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This month's cover was designed by Judith and Ruth Payling to mark the 65th Anniversary of the Society.

May is obviously a good month for International Folk Dancing, it is packed with events. So, once again the back page is full and the details of the SIFD Sunday Dance/Workshops are below.

Ed.



SIFD Sunday Dance/Workshops

at 7pm – 10pm at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, NW1 7AY

£8 SIFD members £9 non-members £4 children 14-18 (under 14 free)

May 8th MCs: SIFD Band

June 5th MC: Alison Scrimshaw



Quadrille Day - 28th May at Cecil Sharp House

Dance Around The World is hosting a day of relaxed and friendly workshops in four different quadrille styles; Caribbean, South African, Historical 19th Century quadrilles and Irish Set dances. The workshops start at 10.00 am.

Our workshop leaders are Caroline Muraldo, Elsa Perez, Chris and Ellis Rogers and Diana Campbell-Jewitt. Many SIFD members will know them already as they are long standing friends of SIFD and Dance Around The World. They all teach and perform widely.

In the evening, following the workshops and starting at 7.00 pm, our workshop leaders will give lively illustrated presentations on the history of the quadrille form, drawing on their extensive personal research.

Join us on the 28th for what promises to be a fascinating and entertaining day.

£10 - all day including evening

£ 7 – evening only

£2 – discount for concessions

For more information, call 07749 007 040 or visit www.datw.org.uk

Anne Leach



Danish Dance Workshops with Annelies Tijman

At the end of May Annelies Tijman and Marijke Koeman (melodeon) will be visiting the North of England and will present two workshops of Danish dances with live music from Annelies, Marijke, Clyde Olliver and Mike Machin. Annelies has been teaching Scandinavian dances throughout The Netherlands and Northern Europe for thirty years and is passionate about the folk dance and music of Denmark. She has played in many different musical groups, including as a duo with Marijke.

The first workshop will be at Langwathby Village Hall near Penrith on Sunday 29th May from 2 to 5 pm. £8 including drinks. To book contact Anne-Lise Kryger on 01768 866144 (annelise.kryger@tesco.net)

The second event will be a visit to the regular Tuesday evening class of the Barlow International Folk Dance Group, St Ninian's United Reformed Church Hall, Egerton Road South, Manchester. 8 – 10 pm. £3 Contact Julie Korth on 01942 831141

Mike Machin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- S.I **Jun.5th SIFD SUNDAY/DANCE WORKSHOP** see page 3
- S.I **Jun.11th BALKANPLUS** - MCs Oxford Balkansko Oro with Rosanka Boderova - 7.00pm start. Note also there will be a Pre-Balkanplus workshop with Rosanka at 6.00pm
- S.I **Jun.11th SIFD AFTERNOON COURSE** South African Quadrilles taught by Elsa Perez, Cecil Sharp House. 2-6pm. £8: SIFD members £10: non-members

Jul.4th/10th LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 01978 862000

Aug.20th/27th 7 NIGHT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING WITH WALKING led by Phil & Brenda Steventon. Dancing in the morning and evening. 3-5 mile afternoon walks led by an HF walking leader at HF Holidays, Haytor, Devon, TQ13 9XT. New to HF? We can get you a £50 discount! For details ring HF on 0845 470 7558 or Phil & Brenda on 020 8397 9649

Aug 26th/29th WILLINGDON IFDG MINI FESTIVAL at Plumpton College at the foot of the South Downs near Lewes, East Sussex. Shared leading of International Folk and Circle Dance, also English Folk Dance and singing. Full board £160 (plenty of single rooms). Booking form from Rowena Martin, 60 Anderida Road, Eastbourne BN22 0PZ. Enquiries 01323 503991 or rowenahmartin@hotmail.com

- S.I **Oct.1st BALKAN FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP** see page 7
- S.I **Oct.4th/7th and Oct.7th/10th YVES MOREAU RESIDENTIAL COURSES** see page 6

Nov. MITKO PETROV see below and page 5

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Events covered by SIFD insurance are marked S.I. Please remember that the onus is on you to mark each event when sending in the notice if your event is covered by our insurance.



