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A FIXTURE DIARY, for organizers to check for duplication on dates, and also to confirm those arranged for them, is kept on behalf of the SIFD 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.

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

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SIFD T-shirts, small, medium and large, available at £2.50 each from Kay Leighton (address above). Cheques and postal orders should be made out to SIFD. Car stickers available from Judith Holloway (address above), 30p each. Please send s.a.e. 4" square.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

At the September Committee Meeting arrangements were discussed for the Annual General Meeting - please see below.

Frank Flanagan reported that applications had been received from five groups for affiliation and from six groups for association. Other groups/classes who wish to apply should contact Frank. (Address on page 2).

Group leaders will be interested to know that the SIFD now has, on loan from the Sports Council, a Marantz Superscope Recorder with variable speed control. This equipment is being looked after by Alan McLean and interested leaders should contact Alan (Tel: 01 422 6498) if they wish to make use of it.

Members are reminded of the Beginners' Dances to be held on 16th October and 20th November, to be held at Cecil Sharp House, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 10 p.m. (See page 6).

I was interested to read Brian Dowsett's article in the September SIFD NEWS about folk-dancing in America and his mention of the People's Folk Directory. The SIFD does in fact get a mention in this publication, and I have had many enquiries from American folk dancers who are visiting this country. My own group (Merton Park) have entertained several of the visitors. I hope other groups will be able to give a welcome and hospitality to any other Americans that I put in touch with them.

JOAN RACKHAM
Hon. Secretary

S.I.F.D. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Preliminary Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the SIFD to be held at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regents Park Road, London N.W.1., on Sunday, 4th December 1983, in "Storrow", commencing at 3.30 p.m.

- 1) Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 5th December 1982.
- 2) Matters Arising.
- 3) Chairman's Report.
- 4) Treasurer's Report.
- 5) Auditors' Report and consideration of Accounts.
- 6) Announcement of newly-elected Committee.
- 7) Any Other Business.

Members wishing to submit Motions to be added to the Agenda must submit them in writing, duly seconded, to the Secretary by 10th November 1983. Proposers and seconders must be fully paid-up members of the SIFD.

Nominations for the Committee must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 10th November 1983 and must contain the written consent of the nominated member to act if elected. The proposer, seconder and person nominated must all be fully paid-up members of the SIFD. The Committee at present are: Charles Steventon (Chairman), Joan Rackham (Secretary), Judith Holloway (Treasurer), Dorothy Bryan, Frank Flanagan, Kay Leighton, Alan McLean, Audrey Whiteley, Janet Woolbar, and Roland Minton (co-opted member).

WEEKENDS AWAY

We hope to enclose with this issue of SIFD NEWS (if it is ready in time) the booking form for next year's programme of "Weekends Away", so perhaps some idea of what to expect will interest those who have never been on an SIFD weekend but have wondered about them.

These weekends are a good way to meet other members and also enjoy some dancing. Last year over one hundred application forms were received, and, the weekend at Easthampstead Park excepted, not more than fifty-seven members applied to go on any one weekend. As most of the houses we use accommodate about forty residents, it can be seen that there is a variety of choice for members. There is usually a waiting list, but in the end few people are disappointed.

Most applications come from London, the Home Counties and Southern England, which does influence and explain the choice of venues - the time and cost of travelling being significant. The accommodation available primarily depends upon the age of the house. Some have modern purpose-built study bedrooms, most have double rooms, whilst others have a few large bedrooms but nowadays one is not often asked to share with more than two others. The arrangement of the accommodation for each house is stated on the booking form.

Cost is an important factor, and for next year's programme, the cost is likely to be between £26 and £36 inclusive for the full weekend from Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea. This, I believe, compares favourably with the cost of residential weekends arranged by other organizations.

What of the dancing? Well, the evening Social Dances often continue until around midnight, and over the weekend about 100 dances from, say, fifteen different countries may be danced, mainly to live music by Caroline Thomas or Wilf Horrocks. The programme is likely to be a mixture of line, couple, set and circle dances, suited to the balance of the sexes and the interests of those dancing.

During the day, other activities are arranged, sometimes dance tuition, but walking in the countryside and outings to places of interest are popular, but if the weather is wet or very warm, some members just relax.

