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SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

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is done by Doug and Maureen Wells.

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This month's delightful Christmas cover is by Lesley Boorer and shows Good
King Wenceslas and page in 19th century Bohemian costume.

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PUBLICITY

On behalf of the Committee and myself, may I thank those group representatives
who wrote to me requesting Society literature. We cannot afford nation-wide
publicity and it is only through the good offices of members that we can spread
knowledge of the S.I.F.D. and its aims. It might also be instrumental in
attracting members to local groups if they are aware that it is part of a larger
organization.

Also, may I underline Jill Bransby's request some issues ago for short summaries
of group histories, to be included in some sort of publication in our 50th year.
One or two groups have responded but we need quite a few more to make the project
viable. Your history does not need to be long or academically correct. A few
important events with dates, people involved in the "early days", a few stories
giving some idea of the "flavour" of the group - what journalists call human
interest items, and so on. If anyone would like further assistance, I can be
reached on the telephone number above.

GEORGE SWEETLAND
Publicity Officer

SWANSEA '95

Now, as the days are shorter and darker, we still have this wonderful memory of the sunny days in Swansea last summer, the warm sea and the swimming and playing in the waves. But what would the seaside have been without you all when we met again after a longer or shorter walk. Of course we also enjoyed the evening dances - every evening a fiesta - and the dancing lessons. Thank you all very much, especially Joan and Jack Richardson. We think it was such a good idea to have this Swansea Reunion. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

RUTH and HANS BAUMANN
SUSANNE HAUERT, Switzerland

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S.I.F.D. DAY COURSES

There will be no S.I.F.D. Day Course in December. See below for some details of January and February courses.

13th January 1996. S.I.F.D. FRENCH DAY COURSE with Joan and Simon Guest.
10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Regents Park Road,
London N.W.1.

10th February 1996. S.I.F.D. CHINESE DAY COURSE with Robert Harrold. Times
and venue as above.

S.I.F.D. BERT PRICE PROFICIENCY BADGES

The possibility of holding Badge examinations in London in 1996 was raised in SIFD NEWS some time ago but a total of only seven people expressed an interest in taking the tests. We have therefore decided to wait at least a year before raising the matter again. However, there is a possibility that some of the Northern groups (Nutbrook, Derbyshire Dancers, Frith Folk) may combine to hold their own tests sometime next year. The countries which have been suggested are France, Macedonia and Greece. We will publish the set dances for these three countries in next month's SIFD NEWS and the groups themselves will send further information as it becomes available.

Any group (or combination of groups) can hold their own Badge tests, if they so desire, in consultation with the Badge and Day Course Sub-Committee about choice of teachers and availability of examiners. They would be expected to make their own arrangements for revision courses and organize the tests themselves. In the case of courses run by Affiliated groups the fees for visiting teachers would be paid by the S.I.F.D. if the courses were within the budget for two visits per group in the year. The standard fee for badge tests is £2 per country for each candidate, payable to S.I.F.D. to cover administration costs. Hall hire for the tests could be covered by adding an amount to the candidates' fees, or running a course for part of the day, both of which have been used to offset the costs in London.

Why not go for it!

MAGGIE O'REGAN
Badge & Day Course Committee

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C.C.P.R. ANNIVERSARY - "SPOTLIGHT ON DANCE" VIDEO. A video of the complete programme of the Albert Hall Show is now available from John Kingdon, Hillside, West Hill, Heybrook Bay, Plymouth PL9 0BB. Cost £10, p. & p. £1.50. Discount for ten or more copies and reduced postage if sent to one address. Please make cheques payable to Mrs. C.M.Kingdon. For discount details, ring 01752 863131.

FRANCES HORROCKS

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I should like to say how much I have appreciated having Jill Bransby as Chairman of the S.I.F.D. for the past few years. I personally, in my dealings with her, have always found her to be efficient, fair, helpful, and very prompt in dealing with queries, problems etc. by telephone and by letter. Above all, she has always been approachable, no matter how busy she may have been. Thank you very much, Jill, for all your help.

