

SIFD NEWS

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Bottle dance from Szent István, Hungary.

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

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New design T-shirts £2.70 (£3 by post), available in small, medium, large and extra large sizes.

Car stickers 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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I have now returned from my travels and am back at my "Editor's Desk" again. My sincere thanks to Kelsey Blundell for taking on the job in my absence, and to Hazel Cheal for typing the stencils. It just proves once again that nobody is indispensable - not even me! Hazel has kindly confirmed that she is willing to go on helping with the typing when necessary for a while, to give Kelsey's fingers a well-earned rest.

You will notice some changes in the typing of some of the pages while we are in the process of trying different methods of printing the NEWS and also of collating it. I hope there will be no hiccups in this trial period, and that you will continue to receive your copies on time.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Everyone who attended the CCPR Golden Jubilee Show at the Royal Albert Hall on 20th April had a marvellous time, whether as dancers, musicians, programme-sellers, stewards or spectators. Our thanks are due to everyone but particularly to Jill Bransby, our Producer. Some overheard comments on the SIFD item were, "I wish there had been more of the international dances". "What a short display those dancers gave,"(actually no shorter than any of the other items). "What lovely costumes they wore". WELL DONE EVERYBODY.

Kay Leighton has received several ideas for the 40th Anniversary celebrations but there is still room for more. Let's have as much enthusiasm for our 40th as was shown for the CCPR 50th.

Although the SIFD did not have an official presence this year at the Festival, many members did visit Eastbourne and most enjoyed their weekend. The International Dance on the Saturday was jointly run by the young Dutch teacher, Karin Bellarrt, and Julie Korth, and a special vote of thanks is due to Tina Meech and the other musicians who played so well at such short notice. Another person worthy of thanks is Roy Le Croisette who ran an informal Ceilidh on the Sunday evening. With his well organized stock of tapes and his enthusiasm, Roy made the evening a success. We do hope to have an official part in the Festival next year and hope to arrange an early meeting with Peter Mayes, the Festival Organizer.

JOAN RACKHAM
Hon. Secretary

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SWANSEA SUMMER SCHOOL, 28TH JULY TO 4TH AUGUST 1985

Well over a hundred registrations have been received to date (12th May) and we have now reached the upper limit that can be fitted into the specialist courses in Serbian and Turkish. We can take a few more on the Italian and Latvian courses and on the General International Course to be given by Simon Guest, but you are advised to register as soon as possible as it may soon be necessary to close bookings completely. It is pleasing to record that this will be the biggest Summer School we have ever held. We will try to make it the best!

Further details of the Course are available from me: Jack Richardson, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, University College, Swansea SA2 8PP. Tel. 0792 295194 (work) or 0792 (403153 (home)).

CCPR GOLDEN JUBILEE

I am sure that members would like me to express our thanks to Jill Bransby for the tremendous amount of time and effort she put into producing our item for the CCPR Show. It was a great success as shown by comments I have received from those who were in the audience. Many people have said they would have liked to have seen another SIFD "spot" in the programme.

Our thanks also to Wilf Horrocks and his musicians. I know personally of the amount of practice that went into perfecting the playing of the "Famous Five" as the tunes came to be called. Janet Woolbar is also to be congratulated for having made such a marvellous job of the intricate task of arranging for us to swap or borrow costumes, to make up such a superb presentation.

My thanks also to the dancers and the reserves for all the work put into learning and polishing the dances and for attending the rehearsals, especially those who had long distances to travel.

And finally, a thank you to all those who worked "behind the scenes" on publicity, hosting, programme selling and so on. It was a great show!

CHARLES STEVENTON
Chairman

Thank you to the reserves for learning the sequence, filling in at rehearsals, and standing by. (Sorry I couldn't fit in all the people who wanted to participate in the event. 72 was the magic number!)

Thank you to Janet Woolbar for organizing the costumes. You all looked lovely.

Thank you leaders for teaching the dances of the "Famous Five".

Thank you Judith Holloway (and Geraldine, Michelle, Beryl and Liz) for the work on the Opening Item. As our representatives they moved beautifully in the waltz sequence, looking very elegant in their red outfits.

