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Enquiries and orders for books, records and cassettes should be sent to Joan Rackham, 16 Bathurst Avenue, London SW19 3AE.

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

S.I.F.D T-shirts in various designs and sizes, S.I.F.D. Mugs, Notelets, Shopping Bags, and also copies of "The History of the S.I.F.D.", are all available from Kay Kedge (address above).

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ALL MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION IN THE APRIL SIFD NEWS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR IN WRITING BY 15TH MARCH.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Sunday, 4th February, saw our return to Cecil Sharp House, both for Committee Meetings and the monthly Dance. It was marked by the first use of the Roly Minton memorial cashbox. Many members expressed appreciation of its engraved plate ensuring that Roly will be constantly remembered.

At the Committee Meeting preceding the Dance, four points arose which will be of interest to members:

We have at last heard from the Sidmouth International Folk Festival organizers, declining our offer of workshops this year. This will disappoint many people who look forward to meeting and dancing with old friends, both in the Drill Hall and at various open-air venues.

We are setting up two new Sub-Committees - a Video Sub-Committee whose members have expertise in video-ing, and a Cassette Sub-Committee who will take responsibility for getting the next two cassettes (C7 and C8) on the market as soon as possible.

In answer to queries from some members, we must make it clear that our insurance does not cover loss of equipment, costumes or sales stocks left in unattended vehicles. The cost of providing cover for such losses is quite prohibitive.

AUDREY WHITELEY
Hon. Secretary

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IN MEMORIAM

A Memorial Service was held for Roland Minton at St. Peter's Church, De Beauvoir Road, London N.1., on Thursday, 11th January 1990, and his ashes were laid by the door of the Church. Roland will be commemorated by his name being given to the community hall at the Rose Lipman Centre, where he spent so much of his time working with and for the local community, and a silver birch tree will be planted in his remembrance.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Judith and Mark Payling on the birth of a daughter, Holly Catherine, who was born, weighing 6lbs.12oz., on 5th February 1990. We congratulate Judith and Mark, and wish Holly Catherine a healthy, happy future.

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S.I.F.D. DAY COURSE - ARMENIAN

Place: St. Paul's Centre, Rossmore Road, Marylebone, London N.W.1. (off Lisson Grove and near Marylebone and Edgware Road Underground Stations).

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Date: SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH 1990

Tutor: Frances Horrocks Fee: £3 for S.I.F.D. members, £4 for non-members

Bring packed lunch; squash available on site. Kitchen will be open for making tea or coffee, and tea-bags, instant coffee and U.H.T. milk will be provided at a nominal charge.

The dances to be taught will be taken from the syllabus of dances proposed for the Armenian Silver Badge examination to be held on 9th June 1990.

Only official video recording will be permitted.

The next S.I.F.D. Day Course, on 7th April (the first Saturday of the month) will be Welsh.

The S.I.F.D. Day Course in May will be Greek. Any requests for particular Greek dances can be sent to Lillian Galatis at 81 Corringway, London W5 3HB.

Tel: 01 997 5729.

BALKAN DAY COURSE - SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH 1990

The fourth in our series of Balkan folk dances will be in March. We will be teaching a variety of dances, some complex, some easy. Beginners and experienced dancers are welcome. We hope to help you to enjoy some more of the dances which are frequently requested at Balkan events. Music and dance notes will be available at the course.

The course will be held on SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH 1990, from 11.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at Swiss Cottage Community Centre, 19 Winchester Road, London N.W.3. Nearest Underground: Swiss Cottage. Cost: £3.50. Dances will be taken from the following:-

Popular dances from Paul Mülders' recent course - Macedonian.	
Gjuševska Rucenitsa	- Bulgaria
Nared	- Bulgaria
Rustemul	- Romania
Jiana din Avrig	- Romania
Ikariotiko	- Greece
Sta Tria	- Greece

For further details ring me on 01 828 1000 Ext.4565 (day) or 01 482 0906 (evening) or Helen Green, 0923 240611 (day), 0923 51528 (evening).

CATHY MEUNIER

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RAINMAKERS are organizing a Dance Revision Workshop at St. Michael's Church Hall, The Broadway, Letchworth, Herts., on SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH 1990, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tutor: Janet Woolbar. Janet will select dances from the following:-

A Chula	Fjallnas Polska
Bolero Mallorquin	Vlasko
Hambo	Vrapceto
Verde Gaio	Andor Amor Vamos a Murta
L'Angoise	Fadinho Tres Temps

Further information from Betty Lee, 0438 316288.

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LOIDIS INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP are organizing a Day Course at Lidgett Park Methodist Church, Roundhay, Leeds, on SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH 1990, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tutor: Dawn Webster, from Newport, Wales.

The programme will be mixed but will include some of the Silver Badge dances from Holland, and some Welsh dances. Price: £2.50.

The church is at the junction of Talbot Road (off Street Lane) and North Park Avenue (off Lidgett Lane). It is about five miles from the city centre and is best reached from the A.61 (Scott Hall Road) or the Leeds-Harrogate road. If you contact Patricia Webb (0532 664384) or Alec Green (0532 787837) they will send you a map.