A weekend offers the opportunity to do as much or as little as one wishes, usually in very pleasant surroundings, with plenty of dancing available in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, which I hope makes the SIFD mean more to those going than it would otherwise have done. So, if you have never been away for a weekend with the SIFD, why not do so this year? The form is there; complete and post it NOW.

ROY CLARKE



S.I.F.D. TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Application forms are available for the SIFD Teachers' Examination, from Frances Horrocks, 53 Southway, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey. The forms have to be returned to Frances by 1st November 1983; the examination takes place on 10th December 1983, and only SIFD members who hold a Gold Badge are eligible. Further copies of the Syllabus are available from Frances on request.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

Dear Lily,

May I, through the crowded pages of the SIFD NEWS express my sincere thanks for all the cards and little notes I am receiving wishing me well and active again. If I answered all the members individually I would never be able to get the membership receipts out in time, so this is the best way of expressing my thanks.

Unfortunately, after six weeks in plaster, I have to suffer another week but I hope on 25th August the confounded thing will be removed. Luckily I have been able to get out but only around the environments where I live. Fortunately, the local hostelry is only about 100 yards away, so I have been a frequent visitor. For every card or letter I have received, I have bought a drink for myself and one for the well-wisher. I raise the glass in happy thoughts and wishing them well I drink it. I have a long list in front of me so it appears I am going to have a wonderful time during the next three weeks.

Once again, I thank you all for thinking of me, and hope I'll be seeing most of you as soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

ROLAND MINTON

10 Benyon Court,
Balmes Road,
Islington, N.1.

ED. NOTE: The above letter was received last month, but too late for inclusion in the September issue. In fact, Roland has, with a little help, been able to attend Cecil Sharp House Dances since then, and many of you will have seen him since he wrote. His leg is taking a little longer to regain its strength than at first anticipated, but he hopes to be able to return to work in October. In the meantime, he is busy with his job of SIFD Membership Secretary, as well as his numerous other social activities conducted from home.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to offer our congratulations and very best wishes to Philip Steventon and Brenda Harris who were married on 10th September at St. Mary's Church, Merton Park.

Philip, wellknown as our Chairman's son and also clarinet player in the band at our Cecil Sharp House Dances, met Brenda in the Merton Park Group beginners' classes four years ago. They both organize the flourishing Italian dance demonstration group, and Brenda has helped make many of their varied costumes. They are jolly good dancers, and we hope they will remain on the folkdancing scene for a long time to come.

WILF HORROCKS

BEGINNERS' DANCES AT CECIL SHARP HOUSE

Following the successful series of Beginners' Dances during the past year, further dates have been arranged as follows:-

Sunday, 16th October 1983	M.C.s Steve and Joy Steventon
Sunday, 20th November 1983	M.C.s Joan & Simon Guest
Sunday, 18th March 1984	M.C. to be arranged

All at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regents Park Road, London N.W.1. 7 to 10 p.m.
Admission: £1.80 for SIFD members, £2.30 for non-members.

Most of the dances are walked through first before being danced to music.

Please advise new members in your groups, and your friends. It is a good opportunity for beginners to get together in a general international folk dance.



SIFD DAY COURSE OF ARMENIAN DANCES

SATURDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 1983, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regents Park Road, London N.W.1. Tutor: Frances Horrocks.

The dances to be taught will be taken from Tom Bozigian's record, "Songs and Dances of the Armenian People" Volume 2. This has proved to be a very popular record and many people already have it. Order forms will be available for those who wish to purchase the record, but recording will not be permitted on the day.

Dances will be taught from the following list:-

Ambee Dageets, Mareeyeda, Sassoonashentsee, Loree, Teen, Medax Tashginag,
Jo Jon, Agar Magar, Kocharee, Tamzara-Pompooreeg.

Cost of Day Course: £3 for SIFD members, £4 for non-members.

Refreshments available, or bring packed lunch if preferred.

The next SIFD Day Course, in November, will be Danish.



