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The enchanting photo on the front cover was taken by Martin Phillips in Bobov Dol, Bulgaria; an early SIFD logo features this month. On the back page the winners earlier this year at Llangollen - dancers from Indonesia.

I remember the Indonesian dancers at Dance Around The World last year, they were very good indeed - I wonder if these are the same group. I am unable to attend this year and would be very grateful to receive reports and pictures of Dance Around The World 2018 for the SIFD News.

Folk Dancer Online the magazine of the Ontario Folk Dance Association may be viewed on the OFDA website:
<http://ofda.ca/wp/magazine/>

I have used a different font to disguise the lack of content! Come on, send in something for the next issue - how about "Tips for Teachers" ? There are people trying to develop their folk dance teaching skills and in the absence of a Teachers Course a tip here and there might be useful.

Ed.



SIFD November Dance

Phil and I will be MCs on 4th November at the SIFD dance held at Primrose Hill Community Centre, Hopkinson's Place, Fitzroy Road, London NW1 8TN. The SIFD Band will be playing for us and we start prompt at 6.45pm, finishing in time to clear the hall by 9.30pm (available from 6.30pm)

The next dance will be on Sunday 2nd December.

See you there,

Brenda Steventon



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- S.I **Dec. 2: SIFD DANCE** see page 3
- S.I **Dec. 8: BALKANPLUS** - MCs will be the Zivko Firfov group with Dunav held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm. Admission £8.
- S.I **Dec. 14: BARNET CHRISTMAS PARTY** with music by Dunav. 8pm to 10.30pm at Church House, 2 Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. EN5 4BW £6 includes refreshments. Contact Irene (020 8440 1366) or Brian (01992 582717)
- Friday 28th. STONE CROSS, EASTBOURNE.** A day of European folk and Circle Dance, with shared teaching. 10.30-4 pm - Stone Cross Memorial Hall, Dutton's Road, BN24 5EL. Bring a lunch dish to share, and a dance or two. £12. Further details - suekewley@outlook.com
- S.I **Jan.12: BALKANPLUS** MC will be Meryl Abraham, held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, 7.00pm. Admission £6.
- S.I **Feb.6-11: RIVIERADANCE! 2019** Yves Moreau (Bulgarian & Balkan), France Bourque Moreau (Int. folk dance), Cristian Florescu & Sonia Dion (Romanian.) singing with Heli, music-making with Maya, drumming with Dave, walking and sight-seeing. 5 nights full board in Torquay. Prices from £415 (dancers); £315 (non-dancers). Details and booking form: cathy_meunier@hotmail.com or send s.a.e to 23, Church Street, Keswick Cumbria CA12 4DX www.balkanfolkdance.org
- Feb.15-24: THE WINTER SCHOOL** see page 6
- Mar. 29-Apr.1: INT. FOLK DANCING & WALKING**, 3 nights, led by Phil & Brenda Steventon. Dancing in the morning and evening, 4-5 mile afternoon walks led by an HF walking leader at HF Holidays, Freshwater Bay House, Isle of Wight PO40 9RB For details ring HF on 0345 470 8558 or Phil & Brenda on 020 8397 9649

S.I **Apr.6-7: PETROS SELKOS** from Greek Macedonia teaches traditional folk dances from Northern Greece at Cliff College, Calver, Derbyshire. Residential option from £185, non-residential with meals £115. For details and a booking form please contact Cathy Meunier email cathy_meunier@hotmail.com website: www.balkanfolkdance.org or send send s.a.e to 23, Church Street, Keswick Cumbria CA12 4DX



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All material for the December issue of the SIFD NEWS must be received by the Editor in writing by 18th November.



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Tips for Teachers

As this space is vacant I shall fill it with my 'tips' (see p.3)

- 1 Only teach dances that you enjoy.
- 2 Remember - not everyone enjoys the same thing, so teach a variety of dances - even if you are only teaching dances from one country it is always possible to find dances with different tempo, instruments and mood.
- 3 Children usually like different dances than adults.

Janet Douglas

* Also an invitation to specialist teachers for technique tips

The Winter School

Gaunts House, Dorset. 15th to 24th February 2019

Maybe you have already booked for Gaunts House next February or maybe you are still thinking about it? But for those of you who don't yet know about this (amazing) event or want to learn more then read on. The famous and unique ten day 'Kinnersley' Winter Festival has been relocated to a larger, stunningly beautiful venue near Bournemouth. You can find out about the venue and the programme for the week showing the concerts and evening bals on <http://emade.org.uk/winterschool.php>.

To give you a taste of 'what's in store' below is a provisional list of music and dance workshops:

Music workshops for the first three days will include:

Pipes - Dave Faulkner, Diatonic Accordion - Rémi Geffroy
- Pascale Rubens, Nyckelharpa - Petrus Dillner, Swedish
Violin - Jerker Hans-Ers, Swedish Guitar - Eemil
Rutanen, Willow Flute - Steve Turner, Song - Steve Ellis.