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BARLOW INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP are holding a Day of Greek Dances on SATURDAY, 31ST MARCH 1990, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., at St. Ninians Church Hall, Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester. Tutor: Lillian Galatis. Cost: Whole day £3.50, half-day £2.

Bring packed lunch; coffee, tea available. There are also cafes and "take-away" shops nearby. For further information, telephone Joan Wood, Secretary, 061 881 1077.

BULGARIAN FOLKDANCE CASSETTES AND NOTES - JAAP LEEGWATER

I have a limited number of Jaap Leegwater's latest cassette (Volume 4) from his most recent courses. Cost: £6.50. I also have the dance notes which go with the tape. Cost: £3.50. Please apply to me at 115 Chetwynd Road, London NW5 1DA, Tel: 01 482 0906, adding 50p for postage and packing.

CATHY MEUNIER



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Lily,

After repeated rumours of his imminent departure, Narendra Kotiyan finally left for India on 3rd February. He has returned to Bombay with his sister and mother after more than thirty years as one of the main driving forces of the folk dance and music movement in London. Without making this sound like an obituary, I feel we should not let him leave without a salute to his considerable talents and achievements.

Frances Horrocks tells me that Naren was wearing a kilt when she first met him, but that it took little persuasion for him to turn towards international folk dancing. He had a happy period performing Russian, Spanish and French dances before finding his niche in Balkan dance and music. His warm, generous, outgoing nature has made him many friends here and abroad, from the enthusiastic beginner to the most eminent folklorist, musician or dancer.

To list some of Naren's contributions over the years we must take a deep breath and mention his achievements as a popular teacher of dance; the most versatile member of the Dunav Balkan Group (on tapan, tarabuka, kaval, gajda, zurna, frula, tamburitsa and bass); a creative producer of Balkan festivals; a co-founder of Balkanplus; a judge at the Llangollen Eisteddfod; and a delegate at various folklore conferences. Above all, he has been an untiring champion of folklore in the profoundest sense of the word. Naren has been the first to help and encourage us to attain higher standards, while insisting that we retain a proper sense of humility towards our chosen activity.

Naren will doubtless visit England from time to time. Many of us hope that he will eventually see fit to return permanently to England, where he is seen to be truly irreplaceable.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN DOWSETT
75 Fordwich Rise, Hertford,
Herts. SG14 2BW.

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Dear Lily,

Having recently moved to Lowestoft, we are trying to ascertain the level of interest in International Folk Dancing, with a view to starting a group in the area. We are, therefore, holding an afternoon dance course on SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH 1990, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Hall, Ilketshall St. Andrew, off the B.1062 near Beccles, Suffolk.

The dances will be mostly simple Balkan dances, but any experienced dancers who are interested are welcome to come. The cost will be £2 on the door. More information can be obtained by ringing us on Lowestoft (0502) 589058.

Yours,

JAMES & JACKY WEBB
9 Mill Bank, Oulton Broad,
Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Dear Lily,

After about thirty years of travelling around most parts of the world, and accumulating cassettes and records of folk music and dances, I was wondering whether any members would be interested in availing themselves of the following offer.

If anyone is interested, I could supply cassette recordings of folk dance music of any of the following countries for £2.50 per cassette, which would also cover the cost of postage.

Soviet Union	Mexico	India
Poland	Guatemala	(Kathak, Odissi, Kathakali,
Czechoslovakia	Colombia	Barata Natyam)
Hungary	Ecuador	Thailand
Romania	Peru	Malaysia
Bulgaria	Bolivia	Indonesia
Yugoslavia	Paraguay	(Bali, China, Korea)
Greece	Brazil	
Albania		
Turkey		
Israel		
Spain		
Austria		
Norway		
Gypsy music of Hungary		

On another matter; if groups are interested in performing on a Sunday afternoon at the Commonwealth Institute, High Street, Kensington, London, they should get in touch with Pat Bain on Ext.250 or 242 at the Institute. It will involve, first, a short performance in the foyer with the audience above the dance area, then either a lecture in the hall close by or a workshop, and end with another short performance. This happens all the year round.

Best wishes,

ALAN McLEAN
6 Epsom Close, Northolt, Middx.
Tel: 01 422 6498

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Dear Everybody,

Wasn't it marvellous to be back at dear old Cecil's again? I really appreciated the experience of dancing between the sprung floor and the lofty ceiling, the sense of space and adequate seating, and of course my "favourite man" downstairs to visit for hot drinks and refreshments.

I think we owe a vote of thanks to Brenda Goodrich etc. for their long battle to save "the House", and to our Committee for deciding to take us back there on Sundays. Those who agree, say "Hooray" and support the dances!

Thanks Lily for the space.

Shalom,

FIONA HOWARTH
17a Ravensbourne Road, Bromley
BR1 1HN

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ANOTHER CHANGE OF VENUE. Bristol International Folk Dancers (now sub-titled "The School Wreckers"!) have been moved on again. We hope to remain at the new venue, Claremont Special School, Henleaze Park, Bristol 9, but in view of our recent peripateticism, visitors should check before coming. HILDA STURGE, 0272 621802.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 21st. WOODVALE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP SPRING DANCE at Borough Green Village Hall, Borough Green, near Sevenoaks, Kent, 8 to 11.30 p.m. S.I.F.D. Band. Cost: £3.50 including buffet. Please bring your own drinks. Free prize draw for those in costume. Please ring Heather Bevan on 0622 692937 to book tickets, or write to 45 Chillington Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2RT.