Thank you Wilf Horrocks (and Sandra, Mathew, Adrian, Tina, Alan, Philip, Denis and Katherine) for all the work done on the music. (How your evening class must have suffered!). The music sounded very good and really 'lifted' the dancing.

Thank you dancers for being reliable, co-operative and cheerful (even when I nagged you!). It was good to work with people from groups so far afield. You all put 101% effort into our spot. THANK YOU. It was tremendous. I wish we could do it all again.

JILL BRANSBY

BULGARIAN DAY COURSE

I had intended visiting my relations the weekend of 13th/14th April but almost at the last minute changed my mind and attended Cathy Meunier's Bulgarian Day Course at Walthamstow YMCA instead. Much as I love my aunt, I am so glad I made a change of plan.

It was a most enjoyable and excellent day course and evening party, and Cathy is to be congratulated not only for her calm and pleasant manner of teaching, but also for the excellent organization of the whole day. We learned five very nice dances, with regular "recaps" throughout the day. Then, after a short break, a run-through of all the dances learned plus a few easier "party" dances in preparation for the evening. The evening party was also a very happy occasion, with lots of dances and lots of goodies to eat. It was obvious that a lot of hard work and preparation had been put into making the day a success. Thank you Cathy for a really good day.

KELSEY BLUNDELL

ROMANIAN DAY COURSE
SATURDAY, 15TH JUNE 1985

at Wimbledon Chase Middle School, Merton Hall Road, London S.W.19.

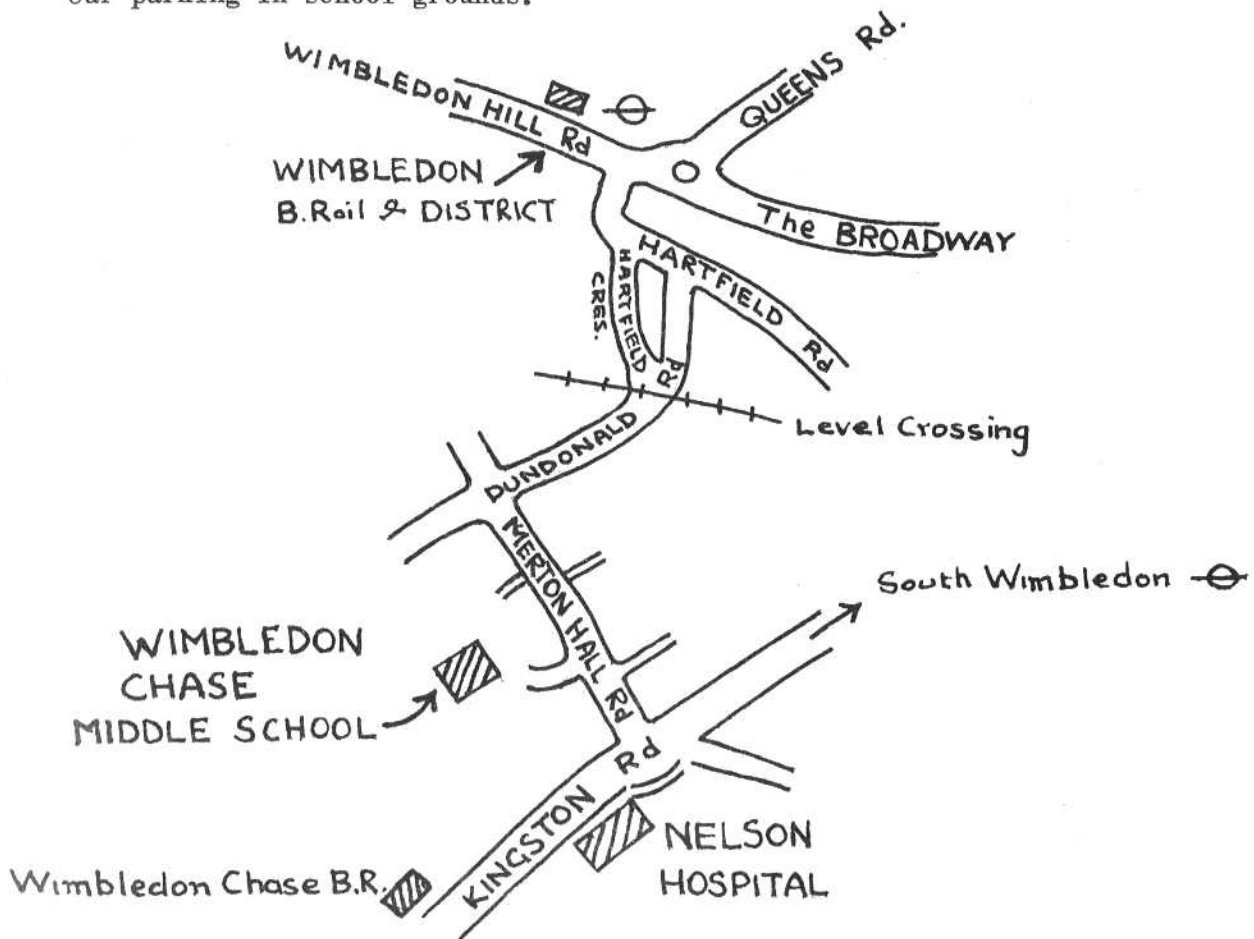
Tutor: Garry Karner. Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Fee: £3.50 at the door.