Also, as we come to the end of the year, I should like to record my sincere thanks to the very loyal team of people who continue to give their time, month after month, year after year, to ensure that members receive their SIFD NEWS regularly. Doug and Maureen Wells do an excellent job quietly and efficiently, getting the NEWS printed and collated, and then doing the onerous job of folding, putting into envelopes, dealing with enclosures, then stamping and posting more than 600 copies. Alan Morton, as well as being Membership Secretary, continues to ensure that the address labels are ready, coping with changes of address and new members; and Edwina and Michael Holdup every month take on the job of sticking labels on the envelopes (even taking care of this job in advance before going on holiday, to ensure that there will be no interruption in the supply while they are away). Many thanks indeed to all these hard-working and loyal team of people.

Thank you also to the people who have sent in material for publication in SIFD NEWS to help fill the pages and also to those who have sent designs for covers.

I hope that between us we have produced an interesting newsletter. Best wishes for a happy Christmas.

LILY AVERY, Editor

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BEXHILL INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE GROUP is now well into its third year and has a nucleus of regular members, who enjoy a very varied programme. This year we have been pleased to extend our range of countries by adding the South American dances (and Japanese) from York Summer School '94, as well as the Italian, and also the Manx dances learned at Eastbourne Festival.

The dances are taught by Heather Edwards and myself, with a welcome contribution from Rowena Martin, who helps widen our repertoire, and also from other members who bring along a dance or two to teach. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 8 to 10 p.m. at Little Common Methodist Church Hall, Church Hill Avenue, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further information from Heather Edwards, 01424 222382 or from me, 01424 845866.

LILY AVERY

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MUSIC. Another two tunes from Wilf Horrocks on p.12. Don't forget to let Wilf know if you would like the music for a particular dance. His number is 0181 642 3629.

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When sending in material for publication, please remember to write in BLOCK CAPITALS all names of people, places and dances, unless typed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Lily,

14th October, on my way to the S.I.F.D. Israeli/Romanian Day Course; "Oh dear", I wondered, shivering on a cold foggy platform, having been told by the booking clerk that the train would arrive at Victoria half an hour late. "Is it worth it?". Even more so when, having found the venue, being confronted by a locked door which, despite repeated ringing of the bell marked "Arts Centre" refused to do more than buzz!

However, once inside, the hall and its facilities proved to be surprisingly clean and spacious, a contrast to the rather grimy industrial surroundings outside. There were familiar faces, music and the dances. Fiona Howarth and Frank Dowling are such good teachers to inspire people to travel long distances, some even further than I had, reviving memories of the lovely Swansea reunion. It was a day of fun and friendship. We are lucky indeed to find so many people dedicated to sharing with us their expertise and love of dancing.

Was it worth it? Yes, most definitely. Thank you Fiona, thank you Frank.

Some correspondents to SIFD NEWS seem to imagine that all members belong to local groups and/or classes. Those of us living a long way from large centres of population - London, Birmingham etc. - do not have this advantage. Our only means of revising and enjoying dances are whole-day courses or weekends. These take a lot of time and effort to organize, and I'd like to thank those who do this. Also, thank you Lily and your team for keeping us in touch with events in the NEWS. All these people are much appreciated.

Best wishes to all,

ELIZABETH BRIDLE
56 Chequers Road, Minster-on-
Sea, Sheerness, Kent ME12 3QL

Dear Lily,

I had much amusement from Sister Anna's strip cartoon. It brought back happy memories of the days of the Society's "own" Albert Hall shows. Nothing changes, does it?

I was intrigued by the dressmaker's dummy until the words in the Chairman's report - "manning our stand" - made all things clear.

Much happy dancing and a joyous Christmas to all members.

IRENE FYFFE
3 Dent de Lion Court, Garlinge,
Margate, Kent CTP 5LL

Dear Ally,

In order that we may continue to do the many things we enjoy, including joining you whenever possible on dancing occasions, Vic and I need to trim our budget. Sending you our Christmas greetings through the SIFD NEWS instead of a growing number of individual cards that we presently send is a start, and we hope that especially those of you who have been on our list for years will forgive us; so - A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY DANCING NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. Affectionately -

SUE & VIC CLARK
22 Church Road, Roch, Haver-
fordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 6BG

WOODVALE (BOROUGH GREEN) I.F.D.G.