SIFD BERT PRICE PROFICIENCY BADGE AWARDS

On Saturday, 10th September, five members took the examination for the Silver Badge for Basque dancing. In fact, they only had to dance Fandango, having reached the required standard in the other Basque dances at the time of the last examination. We are very pleased to announce that all five passed. Well done, Judith Holloway, Hazel Cheam, Audrey Whitelwy, Monica Graham and Joyce Sharp.

HAMA'AGAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Hama'agal Israeli Dance Group, there will be a Celebration Day at Morley College on 22nd October 1983 from 2 to 10.30 p.m.

There will be a Workshop in the afternoon and a Dance Party in the evening, which will include refreshments. There will be a short break at the end of the Workshop (either bring a packed snack or eat out) to give time to prepare for the Party.

Date: 22nd OCTOBER 1983

Time: 2 to 10.30 p.m.

Place: Morley College, Westminster Bridge Road, London S.E.1.

Cost: £3 including evening refreshments.

Tickets from me or from any member of the group. (Please send s.a.e.).

FIONA HOWARTH,
76c Hayes Road,
Bromley BR2 9AB
Tel: 01 460 0823



FOR SALE

Honda 50cc moped, and a Yamaha 75cc motorcycle. £50 each. Contact Alan McLean.
Tel: 01 422 6498.

Lady's wetsuit, 34" bust, 36" hip, (long trousers and long-sleeved jacket) £20.
Contact the Editor.

Man's wetsuit, 43" chest, fit man of about 5'11", (long trousers and long-sleeved jacket) £20. Contact the Editor.

35mm. Slide Projector, £10 o.n.o. Contact the Editor.



LOST AND FOUND

A blue nylon Anorak was found at Ammerdown after the SIFD weekend there. Would the owner please contact Roy Clarke, 33 Cedar Park Road, Enfield, Middx.



ED. NOTE: From January 1984 SIFD NEWS will be printed on A4 size paper instead of quarto as at present. Anyone kindly submitting cover designs, please note they should in future be drawn on A4 paper.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCES - FOR BEGINNERS

From 12th October, the Israel Folk Dance Association are organizing a Course of Israeli Folk Dances for Beginners every Wednesday evening, 8 to 10.30 p.m., in the North West London area. For details, ring 01 445 6765.

ISRAELI DAY COURSE AND INTERNATIONAL DANCE
organized by West Midlands Branch of SIFD

Date: SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 1983

Venue: Birmingham University, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham 15, in the old Gymnasium.

Tutor: Fiona Howarth

Times: Morning Course: 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Afternoon Course: 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Evening Dance: 7.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Cost: Morning Course £1.40 for members, £1.50 non-members, 70p students
Afternoon Course -do- -do- -do-
Evening Dance 60p for members, £1 non-members, 30p students
Combined ticket for Course & Dance £3 members, £3.50 non-members, £1.50 students

Please bring packed lunch and tea. Drinks will be available. The Evening Dance includes Supper.

Tickets and further information from Mrs. Juliet Mackintosh, 501 Brook Lane, Moseley, Birmingham B13 0BU. Tel: 021 777 4300.

FOLK DANCE INSTRUMENT - DAIRE, DEF (TAMBURIN)

In some parts of Yugoslavia - Bosnia, Macedonia and South Serbia, def or daire is very often used. This is a frame drum with jingling rings all around the frame. The only difference between def and daire is in the jingling rings; def has convex and daire has flat jingling rings. The instrument is mostly used without the accompaniment of other musical instruments, for the marking of the rhythm.

There are two kinds of beating; in the middle of the skin, or near the frame. If the beating is in the middle of the skin, this sound is called "dum", and if it is near the frame, the sound is called "tek". From the dynamic point of view it corresponds to the intensity of forte-pianissimo (dum-tek).

It is considered that daire came to Yugoslavia from the Near East where the Oriental girl-dancers exhibit their physical charms to the accompaniment of the rhythm of this instrument. Also in Yugoslavia daire is the instrument mostly used by women (very seldom by men) performing various changes of complicated rhythm during the dances, some of which reflect the inherited Oriental influence.

ANDRIJANA GOJKOVIC

S.I.F.D. AFFILIATED GROUPS

WOODVALE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday, 7.45 to 10 p.m., at the Church Hall, Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent. Secretary: Linda Bryce, 9 Sevenoaks Road, Borough Green. Tel: Borough Green 885048.