April 21st. PORTUGUESE DAY COURSE organized by the West Midlands Branch of S.I.F.D. at *Oakenshawe Road, Solihull, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Cost: £4 for the whole day. Janet Woolbar will be teaching dances from her wide repertoire. GENERAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE at 7.30 p.m. Further details from Dennis Hunt, 0203 413845.

*Oakenshawe Centre

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POLISH DANCING - SATURDAY, 28TH APRIL 1990

AT KINGSLEY HALL, BRUCE ROAD, LONDON E.3

The above hall proved very successful on our last date, so we have booked it again for another five hours of dancing; tuition/revision and social, with our usual large tea sandwiched between sessions. Tickets in advance will cost:-

£3.00 for the first session (2 to 5 p.m.) with tea afterwards
£2.50 for the second session (6.15 to 8.15 p.m.) with tea before
£4.50 for both sessions (2 to 8.15 p.m.) including tea

Please send s.a.e. to:- Betty Harvey or Tony Latham
30 Regent Square, Flat 9, 118 Avenue Road
London E3 3HQ London W3 8QG

TONY LATHAM

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WORTHING INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR

On SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL 1990, there will be a DAY COURSE OF EARLY DANCE, i.e. 15th and 16th Century Italian, with tutor Diana Cruickshank. Fee: £2.50.

Hall opens at 10 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. start. First session from 10.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. (one hour for lunch; bring packed lunch). Second session from 1.45 to 4.00 p.m. (or 4.30 p.m. if needed). Hall closes at 5 p.m. Tea/coffee/squash and biscuits will be available all day FREE.

The venue will be Heene Road Community Centre, Heene Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Heene Road runs South to the sea-front from about halfway between West Worthing and Worthing Central B.R. stations. Heene Centre was formerly a school, and parking is in the playground and in the roads around the centre. The centre is only two minutes from the sea-front.

A telephone call would be appreciated for catering purposes.

IRIS BIRCH, 0903 691651.

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Also, as part of Worthing's 10th anniversary celebrations:-

On SATURDAY, 19TH MAY 1990, there will be a DAY COURSE OF DANCES FROM TURKEY, BULGARIA, etc., with tutor Frances Horrocks. Fee: £2.50.

Hall opens at 10 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. start. First session from 10.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. (one hour for lunch; bring packed lunch). Second session from 1.45 to 4 p.m. (or 4.30 p.m. if needed). Hall closes at 5 p.m. Tea/coffee/squash and biscuits will be available all day FREE.

The venue will be Field Place, Pavilion (Southern end of the Boulevard) Worthing. "Field Place" is signposted. Durrington B.R. Station is very near. There are two car parks in Field Place grounds.

Again, a telephone call would be appreciated for catering purposes.

IRIS BIRCH, 0903 691651

WORTHING INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE CLUB celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and is organizing some special events. Advance notice of some of the events:-

Sunday, 22nd April. A Day Course of Early Dance, i.e. 15th & 16th century Italian. Tutor: Diana Cruickshank. See page 7.

Saturday, 19th May. A Day Course of Bulgarian, Turkish etc. Tutor: Frances Horrocks. See page 7.

Saturday, 23rd June (part of Worthing Borough's 100th celebrations), "See What They Dance" at the Sea-front Pavilion. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The general public will have a unique opportunity to see exactly what is meant by International Folk Dancing, Modern American Square Dancing and American Round Dancing, and also, in the afternoon only, Scottish. Entry will be free. The dancing will be at dance floor level, not on stage. I shall be compiling a list of relevant dances for at least six 15-minute International spots. Keep the date free if you would like to join us. I need 50 or 60 dancers. I hope to arrange an evening dance for International Dancers (not suitable for beginners). Please watch for full details in SIFD NEWS.

Sunday, 7th October. A Day Course of Israeli Dances. Tutor: Judy Ingram.

All day courses £2.50. All are in Worthing. Full details in this or later SIFD NEWS.

IRIS BIRCH, 0903 691651.

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GREAT ALNE MAY-DAY LONG WEEKEND IN WARWICKSHIRE
5TH TO 7TH MAY 1990

A lively and friendly long weekend using the Village Hall for dancing workshops, music workshops, and for evening social dance.

Karin Bellaart (whose dances at Aberystwyth will be remembered by all who enjoyed the S.I.F.D. Summer School) is visiting us again from Holland to show dances from her superb General International repertoire. Karin's workshops will be from 10.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. each day. There will be workshops for international music from Nick and Helen Green and from Dennis Hunt. We are sampling Longsword and Morris dance again, and have an excellent general music workshop too.

On Saturday afternoon, we intend to visit Mary Arden's house and may even hitch a canal boat ride, and on Sunday afternoon we will walk through the bluebell woods of the Alne hills.