I have always supported the group, since its founding by my old friends from Harrow Green, Ian and Jean Willson. Alex and I have often attended their Spring and Autumn social dances and have watched children grow into adolescence, to adulthood and the responsibilities of being parents. The latest addition, Alan and Jenny Cant's son, Joseph, gurgled his way happily through their Autumn dance in October.

Woodvale has always demonstrated that, given the right early encouragement, young people, even boys, can enjoy International Folk Dancing, and this tradition is being continued with Jan and Linda's son, in his smart French costume, turning out to be a very competent dancer. Incidentally, it is also interesting that Woodvale have a collection of probably the most well made sets of costumes in the Society. Italian, French, Macedonian and, most recently, Dalmatian, are all examples of how it should be done. (Of course, there are some beautifully made replicas of women's costumes around, but good copies of the men's are rare. Some examples tend to be a little skimpy!).

Woodvale has also produced a promotion/record video of their demonstrations covering some 20(?) years, and it looks very professional. Their enterprise is to be applauded. It would be nice if we could see a few more dancers at their next dance in the Spring.

GEORGE SWEETLAND



ORIENTAL DANCING

All of my Oriental dancing courses and Belly Dance classes in Hastings and Rye were booked out within days after the Adult Education brochure was published. Linda Ryall, the Director of Adult & Community Education, admits she had been a little hesitant about whether the courses in this subject would find many takers, but she was willing to give them a try. Demand was so great that I have been asked to offer as many additional Belly Dancing and Oriental Dancing classes as I can fit into my busy schedule. The only class which had to be cancelled was the one evening taster session in Chinese dancing, which made room for yet another Belly Dance session.

It's sad about the Chinese dance because some of the students who enrolled were Chinese who wanted to explore their own cultural roots. The opportunity would have meant a lot to them. But all the courses have to be commercially viable, and there weren't enough takers for this one. Maybe we'll offer it again next year and hope for a bigger response.

Other classes:

10th February 1996. Belly Dancing for Fitness & Fun. One-day workshop, women only, all levels. Hastings Adult Education Centre. Workshop is full but there is a waiting list for a repeat workshop. Contact: 01424 435619.

17th February 1996. Middle Eastern Belly Dancing. One-day workshop, all levels. Tunbridge Wells Adult Education Centre. Contact: 01892 527317.

6th March 1996. Middle Eastern Belly Dancing. One-day workshop. Sevenoaks Adult Education Centre. All levels. Women only. Contact: 01732 451618.

CHRISTINE HALL

BALKANPLUS

Balkanplus regulars will have heard that we have to move from the Working Men's College in the New Year. My understanding is that the small administrative staff cannot maintain the necessary attendance to support Saturday evening activities.

I had hoped to have been able to announce the new venue in this issue of SIFD NEWS but that has not been possible. The message can only be "watch this space". There is likely to be positive news by 16th December, when I hope to see all our friends at the emotion-charged farewell dance at the college, aptly conducted by Fiona Howarth (see below).

BRIAN DOWSETT, Chairman, Balkanplus

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BALKANPLUS, 16TH DECEMBER 1995

The Balkanplus this December marks a melancholy milestone in the annals of this venerable institution, as it is the last time we shall be able to use the friendly premises of The Working Men's College. To recognize the solemnity of the occasion, the evening has been designated "BLACK 'N PURPLE PLUS". All of you who are coming are asked to wear clothing in sombre hues as the title suggests (some very OLD members may recall a similar tearful occasion before Cecil Sharp House was saved from closing down, when black was worn and a sorrowful dirge was sung).

There is, however, a paradoxical element as this is also the Winter Solstice party-type dance. I suggest that the concomitant cheerful "plus" could take the form of a festive accoutrement to be worn about the person to alleviate the gloom.

I look forward to seeing a goodly crowd there. Several dances will be reasonably easy and many walked (or trotted) through. I don't want people to get over-excited but there MAY be some little competition-ette, and that means - PRIZES! Dunav and I will do our best to give you all a right good time. DON'T MISS!