BARLOW INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday from the first Tuesday in September to mid-July except Christmas week, at Wilbraham Road United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Withington Road) Chorlton, Manchester 21 from 7.45 to 10.15 p.m. Further details from Philip Lloyd, 268 Upper Chorlton Road, Manchester M16 0BN. Tel: 061 881 3613.

HIGH WYCOMBE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays and the whole of August) at Sir William Ramsay School, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, near High Wycombe, Bucks. Contact: Uri Gerson, 14 Curlew Close, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks. Tel: High Wycombe 23434.

INTERDANCE, WORTHING (General International Folk Dance Club) meets every Tuesday 7.30 p.m. at Haverfield House (Conservative Headquarters), Union Place, Worthing, and every Friday at 7 p.m. at Field Place Pavilion (Southern end of The Boulevard), Worthing. Further details from Iris E. Birch. Tel: Worthing 691651.

HARROW FOLK DANCE GROUP meets evenings for English/Playford/American Square/Clog/Sword dancing, but on 4th Sunday of every month (except August and December) for International Folk Dancing from 7 to 10 p.m. at Harrow Arts Centre (opposite Harrow Weald Bus Garage) 356 High Road, Harrow Weald, Harrow, (see "What's On"). Contact: John Lawes. Tel: 01 907 4700.



WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH OF S.I.F.D. - SELPAR

"SELPAR". 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 "LYNDON GROUP" on Wednesdays in term time, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Lyndon School, Daylesford Road, Solihull. Further details of both from Mrs. Juliet Mackintosh, 501 Brook Lane, Moseley, Birmingham B13 0BU. Tel: 021 777 4300.



DUNAV AT ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

DUNAV are playing at the Royal Festival Hall!! That's the good news. The bad news is that it is only in the foyer and not (yet) in the main theatre. However, come and hear a free lunchtime DUNAV concert of Balkan music and songs in the foyer, as they'd love to have some enthusiastic, wildly applauding Balkan fans among the audience.

SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 1983. 12.30 to 14.00

Further details from Caroline Thomas on 01 527 4896 (evenings and weekends).

S.I.F.D. ASSOCIATED CLASSES

POLISE

Monday evenings 6.15 to 9.30. Regional dances 6.15 to 7.45. National dances 8 to 9.30. Christopher Hatton Centre, Laystall Street, Rosebery Avenue, E.C.1. Tutors: Janice Wrench and Tony Latham. Tel: 01 272 7096 and 01 992 9445.

YUGOSLAV

Tuesday evenings. Beginners and Intermediate 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. Advanced 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., at West Square School, St. George's Road, London S.E.1. Tutor: Ken Ward. Secretary: John Micklem, 3 Grosvenor Road, Richmond, Surrey. Tel: 01 948 2014.

EASTERN EUROPEAN

Thursdays 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Ealing Green High School, High Street, Ealing (next to Walpole Park Library). Tutor: Alan McLean. Tel: 01 422 6498.

Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A. (Gymnasium), Gt. Russell Street (nearest Underground Tottenham Court Road Station). Tutor: Alan McLean. Tel: 01 422 6498.

HUNGARIAN

Fridays 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Pimlico School, Lupus Street. (Nearest Underground Pimlico Station on Victoria Line). Tutor: Alan McLean. Tel: 01 422 6498.

GENERAL INTERNATIONAL

Wednesdays 6 to 7 p.m. Beginners, 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. General & Advanced, at St. Albans School, Baldwins Gardens, off Grays Inn Road, London E.C.1. Tutor: Janet Woolbar.

ISRAELI

Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. at Henry Fawcett School, Bowling Green St., Oval, London S.E.11. Tutor: Fiona Howarth. Tel: 01 460 0823. Beginners, please contact Fiona before enrolling.



STEPS TO SAVE DANCE COURSES

(An extract from "THE TIMES", 6.9.83)

"A group to protect threatened dance courses in Institutions of Higher Education has been set up and will be ratified next May. Called "The Standing Conference on Dance in Higher Education", it was launched in London earlier this summer. Details can be obtained from Dr. Janet Adshead, Dance Department, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XX."



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