The Course will concentrate on "brîuls" and probably only four dances will be taught during the day. These dances are not included in the Swansea Summer School programme.

Bring packed lunch, or the "Leather Bottle" and the "Emma Hamilton" are nearby. Tea, coffee, squash will be available at the school.

Travel: British Rail to Wimbledon Chase Station, then few minutes' walk.
British Rail and District Line to Wimbledon, then 'bus 156 to Nelson Hospital, or 10 minutes' walk.
Northern Line to South Wimbledon, 'bus 152 to Nelson Hospital.

Car parking in school grounds.



Details from Frances Horrocks, 01 642 3629.

"DANCE WITH THE WORLD"

The latest "Dance With The World" leaflet is enclosed with SIFD NEWS, and for the convenience of members it lists all the affiliated and associated groups of the SIFD. If required, further copies can be obtained from Charles Steventon or Joan Rackham. Please send s.a.e.

CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR BEST WISHES to Natassa Drossou and George Lemos who were married on 26th May. We wish them every happiness in their future together.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR....

Dear Lily,

I would like to congratulate all who took part in the CCPR Albert Hall display. It looked very good. I know a lot of work went into it. Thanks go to Jill Bransby and to all those involved for waving an excellent SIFD flag. Well done, Wilf (Horrocks) and your merry band of players.

May I also add my opinions on the question of a lower membership subscription and cheaper entry fees for O.A.P.s and the unwaged. I am lucky to be in fulltime employment and as such find the membership subscription and dance costs very reasonable. I have gained a great deal of pleasure from being a member of the SIFD and enjoy not only the dancing but the company as well. I would therefore be upset to think that some people were denied these pleasures. If those who now have to stay away could come for half price, then the Society would be better off in the long run and an interest in dancing would not have been squashed.

If it hadn't been for Will Green's kindness and encouragement when I went to the Sunday dances in my first year of dancing, I might well have been scared off coming on a Sunday evening. I am therefore very grateful that Will and others like him have so far been able to come to most of the dances, and would be very sorry if he could no longer come. Let's welcome and encourage everybody and keep our dancing community going. Everyone contributes something to the Society but in different ways. If the Society needs money, perhaps we could have a marathon sponsored dance (or something similar) or hold a quarterly raffle on a Sunday.

Here's to the SIFD and the characters who keep it going - long may they dance!

Yours sincerely,

SUSAN TUPPER
97 Cambridge Road,
Wimbledon, S.W.20.

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Dear Lily,

(In reply to Steve's letter last month). Of course the groups I quoted are local. Even little organizations are giving better value for money than a national one - if SIFD is really a national one, a point contested by some outer-London groups.

