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The packaging and posting is done by Dalila Heath.

Sadly, I have to announce the death of Joan Richardson a founder member of the Society. Roy Clarke has written about her on page 6.

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The cover picture this month is from a 16th century Japanese woodprint of traditional dancers, on the back page a later print.

Ed.



Renewing Group Membership for 2012-2013

As all long-term group leaders and contacts know, the membership year for SIFD's groups and classes runs from September to September. And as all long-term group leaders and contacts also know, the application form to re-affiliate or associate usually arrives in May, requesting return before September so leaflets can be updated and printed.

This results in a flurry of forms reaching me in May and June, as recipients send them back before they forget, and then a dwindling trickle from July to October.

So this year I'd like to try a more compressed time frame, which I hope will be easier for both you and me. I can quite see that a request in May for a September renewal doesn't seem very relevant at the time, and sympathise with those who think they'll do it much nearer September and then forget; I'm sure I'd be one of these.

This year I plan to send out application forms in July, hoping this is close enough to September to merit instant attention. It would be lovely to have all the up-to-date information back before September, and have the leaflets out early! At least it's worth a try.

If anyone is lucky enough to be anticipating being away for the whole of July and August beyond the reach of post or email, perhaps they'd be good enough to let me know, so we can make other arrangements.

I should really appreciate your co-operation in trying to make this new timing a success, and shall look forward to seeing how well it works out.

Alison Scrimshaw 020 8395 1400

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- S.I **Jun.9th DANCE IN DERBYSHIRE WITH MAGGIE O'REGAN**
at Calver Village Hall, Off Main Street, Calver, Hope Valley,
Derbyshire S323XR 10.30 - 16.30. Cost £10. details from Greg
Boyd 07810 181273 / gregboyd99@aol.com or Janet King 01629
57065 / j.king194@btinternet.com
- S.I **Jun.9th BALKANPLUS HALF DAY BALKAN WORKSHOP**
with Frank Dowling 2pm to 6pm at Cecil Sharp House. £10 (£8 for
Balkanplus season ticket holders). Precedes Balkanplus evening
dance with MC Frank Dowling. For details www.balkanplus.org.uk
or phone Brian 01992 582717
- Jun.30th/Jul.1st INTENSIVE RUSSIAN DANCE WORKSHOP**
with Hennie Konings. ISTD Studios, Old Street, East London.
10am-5 pm each day. £90 for the whole weekend. Booking essential
with Janet Wilks: russian@janetwilks.co.uk 0207 229 9387
- Jul.3rd/8th LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL EISTEDDFOD**
Ticket information: 01978 862001 or llangollen-eisteddfod.co.uk
- S.I **Jul.13th BARNET SUMMER PARTY** Live music & refreshments.
8pm at Church Hall, Wood St. Barnet, Herts. EN5 4BW Brian:
01992 582717
- S.I **Jul.28th/Aug.4th SIFD INT. FOLK DANCE SUMMER
SCHOOL**, University of Wales, Swansea. Tel. 07905 603655 or
01462 457791; Email: sifdsummerschool50@gmail.com
- Aug.10th/18th BILLINGHAM INT. FOLKLORE FESTIVAL**
tel; 01642 553220 or billinghamfestival.co.uk
- S.I **Aug.11th HURSLEY I. F. D. 40th ANNIVERSARY** see page 8
- S.I **Aug.24th/27th WILLINGDON IFDG MINI FESTIVAL** of
International and English Folk Dance, Circle Dance and singing at
Plumpton nr Lewes, East Sussex. Full board, plenty of single rooms.
Approx £160. Volunteer dance leaders encouraged. Early booking
advised. Booking form with further info: Rowena Martin, 60
Anderida Road, Eastbourne BN22 0PZ

Aug.25th/Sep.1st 7 NIGHT INTERN'L FOLK DANCE COURSE
led by Phil & Brenda Steventon Dancing in the morning and evening. Afternoons free - at HF Holidays, St. Ives, Cornwall, TR26 2DB. New to HF? We can get you a £50 discount! details ring HF on 0845 470 7558 or Phil & Brenda on 020 8397 9649

S.I **Aug. 25th/27th ROMANIAN FOLK DANCE COURSE** at Braithwaite near Keswick with Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion. £95. For details and a booking form please send s.a.e. to Cathy Meunier, 23, Church Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4DX or email cathy_meunier@hotmail.com.

