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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, Sweat-shirts, Mugs, Notelets, Shopping Bags, Shoe 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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WOULD MEMBERS WHO CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS PLEASE NOTIFY THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

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ALL MATERIAL FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF SIFD NEWS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR
IN WRITING BY 15TH JUNE.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held in the Main Hall, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London N.W.1., on Sunday, 28th April 1991, at 6.40 p.m.

Present: Janet Woolbar (Chairman)
Audrey Whiteley (Secretary)
Judith Payling (Treasurer)
and 28 members

Apologies had been received from Sue Clark, Joan and Jack Richardson

The Motion before the Meeting was:

With effect from 1st September 1991 the subscription rates be increased as follows:

Full Member	£9.00	(at present £7.00)
Joint Full Members	£12.50	(" " £10.50)
Country Member	£6.60	(" " £4.60)
Joint Country Members	£9.00	(" " £7.00)
Junior Member	£1.50	(" " £1.50)
Life Member	£90.00	(" " £70.00)
Affiliation	£13.80	(" " £9.80)

Proposed: Judith Payling

Seconded: Alan Morton

The Chairman explained that the reason for the proposed increase was the rise in the SIFD NEWS printing costs, amounting to approximately £2.00 p.a. per member. In answer to a question about the possibility of reducing the size of the NEWS, the Chairman said that all suggestions for reducing costs were welcome, and would be discussed fully at the next Annual General Meeting. Any such suggestions should be sent to the Committee as soon as possible.

The Motion was then put to the Meeting and passed unanimously.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dame Beryl Grey, Chairman of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, has appealed to members of the Movement and Dance Division of the C.C.P.R., to write to the Rt. Hon. Tim Renton, M.P., Minister for the Arts, and Lord Palumbo, Chairman of the Arts Council, on behalf of the London City Ballet. This Company is in danger of closure because of rising costs and lack of any funding from the Arts Council. Perhaps some of our members keenly interested in ballet would like to respond to this appeal.

Have you bought your Boat Trip tickets yet?

AUDREY WHITELEY
Hon. Secretary

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S.I.F.D. TAPES AND RECORDS

We still have a number of early S.I.F.D. records at 50p each. They are 7" E.P.s Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

For details of these, and for a price list of music and instructions currently available, contact Pam Khan on 081 648 1422 (address on page 2).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Lily,

Further to my first announcement last month, I am happy to confirm that "Loznitsa" is booked for the 15th June Balkanplus evening at the Working Men's College Crowndale Road, London N.W.1. This leading Bulgarian music group will start the evening's entertainment at 6 p.m. It will be the first concert of their British tour, and their only London appearance.

The £5 ticket gives free admission to the Balkanplus dance. Balkanplus annual membership holders will have to pay only £2. I would recommend that tickets be bought in advance to be certain of admission. Send a cheque payable to "Balkanplus" with s.a.e. to Ron Piper, 44 Killowen Avenue, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 4QT.

From 7.30 p.m. Galina Taker and I will M.C. the evening dance, with Dunav Balkan Group leading the live music. As this will be a special occasion, it would be good to see costumes worn by those who own, or can acquire, one.

Further details from me on 0992 582717, or from Helen Green, 0923 51528 (evenings).

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



Readers will be interested to know that I have received recently, from Canada, a volume of international dance music compiled by the Vancouver International Folk Dancers. The volume was sent to me by Patricia Treadwell who lives in Vancouver, receives the SIFD NEWS as a member of S.I.F.D. and has noted my music page. This was very kind of Patricia, as I said to her when I wrote to thank her for this extremely interesting book. What will, I am sure, be of great interest to readers is that she was at one time right in the centre of S.I.F.D. dancing and we knew her then as Pat Paice. I am sure that some of our older members will remember Pat and join me in sending our best wishes.

WILF HORROCKS



HARROW FOLK FESTIVAL - AUGUST 1991

John Lawes, the Festival Director, has informed us that unfortunately this Festival has had to be cancelled for this year. This is because the Local Authority in Harrow made a massive increase in the rent for Harrow Schools. This caused the Festival expenses to become enormous, and gave John and his Committee no time to make other arrangements, in spite of help and encouragement from the E.F.D.S.S. It was therefore felt wise to cancel the Festival for this year and to work towards putting the event on again in 1992.

There will therefore not be any S.I.F.D. Dance on 18th August, as was announced in the February 1991 edition of SIFD NEWS, but we shall hope to participate in the Harrow Festival next year.

