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The new colour scheme for the SIFD logo is shown on the front cover. If Groups and Classes would like an electronic copy of the new version for their publicity please email Richard Mellish (richard@mellish.eu).

Ed.



SIFD Archive update

We hope that everyone who bought the first edition of the Digital Archive has found it useful, and easy to use. Since the launch of the first edition, Ron Wilks has been working hard to include more and more content and features, with others also contributing content and doing some testing. Although we originally expected to be able to issue the first update towards the end of 2017, it has been deferred while this work has continued, but the new edition is now ready.

The 2018 edition contains more music, more video from Summer Schools and SIFD day courses, more photos Ron has also added a means of creating playlists from the music tracks, an improved scrolling facility, improved printing and - something that many teachers will value - a variable speed music playback feature. There's now over 128 GB of data - all on one USB stick.

We are grateful for all the generous donations of material, and we will continue to add anything where we believe there are no copyright issues, but it all takes time, so work continues and new editions will be released as it develops. To obtain your update please send your original copy to Jeanette Hull, 39 The Green, Morden, Surrey SM4 4HJ. Although the reference number is unique to you, please help by including your name and return address. Proof of posting / signed-for delivery is advised in case anything goes wrong. Please note that the update will replace everything on your current stick.

If you have questions ask Jeanette: email jeanettehull@blueyonder.co.uk / tel 07722 655481.

We would appreciate it if you could include a brief note about your experience of using it TM what has been useful? What have you used most?

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If you had the "early bird" version, ordered at the 2016 AGM, there is no charge for your first update: Jeanette will contact you if this applies to you. Otherwise the price for the update is £10: please either enclose a cheque payable to the Society or pay online to the Society's account: CAF Bank, sort code 40-52-40, account no. 00016902. If you pay online, please include the word "update" in the payment description and email both Judith Payling and Jeanette so they will know you have paid: judithcpayling@yahoo.co.uk jeanettehull@blueyonder.co.uk

If you did not buy the first edition, the price for the new edition at present is £80 but it may go up in future, depending on the price of USB sticks when the current stock runs out.

Richard Mellish for SIFD Committee



MacLennan Scottish Group
37th International Folk Dance Festival

Saturday 26th May 2018

8pm-11pm

Folk Dance and Ceilidh

Adults £8.50; Concessions £7; Child £3.50

Sunday 27th May 2018

2pm-5.30pm

Folk Dance Concert

Adults £8.50; Concessions £7; Child £3.50

NB There are discounts for both events and for families.

Both events are at Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3LE

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- S.I **May 4 - May 7: SIFD INT. FOLK DANCING WEEKEND** at Halsway Manor, Somerset with Janet Woolbar & Stella Wentworth + guided walks. Robin & Judy Morris 01564773482 - 07966785172 robinnimbo@aol.com or <http://sifd.org/events/sifdevents.php>
- S.I **May 4 - May 7: EASTBOURNE INT. FOLKDANCE FESTIVAL** see page 13
- S.I **May 12: BALKANPLUS MC:** Bob Robinson, held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm. £6
- Jun. 9: BALKAN DANCE DAY WITH CATHY MEUNIER** 10.30-4-30 at Unstone Community Centre, 20 Crow Lane, Unstone, Derbyshire, S18 4AL. Details and to book contact Gill ddu3ainternationaldancing@gmail.com or 01246 410020
- S.I **Jun. 9: BALKANPLUS MC:** Fiona Howarth, held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm. £6.
- S.I **Jul. 21-22: BALKANPLUS W/SHOPS WITH LEE OTTERHOLT** Dances from the Balkans & Beyond at Cecil Sharp House. Workshops: 10.30am - 4.30pm Sat. Party: 7 - 10.30pm Workshops: Sat. £40 (£30) Sun. £30 (£20), Party £10 W/e deal: £70 (£50) Early bird prices (in brackets) until end of May Further discounts for Balkanplus season ticket holders. Tickets: Please send cheque payable to Balkanplus with SAE to: Maureen Felton, 28 Henslow Road, Ipswich IP4 5EG For more information visit www.balkanplus.org.uk Tel. Brian 01992 582717 or Maureen 01473 272256
- S.I **Sep. 8-9: LEVENT KETENCI** see page 6
- S.I **Sep. 8: SIFD AGM & DANCE** see page 6



All material for the May issue of the SIFD NEWS must be received by the Editor IN WRITING by 18th April. 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.