Love, FIONA HOWARTH

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BALKANPLUS DANCE COURSE AT IRONBRIDGE GORGE YOUTH HOSTEL

I can now confirm that the Balkanplus Whitsun weekend, 24th/28th May 1996, at Ironbridge Youth Hostel is definite. (Some details were given last month). Martin Ihns and Silviu Ciuciumis have both accepted our invitations to teach. The number of dancers will be limited to 60 but as the hostel has 97 beds a number of non-dancing partners and friends can be accommodated. There are plenty of good walks and numerous museums and places of interest to visit. If we get 75+ people we can have exclusive use of the hostel, in which case some couples could have their own rooms.

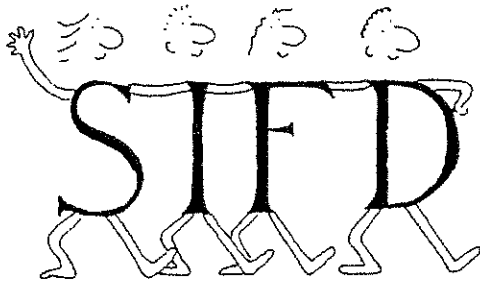
To ensure a place on the course, please book by 8th December at the latest. The hostel would like to know our numbers by early December, and I need to send a big deposit by 15th December, so I need to know definite numbers at least one week beforehand.

The cost of the course will be £125 for dancers (£10 reduction for Balkanplus season ticket holders). Deposit £40. Non-dancers £80, children £68. Deposit £25. For application forms and details send s.a.e. to ANNE MARSHALL, 44 Church Rd., Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3EQ. Tel: 0117 950 9889. Brian Dowsett also has application forms.

S.I.F.D. SHOP

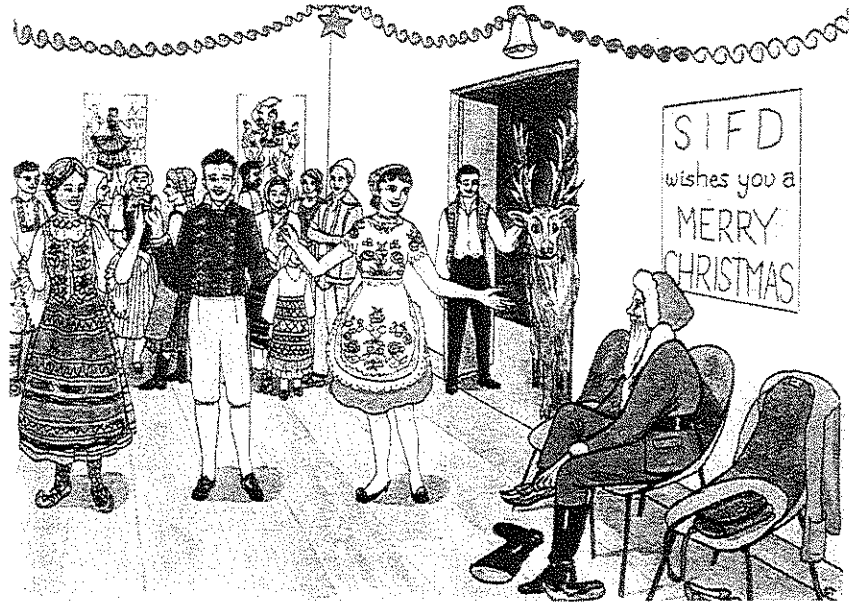
NEW STOCK, NEW DESIGN. White polo shirts printed with new motif design by Sister Anna in jade or cherry. Some polo shirts have matching jade or cherry collars. Sizes: small/medium/large/ex.large. Price: £12.50 each plus £1 postage & packing. Thank you, Sister Anna, for such a fun design. (See below, actual size). CLAIRE STEELEY, 34 Broadwater Avenue, Letchworth, Herts. SG6 3HF.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. We have our own "party" design Christmas cards. Packet of 5 for 75p. (See design below, reduced size).