Bulgarian Dance Teacher - Mitko (Dimitar Petrov)

Workshops 10th-20th November 2011

Finally after 20 years of hoping, I made it to the Koprivshtica festival last year. Cathy Meunier the group leader, in her usual relaxed and enthusiastic style succeeded in arranging a couple of dance workshops with Mitko for the group. The setting was a bit quirky with the odd hole in the floor to dance around but we had a great time. Mitko is a lovely dancer and teacher. He is also great fun. I thought it would be fantastic if he could come to England and Cathy has set this in motion. Hope to see you at one or more of the following events where Mitko will be teaching:

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| Thursday 11th November | Oxford Balkansko Oro |
| Friday 12th November | Derbyshire |
| Saturday 12th November | Hempton, Norfolk |
| Tuesday 15th November | Oxford Balkansko Oro |
| Wednesday 16th November | Methodonsko, Chandlers Ford |
| Thursday 17th November | Hursley International Folk Dancers |
| Saturday 20th November | Balkanplus |
| Sunday 21st November | Balkanplus |

For more details contact Jackie Charbit-Middleton, charbitmiddleton@gmail.com or Cathy Meunier, cathy_meunier@hotmail.com

Jackie and Cathy

Dancer's Favourites Sunday Evening Dance at Cecil Sharp House June 5th

I'm pleased to tell you that I now have a long list of lovely dances for this evening. They've been chosen by many different people, so there's something here for everyone. Some are just a little vague - "Any Bulgarian" gives me plenty of scope - but I shall endeavour to work them all in.

Thank you so much for taking the trouble to add your favourites to the list - now please make sure you come on June 5th to enjoy them.

If you don't usually come to these dances, do give this one a try - Cecil Sharp House, 7pm - 10pm. Come and enjoy everyone's favourite dances!

Advance warning - Nonesuch and the Mexican Hat Dance are on the list, so some prior brushing up might be a good idea. And bring your Mexican Hat....

Don't forget that May's Dance is, as usual, the second Sunday - May 8th. This will be led by The SIFD Band, who always provide us with a lovely evening.

I hope to see lots of you there.

Alison Scrimshaw



Mitko Petrov



Last summer some UK visitors to Koprivshitsa took the opportunity to attend dance workshops by Dimitar ("Mitko") Petrov who was for many years a leading dancer with the Trakia ensemble in Plovdiv. So impressed were we by his repertoire and teaching skills that Cathy Meunier and Jackie Charbit Middleton have been in contact with him to organise his first UK visit.

Balkanplus is pleased to present a London workshop weekend as the climax to his tour. As a taster of the sort of thing to expect, we have introduced Mitko's delightful Pirin dance Melnishko to a number of groups. Look out for it and enjoy!

Mitko will be teaching at Cecil Sharp House between 10.30am and 4.30pm on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November 2011 and our monthly Saturday evening dance will coincide with the workshops.

Please note that we have only been able to book the main hall for the Saturday workshop so we may have to restrict numbers on Sunday.

Prices are as follows: Workshops £25 each or £45 for both. Party £10.

Both Workshops + Party £50, but only £45 if booked before 30th Sept.

As always, we offer a discount to Balkanplus season ticket holders.

For tickets, please send sae to Maureen Felton, 28 Henslow Road, Ipswich IP4 5EG. Please make cheques payable to Balkanplus. For more details phone Brian 01992 582717 or Maureen 01473 272256 or visit our website www.balkanplus.org.uk

Brian Dowsett

Yves Moreau - Additional Mid-Week Course At Malhamdale

4th – 7th October 2011

The weekend course with Yves Moreau at Malhamdale in October has booked up very quickly. So I am offering an additional mid-week break at the same venue from Tuesday 4th October to Friday 7th October. This 3-day course will be more relaxed, with a smaller group of dancers and dance sessions in the mornings only. Yves will select dances to suit the interests of the group. The afternoons will be free for everyone, including Yves! Before dinner each day there will be an opportunity to join Mike Machin and Clyde Olliver's singing workshops. In the evenings there will be some dance instruction together with social dancing and some live music. Mike and Clyde are also offering informal sessions for any musicians who might like to do some playing, including with the "scratch band". This will be either in the mornings or afternoons at a time to suit anyone who is interested.

