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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 (while stocks last) from Kay Leighton - address above. New design T-shirts £2.70 (£3 by post), available in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes.

Car stickers available from Judith Holloway (address above) 30p each.  
Please send s.a.e. 4" square.

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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.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Owing to bad weather, the January Committee Meeting was cancelled. However, the newly elected Committee is as follows:

Chairman:	Charles Steventon
Secretary:	Joan Rackham
Treasurer:	Judith Holloway
Members:	Janet Woolbar, Kay Leighton, Jenny Cant, Alan McLean, Uri Gerson, Ed Whiteley.

I hope that we will be able to meet on February 3rd.

I have sent copies of the CCPR Golden Jubilee leaflets to group leaders so that bookings for the Show may be made in good time. If further leaflets are required please let me know as soon as possible.

The SIFD have been invited to participate in the Eastbourne International Folk Festival this year. Details will be given at a later date.

Many members are used to going to the Folk Festival at the Royal Albert Hall in February each year. This is not, however, taking place this year and a re-structured show "Folk Entertains" will take place at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1. on May 11th at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. As well as a variety of English folk performers there will be Irish Dancing from Clan Na Gael, Scottish Dancing from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and music, song and dance from the Ukraine from a group called Veselka. Details from me or from Cecil Sharp House direct.

I have received a letter from the Greater London Council signed by the Chairman of the Arts and Recreation Committee and also by the leading Opposition Spokesman (i.e. both major political parties) expressing their concern about the consequences for sport and recreation in the event of the abolition of the GLC and the six Metropolitan County Councils. They point out that there has not been a Government paper outlining its proposals for sport and recreation in the event of abolition and at the public meeting called by the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) the Government declined an invitation to attend. The GLC alone spends about 41 million pounds a year on recreational facilities and it is unlikely that the London Boroughs on whom responsibility will devolve will be able to approach anything like this figure. The letter points out that the Government's proposals constitute an attack on sport and recreation which will diminish the quality of life in this country. It calls upon the Government to reassure the millions of people who take part in sport and recreation all over the country that it will not cause any further reduction in the already inadequate funding of sport and recreation. This could affect us, the SIFD; in many subtle ways: no Dunav concerts at the Royal Festival Hall, and no summer dancing in Battersea Park (and no doubt similar restrictions will occur in Birmingham, Manchester, etc.). If you share the letter writers' disquiet about this issue, they would like you to make your views known to your Member of Parliament.

JOAN RACKHAM  
Hon. Secretary

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ALL MATERIAL FOR THE MARCH ISSUE MUST BE RECEIVED BY KELSEY BLUNDELL,  
IN WRITING, BY 15TH FEBRUARY

SIFD DAY COURSE - SERBIA

Saturday, 9th February 1985

PLACE: Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London, NW1.  
TIME: 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
TUTOR: Ken Ward  
COST: Members: £3.00; Non-members: £4.00.

This course is being planned with the Proficiency Badge Tests in mind, but it is open to anyone who wishes to attend, as usual. The dances to be taught are as follows:-

Compulsory for all	-	Zikino
" for girls	-	Vranjanka
" for men	-	Tesko Vranja
Choice from	-	Makazice
		Cetvorka
		Posla Rumena
		Zarbarka
		Pop Marinko
		Biserka
		Sumatovac

Cassettes of the music may be ordered on the day, if required. Refreshments, including lunches, are available from the Cecil Sharp House canteen.

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The SIFD Day Course on 9th March will be Italian Dances. Tutor: Janet Woolbar. There will be no day course in April as so many members will be involved that month in the CCPR Festival.

The Day Course in May will be devoted to the Bert Price Proficiency Badge Tests. Full details in the March issue of the NEWS. Note that the date will be 18th May.

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APOLOGIES

Firstly, my abject apologies to all members for omitting to remind you of the SIFD Day Course in Polish dancing which took place on 12th January. And, in particular, my apologies to Tony Latham who was the tutor on this occasion. I am sorry if I caused you to miss this excellent day course. An unforgivable mistake and my sackcloth and ashes are most uncomfortable!

Personally, I would be interested to hear from anyone who would have attended had they seen it advertised in the most recent NEWS (there was an advance notice in an earlier issue) but who did not, because perhaps they thought it had been cancelled. I suppose, deep down, I am hoping you will all say it was the snow which kept you away, but it may also serve as a measure of the impact of the NEWS about which several people have commented recently.