THE SOCIETY FOR
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Polo Shirt



Christmas Card

HOST FAMILY WANTED

This summer, like many Balkan dance enthusiasts. I went to Bulgaria to attend the Folk Festival at Koprivchtitsa and also for a dance course which was held in Shumen, a couple of hours drive inland from the Black Sea Coast. We had a very successful course, due to the enthusiasm and hard work of our tutor, Krasimir Savov, who has a son at present 15 years old who already speaks quite good English.

Krasimir would like him to come to England for about a month to improve his language and therefore his future job prospects. The son is a quiet, rather shy boy (with us anyway) who dances well and who would like to stay with a family during the summer, if possible with a boy about his own age with a view to an exchange visit at some time. I explained to Krasimir that not many 15/16 year old English boys are interested in folk dance these days; but if anyone knows of any warm-hearted, caring family who perhaps go to English folk camps or who would like to host this boy on a non-exchange basis, would they please get in touch with me. Anyone who did go to Bulgaria in exchange would be assured of the most wonderful hospitality.

FRANCES HORROCKS
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Surrey SM5 4HP

ARAB/EGYPTIAN DANCE

I teach Arab/Egyptian dance at the Unemployed Centre, Tilbury Place (off Carlton Hill), Brighton -

Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Drop in)

Every Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m. (Drop in)

Cost: £2 (£1 concessions)

Also, on 16th December 1995, at 7.30 p.m. there will be an "Arab/Egyptian Evening of Dance and Middle Eastern food by candlelight" at Knoyle Hall, Knoyle Road, Brighton. Tickets £8 (includes meal) from Dome Box Office, Brighton 709709. Enquiries to me on 01273 698406, or Liz McArthy on 01903 812174.

I also arrange, every two or three months, a Women's Day of Dance, to include Indian, Circle, Egyptian, Tap, Line Dance, Lambada, Flamenco, Yoga etc. (roughly three-quarters of an hour teaching each form of dance), 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. £12 for the day. No date arranged as yet but will be in January or February. As above, enquiries to me or to Liz McArthy.

SHEILA SMITH



"A TASTE OF CHINA" is the theme of a cultural celebration event in Sheffield at the City Hall on 3rd December 1995. From 1 to 6 p.m. demonstrations and workshops in music, song, calligraphy, acupuncture, feng shui, acrobatics, tai chi, kung fu, Chinese cuisine, weaving, printing...and of course DANCING.

S.I.F.D. member Christine Hall will demonstrate fan and ribbon dances and teach the basics in short workshops. There will also be performers showing other forms of Chinese dance, including the famous lion dance.

Tickets cost £10 (children under 12 free) for the day, for admission to performances and workshops. Ring 01302 884104 for information, or 01142735295/6 to book.



FOR SALE

Two large shawls bought in Spain from the Costa del Sol region. They are both black with a fringe; one is heavily embroidered, the other embroidered at the corners only with red tea roses and green foliage. Offers and enquiries to Kaye Lewis Pool, 3 Towne Gate, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Northumberland. Tel: 01661 852495.

Egyptian Ud (lute) in mint condition, in case. Inlaid with three fretted sound holes. Type used in Macedonian "chalgi" urban orchestras. £50. Tel: 0181 771 8258. KEN WARD.



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you very much to all those members who kindly sent me Get Well cards and good wishes by telephone. Your thoughts are very much appreciated by Lily and by me. LES AVERY

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* IMPORTANT NOTICE: All material for the January issue of SIFD NEWS must be
* received by the Editor in writing by 13th December - earlier than usual,
* due to the Christmas holidays. Anything received after the 13th will have
* to wait until the February issue.

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FAWLEY COURT

If you're looking for an interesting venue for a residential dance course, you might like to know about Fawley Court, near Henley-on-Thames, close to Oxfordshire's border with both Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. It consists of a large mansion designed by Sir Christopher Wren (with later contributions by James Wyatt and Grinling Gibbons) together with some more mundane buildings, all set in grounds landscaped by Capability Brown, with walks to and along the river.

Fawley Court formerly housed a school but is now a Polish cultural and religious centre and the home of some Polish monks. Bits of it can be hired out for all sorts of events, and there are several large un-carpeted wooden floors. I stayed there for a weekend of Renaissance Choral Music; other events that weekend included religious gatherings, a Qigong course, a large wedding reception, a school concert, and public opening hours of parts of the mansion and a museum of Polish history.