KAY KEDGE

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - A REMINISCENCE

I felt it might be appropriate this month to remind members of our celebrations of five years ago in connection with our 40th anniversary. The actual meeting forming the S.I.F.D. was held on 31st July 1946, and many of our present members attended on that occasion.

As the years went by, various milestones were marked by special occasions, and when the 40th anniversary arrived your Committee felt that we should do something spectacular. I have been looking back through the SIFD NEWS for 1986, and find we celebrated in many ways.

Each edition of our NEWS had "40th Anniversary Year" printed on the cover. A 20-foot long banner was bought, and was taken to the first Sunday Dance of the year at Cecil Sharp House. This banner went to most events in the London area, including the Boat Trip, the Victoria Embankment Gardens performances, and Sidmouth.

Lesley Boorer designed her famous T-shirts, with the line of dancers carrying a banner, and these are still very popular. The same design appeared on mugs. A booklet of George Sweetland's memories of the past history of the S.I.F.D. was published, with illustrations, and copies are still available at £1.50 each.

The main celebrations took place on the weekend of 10th/11th May, when there was a Dance Swop Workshop on Saturday, followed by a mammoth Dance at the Porchester Hall in the evening, with 360 people attending. On the Sunday, 150 or so of us went for a Boat Trip down the Thames to the Thames Barrier, and back. Many were in costume, and we had live music.

As about 60 or 70 of us went to Sidmouth at the beginning of August, we were able to arrange a party on 3rd August in the Guide Headquarters to remember the founding of our Society, and drink a toast. Janice Gilliam provided a birthday cake.

Through the year many of the groups/classes ran their own special celebratory dances, started off by Janet Woolbar's Central London Class holding a party in the Conference Hall at the then London's County Hall - a very memorable experience for those who attended. In December we had a final weekend of dancing, with a Tea Dance on the Saturday at Baden Powell House, and a Dance in costume after the A.G.M. on the Sunday.

One thing which we did not manage to organize was Carpet Bedding. This was suggested by Iris Birch (Worthing) and possibilities were investigated. It refers to the large beds of flowers in parks and open spaces, which often show designs sent in by local clubs and charities. This might be an idea for someone to bear in mind for the Golden Jubilee in five years' time. A fairly simple design has to be produced and taken to one's local Parks Department, usually a couple of years before it is needed, as there is a lot of competition. It would be nice if someone could organize this!
KAY KEDGE

THAMES BOAT TRIP - 16TH JUNE 1991

This is our particular event to celebrate 45 years of the S.I.F.D. May I remind you that the boat is "The Royal Princess", and embarkation is from the pier on the South Bank, outside the Royal Festival Hall, at 1.45 p.m. It would be nice to see lots of people in costume. One could always use the cloakrooms in the Festival Hall, though there are some diminutive toilets on board. There are plenty of places round about to picnic before going on board, or you can take your own snacks to eat on the lower deck where the bar will be open for drinks only. Here people can sit if they do not want to dance, as there will not be any seating on the upper deck so as to leave as much space as possible for movement. Jill Bransby is organizing the dancing, and the music will be partly on cassette and partly in the hands of master-musician Wilf Horrocks, and friends.

A maximum of 250 guests are allowed on "The Royal Princess" but we are limiting tickets to about 150. We still have some left at the time of writing, but anyone wanting to join the party should apply quickly to me (address on page 2). Prices: Adults £6.50; Unwaged £4.50; Children under 16 £2.50. KAY KEDGE

BULGARIAN DAY COURSE AND SOIRÉE, SATURDAY, 29TH JUNE 1991

There will be a course of dances drawn from the extensive Bulgarian repertoire, including those brought to us by the popular teachers, Jaap Leegwater, Eddy Tijssen, Belcho Stanev etc. Dancers of all levels of ability are welcome. Cassettes and dance-notes will be available to supplement the course.

We follow the course with an evening full of Bulgarian surprises! The venue will be transformed into a Bulgarian Folk Restaurant (Mehana) with live music and songs by Dunav Balkan Group, and floor show by the Sborenka Dance Group. Take this opportunity to sample Bulgarian food and wine whilst soaking up the Folk Culture of Bulgaria. We start the evening with a most interesting slide presentation of Bulgarian costumes with Mercia McDermott. Other attractions are a costume display, slides of Bulgaria and the Koprivshtitsa Festival, and plenty of dancing to live music, all enjoyed in the Bulgarian style - Nazdrave! (Cheers!).