S.I **Sep.22nd/23rd ILIANA BOZHANOVA BULGARIAN DANCE** workshops and Party at the London Irish Centre (Sat) and Cecil Sharp House (Sun). Workshops 10.30am to 4.30pm Ticket information and flyer on www.balkanplus.org.uk or phone Maureen 01473 272256 or Brian 01992 582717

S.I **Oct.1st ILIANA & TODOR AT GOSPORT**, 10-12am. St.Francis Church Clayhall Rd. Workshop of simple Bulgarian dances. Cost: £4 contact Tessa 02392 526489 (numbers limited)

Oct.4th ILIANA & TODOR 19.45 to 22.00 at Ecclesall Parish Hall, Sheffield. For further information about the course, contact Greg Boyd on 07810181273 or email greg.boyd99@aol.com

S.I **Nov.7th/8th GREEK FOLK DANCE** with Kyriakos Moisidis in Keswick. Cost £30. For details please send s.a.e. to Cathy Meunier, 23, Church Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4DX or e:mail cathy_meunier@hotmail.com



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.

A Change to the Cecil Sharp House Dance in June

Do you remember I mentioned that the Sunday dance on June 3rd would be an experiment, preceding not one but two bank holidays? Well, it was soon brought to my notice that this was Not A Good Idea. For a start almost none of the band could make it. So we considered a CD only dance, but finally came to the sensible conclusion – change the date!

So I'm afraid yet another month when it's not the first Sunday – what a strange year this is being.

The dance in June is now the 10th. I hope this will suit many more of you, and please remind me not to try experiments in future.

Alison Scrimshaw



Joan Richardson

It is sad to report the death of Joan Richardson (a life member, born Joan White 11th December 1923) after a long period of illness and infirmity, borne with cheerfulness and without complaint.

Joan will be remembered for her help and support to her husband Jack, both in professional life and SIFD activities, especially Summer Schools and Weekends Away, but also as a teacher of German, Austrian and Swedish dances.

On moving to Swansea she started a group attached to the University.

She and Jack married in 1955, and like him she will be remembered with pleasure and be greatly missed.

Roy Clarke

Wheelchair Dancing is wonderful for those who struggle with mobility these days: if this is you get in touch

Marjorie Corner (nee Bracey)
3 Parkwood Court
Tavistock
PL19 0RH
Dear All

I am dancing again after getting on for 12 years; not on my feet but in my wheelchair and it's WONDERFUL.

I have been a member of SIFD since I was nineteen and am now 74! However in 1995 not long after not attending but doing the costume display, dancing (of course) and helping out in other ways I unexpectedly found myself setting off down the slope of progressive disability. I can no longer walk at all and can only stand briefly and by hanging on tight to a firm and suitable support. In other ways I am fortunate as the top half of me is, so far and fingers crossed, working well. Plus I have one of the best wheelchairs in the world which is now 10 years old; a very good age for a power chair.

I knew about wheelchair Dance but had not found a group I could get to until last June. Since then have been going every week thanks to my son-in-law who drives me into Exeter each week. Then at the very end of February I did a week's course in teaching wheelchair dance which, rather to my surprise I passed with flying colours. This was quite an achievement as I was the oldest by at least 20 years, now I have high hopes of starting a course near my home – with no success so far.

If any of our other members struggle with mobility let me know as the ladies who ran our course are travelling the country running courses. We had members from as far afield as Ireland.

Marjorie Corner
(01822 615034 or m-j.corner@virgin.net)



HIFD 40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 11th August

Hursley International Folk Dancers will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on Saturday 11th August and would like to take this opportunity to invite all our dancing friends (especially past members and previous dance workshop teachers) to join us.

To cater for the numbers we hope will attend, we have hired a very nice hall in a nearby village and this is readily accessible from the M3 motorway. The address is Otterbourne Village Hall, Cranbourne Drive, off Main Road, Otterbourne, nr Winchester SO21 2ET.

The celebration will commence in the afternoon with a dance workshop with Cathy Meunier accompanied by live music from Mike Machin and Clyde Olliver, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

This will be followed by a choice of either a singing workshop with Mike and Clyde or an informal dance session to recorded music from 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

The day will culminate in an evening dance (with “Bring and Share” Supper) from 7.00pm to 10.30pm with live music from Mike and Clyde. The dances will be selected to represent each decade of the group’s existence.

Tickets are available in advance - All three sessions: £15 (£17), Dance workshop: £8 (£9) Singing workshop: £2, Evening Dance: £8 (£9) - prices in brackets apply if booked after 15th July.

