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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 Greece.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

At the Committee Meeting in April we spent some time discussing the future strategy for our books and records. In some cases, the quality of our master recordings is below standard and decisions will have to be made as to whether we produce more copies from the same masters, or set about re-recording, which could be a very costly exercise. A detailed review will be undertaken in the next few months, and if any members wish to express an opinion, Simon Guest or Frank Flanagan will be pleased to hear from you.

As I have mentioned previously, we will be launching a new record in the near future; masters are ready, and instructions - which will be included with the record - are at present being edited.

Dorothy Bryan reported that membership has gone up to 425 - with an influx of new members at the half-yearly point. We hope this upward trend will continue.

EDNA FOSTER
Hon. Secretary

S.I.F.D. SWISS DAY COURSE, 10TH MAY

The dances which I shall teach are all fairly easy, mostly couple dances in circle, squares, or "round the room" formation. Nothing difficult, but fun to do (I hope), and useful for teaching. Six of the dances are published in the book "Folk Dances and Costumes of Switzerland" which gives the music, notes, and lots of information, and will be available at £1.00. The dances include: La Quadrille, Scottish Joyeuse, Le Mariadzo, Polka Piquee, Montferrine for Four, La Vielle, plus several others not in the book - these you will need to write down.

Looking forward to seeing you all and to spending an enjoyable Swiss day. Firm shoes are advisable.

ROBERT HARROLD

As usual, the above S.I.F.D. Day Course will be held at Hugh Myddelton School, Sans Walk, Corporation Row, Clerkenwell Green, London E.C.1., from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30p.m. SATURDAY, 10TH MAY 1980. Tea and coffee available. Please bring packed lunch. Fee: £1.00 for S.I.F.D. Members, £1.50 for non-members.

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.

ASSOCIATED CLASSES, Contd.

TURKISH

Every Thursday in term time only, at Gateway School (Marylebone Evening Institute) Frampton Street, London (near Edgware Road Underground) 7 to 9 p.m. Tutor: Sait Serifoglu. Secretary: Pauline Welch, 15 Boleyn Avenue, E. Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.

IN APPRECIATION

I should like to thank Betty Harvey very much indeed for an excellently organized dancing weekend at Clarence House, Thaxted, 28th/30th March.

Friday evening started off the weekend with a very good varied programme of dances chosen by Janet Woolbar. Saturday morning and afternoon were most informative and enjoyable, when we learned dances from different regions of Poland, under Betty's guidance and instruction.

Peter Oakley kindly arranged a visit to the Guildhall, which is 600 years old, and we heard stories of some of the local characters in "days gone by". After tea (and I must say here that the food was plentiful and excellent) there were some Polish folk films to watch, and then we donned our costumes for the evening's dancing, which was a Pot Pourri. Peter put us through 6 or 7 English dances, George Sweetland revived for us a few we had forgotten, Janice Welch led us in the Balkan, and of course we did the Polish dances which had been taught earlier. (I hope Betty was pleased with us). The evening ended with a Polonaise.

Sunday was bright and sunny, so some went walking, others stayed behind to do some recording. Back for lunch, then to end the weekend we saw some more Polish films.

Thank you again, Betty and Co. I look forward to another Polish weekend.

MONA GRAHAM

MONTHLY FRIDAY CLASS AT CHEQUER CENTRE

On Friday, 9th May, we shall be doing East European dances at the monthly Friday class at Chequer Centre, Chequer Street, off Whitecross Street, off Old Street, London E.C.1., 6.45 to 9.30 p.m. It is hoped that Jenia Graman will be able to come along to go through some of the Russian dances she taught at the last Day Course, and if there is time we shall also cover some other East European countries.

On Friday, 30th May, the programme has not yet been decided but we shall possibly be going through the Swiss dances which Robert Harrold will be teaching us on 10th May.

Everyone welcome.

"JUST FOR THE RECORD"

Jenia Graman (see last month's SIFD NEWS) may be interested to know that there is a popular English dance called "The Fandango". It is a set dance for three couples and is dated 1774. It was found in the Apted collection of dances and is danced regularly in the English clubs around our district.

She might also consider that some of us, who already know that dances such as Karapyet, Korobushka and Russian Waltz are considered unauthentic, still enjoy dancing them and are grateful for the music and notation.

By the way, I learned some interesting "immigrant dances" in Canada when I lived there!

JILL BRANSBY
59 Baldock Road,
Letchworth.

ED. NOTE: I am sure that Jenia appreciates that we enjoy dancing certain dances even though we know them to be "unauthentic" folk dances; (we would also enjoy dancing the Foxtrot, the Charleston, and Disco) but as the "Society for International Folk Dancing" we do have a certain duty to perpetuate authentic folk dances, and it does no harm to have some of the 'bogus' dances pointed out to us, especially at a time when we seem to be rather swamped with them.

