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I have given you some Greek colouring-in (centre page) as one or two of **you** forgot to send anything in!! (Vietnamese front cover)

Ed.



SIFD Dance Sunday 10th May

at Primrose Hill Community Centre 7pm

Jeanette Hull and **Dalila Heath** will lead the May dance at:
Primrose Hill Community Centre
29 Hopkinson's Place
off Fitzroy Road
London NW1 8TN

In June the dance will be on Sunday 14th at Cecil Sharp House at 7pm following an afternoon workshop led by **Frank Dowling** 2pm - 6pm. The evening will be a mixture of Balkan dances and some general international couple dances led by a variety of MCs.

Anne Maddocks

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Everyone who has talked to me about the new venue at Primrose Hill said they liked it. I hope no-one had trouble finding Hopkinsons Place. We'd like to offer some very short workshops for people who'd like to learn a step or skill that will make it easier to join in and enjoy more dances. Before the main dance on 10th May, starting at 6.45, there will be a short workshop for anyone who'd like to brush up their Waltz steps - we'll include the steps and hold, and practice leading/following and adapting to different partners. The main programme will be the usual Jeanette and Dalila mix of Eastern and Western European, with very short gaps between dances.

If anyone would like to request or offer a 15-min session on another "basics" skill before any of the Autumn Sunday dances, please contact me. We won't do one in June because it will follow a busy day course, but if we have requests and offers we'll do some more in the Autumn.

Jeanette Hull

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- S.I **Jun. 13. BALKANPLUS** see page 11
- S.I **Jun. 13. DANCE WITH DALILA IN DERBYSHIRE.** Join us in Calver Village Hall. Further details from Janet King (01629 57065 or j.king194@btinternet.com) or Greg Boyd (07810 181273 or gregboyd99@aol.com).
- S.I **Jun. 14 SIFD SUNDAY DANCE** see page 3
- S.I **Jun. 14 SIFD AFTERNOON WORKSHOP** see page 5
- S.I **Jul. 25-Aug.1. SIFD SUMMER SCHOOL** in Swansea, Danish, Romanian & General Int. www.sifdsummerschool
- Aug 21-28. 7 NIGHT INT. FOLK DANCE COURSE** led by Phil & Brenda Steventon. Dancing in the morning and evening. Afternoons free, at HF Holidays, The Longmynd, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AG. For details ring HF on 0345 470 8558 or Phil & Brenda on 020 8397 9649
- S.I **Aug. 28-31. WILLINGDON IFDG ANNUAL MINI FESTIVAL** of International and English Folk Dance, Circle Dance and singing at Plumpton College nr Lewes, East Sussex. £160 full board. Contact Rowena Martin, 60 Anderida Road, Eastbourne BN22 0PZ; 01323 503991 or rowenahmartin@hotmail.com.
- S.I **Sep.19-20 BALKANPLUS ILIANA & TODOR WORKSHOPS** £70 (60) for the weekend; £40 (30) for the Saturday workshop only; £30 (25) for the Sunday workshop only. The party is open to all - cost £10 payable on the door. Tickets from Maureen Felton 28 Henslow Road, Ipswich IP4 5EG. with SAE and cheque payable to Balkanplus.
- S.I **Sep.26-27 ILIANA & TODOR IN MANCHESTER & CALVER** £32 (£30) for weekend or £20 (£18) for either day. Contact Mary O'Mahony for more details at maryomahony3@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 0161 881 0955.
- S.I **Oct. 25. MANX & WELSH DANCES WITH GEOFF WESTON** at Pulborough Village Hall, W.Sussex. RH20 2BP. £7 10:30am -3:30pm. Bring a picnic lunch. DIY Tea & Coffee available all day. Janet Douglas 01243 265010

SIFD Afternoon Workshop 14th June

with **Frank Dowling, Mike Machin and Clyde Olliver**

The theme will be Dances from Former Yugoslavia which we are dedicating to the late Ken Ward. We'll be presenting a varied program of accessible dances some of which were introduced by Ken but now seem to have "fallen by the wayside"!

A live musical accompaniment will be provided by Mike and Clyde. We hope that you will join us!!