Yves Moreau from Canada will be teaching dances from Bulgaria and the Balkans. He is a delightful person to be with and his teaching is inspirational. If you have not met him before, don't miss this opportunity!

Accommodation is in the HF country house hotel, Newfield Hall, in a peaceful location in the southern part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, less than half a mile from the Pennine Way, which leads north to the nearby geological wonders of Malhamdale. There is comfortable twin, double, family or single en-suite accommodation and full-board with a plentiful choice of good food, plus a heated indoor swimming pool. Non-dancing friends and family are welcome to come and enjoy the facilities of the house and grounds. Full board accommodation (3 nights) £196, dance course £30. Subject to availability it may be possible to do the weekend course as well (7th – 10th October).

For full details and a booking form, please send s.a.e. to me at 23, Church Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4DX. Alternatively you can get the information electronically by sending your request to cathy_meunier@hotmail.com.

Cathy Meunier



Balkanplus

The next Balkanplus will be held on the 14th May 2011 and MC for the evening will be Toni Gutman. 7.00pm at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London, NW1 7AY.

Admission £5.

Maureen Felton



May's **Balkanplus** (on the 14th May) will be hosted by Toni Gutman. Although sorely tempted to re-use the 2007 B+ CDs, she has resisted temptation. But you will find her usual mix of golden oldies, including some wot people don't do much now, the odd little numbers of Delyan and Hennie, and stuff she hopes she has learned over the past year - and a couple of guest leaders doing the odd dances that they will lead much better than she would.

See you there.



Report from the Last Committee Meeting

This seemed to be a marking-time meeting – lots discussed and noted and planned, but not much satisfactorily concluded.

I can, however, report definite progress with Jeanette's advertising card. All mapped out – just need to refine the photos on the front and the wording on the back. And the logo. It might not sound like it, but it's nearly there.

Wilf Horrocks's music is being digitised at a tremendous rate – 531 tunes have been completed, with 91 in progress. And there are still more to come. Amazing to realise the Society has/had such a large repertoire; this will be a great resource when it's finished.

We need to thank the Payling family for much of this. Ruth is working with Jeanette on her card; Holly, with Miles, is patiently transferring Wilf's dots to electronic format, and Judith, as always, is tirelessly working on the Society's finances. I wish I could report a healthy forecast for the year, but unfortunately Judith predicts a deficit. Our income is falling while our outgoings rise. But all is not lost – prudent management in the past, and very generous donations, mean the Society still has money, and we are looking for ways to produce an income/outgoings balance in future.

A new group was added to the list of affiliated groups – welcome to Croydon International Folk Dance.

Although we were unable to find a way to become sponsors for Overseas Teachers, a friendly association has offered to help us out. There should be a separate item on this elsewhere in the News.

We do, though, now have a policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders, which Group leaders will be lucky enough to get when they receive their request to renew their membership for 2011-2012. (This was a requirement before being allowed to apply for CRB checks for our members. Our first request for one has, at yet, produced no result.)

Our next meeting is in June. If there is anything you would like to bring up, please let me know.

Alison Scrimshaw 020 8395 1400 alison.scrimshaw@googlemail.com

Greek Costumes



(a very old photograph for your erudition). Ed.

Bringing Non-EU Teachers into the UK

Please read this – it is important.

Bringing a dance teacher or performer into the UK from the EU or Switzerland or Norway (or bringing someone who lives outside these areas but holds a qualifying passport) is unaffected. But - unfortunately dance teachers from elsewhere now come under the restrictions imposed on “employing foreign migrants.”