You are welcome to come and join in the workshops (Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings) or for the whole of any day, including the Saturday/Sunday evening social dances which will include a blend of international with some English and American country styles. Our own camping/caravanning site is near to the hall; alternatively, B & B is available if I know early. Full programme and booking details from me, André Hobro, 0203 418949.

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CANCELLATION

I have, with regret, cancelled the camping weekend at Beauchamp House for the weekend of 22nd/24th June 1990. The decision is consequent upon the increased cost and a change in the terms for the booking. These, when taken together, lead me to doubt that bookings for the weekend would reach the required minimum number. I am sorry about this; the venue has proved popular. I will try to find an alternative site, so if anyone knows a venue which may be suitable, please tell me.

There are vacancies for the weekends at Launde Abbey, near Leicester, 27th/29th July 1990, and Kelston Park, near Bath, 21st/23rd September 1990.

ROY CLARKE
33 Cedar Park Rd., Enfield, Middx.
EN2 0HE. Tel: 01 (081 after 6th
May) 367 2649

WEEKEND OF BULGARIAN FOLK DANCES WITH EDDY TIJSSSEN
25TH TO 27TH MAY 1990 AT CHARLBURY, near OXFORD

The popular Dutch teacher, Eddy Tijssen, will be teaching Bulgarian folk dances at a weekend course in Charlbury. Eddy is an exceptionally talented dancer who has become a highly respected specialist of Bulgarian dance. He has a gift for making his dances easy and fun to learn. The course begins on Friday evening, 25th May, and ends on Sunday afternoon, 27th May. Beginners and experienced dancers are welcome. The cost of the weekend including half-board accommodation in the Youth Hostel will be approximately £30. For details, send a stamped addressed envelope to me at 115 Chetwynd Road, London NW5 1DA.

Eddy is also teaching at Blackpool. For details, contact Julie Korth, 0942 831141.

CATHY MEUNIER



DANCE STUDIES, VOL.12, EDITED BY RODERYK LANGE

"The Dance Folklore from Cuiavia", a new book, price £5 plus p. & p. from Centre for Dance Studies, Les Bois, St.Peter, Jersey, Channel Islands.

At the beginning of each year, a new edition of Dance Studies arrives. This latest volume, No.12 in the series, is on one subject, "The Dance Folklore from Cuiavia". This study is one of the best there has been for some time, due perhaps to the fact that it deals with one subject, thoroughly researched by one person.

In the sixties, Dr.Lange spent ten years in the Polish region of Cuiavia, the home of the Kujawiak, and the results of this extensive fieldwork he shares with us in this very comprehensive study.

The study has been extremely well recorded. Dr. Lange is very thorough and presents all the various aspects; the region, the people, the costume, the music, the dance and its development, the steps and the relationship with other dances. The material is illustrated with Kinetograms, photographs, and musical examples.

Teachers or dancers who are interested in the Polish style, or who would like to extend their knowledge, will certainly enjoy this issue. I always find it fascinating to know how dances developed and changed, the historical impact etc. It gives the subject an added dimension.

ROBERT HARROLD



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

Dance Groups: "Selpar". Classes on Tuesday evenings, 7.15 at Selly Park School, Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham. Tutor: Sybil Chapman.

"Heart of England" International Folkdance Group. Wednesday evenings, 7.30 at Lyndon School, Daylesford Road, Solihull. Leader: Alf Garton.

"Arden" International Folkdance Group. Tuesday evenings, 8.00, at Heart of England School, Gipsy Lane, Balsall Common, Nr.Coventry. Tutor: Grace Pittman.

Further details of the above from: The Secretary of the West Midlands Branch, S.I.F.D., Dennis V.Hunt, 27 Baginton Road, Styvechale, Coventry CV3 6JX.
Tel: 0203 413854.

Lillian Galatis taught six Greek village dances at the Kayroma Group on Friday, 27th January 1990. What's newsworthy about that, you may wonder. Two reasons. She is the first London-based teacher to visit the Group at Whitley Bay on the North-East coast, some ten miles East of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Also, she came the day after the storm which closed the King's Cross-Peterborough railway line so that she was obliged to travel to Newcastle, via Cambridge(!), on a very overcrowded train which arrived at 4 p.m., three hours late. After next to no time at Kaye Poole's home in Heddon-on-the-Wall, there was a 15-mile drive to Whitley Bay for the evening teaching session. For all her long day of travelling and near-fasting, Lillian gave no sign of fatigue and, with her friendly, expert tuition, the Group spent a most enjoyable evening.

Many thanks to Lillian, not only for her teaching, but also for her determination to get here on that day. I understand that her return train journey on the following afternoon took the normal scheduled time of three hours.

S.I.F.D. folk are always welcome here. We may seem to be a long way off, but there is a good train service to Newcastle and we are close to the A.1 (Tyne Tunnel) road. Northumbria history, countryside and near-empty sandy beaches are all worth a look - and you don't have to wear an overcoat all the time!

JANE RIDDLE
p.p. Kayroma Group

"HAKKE TOONE"

As several versions of the Dutch dance, "Hakke Toone", have been taught by various groups and individuals visiting from Holland, members may like to note the following.