Tickets for the evening must be bought in advance as numbers will be limited. The event is sponsored by Sborenka Balkan Folk Dance Group. All profits from the day course and evening will be given to the Bulgarian Medicines Appeal, which will help to relieve the severe shortage of medicines in Bulgaria.

Details are as follows:-

Date: Saturday, 29th June 1991
Venue: Sidings Community Centre, Brassey Close, London N.W.6. (Nearest stations - Kilburn, West Hampstead).
Dance Course: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: £4. Tutors: Sborenka.
Soirée: 6 to 10.30 p.m. Cost: £6 including food & wine.
Costumes: Mercia McDermott. Music: Dunav. Dance display: Sborenka

Tickets and further details from me at 115 Chetwynd Road, London NW5 1DA. Tel: 071 482 0906 (home), 071 828 1000 Ext.4159 (work). Cheques payable to Sborenka Balkan Folk Dance Group.

CATHY MEUNIER

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COURSES IN JULY WITH JAN KNOPPERS

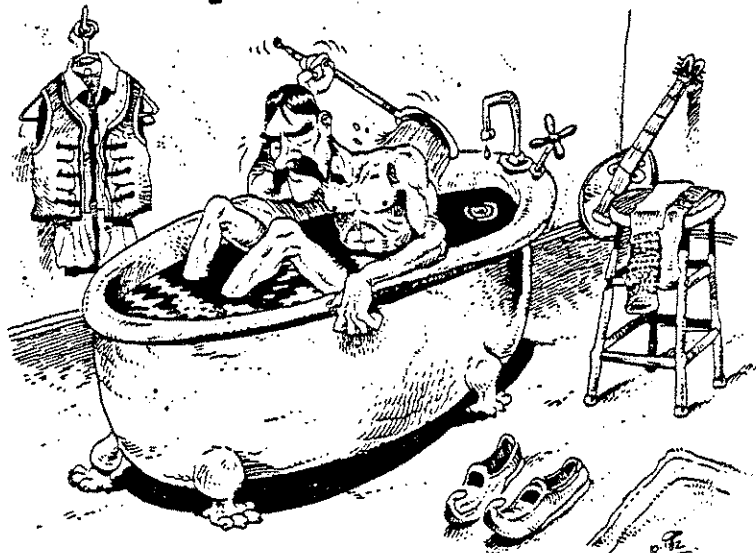
Sborenka Balkan Dance Group is sponsoring another visit to England of the popular and talented teacher Jan Knoppers, from Holland. Keep your diaries free for the following dates in July. CATHY MEUNIER

Saturday, 6th July An Armenian & Eastern European Dancing Day in Bath.
10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Cost: £10 (£9 concessions). Tea/coffee provided. Bring lunch to share. Details of venue will be sent when firm bookings with s.a.e. are sent to me at 18 Edward St., Lower Weston, Bath, Avon BA1 3BP. For further information, ring 0225 422223 (after 4 p.m.). CAROLINE WATERLOW.
Thursday, 11th July Evening in Leeds. Details from Ruth Till, 0532 426066. (See also Marina Wolstenholme's note on page 7).
Saturday, 13th July 7 to 10 p.m.) Both these at Sidings Community Centre, London
Sunday, 14th July 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) N.W.6. Details from Cathy Meunier, 071 482 0906 (evenings), 071 828 1000 Ext.4159 (day)

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S.I.F.D. DAY COURSES There will be no S.I.F.D. Day Course in June, but the Silver Badge Tests will be held at St. Paul's Centre on 8th June. The Day Course on 13th July will be devoted to teaching some of the dances on the Society's new cassette, which should be available by then, SIMON GUEST.

FOLKDANCE ETIQUETTE: # 2



TAKE A BATH BEFORE
COMING TO DANCING

eg: "WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE WITH YOU?"

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To mark the Leeds European Festival, there will be workshops on SATURDAY, 29TH JUNE and SUNDAY, 30TH JUNE 1991, at the Yorkshire Dance Centre, Leeds.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dances from Yugoslavia and Romania
Sunday, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Dances from Hungary and Armenia

Cost: £12.00 (£8 concessions) for the two days
£7.50 (£5.50 concessions) for one day

Tutor: Marina Wolstenholme

The workshops must be booked and paid for in advance. Please make cheques payable to the Yorkshire Dance Centre. Further details from Y.D.C., 3 St. Peter's Buildings, St. Peter's Square, Leeds LS9 8AH.