Further apologies are also due to the Harrow Folk Dance Group for omitting, from What's On, details of their monthly International Evening on 27th January (and to the tutor Joyce Sharp). As you will know from the list of Affiliated Groups, the Harrow Folk Dance Group have many classes covering English, American Square, Clog, etc. etc. but once a month (excluding May, July, August and December) they hold an International Evening, usually on the fourth Sunday in the month to avoid clashing with the SIFD Sunday Dances and Beginners' Dances. Everyone is welcome. See What's On.

KELSEY BLUNDELL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:-

Dear Kelsey,

I would just like to reiterate what Will Green says regarding consideration of people with low incomes.

A year or two ago, I would have been determined to go to Swansea, several weekends away if possible and day courses in Birmingham and London, as well as the weekly classes. Now that I and my two daughters have less than half to live on than we did a year ago, our circumstances are changed dramatically. I am not making any personal plea, but surely for one member who approaches you to tell you of hardship in this way, there must be many who will not say anything but dwindle away to minimal participation? There is no way that we can now get to Swansea or weekends away, although our hearts are still with the SIFD!

Bristol group do usually have a special rate for the 'unwaged' at their day courses, incidentally.

Best wishes to all,

SUE LAMB,  
8 Lansdown Road,  
Kingswood,  
Bristol.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

We would like to thank the 55 dancers who travelled through snow and ice to come to the Cecil Sharp House New Year's Dance on 6th January, and an especial thank-you to Woodvale, as conditions in Kent were even worse than in London. The profit from the raffle was £8 which we have passed to the Save the Children Fund.

JOY AND STEVE (STEVENTON)

POLISH DAY COURSE

12th January at Cecil Sharp House

This was a most enjoyable day, not as tough as expected. The teacher was Tony Latham accompanied by Heather James at the grand piano. Together they lead us through the dances of the Polish badge examinations. Numbers were down, 16 couples, as by an oversight, there was no reminder of the date in the January NEWS. Even so, Cecil Sharp House was not too large, as Polish demands lots of space for all those cwals and florid steps.

We learnt two 'great' or national dances, Oberek in the morning and Krakowiak in the afternoon, fitting the regional dances in between repeats of the great dances. That we were able to get through so much in one day without ending up mentally and physically exhausted, does credit to Tony's careful preparation and clear teaching. Snippets of information, while we got our breath back, on the dances and the regions from which they came also helped to balance the day.

JOHN SAYERS,  
4 Cottenham Place,  
London. SW20 0NF



CCPR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Thanks to the SIFD representatives who attended the Finale rehearsal for the CCPR on January 5th. Especial thanks to Judith, Geraldine, Michele, Beryl and Liz for their willing (?) participation in the Opening Item rehearsal as our representatives.

February 10th SIFD Rehearsal at Cecil Sharp House, 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.  
Please bring your costume. Reserves are welcome to attend. The first part of the afternoon will be spent on a Finale rehearsal so, if you wish to be in the Finale, please be punctual.

2.30 - 3.00	Finale to tape.
3.00 - 4.10	Trios rehearsal. Musicians required.
4.10 - 4.30	Tea and change into costume.
4.30 - 5.30	Trios rehearsal in costume.

See you on the 10th.

JILL BRANSBY

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AN AFTERNOON OF LATVIAN DANCING - LEEDS

Sunday, 10th February 1985

LOIDIS INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP invite you to join them in an afternoon of Latvian dancing with the KAMOLINS, from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. at the Moor Allerton Memorial Hall, Stonegate Road, Leeds. 75p including tea and biscuits.

Loidis are also organising a day course of general international folkdance on April 28th. Tutor: Charles Steventon.

For further details of either event, please contact Dawn Webster on 0943 76789.

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ADVANCE NOTICE FOR MARCH

GENERAL DAY COURSE - BRISTOL

Saturday, 2nd March 1985

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP will be organising a general day course followed by an Evening Dance on Saturday 2nd March 1985, at Friends' Meeting House, 126 Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol. Tutor: Kelsey Blundell.