The versions of Hakke Toone which will be acceptable for the Dutch proficiency badge in the S.I.F.D. Silver Badge examination are:-

- either the original version as printed in S.I.F.D. Book 1.
- or the "modern" version as printed in notes distributed at the S.I.F.D. Day Course. N.B. This version does not have the solo figures danced by women and then men as in the original version, just the four figures described.

JANET WOOLBAR

EASTBOURNE SWOP-SHOP

Once again this year, I shall be running a "swop-shop" in conjunction with the S.I.F.D. Shop at the Eastbourne International Folk Festival (4th to 7th May 1990). If anyone has any items of interest to dancers, walkers or musicians, that they would like me to sell on their behalf, I shall be willing to do so, deducting 10% for S.I.F.D. funds.

PAM KHAN
221 Commonside East, Mitcham,
Surrey CR4 1HB

"INTERNATIONAL" RECIPES

One of our members has suggested that we include a recipe in SIFD NEWS from time to time. If anyone has a tried and trusted foreign recipe they would like to share with everyone, perhaps they would send it to me, and we will fit it in. ED.

ALBANIA

Deutsch-Albanische Freundschaftsgesellschaft e.v. are arranging a visit to Albania for people wishing to learn Albanian folkdances. The trip is from 7th to 22nd April 1990. Tirana (3 days), Korca (6 days), Berat (2 overnights), Apollonia-Vlora (2 overnights), Durrës, and Kruja. Sightseeing tours, lectures and discussions, as well as folkdance course. Cost: DM 1.885,00, which includes flights from Frankfurt to Tirana, via Budapest, double rooms, full board, dancing lessons, music, excursions, entrance fees, visa, Albanian interpreter, insurance etc. Please apply as soon as possible to DAFG, Postfach 20 31 37, D-2000 Hamburg 20, Germany. Tel: (040) 850 27 36. Fax: 040-850 87 35.

ROMANIA

Please note that Silviu Ciuciumis made a mistake with the dates given for the tours to Romania 1990. They should read :-

15th April to 22nd April Tirgoviste, Muntenia. Dfl.1,175.00

22nd July to 5th August Sighetu Marmatiei, Maramures. Dfl.1,795.00

Also, the destination for the April tour has been changed to that given above. Further details from The Doina Foundation, c/o Silviu Ciuciumis, Aarhuispad 22, 3067 PR Rotterdam, Netherlands. (Programmes are now available, but the dates on those I have seen have not been corrected. ED.)

CYPRUS

A folk dance course in Cyprus is being organized by the Limassol Folklore Association from 11th to 14th April 1990 in Pissouri Village, which is between Limassol and Paphos, Cyprus. The cost is £5 CP for each night, £3 CP for one meal, £45 CP for tuition and two excursions (breakfast and a second meal is extra and we arrange these ourselves).

The course will be on Cypriot dances but will also include dances from several regions of Greece. The dates coincide with the Greek/Cypriot Easter, so we'll be joining the village celebrations too. Sounds like a super event. If you are interested, please contact me.

JOAN BOYES
34 Westland Avenue, Heaton,
Bolton BL1 5NP

(Ed. Note: I presume "CP" means Cyprus Pounds).

DENMARK

FOLKLORETRAEF - a combined dance and holiday week in Denmark, 8th to 15th July 1990 in the village of Humble, on Langeland Island, south of Fyn. A programme of dances from Vojvodina, Macedonia, and other regions of Yugoslavia, American square dances and contras, and other international folk dances. Teachers: Desa Djordjevic and Rickey Holden. Cost: 1995 Danish Kroner. Full details from Berit Borg, Guldager Stationsvej 111, DK-6710 Esbjerg V, Denmark.



MUSIC

A Mexican dance tune from Wilf Horrocks this month, on page 12. Please contact Wilf at 53 Southway, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey SM5 4HP, Tel: 01 642 3629, if you have any requests.



ED. NOTE. I should be grateful if, when sending in articles for SIFD NEWS, members could remember to write names of dances, people and places in BLOCK CAPITALS, please. I can't always decipher the writing! Many thanks.

JESUSITA EN CHIHUAHUA

(Mexico)

Intro

A *Briskly and in cheerful style*

B

C *Very smoothly*

D *Faster*

E *Smoothly*

Play: AABACDEA

(Taken from tape by W.H. 1989)

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

March 4th M.C.s Havering International Folkdance Group. Interval dances will be led by Dave Carter.

April 1st M.C.s Croxley Green and Watford Groups
7 to 10 p.m. Admission: £2.50 for S.I.F.D. members. £3.00 for non-members.