Anecdote (true): I belong to an organization which once had 6,000 members, 4 staff, but a deficit of £1,000. So raise the subs., reduce the staff! After two years we had 4,000 members, 3 staff, and a deficit of £1,200. More drastic changes; increase subs., reduce staff. Now we have 1,200 members, 1 staff, and a deficit of £1,500.

Instead of discouraging people from coming to the Cecil Sharp House dances, why not bring more people there? Retrenchment is no answer.

One further thought; We are halfway through National Youth Year. What has SIFD done to bring in more Youth? Perhaps some groups can tell us what they've done.

WILL GREEN
202 Dunkery Road, S.E.9

Dear Lily,

Just a short note to let you know that the Dance Day held by our Hungarian Group was an exciting experience. Dancers came from as far away as Edinburgh and locally Leeds and Manchester. We found it stimulating to know that "outsiders" were interested in Hungarian dancing. Alan McLean did a marvellous job, although things seemed to race so fast. We enjoyed the films very much; the first time most of us had seen actual Hungarian dancing. Everyone worked very hard and, we hope, learned a lot.

Once again, I cannot thank the SIFD enough for opening our eyes to a world of dance that we previously didn't know existed.

Yours sincerely,

RACHEL NOVAK
Bradford Hungarian Dance Team,
88 Legrams Lane, Bradford.

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S.I.F.D. NORWEGIAN DAY COURSE

SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 1985.

Place: Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London N.W.1
Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Tutor: Tony Parkins
Cost: SIFD members £3. Non-members £4.

Refreshments, including lunches, are available from Cecil Sharp House Canteen.

Tony will be teaching some Norwegian dances from the following list, new to the SIFD repertoire :-

Allemannsmarsj	*Tretur (Fana)
Fandango (Namdalen)	Tyrolaren
Feiar (Vestlandet)	Holtril
Oppdalsril	Stjernetar
Sandsvaerril	*Tretur (Nordmore)
Treklappdans	Eikerril

*These are both different from the Tretur we already know.

The next SIFD Day Course, in July, will be Bulgarian.

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S.I.F.D. 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Celebration Dance has now been provisionally booked for SATURDAY, 10TH MAY 1986. Please note this date in your diaries, especially those groups who have to plan well in advance.

The Dance will be held at the Porchester Hall again, which was the venue for the very successful Margery Latham Memorial Dance.

KAY LEIGHTON

BULGARIAN FOLK DANCE COURSE

*On SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 1985

At Waltham Forest Y.M.C.A., 642 Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E.17.

The dances which were taught at the Day Course on 13th April will be re-taught. Some new dances will also be included.

3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. "Advanced" Admission £1.50
6.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. "Easy" Admission £1.50

"Advanced" dances: Trakijska Rucenitsa, Djus
"Easy" dances: Harmanlisko, Pirinsko, Sopsko, Ruka, Karamfil