To book, please send a cheque payable to IBM Hursley Club (HIFD) and SAE to: Jean Wilks, Aloha, Chilworth Rd, Southampton SO16 7JS. For more details email: aloha@f2s.com, phone: 023 8076 6213, or see our web site: hifd.ibmhursleyclub.org.uk

Ron Wilks



Dates For Your 2013 Dancing Diary

I am delighted to announce two exciting residential folk dancing events for 2013:

Our first-ever “Winter Folk Dance Seminar” Thursday 7th – Tuesday 12th February in Torquay (English Riviera) with four outstanding folk dance teachers and a lovely hotel overlooking the sea. Yves Moreau - world-renowned specialist and teacher of Bulgarian and Balkan folk dance. France Bourque-Moreau - an internationally recognised and also much loved specialist of children’s folkdance and French-Canadian folk-dance. Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion Romanian folk-dance teachers who have delighted folk dancers all over the world with their wealth of knowledge and skill in teaching their own country’s music and dance. Singing workshops and informal music-making will be facilitated by Mike and Clyde who will be co-ordinating the live music for the evening dances.

How to book: Bookings will be taken from the beginning of June. For full details and a booking form, if you are not already on my mailing list, please either send your email address to cathy_meunier@hotmail.com or send a S.A.E. to me at 23, Church Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4DX. Please note that this type of event can get booked up very quickly.

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Residential Albanian Folk Dance course with Genc Kastrati and Helga Saraçi on Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd September in Bournemouth. This is an exciting opportunity to discover the richness and diversity of Albanian folk dance first hand from Albanian nationals.

There will be more information to follow about both of these events.

Cathy Meunier



Nutbrook I.F.D.G. treat - Frills and Fripperies

The last evening of the Spring term came round again. I seem to think the year whizzes by faster every time. To celebrate Spring we had a fripperies night – that is one with accessories- scarves, hankies and belts. It was an evening of laughter and waving. We managed to dance a great variety from France to Russia stopping off at Albania, Greece and Bulgaria. A dance from French Canada was discovered on You Tube for which the music was already on the groups CD – handy! This proved to be hilarious as we need trios joined by hankies but did not quite have a multiple of 3 people, so improvisation added to the fun.



Future events;

Our next occasion is a Saturday afternoon in a different hall in Beeston, with the aim of not only enjoying the Israeli and Roma dances with Adrian Pointen and Cindy Kelly but also attracting new members. We will then look forward to September when Nutbrook will host the S.I.F.D. Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be encircled with an Armenian dance course and a party with an Armenian dance display. (see details in future events and on our web site- www.nutbrookfolkdance.co.uk)

Gill Morral

Armenian dance course taught by Dalila Heath

Saturday September 22nd 2012
Grangewood Methodist Church,
Wollaton, Notts NG8 2SJ

Followed by the **A.G.M. of the Society for International Folk Dancing**

Hosted by Nutbrook International Folk dance Group

Programme

1.15 - 4.00 Armenian teaching workshop (Doors open at 1.00p.m).

4.00 – 4.30 Coffee/ Biscuits

4.30 A.G.M.

Buffet (For those who have pre booked – Ploughmans plus desserts)

7.00 - 9.30 Evening dance

Pre Booking for buffet is essential & special dietary needs stated.

Please send application with name, address and S.A.E. to

G. Morral, 116 Nottingham Rd, Stapleford, Notts, NG9 8AR. Cheques
made payable to Nutbrook I.F.D.G.

Armenian workshop	£6.00.
Buffet	£3.00
Dance with Demonstration	£5.00
Combined All day ticket	£12.00

www.nutbrookfolkdance.co.uk



MacLennan Scottish Group
31st International Folk Dance and Music Festival

Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend, 2012

Langley Park Boys' School, South Eden Park Road,
Beckenham BR3 3BP

E-mail: festival@msg.org.uk

Website: www.msg.org.uk

Phone: 020 8300 0621 01732 866557

07769 517863 (mobile)

A weekend of traditional dance and music from the UK and Europe

This year, both public performances will take place on

Saturday 2nd June 2012

2.00 to 5.30pm International Folk Dance Concert

Sit back and enjoy performances by all the groups

7.30 to 11.00pm International Folk Dance and Ceilidh

Join in an evening of international music and dance

Other local performances over the weekend

Ticket price for either event: Adult: £7.50, Concessions: £6.00,

Child: £3.00

Discounts for families and for both events

Invited groups this year include De Roweler Tanzlut from Germany, Siepakat Fossilit from Finland, the Upland Junior Dancers, the Fiona Ray School of Highland Dancing and the Wild Hunt Morris Group



Woodvale members have attended and enjoyed these festivals for a number of years now and hopefully it should appeal to other SIFD News readers too.