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WHAT'S ON

- Feb.22nd KIEV FOLK ENSEMBLE TOUR. Details given last month. Enquiries to Ray Newton, 031 556 1083.
- Mar. 4th "NUBA SIER", a programme of Ghanaian dance and song by Dagarti Arts. Horniman Museum, London, 3 p.m. Free tickets from Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ.
- Mar. 5th First meeting of new ROMANIAN DANCE CLASS to be held each Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. at Grays Inn Resource Centre (ground floor), 1A Theobalds Road, London (junction of Grays Inn Road and Theobalds Road). Tutor: Alan McLean. NO CHARGE
- Mar. 10th S.I.F.D. ARMENIAN DAY COURSE. See page 3.
- Mar. 10th AFTERNOON DANCE COURSE in Suffolk. See page 5.
- Mar. 11th DANCE & MUSIC OF KOREA at Horniman Museum, 3 p.m. Free tickets from Museum (address as above).
- Mar. 16th "A COMPANY OF LEMURS". A dance company whose programme includes Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances. Barbican foyer, 5.30 to 7.20 p.m. Free.
- Mar. 17th DANCE REVISION WORKSHOP at Letchworth. See page 4.
- Mar. 17th BALKAN DAY COURSE at Swiss Cottage. See page 4.
- Mar. 17th BALKANPLUS at Working Men's College, Crowndale Road, London N.W.1., 7 p.m. "Band Choice plus Requests" co-ordinated by Brian Dowsett. Preceded by "A TALK & SLIDESHOW" by Philip Thornton, commencing at 6 p.m. Further details from Helen Green, 0923 51528.
- Mar. 18th ODISSI DANCE. Classical Indian dance style, with live music. Horniman Museum, 3 p.m. Free tickets from Museum (address as above).
- Mar. 18th DAY COURSE OF EUROPEAN FOLK DANCES at Norbreck Castle Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Telephone Julie Korth to book before March 14th. 0942 831141.
- Mar. 23rd AN EVENING OF ARMENIAN DANCES at Barnet International Folkdance Club, Church House, Wood Street, High Barnet. Tutor: Frances Horrocks. Enquiries to Janet Heathfield, 01 368 5345 or 01 440 1366.
- Mar. 24th DAY COURSE, GENERAL INTERNATIONAL, at Leeds. See page 4.
- Mar. 24th DAY COURSE, GENERAL INTERNATIONAL. Tutor: Janet Woolbar. At Henleaze United Reformed Church Hall, Waterford Road, Bristol, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Further dancing 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: £3.50 (non-members £4). Tickets and further details from Hilda Sturge, 10 Carmarthen Road, Bristol BS9 4DU. (s.a.e. please). Tel: 0272 621802.
- Mar. 25th MUSIC FROM ARMENIA. Concert by Kotchnak; traditional Armenian music. Horniman Museum, 3 p.m. Free tickets from Museum (address as above).
- Mar. 31st DAY COURSE OF GREEK DANCES at Manchester. See page 4.
- Mar. 31st to Apr.1st ISRAELI WEEKEND at Hartington Youth Hostel, Derbyshire. Send s.a.e. for application form and further details to Mrs. Marina Wolstenholme, "Robin Cottage", 4 Commercial Road, Grindleford, Nr.Sheffield S30 1HA.
- Apr. 2nd SPRING DANCE organized by Wycombe International Folkdance Club at Sir William Ramsay School, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, near High Wycombe, 8 to 11 p.m. with Uri Gerson. £1.50, with pooled refreshments.
- Apr. 8th TRADITIONAL MAORI PERFORMING ARTS. At Horniman Museum, 3 p.m. Free tickets from Museum (address as above).

S.I.F.D. AFFILIATED GROUPS

ANACHNU ISRAELI DANCE GROUP meets during term time on Tuesdays, 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Thomas Tallis School, Kidbrooke Park Road, London S.E.3. Teacher: Judy Ingram. Tel: 01 858 5436. Beginners & Advanced.

BALKANPLUS meets monthly, on 3rd Saturday of every month, 7 to 10.30 p.m. at Working Men's College, Crowndale Road, London N.W.1. (near Mornington Crescent Underground). Live music by Dunav Balkan Group. Workshops and special events organized. Details from Helen Green, 0923 51528.

BARLOW INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Tuesday, September to mid-July, except Christmas week. Wilbraham/St.Ninian's United Reformed Church Hall, Wilbraham Road (corner of Egerton Rd. South) Manchester. 7.45 to 10.15 p.m. Further details from Philip Lloyd, 268 Upper Chorlton Rd., Manchester M16 0BN. Tel: 061 881 3613.

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. Fox School, Edge Street, Notting Hill Gate, London W.8. Live Music. Tutor: Hedy Fromings. Tel: 01 699 8597 (evenings).

BRADFORD HUNGARIAN DANCE GROUP meets most Sundays, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Willowfield School, Legrams Lane, Bradford. Teachers: Eva Gazdag & Ruth Richardson, also visiting specialist teachers. Secretary: Rachel Novak, 88 Legrams Lane, Bradford BD7 2AH. Tel: 576903. Warm welcome to all ages.

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Thursday during term time, 7 to 9 p.m. at Claremont Special School, Henleaze Park, Bristol. Tutor: Hilda Sturge, 10 Carmarthen Road, Bristol BS9 4DU. Tel: 0272 621802.

BROMLEY INTERNATIONAL GROUP meets in term time only on Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at St.Marks C.E.Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley (off Westmoreland Rd.). Very near Bromley South Station - Victoria 15 minutes. General International with emphasis on "Lines & Circles" from Balkans and Israel. Tutor: Fiona Howarth, Tel: 01 460 2305.