The food that weekend was mostly Polish and interesting. Although some of the domestic arrangements are rather unusual, I gather that things are improving all the time. Bookings are dealt with by an English-speaking secretary. For more details, contact The Marian Fathers, Fawley Court, Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 3AE. Tel: 01491 574917.

DIANA JEAN PORTEUS

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The ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY have produced the following book and cassettes:-

"Complete Andrew Rankine Collection of Scottish Country Dance Tunes". A book of 42 tunes together with their stories, for reels, jigs, strathspeys, marches and polkas. £7.50 per book plus 50p per book p. & p.

Cassette 102, "Come Scottish Country Dancing with Andrew Rankine and his Band". First released 1976. Comprises: *A Toast to St. Andrews; *Twixt Don and Dee; Jennifer's Jig; *The Byron Strathspey; Cadgers in the Canongate; *Wicked Willie; *Let The Hackles Rise; Sugar Candie; General Stuart's Reel; *The Luckenbooth Brooch.

Cassette 107, "A Taste of Andrew Rankine". Each track contains at least one tune from the book. Comprises the six tracks shown above marked *, together with Lord Rosslyn's Fancy; The Silver City; Drumelzier; The Alexandria Reel and a set of 8 x 32 bar Jigs, all played by Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band.

Cost per cassette £5 plus 30p for one cassette; add 15p for each extra cassette.

Books and cassettes available from Mr. J.C.Douglas, 21 Haversham Close, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE7 7LR. Cheques payable to R.S.C.D.S., Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District Branch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Jan.13th CROXLEY GREEN INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS NEW YEAR PARTY, 7.30 to 10.45 p.m. at St.Oswald's Church Hall, Malvern Way, Croxley Green, near Watford, Herts. Come in costume if you can. £2 including refreshments, payable at the door. Enquiries to Joyce Sharp, 01923 228080.

Jan.14th 3 to 5 p.m. at The Place. Val Lenny and Maggie O'Regan will be holding the first of what is hoped will be a series of Balkan and Armenian & Russian workshops, to revise some "golden oldies" and some of the dances from more recent workshops which have not yet found their way into the general repertoire. Dances will be chosen from: Danets, Rucenica Na Horo, Hora Veche, Vallja e Rexhes (oldies) and Nino, Wartawar (Tinneke), Pusteno Ludo (Bianca), Djanguritzza (Ventzi). Any reasonable requests considered. Speak to Val (01634 685 0130) or Maggie (0171 609 7098).

Jan.27th OXFORD BALKANSKO DRO NEW YEAR PARTY, 7.30 to 11 p.m. at St.Margaret's Parish Institute Hall, Polstead Road. Tickets £5 including refreshments. Live music. Pay at the door.

Jan.28th ISRAELI DANCE WORKSHOP with Anat Sharabi at Stone Cross Memorial Hall, near Eastbourne, 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Contact: Rowena Martin, 01323 503991.

Mar.10th ARMENIAN DANCE DAY with Laura Shannon at Stone Cross Memorial Hall, near Eastbourne. £15. Details from Rowena Martin, 01323 503991.

Mar.15th/17th DANCE AND WALKING WEEKEND IN DOVEDALE. Join West Midlands Group's members for an informal weekend. £70 pp. Contact: Yvonne Hunt, 01203 413854.

Mar.16th ORIENTAL WORKSHOP at The Place, 1.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Studio 10. Christine Hall will offer tasters of Egyptian belly dancing, Chinese fan dancing and a mixture of Chinese folk dances, tailored to the requests of participants. (Those at Balkanplus in June when I was M.C. saw a little Egyptian veil dancing and Chinese fan dancing). Make a note in your new diaries now. DIKI GLEESON.

Mar.22nd/24th ISRAELI DANCE WEEKEND with Fiona Howarth at Freshwater Bay. All places for this course have been taken but there is still room for walkers or sight-seers to enjoy a modestly-priced weekend in this delightful location overlooking the sea. If you wish to book as a non-dancer or to add your name to the waiting list for the course, please send s.a.e. to me at 115 Chetwynd Road, London NW5 1DA. CATHY MEUNIER.