Course: 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. £2.75 members (£3 non-members).  
Dance: 7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.  
Combined Ticket: £3.00 members (£3.50 non-members). Reductions for unwaged.

Tea, coffee and squash available. Please bring packed lunch.  
Tickets (s.a.e. please) and further information from: Hilda Sturge, 10 Carmarthen Road, Bristol, BS9 4DU. Tel: 0272-621802.

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SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SIFD NEWS

The motion relating to changes in the production of the SIFD NEWS was carried at the recent AGM and the following have agreed to serve on the sub-committee:

Michael Holdup 16 Netherby Gardens, Enfield, Middx. EN2 7PB (Tel: 01-363 5000)  
Alan Morton 26 Durham Road, Harrow, Middx. HA1 4PG (Tel: 01-427 8042)  
John Sayers 4 Cottenham Place, London. SW20 0NF (Tel: 01-947 1830)  
Doug Wells 70 Finchley Park, North Finchley, London. N12 0JL (Tel: 01-445 9425)

Lily outlined the problem in the December SIFD NEWS and the main aims of the sub-committee are:

- (a) To find acceptable ways of reducing the amount of laborious work that goes into printing and distributing the SIFD NEWS.
- (b) To make the best use of any changes in the method of producing the SIFD NEWS to make it more interesting and effective.

The amount of paper that goes into one issue of the NEWS is impressive - about a third of a hundredweight. After printing, it all has to be collated, stapled, folded, stuffed into envelopes, which themselves need to be addressed and stamped - and sometimes there are extras to go in. Doug says that when the motorised duplicating machine is running well the printing only requires just over two hours work; it is the rest that takes the time as it is all done by hand. (Michael and Edwina agree; they print the envelopes with a hand machine.)

As Will Green points out in the January SIFD NEWS, cost is a vital consideration. In the past, various ways have been tried to spread the load: such as assembling the NEWS at the Friday Class, or groups getting together to do it in a member's home. This is very difficult to do year in year out, particularly as the whole operation from the deadline on the 15th of the month to putting it in the post on the 30th doesn't allow for much slippage.

Members with a special fund of knowledge, such as where to get printing, collating, envelope stuffing, etc. done more cheaply/efficiently, or who have solved a similar problem for some other society, should contact one of the sub-committee members.

JOHN SAYERS

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SWANSEA COURSE 1985

Full details of the Course and application forms are enclosed with this issue of the NEWS. If you have any special requirements, or need further information, please get in touch with me. There will be a progress report in each issue of the NEWS and I hope soon to be able to tell you the situation regarding the fourth specialist teacher.

JACK RICHARDSON

Dept. of Chemical Engineering,  
University College of Swansea,  
SA2 8PP

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FOR SALE

One pair of ladies' Polish boots. Red leather. Size 7 or 7½. Bought in Krakow and worn only once or twice. £20 o.n.o. Contact Kelsey Blundell (address on page 2).

Mrs. M.C. Roberts, of the Fitzell-Roberts School of Dancing, is compiling a Directory of Books and Recorded Music connected with International Folk Dance and is asking people to make a list of any material which they have in their possession or that they have seen published, and to send it to her. At a later date, she hopes to make the list available to all who have an interest in the subject.

If you are able to help, please send the information to her at The Fitzell-Roberts School of Dancing, 52 Hound Road, Netley Abee, Southampton. SO3 5FU.

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### S.I.F.D. ASSOCIATED CLASSES

#### GENERAL INTERNATIONAL

Wednesdays. Beginners 6 to 7 p.m. General & Advanced 7.15 to 9.15 p.m.  
St. Albans School, Baldwin Gardens, London EC1 (near Chancery Lane Underground Station). Tutor: Janet Woolbar.

Tuesdays. 7.30 to 9.45 p.m. Park High School, Thistlecroft Gardens, Stanmore, (usually). Middx. Contact: Judith Holloway, Tel: Watford 25480.

Tuesdays. 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Mixed abilities, i.e. Beginners & Experienced.  
Malvern Way Infants School, Croxley Green, near Watford, Herts., mostly term time.  
For further details telephone Joyce Sharp, Watford 28080.

Friday afternoons. 2 to 3.45 p.m. Mixed abilities, i.e. Beginners & Experienced.  
Croxley Green Community Association, near Barton Way, Croxley Green, near Watford, Herts. For further details telephone Joyce Sharp, Watford 28080.