Dance Weekend & SIFD AGM

8th & 9th September 2018

In West Sussex at Pulborough Village Hall, RH20 2BP. This venue is situated in beautiful countryside overlooking 'The Brooks', and is a (straight) mile or so away from Pulborough Railway Station (trains from Victoria). Send an s.a.e. if you need a map.

- * Annual General Meeting (Saturday)
- * Evening Dance (Saturday)
- * Turkish Folk Dance Workshops with **Levent Ketenci**
(workshops start at 10.30am.both days)

Those of you who went to Cappadocia in 2015 will remember Levent and Gülcan (and their baby). He will come to England for the first time and teach dances for our enjoyment. Levent specialises in Zebek dances, but will teach dances from around Turkey. Levent's teaching style is very clear and easy to follow. He hopes to bring Gülcan and their little son with him. (*Levent and Gülcan are pictured opposite*).

The **SIFD AGM** will be at 4pm.

There will be a supper (Saturday early evening) which must be booked by August 1st for catering purposes.

The General International evening dance will be from 6pm until 9pm. This is an early start and finish but gives those who travel time to get home comfortably (country hours!).

Saturday day course £30, supper £10, evening dance £8;

Sunday morning course £15;

a weekend package price of £45 (excluding supper) will be available until August 1st. Tea, coffee and squash provided.

Booking is now open; please make cheques payable to B.R.I.D.E. Contact Janet Douglas (address on page 2) to book and for further information.

Janet Douglas



Irene Keyword

The costume that Irene is wearing in the photo on the cover of last month's SIFD NEWS was from Galičnik, which brought back to mind one of the trips to Macedonia that Irene and I made with the Zivko Firfov group.

We went to several villages, looking for costumes and jewellery, and on one of the visits, when chatting to some of the villagers (with the very limited knowledge of Serbo-Croat some of our members had and much use of sign language) we were approached by an old lady who invited us to her home as she had "something to show us".

When we went into her house she opened for us a wooden chest containing the beautiful Galičnik costume that she had worn for her wedding. Of course, she was not thinking of selling it to us but she insisted that I try it on to show us what she had looked like when she wore it on her wedding day!. I was indeed honoured to do so and she was delighted to show off her wedding dress.

This was just one example of how warmly we were welcomed into their village and how pleased they were that we were interested in their costumes, music and dance.

Lily Avery



Dear Janet,

Some more memories of Irene - when Selpar first started. Margery Latham arranged a coach load of SIFD dancers to come and support our first ever 'Open Saturday'. The coach was full and of course Irene, Kath and Jean (always together) were among the visitors, as Irene was when Ken brought his lovely group to the Billesley Hotel one Saturday to run a workshop. Then again we had Safaris to various villages around this lovely area including the Worcestershire Hotel gardens, the village green in Broadway and the Museum of Ancient buildings in Birmingham (Avoncroft).

Irene contributed so much wherever she was present and at every gathering I joined in with, 'The Three' were the very first to greet me



on my sometimes late arrival on the Friday evening of the weekend.

I spoke with Irene just after Christmas. I knew she was seriously ‘unwell’ but never dreamt the end was so near.

Members will be glad to see her looking so happy (about 30 years ago) on one of our Safaris (*above*).

Happy memories to everyone,

Sybil Chapman



Like anyone I hate making mistakes, but it’s especially annoying to find that one has mis-spelt a word in the specific context of commenting on spelling, as I did in my contribution last month to the **Polka and Schottische** discussion, where I referred to ‘a German form of the name “schottiche”’. That should of course have been “schottische”. I noticed my typo only when my March News arrived. So, apologies to all for that.

While I’m on the subject; I was very recently reminded of yet another spelling of the same name for a dance that has long been in the international folk dance repertoire, the Mexican Chotis de la Frontera.

Richard Mellish

Dancing Holiday to Corfu, Greece



Sept 10 - 17th 2018

Dances from Greece including Corfu Dance classes with Chrisandra Harris and local Corfu teacher.

Also option of yoga classes included. Range of accommodation available at different prices. Beautiful location with gardens and two swimming pools for our sole use. Non dancing partners/friends also welcome.

Contact Chrisandra@tesco.net or 0115 9554962 for more details.

(*< Corfu Costume*)

Chrisandra Harris



Day of Dance in Calver Village hall

Saturday 14th April Day of dance in Calver Village hall, Calver, Derbyshire S32 3XR with Lorna Ramsden and Lynda Shaw from Loidis 1030 to 1630.