Also, as part of the same Festival, it is hoped that Jan Knoppers will be teaching at the Yorkshire Dance Centre on the evening of Thursday, 11th July. Final details have yet to be confirmed, but interested dancers please mark the date in your diaries. This should give people who have other commitments at weekends a chance to do a workshop with Jan.

Jan will also be teaching in Bath on Saturday, 6th July. See details on page 6.

MARINA WOLSTENHOLME

MERTON PARK AND BOROUGH GREEN SAFARI will be on Sunday, 9th June 1991. Approximate dancing timetable as follows:-

11 to 11.30 a.m. Lingfield Hospital School, St.Piers Lane, Lingfield, Surrey
12.45 to 1.15 p.m.
and 2.15 to 2.45 p.m. Deanland Wood Park Ltd., Golden Cross, nr.Hailsham, E.Sussex
3.30 to 4 p.m. Michelham Priory, Upper Dicker, Hailsham, E.Sussex (entrance fee for non-dancers).

Drinks available at Deanland, and refreshments at Michelham Priory. Come in costume if you can. Music by Wilf Horrocks and Stella. Further details from Jean Willsher, 081 641 2013.

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BRETON AND IRISH WORKSHOPS

Two different workshops - Traditional Breton dancing or Traditional Irish dancing - to be held concurrently from 21st to 25th August 1991 in Brittany, in Confort-Berhet and Mantallot (two villages known for their lively traditional life and culture). In addition to dance workshops, there will be exhibitions, meetings etc. on the history, architecture, etc. of the area, and various evening events as well as music in the streets and cafes, ceilidhs etc. Cost: F.500 which includes teaching costs, entry to all activities, but not the accommodation and food, which can be arranged separately. Further information from Kanfarted ar Vilin Gozh, Mairie, F-22450 Mantallot, France.

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ALBANIAN FOLKDANCE STUDY TOUR

Spend fourteen days in Albania, learning the folk dances of the country while visiting Tirana, Berat, Gjirokastër and Korça. The tour will originate in London and the cost will be £689. Dates:-

London - Zurich - Tirana (Swissair) - Monday, 25th November 1991
Tirana - Zurich - London (Swissair) - Monday, 9th December 1991

The price includes all travel, accommodation, meals, visa costs, the services of an English-speaking guide and an experienced folkdance teacher. In addition it is hoped that there will be talks by Albanian specialists on costume, musical instruments, and folk song. Arrangements will also be made, where possible, for the group to meet local folk groups in the towns to be visited. Visits to Ethnographic museums will also be arranged.

For further details, contact Ian Price, 1727 North Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles, Ca.90028, U.S.A. (Bookings have to be completed by beginning of September).

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Please add to the list of S.I.F.D. Associated Classes sent out last month:-

BARNET INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE CLUB meet at Church House, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. on most Fridays between September and July, 8 to 10.30 p.m. Mostly Balkan, some International. Leader: Brian Dowsett. Details from Irene Nicholls, 081 440 1366.

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I am sorry if any of you turned up on Monday, 29th April, expecting to see the Romanian National Ensemble at Fairfield Halls, but I was given the wrong date and they actually appeared there on Tuesday, 30th April. My apologies. Ed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- July 6th WIGGINTON INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP are celebrating the fact that they are now 21 with a party for families and friends at Northchurch Social Centre, Bell Lane, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Herts., on Saturday, 6th July 1991, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Ring 0442 258277 for further information.
- July 14th HIGH WYCOMBE INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP are holding their annual picnic at Longburrow Hall, Park Lane, Stokenchurch, Bucks. Cost: £1.50 (Hall available if wet). 3 to 7 p.m. Bring your own picnic.
- Sept. 6th/8th EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP are holding their 7th Weekend Folkdance Course, in Loch Lomond Hostel. We are fortunate to get Hans Diebel from Schlitz in Germany to teach (and play) dances from his and other regions in Germany. Interesting dances from other European countries will also be taught. Cost of the course is in the region of £50 which includes full board and accommodation. Further details from me. DENNIS BELFORD, 21 Whitelea Road, Balerno, Midlothian, EH14 7HE. Tel: 031 449 5325.
- Nov. 16th CLOG & STEP DANCE FESTIVAL at Altwood School, Maidenhead, Berks. The day starts with breakfast at 9 a.m. and continues with workshops, performances, lecture, ceilidh (and meals throughout the day) until 11.30 p.m. Programme includes Appalachian flat-footing and French-Canadian reel steps, as well as English, Irish and Welsh clogging. For bookings, ring 0734 873901 or 0734 862393. For general information ring 081 897 1700 or 0734 832662, or write to M. Targett, 35 Somerton Gardens, Earley, Reading RG6 2XG.
- Dec. 7th ZIVKO FIRFOV BALKAN PARTY, 7 to 10.30 p.m. at Moorfields School, Bunhill Row, London E.C.1.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

We have arranged for another International Barn Dance to be held on SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 1991, again at Trefusis Hall, Cecil Sharp House, with Jill Bransby and Hugh Wood as M.C.s. Last year's event was a success, and we hope that S.I.F.D. members in the South-East will do their best to make this one even more so.