If you plan to bring in a dance teacher from a non-EU country, and pay them while they are here, the law now requires they must be registered with the UK Border Agency beforehand. The registration can only be done through an official agent who has been accepted by the UKBA as a sponsor. We tried to obtain recognition for the SIFD as an agent, but couldn't fulfil the necessary requirements – and it was also going to cost many hundreds of pounds in fees. So we have searched for a helpful organisation, and found an ally in the British Bluegrass Music Association.

The BBMA are willing to act as our agent, to register non-EU teachers for us. They would need to know about the teacher, their booked flights and where they will be teaching, and will charge £100 for this service.

If you need this service, I should be your first point of contact.

If someone is performing in the UK they will be liable for UK income tax, but fortunately if they are only teaching there is a special exemption from paying tax.

It is vital you are aware that bringing someone from outside the EU in to teach, without going through the proper channels, can result in a fine of up to £20,000, and the teacher could be permanently barred from entering the UK.

Please come to us first if you want to bring in a non-EU teacher. The SIFD cannot accept responsibility if you break the law, but we can help to make sure you don't.

[To check countries in the EU, try www.europa.eu/abc and click on “Countries”, or ask me for a list. Some countries outside the EU are USA (obviously) but less obviously – Albania, Serbia, Croatia, Ukraine.]

Alison Scrimshaw



Balkan Folk Dance Workshop

Frank Dowling will teach a mix of dances from various countries - Romania, Greece, Turkey, Serbia, Albania, Macedonia, Slovenia..... Pot Luck- we cannot do all the countries but will enjoy a selection. Come and enjoy a mixture of styles and music, many lines and circles, a few couple dances but no partners necessary.

Saturday, October 1st. 10.30 – 4.00

10.30 – 1.00 Mixed Balkan. 2.00 – 4.00 Balkan – A different selection of dances

Price: all day £8 half day £5 (tea, coffee, juice available)

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote village, Notts NG9 3HD

From Derby and Stapleford approach from Chapel street (because of the dual carriageway), turning off the A52 island by Bramcote baths towards Bramcote village – Town street, first left into Chapel street. The Memorial Hall is on Church street.

From Nottingham turn off A52 into Church street.

Parking (limited to 13 spaces) is behind the hall and some parking is on Church street opposite Chapel street. Dancing is in the room at the back of the new extension.

Buses from Nottingham – number 4 to Sandiacre or Derby

contact G or J Morral 0115 9171831 email johnml@ntlworld.com or J Tipper 01332 882117

www.nutbrookfolkdance.co.uk

Nutbrook International Folk Dance Group

Belgium Costume



This colouring-in picture is based on an illustration in the 'Dances of Belgium' (Max Parrish & Co), and shows a couple from Flanders.

The man has blue trousers and shirt with a red cravat; the woman wears red and burgundy colours.

Ed.

Intro De Kolom Belgium

"Wilf Horrocks' Collection"

De Kolom - Belgium

Two couple sets, couples facing. Lady on right of her partner.
Sets may be anywhere on the floor.

Figure A

- Bars 1-4 3 scissor claps followed by 3 stamps, alternate feet.
- Bars 5-8 RH star, all walking round clockwise 8 steps.
- Bars 9-12 Repeat bars 1-4.
- Bars 13-16 LH star, all walking round anti-clockwise 8 steps.

Figure B

- Bars 17-18 Ladies give R hands and change places with 4 walking steps. Bars 19-20 Courtesy turn, skipping (ladies forwards, men backwards) (Ladies give L hands to men's L, and men put R hands on ladies' waist.)
- Bars 21-24 Repeat bars 17-20 to return to own partner.
- Bars 25-32 Keeping the courtesy turn hold, skip round to meet a new couple with whom they repeat dance.



De Kolom is featured on the SIFD 'Dancing into Europe' CD* (notes from the book above). As Janet Woolbar says in the accompanying video - children do enjoy it. It is a good mixer dance - one eight year old boy in our group requests 'the ladies chain dance' every week.