Frank Dowling



Advertising Your Events On Line

The SIFD has a website and a facebook page and between them they reach 100s of people who are not SIFD members, and the more we use them, the more people they will reach.

I, or another committee member add events that are listed in the SIFD news, but we don't always have time to contact you for extra information, so just enter whatever is in the SIFD News. There is space on the website for more information, and we can put it on if you email us: mail@sifd.org - ideally a title for your event, the date, time and place, some up to 30 words to describe it attractively, and whether it's suitable for anyone or if experience is necessary, plus information about price, catering and contacts for enquiries, in plain text please so we can cut and paste to reduce the risk of mistakes.

(it also means that there is less likely to be a delay caused by someone needing to check and update everything when the News arrives)

There's nothing to stop you posting things for yourself on our facebook wall - and our pages are reaching more people all the time.

It helps other SIFD event organisers if you can like, share and comment on other's facebook posts too.

Items sent to the NEWS are not automatically forwarded to the people who update the website.

Jeanette Hull



Pontic Dance From Greece

workshop with Jackie Charbit-Middleton:

1.30pm to 9.30pm - Saturday 30 May 2015

Mike Machin on Pontic Lyra

Balkan Dance Party

MC: Charlotte Kinross

Live music from Mike and Clyde

St Ninian's Church Hall, Egerton Road South

Manchester M21 0XJ

Shared buffet please bring veggie food to share

Barlow International Folk Dance Group





MacLennan 34th International Folk Dance Festival

MacLennan Scottish Group
34th International Folk Dance Festival

Saturday 23th May 2015

8pm-11pm

Folk Dance and Ceilidh

Adults £7.50; Concessions £6; Child £3

Sunday 24th May 2015

2pm-5.30pm

Folk Dance Concert

Adults £7.50; Concessions £6; Child £3

NB There are discounts for both events and for families.

Both events are at:

The Priory School, Tintagel Road, Orpington, BR5 4LG

The overseas groups are Sällskapet Gammeldansens Vänner
Folksdanslag from Malmö, Sweden and KAB-ESKOLA from Spain.

Also coming are Lyra (Sunday only), Upland dancers (Sunday only)
and Epping Forest Pipe Band.

For further details please visit our website: www.msg.org.uk or email:
enquiries@msg.org.uk

Dot Fuller

Woodvale International Folk Dance Group

Borough Green

01732 884621



Mautdovia



scarf: white / light blue
blouse: red
waistcoat: black
dress: grey /blue / green

Thrace



scarf: light blue
blouse: white
waistcoat: crimson
skirt: blue / green

Rivieradance!

Wednesday 3rd – Monday 8th February in Torquay

Information and booking details are now available for Rivieradance! 2106. This year we have three much-loved and respected teachers:

Vincent Parodi



Roberto Bagnoli



Maya Buckley



Israeli Balkan Music Making

If you have danced with Vincent or Roberto or played with Maya before, you will know what a treat we are in for! Once again we will be staying in the delightful family owned Livermead House Hotel on the sea front with its large sprung-floor ballroom and award winning chef. We look forward to plenty of music, dancing, and delicious food.

There are options to do either full days of dancing or half days; and this year you can choose to dance with both teachers, or if you prefer, you can opt to do Balkan only or Israeli only. Dancers and non-dancers can join the music-making with Maya and informal singing sessions. Non-resident musicians are invited to attend Maya's Instrumental workshop. There are also opportunities to go walking or sightseeing with full days out for non-dancers and half days to fit in with the half-day dance sessions. Friends and family are welcome and they can also join the social dancing in the evenings if they wish.

The holiday is 5 night's full board in comfortable en-suite accommodation, arriving on Wednesday and leaving on Monday after breakfast. Prices are the same as last year:

Residential dance course (half / full day course) £395 / £465

Residential only £305

Single room supplement (5-nights) £50

And for those who like to plan ahead ... the dates for Rivieradance! 2017 are Wednesday 8th – Monday 13th February with world renowned folk dance teachers Yves Moreau, France Bourque-Moreau, Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion.

For full details and a booking form contact Cathy Meunier email cathy_meunier@hotmail.com tel 017687 73117 website: www.balkanfolkdance.org or send s.a.e to 23, Church Street, Keswick Cumbria CA12 4DX.