Ensemble from Wednesday music workshops will include:

Diatonic Accordion - Emmanuel Pariselle - Julien Evain,
Clarinet - Bernard Suber - Thomas Badeau, Hurdy Gurdy
- Gilles Chabenat - Benoît Roblin, Guitar - Maarten
Decombel, Pipes - Julien Barbances, Violin - Gabriel
Lenoir, Violin & Song (Swedish) - Lovisa Risinger – Emma
Lagerberg.

Ensemble Dance Workshops

We have the use of three areas suitable for dance workshops so often there will be a choice. The detailed programme of dance workshops is not yet defined. However, during the first half we will be visiting dances from the South West of France, Morvan, Brittany and Central France, later in the week there will be two workshops on Dances of Poitou with Christian Pacher and Ciac Boum, also Gabriel Lenoir will be teaching Dances of

Wallonie, Benoît Roblin will be teaching dances from the Vendée and Brittany. There will also be a comprehensive programme of Swedish dance workshops with Leif and Margarita Virtanen, Tango with Anne-Cécile Dubois, Rueda with Mike and Heidi Gibbs and Lindy Hop with Maria and Benoît Guerbigny.

Reservations: (for those who have already booked payments details will be sent out this month)
To book please send a mail to emade@emade.org.uk subject "The Winter School".

There are certain times in life when a project falls together quite naturally and you find yourself in the lucky and privileged position of receiving the information, advice, support and encouragement needed for you to help realise that project. The Winter School at Gaunts House has been such an occasion and for this I would like to thank our hosts and all those who have made this event possible; artists, instructors, participants and organisers. It will be very special...

For those of you who have not yet reserved a place ... don't delay book today!

As each year counts ... I don't tend to count the years ... but in case you need another reason to come, apart from the superb programme, The Winter School 2019 will be the 25th celebration of the Made Winter Event!

Hope to see you there

John Leopold

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There is a wide range of price options: 9 day event with full board in the Main House for £630 or £80 per day. 9 day event with full board in the cottages or stables for £585 or £75 per day. Camping £450 or £60 per day. And other non-residential options - cheapest being £20 daytime.

Ed.

Dale Hyde



I had begun composing a letter to the SIFD News about Dale's forthcoming Balkanplus workshop weekend on 13th and 14th April 2019 when I received the terribly sad news from Jean and Ron Wilks that he had collapsed and died while dancing at his Toronto group on 5th October. He was 72. Our deepest condolences go to his nearest and dearest. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend his recent UK workshops will

have come away with a warm respect for the man and gratitude for the breadth and quality of his repertoire. Particularly popular were two Balkan dances - Ne Klepeci from Bosnia and Legnala Dana from Macedonia - and dances from Canada including Garde la Tienne and The Thief. We will dance at least one of these in his memory at Balkanplus on 10th November.

The plan for the April workshops had been for Dale to teach Balkan dances on the Saturday and to teach dances from the Americas on Sunday in the hope of attracting a wider audience. At the time of writing, Balkanplus has no replacement teacher in line but we are busy working on it. Expect an announcement in the near future.

Brian Dowsett



Balkanplus

The November Balkanplus will be held on the 10th November in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm and ends 10.00pm.

MCs will be Jill Bransby and Rainmakers.
Admission £6.

Maureen Felton



Chodzony



This picture and the one overleaf which I found on the internet show Polish dancers 'walking' Chodzony.

This picture illustrates the first accented step.

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Chodzony is an ancient wedding dance, of the polonez type. Walking 3 step sequence with accent on 1st , 4th, etc. Couples process together, then cast away to circle with their own line (gender). Process again, then alternate couples cast away L or R - one direction making arches, then the other.



Chodzony

6 Times Polish

"Wilf Horrocks' Collection"



The December piece from the Collection will be **Casibah** - from Armenia - does anyone know of it? Perhaps some of our Armenian specialists....

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Fri. 2nd - Sun. 4th SKINT 2018 at Ashover, Derbys. S45 0BA. A low cost collaborative weekend of traditional European music and dance, accessible to all from beginners to experts. www.skintdance.org.uk

Saturday 3rd BEVERLY SMITH - old time American music, 8.15pm. Cellar Upstairs Club. London WC1X 8JR: tel: 020 7281 7700

S.I **Sunday 4th SIFD DANCE** see page 3

S.I **Saturday 10th DAY OF INTERNATIONAL DANCING** in Derbyshire with Gill Morral at Calver Village Hall, S32 3XR from 10.30 to 4.30. Cost for the day is £10 Bring your own lunch but drinks will be supplied. Contact Janet at j.king194@btinternet.com (01629 57065) or Greg at gregboyd99@aol.com (07810181273) to book.

S.I **Saturday 10th BALKANPLUS** MCs will be Jill Bransby and Rainmakers, held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, starting at 7.00pm. Admission £6.