Tuesdays. Beginners 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Cheam High School, Chatsworth Road, Cheam, SM3 8PW. Tutor: Joy Steventon, Tel: 01-542 3831.

Wednesdays. Advanced 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Merton Institute of Adult Education, Whatley Avenue, Merton, SW20 9NS. Tutor: Charles Steventon, Tel: 01-542 3831.

Thursdays. 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Durrants School, Manor Way, Croxley Green, near Watford, Herts. (Emphasis on neglected dances). Tutor: Audrey Whiteley, Tel: 0923 21696.

Tuesdays, in term time, 7.30 p.m. Swansea University International Folkdance Group meet in the Senior Common Room, College House, Swansea University. Details from Joan or Jack Richardson, 0792 403153 (home) or 0792 295194 (work).

#### EASTERN EUROPEAN

Tuesdays. 7 to 9 p.m. Y.W.C.A. (gymnasium), Great Russell Street (Tottenham Court Road Station) London, W.C.1.

#### HUNGARIAN

Thursdays. 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Marylebone School, 64 Marylebone High Street at the junction with Marylebone Road (nearest Underground Station Baker Street). Tutor: Alan McLean, Tel: 01-422 6498. (NOTE NEW VENUE AND EVENING)

#### ISRAELI

Wednesdays 7.00 to 9.00, Intermediate/Advanced. Henry Fawcett School, Bowling Green Street, Oval, London, SE11. Tutor: Fiona Howarth. Tel: 01-460 0823. Please see tutor before enrolling. (NOTE SLIGHTLY EARLIER TIME OF THIS CLASS).

#### YUGOSLAV

Tuesdays. 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. (3 classes - Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced), at Morley College, West Square, Charlotte Sharmen School, St. George's Road, Elephant & Castle, London, SE1. (next door to Imperial War Museum). Tutor: Ken Ward. Secretary: Ken Glover, Tel: 0892 870795 (evenings).

#### PCLISH

Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. Regional & National dances. Christopher Hatton School, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1. Tutors: Janice Wrench and Tony Latham. Tel: 01-272 7096 and 01-992 9445.



S.I.F.D. AFFILIATED GROUPS

BARLOW INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE 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.

WOODVALE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday evening for General International, 8 to 9.30 p.m. at Church Hall, Quarry Hill, Borough Green, Kent. Details from 0732 882988 (evenings).

OXFORD INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Wednesday throughout the year, 8.15 to 10 p.m. at St. Giles' Church Hall, Woodstock Road, Oxford. For more details contact Diana Porteus, 105 Southmoor Road, Oxford OX2 6RE. Tel: Oxford 57543, or Teresa Blunt, 13 Upper Fisher Row, Oxford. Tel: Oxford 250308.

KAYROMA INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. in term time at Whitley Lodge First School, Whitley Bay. We commence with beginners' dances. For those interested, dances from Spain & Portugal are included in the repertoire. Tutor: Kaye Poole, 50 Antonine Walk, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE15 0EE. Tel: Wylam 2495. Pianist: Mrs. Nancy Willis. Visitors welcome.

INTERDANCE, WORTHING (General International Folkdance Club) meets every Friday 7 to 10 p.m. at Field Place Pavilion (Southern end of The Boulevard). Beginners, newcomers and experienced dancers welcome. Also JUNIOR CLUB every Thursday 6 to 7 p.m. at The Glynn Owen Centre, South Farm Road (minimum age 8 years). Also Tuesdays at a different venue for Experienced Adult Dancers only we hold a "Workshop" session from 7 to 10.15 p.m. Please telephone Iris Birch for further details on Worthing 691651.

HIGH WYCOMBE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays and during August) at Sir William Ramsay School, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, near High Wycombe, Bucks., from 7.45 to 10.15 p.m. Contact: Uri Gerson, 14 Curlew Close, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks. Tel: High Wycombe 23434.

HURSLEY INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS meet every Thursday at the IBM Club House, Hursley Park, Winchester. Dancing starts at 7.30 and continues until 10 p.m. with dances being taught at around 9 p.m. Secretary: Jan Szatkowski, IBM United Kingdom Laboratories Ltd., Hursley Park, Winchester. Tel: Winchester 54433.