BERT PRICE PROFICIENCY AWARD

The next Silver Badge examination in the above scheme is to take place on 12th July 1980 at Hugh Myddelton School in London. The countries will be Denmark, Serbia, Hungary, England and Norway, and we hope to send out syllabuses with this NEWS. Application forms will be sent out next month.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tricia and Barney Salmon on the birth of their second son, Darren Martin, who was born on 25th March. Our very best wishes to all four of them.

ALL MATERIAL FOR THE JUNE ISSUE MUST REACH THE EDITOR IN WRITING BY 15TH MAY

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), Charlton, 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, 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.

AFFILIATED GROUPS - continued

HAVING INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Thursday, in term time, at Harold Wood Primary School, Recreation Avenue, Harold Wood, Romford, from 7 to 10 p.m. Nearest station, Harold Wood. For further information, contact Miss Doreen Grew, 31 Marlborough Road, Brentwood.

KAROM FOLK DANCE GROUP meet at South Wellfield Middle School, Whitley Bay, each Wednesday in term time from 12.30 to 2 p.m. Tutor: Kaye Lewis Poole, 50 Antonine Walk, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE150EE. Tel: Wylam 2495.

BULGARIAN FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., at Johanna School, Johanna Street, London S.E.1. Tutors: Danny Lumley, Diane Waller, Mani Sheenan.

WIGGINTON INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Thursday during term time at Wigginton (near Tring) Junior School at 8 p.m. Further details from Margaret Cullen, Hemel Hempstead 58277.

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, Solihull. Further details of both from Rod Perkins, 30 Knighton Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2EH. Tel: 021 475 3440.

88 MINUTES' CASSETTE OF MACEDONIAN FOLKDANCES

The Orkestar Grupa "Pecalbari" have produced a cassette of Macedonian Folkdances, 88 minutes' running time, price £3.00. Traditional music, played on traditional instruments, the tunes running for a sufficiently long time for dancers.

Side 1

Steveno Pile Sareno Soborot
Nevestinsko Oro
Berovka/Ratevka
Trojka - Slavjemi, Deli Becar,
Potrucukla
Staro Povrateno
Ibrahim Odza
Zletovsko
Skudrinka
Dracerke
Rada Pere
Tri Pati.
Svadbarsko Oro
Oro cevie

Side 2

Sitnoto
Cetvorka
Ela mi velice
Sareni Corapi
Tojce Tojce devojce
Eleno Mome
Cigansitsa
Sobarsko Oro
Pajduska
Kavardarsko Oro
Pctrceno
Baba Djurdja
Zensko Oro
Genivce u popa

Cheques for £3, made payable to C. Gunstone, to be sent with a 12p stamp, to C. Gunstone, 75 Baizdon Road, Blackheath, London S.E.3.

SUNDAY DANCES

- May 11th Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.1.
M.C. George Sweetland
- June 1st Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road, London N.W.1.
M.C. Brian Dowsett.

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

On May 11th, there will be a demonstration by the "TREPAK" Russian dancers.

WHAT'S ON

- May 3rd OJCZYŃSKI and TATRY groups present a Polish Concert at Acton Town Hall, London, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets available from Ealing Town Hall Booking Office, or the Polish Hearth, 55 Exhibition Road, London.
- May 6th/7th ROYAL DANCERS & MUSICIANS FROM THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN. "A colourful traditional programme of ethnic dance and music from the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan" at Ashcroft Theatre, Croydon, 7.45 p.m., Tickets: £1.85 to £3.45.
- May 10th S.I.F.D. SWISS DAY COURSE. See page 3.
- May 10th INTERNATIONAL PARTY (largely Danish/Israeli) at Invicta School, Invicta Road, London S.E.3. organized by Gaye Saunte's group. Admission £1.50 including refreshments.
- May 17th INTERNATIONAL DANCE organized by Woodvale International Folk Dance Group, at the Village Hall, Borough Green, Kent, 7.30 to 11 p.m. Music by Wilf Horrocks. Tickets £1.50 including refreshments. Licensed bar.
- May 17th MERTON FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE, organized by the Merton Park Group, at Merton Hall, Kingston Road, London S.W.19. (near South Wimbledon Underground), 7.30 p.m. Tickets: Adults £1, Under-16s 60p (including refreshments) from Joy Steventon, 64 Erridge Road, Merton Park, London S.W.19 3JD. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope. Tel: 01 542 3831.
- May 18th "KAROLINKA", a young Polish group attached to a church in South-east London, will present an evening of song and dance at Greenwich Theatre. Tickets from £1.50 to £3.50 available at the door.
- May 23rd AN EVENING OF YUGOSLAV DANCES at Barnet International Folk Club, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone, Barnet. 8 p.m. Tutor: Linda Swanton.
- June 2nd/14th DARPANA INDIAN DANCE (South Indian Dance Company) at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London, 7.30 p.m. Saturday matinee 2.30 p.m. Tickets £1 to £6.