Folk Dancing) and those that did not, form a new group, the S.A.F.D. (Society for Apathetic Folk Dancers).

When nominations for Chairmen arise I should like to be considered as I can guarantee my absence at every meeting (I hope the secretary turns up; I want my name noted as an apologetic absentee).

Yours sincerely,

DOUGLAS (tongue in cheek) WELLS

70 Finchley Park,
North Finchley, N.12.

CECIL SHARP HOUSE DANCE - 3RD FEBRUARY

What a super Dance it was at Cecil Sharp House on Sunday, 3rd February. There were smiles all round, and the evening went at a cracking pace. "Merton Parkers" voted it one of the best C.S.H. Dances ever! When Simon Guest is M.C. we always expect a good evening, and it certainly was on Sunday.

Being a General International Folk Dance Class ourselves, we were interested to see the Rainmakers demonstration. Jill Bransby confidently led a group of girls on to perform a Hungarian dance, followed by two couples who danced the English "Parson's Farewell" with precision and style. Then a group of bare-footed girls danced "Hava Nigela". A young girl showed us a clog dance, and the Group finished with Lubelska Polka. It was very well rehearsed and most enjoyable.

Let's have more Sunday dances like this!

JOY STEVENTON
Merton Park

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

to celebrate their 15th year as a group.

on SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

For a number of reasons, the JACY TACY Group have had to
change the date of the above Course and Party. It will now be held on
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL as above, and not in March as announced last month.

MEA CULPA

Contrary to the announcement in last month's issue, Fiona Howarth will not
be teaching Israeli dancing at Clapton Adult Education Institute. This
information was given to me by the Head of the Department at the Institute
and was accepted in good faith, but apparently Fiona had been asked but had
not been able to accept. My apologies to all concerned. ED.

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 Milbraham Road United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Withington Road), Chorlton, Manchester, from 7.30 to 10.00 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.C.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, 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.

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.

WEEKEND AND SUMMER COURSES IN FRANCE

Inter-Groupe Folklores are organizing various weekend and longer courses this Spring and Summer in France. Some of the courses are for music (hurdy-gurdy, violin, etc.) and others for folkdancing, including:-

Berry and Bourbonnais dances with Pierre Penis and the group "La Cavane de Montbel"

Catalan dances with the group "Els Pardalets del Rossillo"

Breton dances with Bernard Langlois

Bulgarian, Romanian, Hungarian, Austrian, Irish, Croatian, Greek dances, with various teachers.

Also Basque dances.

For full information, write to Inter-Groupe Folklores, 4 Passage Barrault, 75013 Paris, France. Write soon as some of the courses start in April.

THE MONTHLY FRIDAY CLASS AT CHEQUER CENTRE

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

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

11th April Programme not yet decided.

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

S.I.F.D. BRANCHES

"SELPAR" (West 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. Also a "Club Evening" on Wednesdays in term time. 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. at Lyndon School, Daylesford Road, Solidull. Further details of both from Rod Perkins, 30 Knighton Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2EH. Tel: 021 475 3440.

FOLK DANCE COURSES IN HUNGARY AND ROMANIA

Nicolai Apetri, who lives in Copenhagen but travels widely to make the necessary arrangements, will be organizing the following courses this summer:-

FOLK DANCE SEMINAR IN HUNGARY

Dates: (a) 6th to 20th July 1980 (b) 20th July to 3rd August
Venue: 5 days in Budapest, 9 days in Szekszard
Course: Folk Dance and Folk Art, Song, Music, Weaving, etc.
Accommodation: 2-3 bedded rooms in student hostel, full board.
Price: 1,900 Danish kroner; deposit of 200Dk by 1st March.
Price includes 'bus from Budapest to Szekszard and back.

FOLK DANCE SEMINAR IN ROMANIA

Date: 2nd to 16th August 1980
Venue: Oltenia or Sinaia in the valley of Prahova.
Course: Folk Dance and excursions to villages, monasteries, museums, costume-making co-operative, etc.
Accommodation: 2-bedded rooms in First Class hotel, full board.
Price: 1,900 Dk including 'bus from Bucharest airport or railway station, and all excursions etc.

If any members are interested, would they please contact Sybil Chapman and send a stamped addressed envelope. Her address is: 20 Pelham Road, Droitwich, Worcestershire WR9 8NT.

ED. NOTE: Readers will probably not receive the NEWS in time for deposits to be sent by 1st March, as requested for the Hungarian Courses. Please contact Sybil, if interested, to enquire whether late applications are acceptable.

CHILDREN'S FOLK DANCE CLUB

Readers within the Canterbury area may like to know of a children's folk dance club who meet every Saturday morning, 9.30 to 10.30, at St. Alphege Hall, King Street, Canterbury, Kent. Admission 20p including orange squash and biscuits. For further information, please write to Miss S. Linge, 22 Artillery Gardens, Canterbury, Kent. More members are always welcome.

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

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

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

April 13th Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.1.
H.C. Roland Minton "Musicians' Choice"

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

WHAT'S ON

March 1st & 29th HANA'AGAL ISRAELI WORKSHOPS & PARTY. Notices sent out last month. Enquiries to Fiona Howarth. 01 460 0823.

8th SIFD DAY COURSE, HUNGARIAN. See page 4.

10th FLAMENCO PLAYA DANCE COMPANY. An evening of flamenco music and dance, at Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, 7.45 p.m. Tickets £1.10 to £3.30.

22nd WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH DANCE. See page 3.

25th A SPANISH EVENING. Paco Pena and friends. Spanish music and dance, at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, 8 p.m. Tickets £1.50 to £3.

28th/30th POLISH WEEKEND. See page 4.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

"Selpar" will be holding a Day Course of Czechoslovakian dances (tutor: Hedy Fromings) followed by an Evening Dance on 19th April. Full details later.

ALL MATERIAL FOR THE APRIL ISSUE MUST REACH THE EDITOR IN WRITING BY 15TH MARCH