As before, the idea is that all dances will be called, or walked through, so that the Dance will be attractive to new people who have no experience of International Dancing but would like to have a "taste" of our sort of dancing. If you have friends or acquaintances who might enjoy this, please tell them of the event.

Society members will, of course, be welcome, and we hope they will be happy to act as partners to our visitors and tell them something of our activities. Literature will be available later.

Lastly, an apology to Woodvale that the date clashes with their Autumn Dance, but unfortunately this could not be avoided.

GEORGE SWEETLAND

MISTRÍN ČARDÁŠ

(pro: Misstevne Tchardaash)

(Czech)

A Intro: -----

B

C

Play: ABABABCCC.

Play A at moderate speed and with emphasis.

Play B + C in faster lively manner - speeding up on last C.

JUMATATE n - TOARSE

(Romania)

Fast and lively.

once the music is once the dance.

Two more tunes from Wilf Horrocks. If you would like the music for any particular dance, don't forget to let Wilf know. His address is 53 Southway, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey SM5 4HP. Tel: 081 642 3629.

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

June 2nd M.C.s Central London Group

July 7th M.C.s S.I.F.D. Band, led by Wilf Horrocks

7 to 10 p.m. Admission £2.50 for S.I.F.D. members. £3.00 for non-members.



WHAT'S ON

June 8th S.I.F.D. SILVER BADGE TESTS. Enquiries to Simon Guest, 0378 77065.

June 8th OXFORD DAY COURSE (HUNGARIAN) AND DANCE PARTY. Oxford Balkansko Oro have invited Marina Wolstenholme to teach a selection of line and couple dances from Hungary at St.Margaret's Parish Institute Hall, Polstead Road (off Woodstock Road), Oxford, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Price: £3. Notes and tapes will be available. There will be a Dance Party in the evening, 7.30 to 11 p.m. for anyone, whether attending the day course or not. Price: £2.50. Please write to Roger Wicksteed, 47 Jordan Hill, North Oxford OX2 8EU, or ring 0865 511898 to reserve places on the course. PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS.

June 9th COTSWOLD SAFARI. You are invited to join West Midlands Cotswold Safari. Start 11 a.m. Moreton-in-the Marsh; 12.30 The Fox Inn/Green at Broadwell Green; 3.30 p.m. Stow-on-the-Wold. Dancers and musicians welcome; packed lunch recommended.

June 9th MERTON PARK AND BOROUGH GREEN SAFARI. See page 8.

June 15th "LOZNITSA" AT BALKANPLUS, 6 p.m. See page 4. Followed by Balkanplus 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. at Working Men's College, Crowndale Road, London N.W.1. M.C.s: Galina Toker and Brian Dowsett. Music by Dunav Balkan Group. Admission £2.50 (or free for "Loznitsa" ticket holders). Further details from Helen Green, 0923 51528 (evenings). Next Balkanplus, 20th July, M.C. Fiona Howarth.

June 16th RIVER THAMES BOAT TRIP See page 5.

June 29th BULGARIAN DAY COURSE AND SOIRÉE. See page 6.

June 29th
& 30th WORKSHOPS AT LEEDS. See page 7.

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VICTORIA EMBANKMENT GARDENS DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, 8th June	3.00 p.m.	Doina East European Folkdance Group and London Turkish Dance Group
Sunday, 23rd June	2.30 p.m.	Central London International Folkdance Class
Saturday, 29th June	3.00 p.m.	Balaton Hungarian Folkdance Group
Sunday, 30th June	3.00 p.m.	Kalinka Russian Dancers
Saturday, 6th July	11.30 a.m.	Rainmakers International Folkdance Group
Sunday, 7th July	2.30 p.m.	Croxley Green International Folkdance Group and Havering International Folkdance Group
Sunday, 14th July	3.00 p.m.	Merton Park and Woodvale International Folkdance Groups
Saturday, 20th July	3.00 p.m.	Sborenka Balkan Folkdance Group and Tatry Polish Folkdance Group