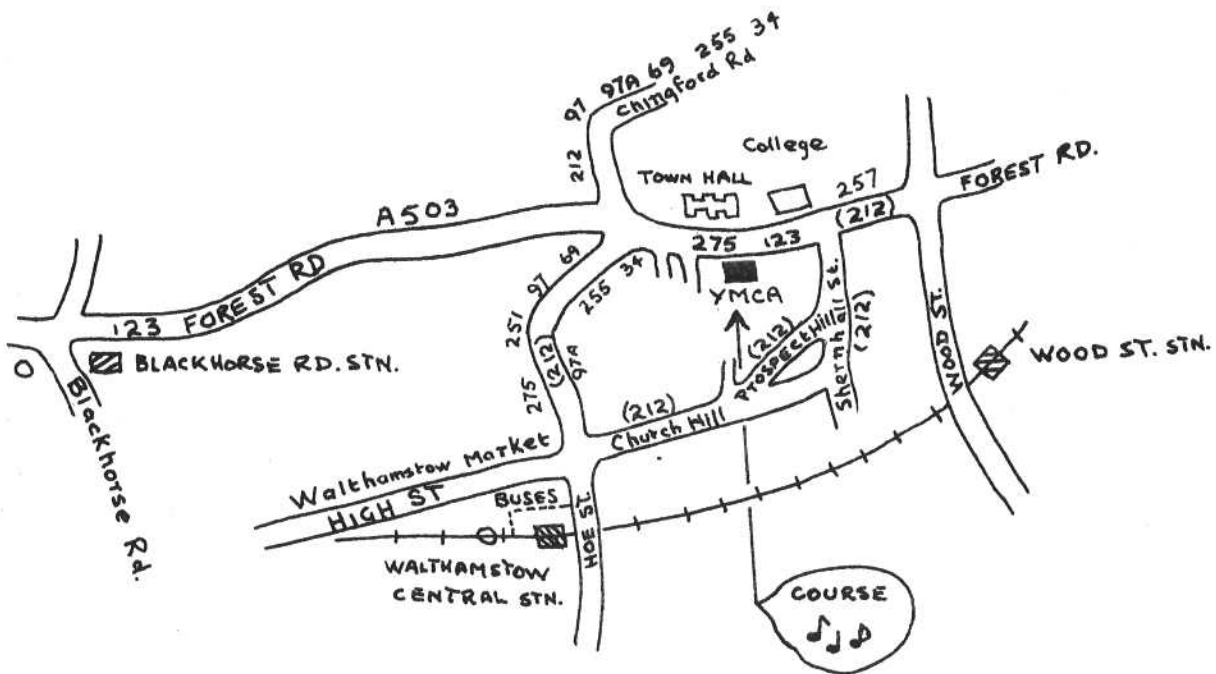
The Y.M.C.A. has good parking facilities, and refreshments are available from the Y.M.C.A. Coffee Bar.

Nearest stations: Walthamstow Central and Blackhorse Road (both Victoria Line and British Rail).

'Buses: From Blackhorse Road, No.123 } alight outside Walthamstow Town Hall.
From Walthamstow Central, No.275 }
No.251 - alight outside College.

Details from Cathy Meunier, 21 Hollywood Way, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 9LG
Tel: 01 527 6232.

* N.B. Please note a CHANGE OF DATE, if you have received details earlier.



FOLKESTONE INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

22ND TO 28TH JUNE 1985

There has been a late addition to the Festival programme. The visiting Turkish group from Istanbul will give dance tuition on Sunday, 23rd June, 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. in Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone. Cost £1.50 payable at the time. Numbers will be limited, and advance notice of intention to attend would be appreciated - to Evra Jordan (Hythe 66779 day, or Hythe 69119 evening). At the time of writing no further details have been arranged, but it is anticipated that there will be some easy dances for those new to Turkish and some more difficult for experienced dancers.

ADVANCE NOTICES

- July 7th A DAY OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK MUSIC & DANCE at Waltham Forest Theatre, Lloyd Park, Forest Rd., London E.17. Vehicle entrance in Winns Rd., off Forest Rd. 10.30 to 12.30. 14.00 to 17.30. 19.00 to 22.30. The morning session is Great Britain (Morris etc.) Afternoon and evening are International with performances by music and dance groups including Beskydy Dancers (Czechoslovakia) at 19.00, and Dunav Balkan Group at 21.15.
- July 20th ROMANIAN DAY COURSE at Friends Meeting House, Church Rd., Watford, Herts. Tutor: Celia Stone. More details next month.
- July 20th SOUTHFIELDS SUMMER SHINDIG at Scout Hall, Firbright Rd., S.W.18. General International Dancing - quite a few walked through. M.C. Steve Steventon. Musician: Tina Meech. 7.30 to 10.45 p.m. £2.75 (including refreshments and wine). Further information from Tina or Joan Meech, 75 Revelstoke Rd., Wimbledon Park, SW18 5NL. (01 947 0839).
- July 24th to 28th MALLOW INTERNATIONAL FOLK FATHERING IN IRELAND. Details from the Secretary: Margot Wilson, "Ackworth", Navigation Rd., Mallow, Co.Cork. Tel. (022) 22015.
- Sept. 28th ISRAELI DAY COURSE organized by Nutbrook International Folkdance Group followed by EVENING DANCE at Kirk Hallam Community Centre, Nr. Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Course tutor: Fiona Howarth. Further details later.
- Nov. 30th GENERAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE at Worthing, West Sussex. M.C. Iris Birch. Musician: Wilf Horrocks. 7.30 to 10.45 p.m. Further details nearer the date.