Cathy Meunier



Balkanplus May 9th

I am MC for this Balkanplus and I have prepared a programme of fairly easy accessible dances, with one or two more complex ones. There will be a tick list of the dances and the most wanted ones will be danced.

Complying with the terms of hall hire as “educational” some of the dances will be quickly walked through; tricky ones will carry a health warning so you will know what to expect. See you there.

Fiona Howarth

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The May Balkanplus will be held on the 9th May at Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm.

MC will be Fiona Howarth. Admission £5.

Balkanplus 13th June MC will be Frank Dowling with Mike Machin and Clyde Olliver.

Maureen Felton

Balkanplus London Workshops with Iliana Bozhanova

on 19th/20th September 2015



photos by Jean Wilks

Summer approaches, as does the much heralded third visit of Iliana Bozhanova and her brilliant accordionist Todor Yankov. There is no better time to commit to the early bird price and book your weekend ticket. Those of us who have attended Iliana's workshops in the past know to expect much more than a new batch of dances and an accompanying CD. Iliana and Todor have supreme command of their subject and capture the essence of Bulgarian folklore in their presentation style. Their research – often in the poorer regions – has unearthed some gems which have both given pleasure to the global folk dance community and allowed them, through their successful tours, to give something back to the villagers. Both are fine singers and they have worked with some of Bulgaria's top musicians in producing their dance recordings.

We'll strive to match the quality for the Balkanplus party on the Saturday evening. Drago Draganov has been invited to bring Tanec and Dunav will be there to broaden the party programme. Doubtless Iliana and Todor will feature individually and collectively, too. All the ingredients are there for another classic Balkanplus evening.

Look at “Dates for your Diary” or visit www.balkanplus.org.uk for the essential details.

At the time of writing, Iliana is taking a Swiss group on a tour of the Pirin region. This is something of a trial run for a tour she would like to offer her British friends in the second half of June next year. Those of us who enjoyed her “Easter in Bulgaria” tour last year will attest to her amazing skill in conceiving and managing these event packed tours. It will be my pleasure again to be the British coordinator. I am sure full information will be announced around the time of the UK workshops, but I would be happy to hear from you should you wish to register your interest earlier – without obligation.

Brian Dowsett



Dance and Costume Books

We are anxious to dispose of our considerable collection of books and booklets on Folk Dance and Costumes. There are about 100 items including 19 of the Max Parrish Handbooks of European Dance and some written music. Quite a few of the items came to us from Dr. Cyriax who taught Swedish Dances to the Society in the early days. We would like them all to go to a good home but we haven't got the energy to despatch items separately so it's a question of all or none. They are currently in two cardboard boxes at our house in Epping, Essex.

We would be very pleased to hear from anybody interested. Email is sguest@theiet.org

They will go to the charity shops if nobody replies.

Joan & Simon Guest



Arkan

TATRA MTS on border of Poland/Czechoslovakia

Ukraine?
(Town HITSUL)

Not too fast!

9 Dm A7 Dm A7

16 Dm A7 Dm Gm

22 D7 Gm D7

27 Gm D7 Gm

34 Gm C7 F Gm A7 Dm

41 A7 Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm

49 Dm A7 Dm A7

Steve's version: AABBCDD
(play first D slower)

"Wilf Horrocks' Collection"



Branle de la Marne will be featured next month. Let's hope that there is a better response to Branle de la Marne than there has been to **Arkan**.

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WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Fri.1st-Mon.4th EASTBOURNE INT. FOLK FESTIVAL Please contact Maureen on 01823 401271. or www.eiff.org.uk

Fri.1st-Tues.5th HALSWAY SIFD WEEKEND £215pp+ensuite £21 pp/ +single occupancy supp, £20...extra Monday £35/ + ensuite £5 please contact Gordon Adie:-01872 260517 e-mail grdnadie@aol.com

S.I **Saturday 9th BALKANPLUS** see page 11

S.I **Sunday 10th SIFD DANCE** see page 3

S.I **Saturday 30th PONTIC DANCE WORKSHOP & PARTY** in Manchester see page 6



All material for the June issue of the SIFD NEWS must be received by the Editor IN WRITING by 17th May.

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