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL CLUB meets at St.Columba's Church Hall, St.Andrews Street, Cambridge (entrance beside the Varsity Restaurant), on Mondays, 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. General International. Secretary: Mrs. V.Thorgerson, 19 Earl Street, Cambridge CB1 1JR.

"DANCEFOLK" NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in the Small Gym, P.E.Dept., Newcastle University. Enquiries to Mrs. P.Brewer, 9 Pilton Walk, Westerhope, Newcastle. Tel: Tyneside 2861983.

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Mondays, end-September to mid-May, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Stockbridge House, Cheyne Street, Edinburgh. General International. An Advanced Class meets on Wednesdays in St. Ann's Community Centre, South Gray's Close (off the Cowgate) Edinburgh, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Further information from Dennis Belford, 031 449 5325, or Kirsty Evans, 031 337 4638.

FOLKESTONE DISTRICT NATIONAL DANCE GROUP meets on Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. in the Community Hall, United Reformed Church, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, from September to May/June. Contact Secretary, Pat Clarke, 51 Chichester Road, Sandgate Folkestone. Tel: 0303 49199.

HARROW FOLKDANCE CLUB meets at various venues on most evenings for English/Playford/American Square/Clog. Some International dance on Mondays. Contact: John Lawes, 01 907 4700.

HAVERING INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets in term time on Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m. at Harold Wood Primary School, Recreation Avenue, Harold Wood, nr.Romford, Essex. Tutor: George Sweetland. Secretary: Sheila Hall, "Cranwood", Blackmore Road, Hook End, Brentwood, Essex CM15 0DS. Tel: 0277 821808. General International.

HURSLEY INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS meet at IBM Clubhouse, Hursley Park, Winchester, on Thursdays, 7.30 to 10 p.m. General International. Secretary: Terry Clowes, MP 206, IBM U.K. Laboratories Ltd., Hursley Park, Winchester, Hants. SO21 2JN. Tel: 0962 844433 Ext.6550.

IBERIAN FOLKDANCE AND MUSIC SOCIETY meets on Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. and on Sundays 3 to 5 p.m. at Swiss Cottage Community Centre, 19 Winchester Road, London N.W.3. Spanish & Portuguese dances, collected personally by Lucile Armstrong. Enquiries to Mrs. Juanita Martin, 125 Broadhurst Gardens, London N.W.6.

INTERDANCE EASTBOURNE meets 1st & 3rd Fridays each month except August, 7.45 p.m. at St.Wilfrid's Church Hall, Broad Road, Willingdon (A22), Nr.Eastbourne. Guests always welcome. Leader: Roy Le Croisette; 0323 32237 (between 5 & 7 p.m.).

INTERDANCE WORTHING meets every Friday, 7.15 to 10 p.m. at Field Place Pavilion, (Southern end of the Boulevard, Worthing). Nearest B.R.Station, Durrington. Mainly Lines & Circles. Possibility of a separate Beginners Class; details of venue, day, time etc. from Iris Birch, Worthing(0903) 691651.

ISRAEL FOLKDANCE INSTITUTE. For details of classes and other services available, please write to I.F.D.I. c/o Balfour House, 741 High Road, London N120BQ, or call 01 445 6765 or 446 6427.

KALINKA DANCERS learn, practise and perform the folk dances of the U.S.S.R. on Mondays (no terms), 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Unitarian Church Hall, Ormond Road, Richmond. New Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced. Telephone Jenia Graman, 01 876 0514, 9 to 12 noon, or try evenings.

KAYROMA INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Friday, 7.30 to 9 p.m. during term time at Whitley Lodge First School, Whitley Bay. Dances from Spain & Portugal included in the repertoire. Tutor: Kaye Poole, 50 Antonine Walk, Haddon-on-the-Wall, Newcastle -upon-Tyne NE15 0EE. Tel: 0661 852495.

LOIDIS INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Thursdays, 7.45 to 10 p.m. at Moor Allerton Memorial Institute, Stonegate Road, Moortown, Leeds, York (opposite fire station). Please check during school holidays, when the class runs if enough people can come. Closed during August. This is a General class and anyone is welcome, as is any input from visitors with a knowledge of international dances. Ring Leeds (0532) 78737 or 664384 preferably between 5 and 7 p.m. or at weekends.

LONDON TURKISH FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Mondays in term time, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. at Netley School (annexe of Camden Institute), Netley Street, London N.W.1. (off Hampstead Road). Nearest Underground: Warren Street. Contact Pauline Welch, 01 393 1919 or Ibrahim Tastaban, 01 808 7284.

LYKION TON HELLINIDON meets for Greek dance classes at the Crypt of St.Sophia, Moscow Road, London W.2. Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. Beginners, 7 to 9 p.m. Advanced. Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. Advanced.

MERRY ANDREW FOLK AND SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets on 2nd, 4th & 5th Mondays except August, 8 to 10.30 p.m. at Sherard Hall, Rear of United Reformed Church, 1 Court Road, Eltham, London S.E.9. All welcome. Enquiries: 0689 71494.

NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Tuesdays, 8 to 10 p.m., September to July, at Brynglas Community Centre, Brynglas Road, Newport, Gwent. Further details from Sue Oates, 135 Beaufort Road, St.Julians Estate, Newport, Gwent. Tel: 0633 246241.