Dot Fuller

Woodvale International Folk Dance Group





Maclennan Group International Folk Dance and Music Festival

Some of the visiting
dancers attending the
Festival this year.

Siepakat Fossiilit from
Finland
and
De Roweler Tanzlut
from Germany



Frank Flanagan Awards

The SIFD Committee has agreed that part of the generous bequest left to SIFD by Frank Flanagan is to be used to establish a bursary fund to make awards to members. The object of the awards is to provide financial support for the attendance of SIFD Teachers and potential teachers and leaders at appropriate training events, with resultant benefit to the Society. Awards will be limited to a budget set each year by the SIFD Committee.

The SIFD Committee has appointed a grants panel consisting at present of Judith Payling (Treasurer) Roger Sturge (committee member) and Janet Woolbar (Frank's widow and an experienced teacher and group leader), to consider applications and make grants, to be known as "Frank Flanagan Awards", in accordance with the following criteria:

a. Nature of the event

The proposed grant should be for attendance at an event, such as the SIFD Summer School, at which the applicant's skills and/or repertoire will be improved.

b. The applicant

The applicant should show that she or he wishes to improve her/his skills and/or repertoire and undertakes to pass on to the Society the benefit obtained, in an appropriate way. He or she should be member of the SIFD who is either:

- an approved teacher of the SIFD, or
- a teacher or aspiring teacher who has potential to become approved and is already involved in the work of the SIFD, or
- another member who at present leads or intends to lead an SIFD group.

The applicant will need to satisfy the panel that he or she would be unlikely to attend the event without financial assistance.

Other than in exceptional circumstances, the grant will be limited to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the event including reasonable travel and accommodation expenses.

Applications for awards should be sent to Judith Payling, Treasurer, (address as shown on page 19) in good time before the event for which the application is made. It should be supported by an SIFD approved teacher or the leader of an affiliated group.

Judith Payling, Roger Sturge, Janet Woolbar



For Sale

7 Romanian Costumes from Moldavia

Embroidered blouses, woven belts, double aprons, assorted white skirts and red beads

If anyone is interested please call me on 01676 534112.

I will take them to the Eastbourne Festival so please find me. We will be in a motor home on site. Mobile tel. No. 07971769347.

Grace Pittman



Grace's son, Ian, brought the blouses, aprons and belts from Romania after the revolution when he used to go and help the orphanages.



Balkanplus

The May Balkanplus will be held on the 12th May 2012 at Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm. MC for the evening is Oxford Balkansko Oro with live music from Dunav.

Admission £7.

Maureen Felton



Balkan Folk Dance Course in Keswick

- Saturday 16th June

Cathy Meunier and Clyde Olliver will be teaching a selection of Balkan folk dances at the Methodist Church Hall Southey Street Keswick CA12 4EF from 2-6pm. We'll be dancing to live music provided by Mike Machin and Clyde Olliver. Music will also be available on CDs. At the beginning of the session there will be an opportunity to sing a few Balkan songs with Mike. Cost £6-£10 (self-select) including light refreshments. For more information please contact Cathy Meunier 017687 73117 cathy_meunier@hotmail.com.

Cathy Meunier



The 26th Seminar of Traditional Greek Dance

Dances, Music and Traditions of the Egnatia Road
05 – 17 August 2012

Yannis Konstantinou and “Lygkistes” invite you to join them in Lemos Village, to discover the traditional dance and music, and customs of the people who have lived along the axis of this historic road.

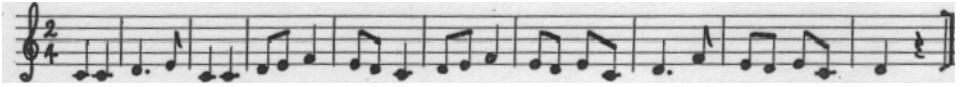
Dance Lessons: 5 hours/day from the regions of the Egnatia Road :

- Epirus with Elli Kazakou
- West Macedonia with Yannis Konstantinou
- Central Macedonia (Roumlouki) with Achilleas Tsiaras
- Eastern Macedonia with Alexandros Omiriadi
- Eastern and Western Thrace With Vangelis Dimoudis
- Thrace with Yorgos Kapsalis
- Cappadocia and Asia Minor with Christos Theologos
- Pongos with Nikos Zournatzidis
- Participate in events with the ritual traditional masks with the help of Yorgos Melikis. We will have parties (glendia) with local musicians and dance in village festivals (panegiria).