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WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

Alan McLean would welcome the opportunity of giving weekend workshops to any of the SIFD affiliated groups. These workshops could be Hungarian or Transylvanian or Romanian or Polish or Greek or a mixture of all Eastern Europe from the Soviet Union to Greece. Alan would not require a fee for giving these workshops but would need accommodation in the case of some groups, and his travelling expenses. In making this generous offer, Alan says it will give him the greatest pleasure to be able to pass on to others the accumulation of almost 40 years of acquired knowledge. He has made 18 visits to Hungary, and several to Romania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece, where he has learned most of the dances. He can be contacted at 6 Epsom Close, Northolt, Middx. Tel: 01 422 6498.

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ERRATA

In the April issue, we gave Mike Ridout's address as in Chiswick. He moved from there some time ago and his present address is: 5 Witham Rd., Isleworth, Middx.

In the May issue we gave the admission price for the Hungarian Day Course organized by High Wycombe Folkdance Club as £3.50. This should have been £2.50. And the date given for ROMANIAN BRIULS taught by Gary Karner should have been 15th June.

We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

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ALL MATERIAL FOR THE JULY ISSUE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR, IN WRITING, BY
15TH JUNE

M E R I D E N

CENTRE OF ENGLAND MUSIC AND DANCE FOLK FESTIVAL
28TH TO 30TH JUNE 1985

Workshops to be held in International, American and Contra, Scottish Country Dance, Playford, Village Dances, Morris, Rapper, Sword, Clog, Appalachian Clog, and musical instruments. Demonstrations and Dances will also be held. This is a new venture. Anyone interested in visiting "The Centre of England" please contact Mrs. Pat Hoban, 37 Old Farm Rd., Stechford, Birmingham B33 9HH. Tel: 021 784 2728. The West Midlands Branch of SIFD are involved in giving displays on Sunday, 30th June.

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The West Midlands Branch now has another Group - ARDEN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP - who hold classes on 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month at the Village Hall, Station Rd., Balsall Common near Coventry, at 7.30 p.m. Further details from Mrs. Grace Pittman, 6 Leveson Crescent, Balsall Common, near Coventry. Tel. Berkswell 34112.

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IN HUNGARY THIS SUMMER

- July 18th International Trade Unions Folk Dance Festival at Szeged in
to 28th South Hungary.
- August 10th National Meeting of Folkdance Groups and Folk Artists at the
& 11th Culture House at Godollo (close to Budapest).
- August 19th World Federation of Hungarians has organized for 25 Hungarian
& 20th Dance Groups living outside Hungary to study and perform in
various parts of the country, culminating in a 2-day Festival
at the Open-Air Theatre on Margaret Island in Budapest on
these dates.
- August 21st The "Uj Delibab" Dance Group is promoting a Summer Folkdance Course
to 28th at Debrecen in Eastern Hungary. For further information, contact
Alan McLean, 6 Epsom Close, Northolt, Middx. Tel. 01 422 6498.

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A VENUE FOR FOLKDANCE COURSES

Beauchamp House, a country house three miles West of the City of Gloucester, has recently completed a development programme which makes it an ideal centre for Summer Folk Dancing Courses. The main hall is 45 x 40ft. and there are several smaller rooms plus excellent facilities. Sleeping is in tents, thus keeping overheads to a minimum, so that a week's course (Sunday to Saturday) costs only £40 full board. Anyone interested in organizing a Course should contact Beauchamp House, Churcham, Gloucester GL2 8AA.

Perhaps this may be the answer to those members asking for cheaper courses.

SIFD ASSOCIATED CLASSES

GENERAL INTERNATIONAL

Wednesdays. Beginners 6 to 7 p.m. General & Advanced 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. St. Albans School, Baldwins 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, Middx. (usually). 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 meets in the Senior Common Room, College House, Swansea University. Details from Joan or Jack Richardson, Tel: 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, WC1.