THE TURKISH FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Monday evenings during term time, 7 to 9 p.m. at the John Keats School, Avenue Road, Swiss Cottage, London, NW3. (near Swiss Cottage Underground Station). Tutor: Halil Celebioglu. Secretary: Pauline Welch, 01-393 1919 (home) or 01-337 6976 (school).

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Thursday during term time at Henleaze Infants School, Park Grove, Bristol BS9, at 7.15 p.m. Enquiries to Hilda Sturge, 10 Carmarthen Road, Bristol BS9 4DU. Tel: 0272 621802.

HARROW FOLK DANCE BLUB meets most evenings for English/Playford/American Square/Clog, but on the 4th Sunday of most months for International Folk Dancing from 7.30 to 10 p.m. at Harrow Arts Centre (opposite Harrow Weald Bus Garage) 356 High Road, Harrow Weald. Contact: John Lawes, Tel: 01-907 4700.

WIGGINTON INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Thursday during term time at 7.45 p.m. at Wigginton (near Tring, Herts.) Junior School. Further details from Margaret Cullen, Hemel Hempstead 58277.

RAINMAKERS INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP meets every Friday at the Friends Meeting House, Cuttys Lane, Stevenage, Herts. 8 to 10 p.m. Details from Mrs. Sheila Leavy, 7 Miles Drive, Clifton, Shefford, Beds. Tel: Hitchin (0462) 814798.

MERRY ANDREW CLUB Dance workshops every 2nd and 4th Mondays (except Bank Holidays and August) 8 to 10.15 p.m. at Sherard Hall, United Reformed Church, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9. General International, Modern American, English, Historical. All welcome. Further details from Orpington 71494.

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HILLEL DANCE GROUP. Israeli Folkdance. Thursdays 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. (Beginners). 8.30 to 10.50 p.m. Intermediate/Advanced. At Hillel House, 1/2 Endsleigh Street, London, WC1 (Class runs for whole year excepting Jewish festivals).

LOIDIS INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP. Thursdays 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Moor Allerton Memorial Hall, Stonegate Road, Leeds, 17. General International Folkdancing. For details, tel: Leeds 664384 (evenings) or Leeds 787837.

NUTBROOK INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Thursday in School terms 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Kirk Hallam Community School, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam, Derbyshire, for General International Folkdancing. Contact: Celia Stone, The Bottle Neck Kiln, High Lane West, West Hallam, Derbys. DE7 6HP. Tel: Ilkeston 329442.

FOLKESTONE DISTRICT NATIONAL DANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday evening during the winter and spring terms from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at South Kent College of Technology, Kingsnorth Gardens, Folkestone Kent. Further details from the Secretary: Pat Clarke, 51 Chichester Road, Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent CT19 3BW. Tel: Folkestone 39199.

ANACHNU ISRAELI FOLKDANCE GROUP meet Wednesday evenings during term time, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. in the Drama Hall at Kidbrooke Comprehensive School, Corelli Road, London SE3. Tutor: Judy Ingram, Tel: 01-858 5436.

BARNET INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets Fridays, September to June. 8 to 11 p.m. Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone, Barnet. Leader: Brian Dowsett, 75 Fordwich Rise, Hertford, Herts. Tel: 0992 52717. Hon. Secretary: Margaret Morton. Tel: 01-427 8042 (evenings).

BESKYDY DANCERS (Czechoslovakia) meet on Wednesdays during term time. Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Advanced 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., Singing 8.15 to 8.30 p.m. At Fox School Annexe, Edge Street, Notting Hill Gate, London, W8. Tutor: Hedy Fromings, Tel: 01-262 8011 Ext. 734 (day), 01-699 8597 (evenings).

HAVERING INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meet every Thursday 8 to 10 p.m. in term time at Harold Wood Primary School, Recreation Avenue, Harold Wood, Romford, Essex. General International dancing taught by Eleanor Oakley. Secretary Eve Wildy, Tel: Hornchurch 52146.

THE KALINKA DANCERS learn and perform Russian dances and other styles from the U.S.S.R. Mondays 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at the Free Church Hall, Ormond Road, Richmond. All grades. First class free. Tutor: Jenia Graman. Tel: 01-876 0514.

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#### WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH OF THE S.I.F.D.