Bring your own lunch, drinks will be supplied. Further details from Janet King (01629 57065) j.king194@btinternet.com or Greg Boyd (07810 181273) gregboyd@aol.com. £10 for the day.



Balkanplus

The April Balkanplus will be held on the 14th April in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm and ends 10.30pm.

A Balkanplus party evening with MC Brian Dowsett following the first day of a weekend workshop with Mitko Petrov. Admission £10

Maureen Felton

Some Balkan Folk Dance Events to look forward to

Serbian Dances with Vladica and Sasha

Experience dancing to live music with this fantastic Serbian duo. Get in touch if you need help with accommodation. It may be possible to stay with a dancer, and we also have an accommodation listing. Choice of Saturday, Sunday or whole weekend, plus we have added an option to come just for the social dance, at which Vladica and Sasha will be playing. Weekend of 21st / 22nd April in Sheffield.

Bulgarian Folk Dances with Nikolay Svetkov

Nikolay Svetkov is an immensely popular and highly regarded teacher of traditional Bulgarian folkdance. He has taught all over Europe, Japan and the USA, so a visit to the UK is long overdue. He performed with the Pirin State ensemble, State folk ensemble Trakia and the Bulgarian National Folk Ensemble Bulgare, and is currently a university professor in Blagoevgrad, Pirin, where he teaches Bulgarian folkdance, dance composition, and dance teaching methods.

He is a beautiful dancer and a delight to be with. I am quite certain that, if you enjoy Bulgarian dancing, you will love dancing with Nikolay.

Dates: Weekend of 6th / 7th October 2018 Braithwaite, Cumbria
Saturday 13th October Hempton (to be confirmed)

Rivieradance! 2019

Yves Moreau (Bulgarian & Balkan), France Bourque Moreau (International), Cristian Florescu & Sonia Dion (Romanian) folk dancing. Four world-renowned teachers from Canada who were the instigators of Rivieradance! It will be a special occasion as Yves says it will be the last for France and himself.

Wednesday 6th – Monday 11th February 2019 Torquay.

Dances From Northern Greece with Petros Selkos

Petros Selkos is best known for dances from his own region, Greek Macedonia. He is another much-loved dance teacher who we have missed out on up until now. It will be his first visit to the UK (as far as I know!). 6th – 7th April 2019. Location to be confirmed.

More information on www.balkanfolkdance.org
cathy_meunier@hotmail.com tel 017687 73117

Cathy Meunier

Russian(?) doll



Dear Janet,

I was given a Russian doll when I was a child in the 1960's and would like to pass it on to someone who might be interested. All I would ask for anyone interested would be postage.

Height 14 ½ inches or 37cms.

My email address can be passed on to anyone interested:

Helen de Bray

SIFD Shop

The Digital Archive Memory Stick is selling well, but don't forget that we do have other items for sale.....

There are a few teeshirts available in these designs. Contact Helen Ezra

The Sardana book can be obtained from Alison Scrimshaw. See website for details

SIFD bags are available from Judith Payling

We still have our CDs !! See website or contact Alison Scrimshaw

Eastbourne International Folkdance Festival

“Dance in a Wider-World!”

In January’s SIFD newsletter we told you that we were working to encourage festival dancers to try “Wider-World” dance and promised to tell you the programme asap. EIFF is a friendly festival and no event requires you to bring a partner. We promise space to dance in pleasant venues, with sensibly timed meal and comfort breaks so you won’t need to rush about, and can spend time socialising with old and new dancing friends.

If you've not been to Eastbourne in the last five years we invite you to give it a twirl in 2018, and to bring newcomers who may be surprised by the cheerfulness and enthusiasm for dance throughout the festival. Season, Day and Young People’s tickets are available.

We have our favourite teachers from UK: Jill Bransby, Maggie O’Regan and Dalila Heath, and music from Cloudburst at some sessions.

Bulgarian dancing aficionados usually like their dances fast and furious, and Maggie O’Regan offers “Gentle Bulgarian” as an opportunity to try another aspect of this popular style. She will also teach dances from different regions of Romania, learnt from visiting teachers and on her trips to Romania.

“Broaden your Horizons” - Jill Bransby will concentrate on steps, rhythms, styles and patterns found in a variety of dances from many places round the world. Live music by Cloudburst will help make the session satisfying and fun. Come and widen your dance vision!

Dalila Heath will teach “Dances from my Travels” including dances with nice music from Turkey, Holland, Armenia and Italy.