Mar.30th DAY COURSE IN GREEK AND MACEDONIAN DANCES at Hope Valley College, Derbyshire. Tutors: Maggie O'Regan and Janice Wrench. It is hoped to cover the dances to be included in future Silver Badge Tests. Details later from Marina Wolstenholme, 01433 630183.

July 5th/8th FOURTH MILTON KEYNES FESTIVAL OF FOLK ART. For information, contact The Festival office, 30 St.John Street, Newport Pagnell MK16 8HJ or ring 01908 610564.



A NEW BOOK

Jenia Graman has written a new booklet entitled "Russian and other Folk Costumes". It consists of 34 pages, mostly with text on the left-hand side and a full page illustration on the right-hand side. The costumes are described in detail, and the booklet would be of value to dancers, teachers, and those involved in performances. Countries covered are: Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Tartarstan, Georgia (Caucasia) and Uzbekistan. Price not yet announced. Enquiries to Jenia on 0181 8760514.

This was left over from last month due to priority material and the postal weight limit. (Doug Wells)

Week-ends Away 1995-1996

Dancing and Walking

This year we shall be visiting three places which have featured in previous years' programmes (Dunford, Halsway and Alison House) and two new venues (Pleshey and Glenfall House). The week-ends at Dunford, Pleshey and Glenfall House will run from Friday dinner to Sunday tea and those at Halsway Manor and Alison House will continue until teatime on Monday, to take advantage of the Bank Holidays.

Many week-ends book up very quickly and it is therefore advisable to return your booking form quickly. You may assume that your bookings have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary, but please enclose a stamped and addressed envelope if you would like an acknowledgement.

You will receive full details about 3-6 weeks before the event from me (JFR) or Roy Clarke (RPC) whose address is 33 Cedar Park Road, Enfield, EN2 0HE (0181 367 2649).

DUNFORD, Midhurst, West Sussex. 15-17 December 1995 and, provisionally, 20-22 December 1996. This year's week-end is fully booked for the Friday night but there are some vacancies from the Saturday morning. The house is beautifully situated at the foot of the South Downs and there are good walks from the door.- formerly Richard Cobden's home. Christmas fare will be provided! (JFR)

ALISON HOUSE, Cromford, Matlock, Derbyshire, 5-8 April 1996. This house is situated in an area full of interest. The railway station is nearby and road access is good. If the response justifies doing so, the booking may be extended to cover Thursday (4th) and Tuesday (9th). Accommodation is in single and twin rooms. (RPC)

HALSWAY MANOR, Crowcombe, West Somerset. 3-6 May 1996. The manor is set at the foot of the Quantocks and is close to the north Somerset and Devon coast and Exmoor. There will be a full day outing with coach transport provided on the Sunday and long and short walks will be arranged. Accommodation is in double, twin and multiple rooms. (JFR)

PLESHEY, Chelmsford, Essex. 14-16 June 1996. The Retreat House was built as a convent, so most of the accommodation is in single rooms but a few twin rooms are available. A cottage in the grounds will also be used. The surrounding countryside has much charm and interest. (RPC)

GLENFALL HOUSE, Chalton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. 27-29 September 1996. This is a well appointed and comfortable house near the edge of the Cotswolds with good walking and plenty of interest nearby. The M5 and A40 provide road access and Cheltenham railway station is three miles away. (RPC)

Work:	01792 295194	Jack Richardson,
Home:	01792 403153	Chemical Engineering Dept,
London:	0181 360 7294	University,
FAX:	01792 295701	SWANSEA, SA2 8PP

To: Jack Richardson, Chemical Engineering Dept, University, SWANSEA SA28PP

I wish to book for the following week-ends:

DUNFORD, 15-17 Dec 1995 DUNFORD, 20-22 Dec 1996
 ALISON HOUSE, 5-8 April 1996 HALSWAY, 3-6 May 1996
 PLESHEY, 14-16 June 1996 GLENFALL, 27-29 Sept 1996

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