Yannis Konstantinou - yankost@otenet.gr / +30 6944 946227

Maryse Fabre (France) maryse.fabre3@wanadoo.fr / +33 681 20 73 79

Neda Grivne - Serbia



A circle dance moving counter-clockwise, hands joined and held low.
Start slowly and gradually speed up.

Time 2/4 2 bars introduction.

Bar 1 Beat 1. Facing centre, step R foot to R side.
 Beat 2. Close L foot to R.

Bar 2 Beat 1. Step R foot to R side.
 Beat 2. Close L foot to R.

Bar 3 Beat 1. Step R foot to R side.
 Beat 2. Close L foot to R.

Bar 4 Beat 1. Light stamp with R foot, forward towards centre.
 Beat 2. Pause.

Bar 5 Beat 1. Step forward on L foot.
 Beat 2. Pause.

Bar 6 Beat 1. Step forward on R foot.
 Beat 2. Pause.

Bar 7 Beat 1. Step backwards on L foot.
 Beat 2. Step backwards on R foot.

Bar 8 Beat 1. Step backwards on L foot.
 Beat 2. Pause.

Bar 9 Beat 1. Step R foot to R side.
 Beat 2. Close L foot to R, but without transferring weight.

Bar 10 Beat 1. Step L foot to L side.
 Beat 2. Close R foot to L, without transferring weight.

Neda Grivna

Serbia

“Wilf Horrocks’ Collection”

Re “Neda Grivna”, it was never that, always known as “**Neda Grivne**” Someone told me decades ago that it meant “Grey skies”, but that’s rubbish. I believe it should be, in full, “Neda grivne izgubila”, meaning “Neda lost her rings”.

Caroline Thomas



Dear Janet,

It is always nice for us old ‘uns when a one time popular dance emerges from the mists of time. Neda Grivna was a popular dance in the 50’s and 60’s (the Drury Lane / Harrow Green era). It was featured in book of Balkan and Israeli dances (with accompanying records) published by the Dunav Group in 1966 and again in an SIFD book and record entitled “12 Circle Dances” published a few years later. Its original popularity was due largely to the fact that like Chekassia, Setnja, Zaplet etc. no partners were needed.

Regards,

Roy Haycock



Pam Radford came South to teach an enjoyable day of beginners dances last month; one of the dances she taught was **Neda Grivne**. I have taken the liberty of publishing her notes (previous page). Ed.



* Next month the music for **Bistřicky & Bistřicky 2** (Czechoslovakia) will appear (to which of the two countries does it belong?).

Ed.

SIFD Sunday Dance/Workshops

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 13th The SIFD Band

**The Band get their chance to play the tunes they like particularly -
always a good evening**

June 10th Helen Ezra



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WHAT'S ON IN MAY

S.I **Fri.4th/Mon.7th SIFD HALSWAY MANOR WEEKEND** phone 07723802894 email: grdnadie@aol.com

Fri.4th/Mon.7th EASTBOURNE FESTIVAL Bianca de Jong, Roberto Bagnoli and Dalila Heath. tel 01278 424332 www.eiff.org.uk

Sat.5th KLEZMER KLUB - songs and dance tunes. 8.15pm. Cellar Upstairs, Exmouth Arms, Starcross St. Ldn NW1 2HR 020 7281 7700

Sat.12th DAY OF DANCING WITH DALILA HEATH in Bridport 12.-2.30 + lunch break. 3.-5.30 more experienced 5.30-6.30: shared supper. 6.30 -10pm: Social dance. £7.50 session, £9 evening, £2-lunch. Book a week in advance or 3 sessions for free lunch). Park at Bridport Football Club. 01308 423442 or meckil@yahoo.co.uk

S.I **Sun.13th BALKAN DANCE AT FOLK ON THE PIER** with live music from the band Zaramo. Free entry to this dance as part of the fringe events at this popular folk festival, in Cromer, Norfolk. For exact time and venue check the festival website or contact Dawn 01328 856582 dawnwakefield@btinternet.com

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