We hope that this programme will appeal to everyone at their own levels, and you are warmly invited to all other styles of dance at EIFF: English Country Dance, American squares and contras, Irish set dance, French / Breton and Molly Dance.

Friday 4 - Monday 7 May, tickets from Eventbrite see www.eiff.org.uk

We have space for a couple of stewards to help with the Wider-World venue. stewards@eiff.org.uk

Baryant (The Pheasant)

Czechoslovakia

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "Baryant (The Pheasant)" from Czechoslovakia. The score is written in 2/4 time and G major (one sharp). It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/4. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a series of eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. There are two triplet markings over the eighth notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat signs. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. There are two first and second endings marked "1." and "2." over the eighth notes. The piece concludes with a quarter rest. Chord symbols A, E7, and E are placed below the notes. A "D.C." (Da Capo) instruction is placed above the second staff. A small number "8" is written below the first staff.

"Wilf Horrocks' Collection"

Bažant

Bažant (pron. Ba-zhant, with stress on the first syllable) is indeed a Czech dance and the word means “pheasant”. I must have danced it 12 years ago, as I have the music on a CD from the Dvorana Prague summer course in 2006. But I must admit I don’t remember it at all. Though I am not very good at it, I ventured to search the internet. Eventually, I managed to watch on YouTube a performance of the dance by six young girls at a Prague festival three years ago. It seems to be a very simple dance with easy steps, unless it was specially choreographed for young children.

Should you like to watch it on your computer, search for “tanec bazant”, meaning ‘dance bazant’. The single word ‘bazant’ leads only to loads of information about some professor Bažant from the US (evidently of Czech or Slovak extraction), or with the adjective ‘zlatý’ (golden) you can find out a lot of information about a tasty lager, brewed in Slovakia. Truly, a few pints of Zlatý Bažant can be very acceptable after (or during) an evening of energetic dancing.

Dal Sudwell



A piece of Wilf’s music, **Hambo**, will be featured in the May issue. There are definitely people who know about this one. My experience is limited to a rather challenging entanglement with Kerry Fletcher at Eastbourne.

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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

- S.I **Sunday 8th SIFD SUNDAY DANCE** at Primrose Hill Comm. Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place, Off Fitzroy Road, London NW1 8TN. At 6.45pm.
- S.I **Saturday 14th DAY OF DANCE IN CALVER** see page 10
- S.I **Sat. 14 - Sun. 15: BALKANPLUS W/SHOPS - MITKO PETROV**
10.30am - 4.30pm both days. Sat. workshop at Primrose Hill Comm. Centre Sat. party (7pm) & Sun. w/shop at Cecil Sharp House. W/shops: Sat. £30, Sun.£25, Party £10, W/end deal £55. Cheque to 'Balkanplus' to: Maureen Felton, 28 Henslow Road, Ipswich IP4 5EG info: www.balkanplus.org.uk Last minute participants just phone Maureen 01473 272256 or Brian 01992 582717
- S.I **Apr. 14: BALKANPLUS** - see page 10
- S.I **Tuesday. 17: BARLOW I. F. G. - MITKO PETROV** 7.30 - 9.30p.m. St. Ninian's Church Hall. Chorlton, Manchester, M210XJ £5 Details from Mary O'Mahony 0161 881 0955 maryomahony3@yahoo.co.uk
- S.I **Sat. 21 - Sun. 22: VLADICA & SASHA** (Serbian) in Sheffield. Sat. day course & evening dance £35; Sun. day course £25; W/end package £50. s.a.e. to Cathy Meunier, 23, Church Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4DX or cathy_meunier@hotmail.com. www.balkanfolkdance.org.
- S.I **Apr. 27-30: GREAT ALNE LONG WEEKEND** (Fri.pm - Mon.pm) nr. Alcester, Warwicks. International Folk Dancing with special guest teacher Nel van der Laan from the Netherlands. Other varied dancing, music, handbells, Maypole dancing, part singing, walking and cycling. info: at www.greatalnefolk.org.uk or phone Paul Lindley 0121 689 1802.
- S.I **Saturday 28th WOODVALE 50th ANNIVERSARY** 2 - 5.30pm £8 at Platt Mem. Hall, Platinum Way, St Mary's Platt, Sevenoaks TN15 8FH. Dancing to live music & demo from Balaton. Come in costume if you can. Bring drinks & glasses, tea/coffee light refreshments provided Please let us know if you are coming. (mrdavid.mckie@btinternet.com)