NUTBROOK INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Thursdays, 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Kirk Hallam Community Centre, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Secretary: Mrs. Sylvia Stephens, 67 Thackerays Lane, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4HU. Tel: 0602 208109.

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OXFORD INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Wednesdays throughout the year, 8.15 to 10 p.m. at St.Giles Church Hall, 10 Woodstock Road, Oxford. General International dancing, led by David Mowat.

RAINMAKERS INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets most Fridays at 8 p.m. in St.Michael's Church Hall, The Broadway, Letchworth, Herts. Teacher: Jill Bransby. Secretary: Betty Lee, 48 Rockingham Way, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1SH. Tel: 0438 316288.

TROIKA INTERNATIONAL DANCE GROUP meets at The Pavillion, Totnes, Devon, for dances from East Europe to live music from the group "Troika" whenever possible. For days and times of meeting, please contact Basil Bunelik, Bellever, Crosspark, Totnes, Devon.

WIGGINTON INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Thursdays at 7.45 p.m. in term time at Wigginton School, nr.Tring. Details from Margaret Cullen, Hemel Hempstead 58277.

WOODVALE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets on Tuesdays, 8 to 10 p.m. at Parish Hall, Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green, near Sevenoaks, Kent. General International folk dancing. Details from Heather Bevan, 45 Chillington Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2RT. Tel: 0622 59560.

WYCOMBE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP meets every Monday except Bank Holidays and August, at Sir William Ramsay School, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, nr.High Wycombe. 7.45 to 10.15 p.m. Contact: Uri Gerson, Tel: 0494 23434.

S.I.F.D. ASSOCIATED CLASSES

GENERAL INTERNATIONAL

Tuesdays, 7.45 to 10 p.m. in term time, in Senior Common Room Bar, Fulton House, University College, Swansea. Contact: Joan Richardson, 0792 403153. (Swansea University International Folkdance Group).

Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Cheam High School, Chatsworth Road, Cheam, Surrey. Beginners. Tutor: Joy Steventon, Tel: 01 542 3831. (Merton Park Group).

Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Merton Institute of Adult Education, Whatley Avenue, London SW20 9NS. Advanced. Tutor: Joy Steventon, Tel: 01 542 3831. (Merton Park Group).

Wednesdays, 8 to 10.15 p.m. at Red Cross and Welcome Club, Barton Way, Croxley Green, nr. Rickmansworth, Herts. For details, ring 0923 241441. (Croxy Green International Folkdance Group).

Wednesdays, 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. in term time, at St.Albans School, Baldwin's Gardens, London E.C.4. Tutor: Janet Woolbar. If sufficient support is forthcoming, we hope to have a beginners' workshop from 6.15 to 7.15 p.m. to learn steps and simple dances. (Central London International Class).

Thursdays, 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Durrants School, Manor Way, Croxley Green, near Watford, Herts. Tutor: Audrey Whiteley, Tel: 0923 221696. (Watford International Folk Dancers).

Fridays, 2 to 3.45 p.m. at Community Centre, off Barton Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts. (not August). For details, ring 0923 241441. (Croxy Green International Folkdance Group).

Fridays, 8 p.m. September to July, at Church House, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. Leader: Brian Dowsett. Details from Irene Nicholls, 01 440 1366. Balkan and General International. (Barnet International Folkdance Club).

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BALKAN

Feltham Balkan Dance Club meet twice a month in Feltham. For details, contact Philip or Mary Dobison, 01 890 8304.

Mondays, 8 to 10 p.m. during term time, in the Dance Studio, Camden Institute, Longford Street, London N.W.1. Nearest Underground: Great Portland Street, Warren Street, Regents Park, Euston. Mainly Balkan dances. Details from Cathy Meunier, 01 482 0906 (evenings), 01 828 1000 Ext.5565 (daytime). (Balkan & International Folkdance Group)

BULGARIAN

Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Woodberry Down Branch, Hackney Adult Education Institute, Woodberry Grove, London N.4. (Maritsa Bulgarian Folkdance Group).

EASTERN EUROPEAN

Tuesdays, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. in term time, at Central Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, London W.C.1., in the Gymnasium. (Doina Eastern European Group).

HUNGARIAN

Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m. in term time, at Camden Adult Institute, Longford Street, Marylebone, London. (Balaton Hungarian Group).

ISRAELI

Wednesdays in term time. Beginners 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Progression 8 to 9 p.m. At Henry Fawcett School, Bowling Green Street, Oval, London S.E.11. Tutor: Fiona Howarth, 01 460 2305. (Hama'Agal)

POLISH

Jacy Tacy Group meets from time to time. Watch SIFD NEWS for notice of day courses and less formal Polish dance meetings, open to all. Tutors: Tony Latham (01 992 9445) and Betty Harvey (01 980 9650) also available to teach elsewhere.

YUGOSLAV

Tuesdays, in term time, Beginners 6.30 to 8 p.m. Club 8 to 9 p.m. at West Square School, West Square, London S.E.1. Tutor: Linda Swanton, 01 764 6181. (Yugoslav Folk Dancing Class).