"SELPAR" classes on Tuesday evenings in term time 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. at Selly Park School, Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham. Tutor: Sybil Chapman. Also -

"HEART OF ENGLAND FOLK DANCE GROUP", formerly Lyndon Group, meet 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 OBU. Tel: 021-777 4300.

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#### ADVANCE NOTICE

The Georgian State Dance Company will be touring Britain from the middle of March into early April, commencing at the Dominion Theatre London on March 18th for 6 nights and from there to Reading, Northampton, Birmingham, Nottingham, Southend, Cardiff, Bradford and Edinburgh. Full details, dates, etc. in next month's NEWS.

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#### STOP PRESS! FRANK DOWLING IN BROMLEY

An International Dance Workshop - teacher Frank Dowling. Saturday, February 16th. 10.30 - 4.0 p.m. St. Marks School, Aylesbury Road (off Westmoreland Road) Bromley. 5 minutes walk from Bromley South Station - frequent trains from Victoria.

Tickets: £3.50 s.a.e. to Fiona Howarth Telephone enquiries to:  
17a Ravensbourne Road Hazel Cheal  
BROMLEY BR1 1HN 01-850 9308

SUNDAY DANCES at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London, NW1

February 3rd M.C.s George Sweetland & Irene Keywood  
February 10th Beginners' Dance: M.C. Eleanor Oakley  
March 10th\* M.C. Uri Gerson

\* N.B. Not the first Sunday

7 to 10 p.m. Admission £2.20 for SIFD members, £2.80 for non-members

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WHAT'S ON

- Feb. 3rd DAY COURSE OF AMERICAN SQUARE DANCES organised by Interdance, Worthing. Tutor/Caller: Gordon Brooks. 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (1 hour for lunch). Drinks on sale all day. Please bring packed lunch. SIFD and/or EFDSS members with card £3.50; non-members £4.50. At Durrington High School, Boulevard Hall, The Boulevard, Worthing (off A2032) or nearest B.R. Station is Durrington. Try to come with a partner if possible - but not essential. A 'phone call in advance would be appreciated to Iris Birch: Worthing 691651.
- Feb. 4th PATEA MAORI CLUB. A performance of music and dance blending traditional and modern influences in the life of New Zealand Maoris. 7.45 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Tickets £1.50 to £4.50.
- Feb. 8th FLAMENCO PLAYA DANCE COMPANY. Flamenco music and dance. 7.45 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Tickets £3.50 to £7.50.
- Feb. 9th SIFD DAY COURSE OF SERBIAN DANCES - See Page 4.
- Feb. 10th CCPR REHEARSAL - See Page 6.
- Feb. 10th AFTERNOON OF LATVIAN DANCING - See Page 6.
- Feb. 10th FOLK MUSIC FROM BENGAL & RAJASTHAN at the Shaw Theatre. 7.30 p.m. 100 Euston Road, London, N. W.1. Tickets: £4.50 (Concessions £3.50) from the box office. Tel: 01-388 7727
- Feb. 13th & 14th CONCERT OF DANCE. 350 children from Croydon schools present a varied programme of dances from home and abroad. 7.30 p.m. Fairfield Hall, Croydon. Tickets £1.50 to £2.50 (OAPs and children half-price).
- \*\* Feb. 16th
- Feb. 15th to 17th WEEKEND OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING AT EARNLEY CONCOURSE, mainly for beginners. Tutors: Charles and Joy Steventon, with music by Wilf Horrocks. Details from the Earnley Concourse, Earnley, Chichester, Sussex, PO20 7JL. Tel: 0243-670392. Includes full board with excellent cuisine. Indoor swimming pool. Cost approx. £50 + VAT.
- Feb. 23rd SIVAN - Kurdish troubadour, folksinger and zaz player with other Kurdish and Turkish singers. 7.45 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Tickets £1.50 to £5.
- Feb. 24th AN EVENING OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING with Liz Mellish at Harrow Folk Dance Group, 7.30 to 10 p.m. at Harrow Arts Centre (opposite Harrow Weald Bus Garage), 356 High Road, Harrow Weald, Harrow. Admission 60p.
- \*\* Feb. 16th AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP WITH FRANK DOWLING in Bromley. See STOP PRESS - page 10.