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.

ISRAELI

Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced. Henry Fawcett School, Bowling Green Street, Oval, London, SE11. Tutor: Fiona Howarth. Tel: 01-460 0823. Please see tutor before enrolling.

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).

POLISH

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.

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH OF THE SIFD

"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.

SIFD 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 and 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 meets 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: Eric Janke, Mail Pt.157, IBM UK Labs. Ltd., Hursley Park, Winchester, Hants.,SO21 2JN. 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 CLUB 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.

(This is not a complete list, owing to limited space).

SUNDAY DANCES at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London N.W.1.

June 2nd M.C. Wilf Horrocks and the Band
June 16th M.Cs Joyce Sharp and Audrey Whiteley BEGINNERS' DANCE
July 7th M.C. Jill Bransby

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

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WHAT'S ON

- June 1st FRENCH AFTERNOON COURSE followed by INTERNATIONAL SOIREE at Holy Family Convent School, London Rd., Enfield, Middx. (Entrance to playground for parking in Chalkwell Park Avenue, off Lincoln Rd.). Bourrees taught by Joan & Simon Guest. Music by ROSBIF. 2 to 5.30 p.m. Soiree (including French) 7 to 10 p.m. Admission: Afternoon £2, Evening £2, Both £3.50 (Couples £6). OAPs and UB40s half-price. Light refreshments included in evening.
- June 4th to July 2nd INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCING SUMMER WORKSHOP. Tuesdays 6 to 9 p.m. at Christopher Hatton School, Laystall Street, London E.C.1. (This is what has previously been the Central London Group extension classes). Fees: 6 to 7 p.m. ILEA £1, Outer London £1.50; 7 to 9 p.m. ILEA £2, Outer London £3; 6 to 9 p.m. ILEA £2.50, Outer London £3.75.
- June 8th S.I.F.D. NORWEGIAN DAY COURSE. See page 7.
- June 16th FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & DANCES. Hammersmith Odeon, London, 6 p.m. Includes Cuadro Flamenco and Los del Campo (Spanish regional dances) Groups of dances by the Galician and Andalucian communities in U.K.
- June 16th West Midlands Branch of SIFD, ANNUAL SAFARI, dancing round the Cotswolds. Meet at 10.30 a.m. at Old Market Hall, Chipping Campden. Further information from Mrs. J. Macintosh (address on page 11).
- June 19th to 22nd "MR. SHERIDAN'S MIDSUMMER REVELS" at Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre, 7.30 p.m. Includes performances by Margaret Webb's Spanish Group, "Los Companeros". Details from the Box Office, Polesden Lacey Open-Air Theatre, Dorking, Surrey. (Tel. Bookham 57223).
- June 22nd to 28th FOLKESTONE INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL. Teams from Holland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland, Italy, Sweden, Turkey and Slovenia. Details given in April issue. Further information from Evra Jordan, "Mid-Streams", Green Lane, Hythe, Kent. Tel. Hythe 66779 (office) 69119 (home). See also announcement on page 8.
- June 23rd DAY OF FRENCH DANCING. Live music on authentic instruments by ROSBIF. M.C./Tutor: Simon Guest. 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Bring packed lunch; drinks on sale all day. At Durrington High School, Boulevard Hall, The Boulevard, Worthing (off the A2032 or nearest B.R. Station is Durrington). £2.50 SIFD and EFDSS members with card. £3 non-members. As this is the last Day Course of this series, Iris Birch plans to run an evening GENERAL INTERNATIONAL DANCE 6.30 to 10 p.m. at Durrington Community Central Hall IF SUFFICIENT DANCERS ARE INTERESTED. Day-course dancers can go to club members' houses to freshen up etc. Cost of Dance £1 including light refreshments, payable at door. PLEASE TELEPHONE IRIS IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING EVENING DANCE. Worthing 691651 any time up to midnight.
- June 28th to 30th WEEKEND AT DUNFORD HOUSE, MIDHURST.
- June 28th to 30th CENTRE OF ENGLAND MUSIC & DANCE FOLK FESTIVAL. See page 10.