Ed.

* It was on the original - but the new updated CD may be different.



NB

Next month **Cur Shaghey Ny Geurry** (Manx). Has anyone heard of it ?

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

- Friday Apr.29/
Mon.2nd May **HALSWAY MANOR** nr Taunton, Somerset. International folk dancing, led by Janet Woolbar, walking + coachtrip to Tyntesfield. Basic cost £193+full board until Mon. at 1600. + Option for Mon. night Info: grdnadie@aol.com or 0772 384 5635
- Friday Apr.29/
Mon.2nd May **EASTBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL** Tickets cost £72. Tickets: Festival Office 24, Inwood Rd Wembdon. Bridgwater TA6 7PP Phone: 01278 424332
- S.I **Sunday 8th** **SIFD SUNDAY DANCE/WORKSHOP** see page 3
- S.I **Saturday 14th** **BESKYDY** (songs and tunes from eastern Europe), The Cellar Upstairs, Exmouth Arms, Starcross St. NW1 2HR. 8.15pm £6 /£7
- S.I **Saturday 14th** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP & TEA DANCE** led by Phil & Brenda Steventon at St.George's Church Hall, Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth, KT6 7PF. Workshop and Tea Dance: £8 bring packed lunch - drinks available. Tea Dance only: £4 incl. cream tea. 2.45pm - dancing from 3.00 to 5.30. Phil & Brenda 020 8397 9649
- S.I **Saturday 14th** **ARMENIAN & GREEK DAY COURSE** in Baslow Village Hall, Derbyshire with Chrisandra Harris. Morning: 10.30-12.45 Afternoon: 1345-1600. Cost: £9. details: Greg Boyd (tonicboyd@aol.com 01142304073) or Janet King 01629 57065
- S.I **Saturday 14th** **BALKANPLUS** see page 6
- Saturday21st/
Sunday 22nd** **VENTZI SOTIROV - BALKAN DANCE WORKSHOPS** at the Ferry Centre, Ferry Pool Rd, off Marston Ferry Rd, Oxford, OX2 7DP Sat. w/shop: 2:30-4:30. Party: 7:00-10:30. Sun. w/shop: 10:30-4:30 Tickets: W/end £25 Sat. w/shop only £5. Party only £7. Sun. w/shop only£10. SAE to: Sally Humphrey, The Big Barn, Old Farm, Oxford, OX33 1HZ. Cheques: 'Balkansko Oro Balkan Folk Dancing Society' sally.humphrey@onetel.net or Stephie Clark: stephieclark@9farmington.co.uk
- Saturday21st/
Sunday 22nd** **CULTURE WITHOUT BORDERS - TURGAY ONATLI** teaches Anatolian Dances at Lambley village hall, Nottinghamshire, NG4 4QF. £60. further details: Elaine Donnelly, 21 Villa Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham NG3 4GG. Tel 07768 774 381 or edonnelly@talktalk.net or www.kilikiadance.com/
- Saturday28th** **QUADRILLE DAY** see page 3
- Saturday28th** **CHICHESTER MAYFEST**, Avenue de Chartres. 11am-4.30pm. International and English Folk Dance Displays, some to join in - also Ukelele jam. Free entrance
- Saturday28th/
Sunday 29th** **MACLENNAN INTL. FOLK DANCE & MUSIC FESTIVAL**, at Langley Park Boys School, South Eden Park Rd, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BP. Sat: Intl. Folk Dance & Ceilidh, 7.30-11pm. Sun: Intl. Folk Dance Concert, 2-5.30pm £3 - £7.50 per day. discounts. Tel: 020 8300 0621, 01732 866557, or festival@msg.org.uk
- Sunday 29th** **DANISH DANCEWORKSHOP** see page 3
- S.I **Monday 30th** **RUSSIAN DAY COURSE** with Janet Douglas at St. Francis Church, Clayhall Road, Gosport. 11am-4pm (shared lunch) cost:£7 tel:Tessa 02392 526489 (numbers limited)



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