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Each month the name of the dance to be featured the following month with its manuscript is flagged up (September will be **Tsone Milo Chedo**). Hopefully, someone will know the dance well, write in and give us the steps and/or anything else about the dance, its origins, who introduced it, memories related to it, etc. Sometimes there is little or no response - then I find whatever information I can. In answer to a query raised at a past AGM, it is an entirely random selection! There is no system! But if you want a particular dance featured - let me know. Of course I can only publish the notes (♪) to it if Wilf Horrocks did them, or, as in this issue there is another source free of copyright.

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The front cover photo of a Macedonian girl was taken by John Douglas; Turkish dolls on the back page made by local women to sell at all the main tourist hotspots.

Ed.



Picnic in the Park

Some of us from the Cheam class will be meeting in Nonsuch Park on Sunday 11th August to enjoy an afternoon of dancing near the Manor House. Come along, bring your dance shoes, sandwiches etc. and join us. There is a small café for tea or ice-creams etc., and toilets are available. Costumes would make it colourful, but are not essential, just come and enjoy yourself.

Nonsuch Park KT 17 11th August 3pm / 4.30pm

Hope to see you there (weather permitting)

Helen Ezra



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

S.I **Sep. 1: SIFD DANCE**

Sep. 14-15: GREEK FOLK DANCE WORKSHOPS 10:30am-4:30pm with Kyriakos Moisisdis at Headington Parish Hall, Dunston Road, Oxford, OX3 9BY. chq £70 to Mary Perryman: 26 Hamilton Road, Oxford, OX2 7PZ. tel: 01865 552688 *mary.perryman4@gmail.com* Greek restaurant meal - Sat.eve.

S.I **Sep. 14: BALKANPLUS** - MC will be Maggie O'Regan held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, 7.00pm. £6.

S.I **Sep. 20: FRANK DOWLING - GENERAL EVENING COURSE** hosted by Rainmakers IFDG, 7.30-10pm at St Michael's Parish Hall, Broadway, Letchworth, SG6 3PQ. £5.00 for the evening. More info from Roger (01438 812766) or (Mark (01462 454210)).

S.I **Sep. 28: S.I.F.D. A.G.M.** 4p.m. Mem.Hall Bramcote,NG9 3HD

S.I **Sep. 28-29: NUTBROOK I.F.D.G. 40th ANNIVERSARY** Sat a.m. St. Michael's Church Hall Bramcote NG9 3HD. 10.30-12.30 workshop £7. Sat p.m. Memorial Hall 1.45-4p.m. workshop £7 Sat 4p.m. Anniversary cake followed by S.I.F.D. A.G.M. £0. Sat 6pm Buffet pre-booked £7.50. Sat 7 -9.30 p.m. Dance Heart of England band £7 All day ticket with food £25 Sun all day 11am.-4p.m. Info & application forms 0115 9171831 Gill Morral or *www.nutbrookfolkdance.co.uk* or *gill.morral@ntlworld.com*

Oct. 5: MALVERN - GREECE TO THE EAST led by Chrisandra Harris, dances from Greece, Turkey, Armenia and central Asia. Sunnara: *sunnaravivian@waitrose.com* tel. 07779 456975

Oct. 5-6: VENTZI SOTIROV - BULGARIAN DANCE workshop with Balkansko Oro Oxford. North Oxford Assn. Comm.Centre, Summertown. Oxford. OX2 7DP. Sat.10.30-4.30 - £40.(£30) Sun.10.30-4 30 £25.(£20) W/e. package £55. (£40) Early bird prices (in brackets) 'til 31st Aug. Cheques payable to Balkansko Oro SAE to Jill Loveday, 44 Richmond Rd. Oxford OX1 2JJ Tel. 01865 558482

S.I **Oct. 12: BULGARIAN WORKSHOP WITH VENTZI SOTIROV** 10.30am to 4.30pm at St Paul's CE Primary School, Elsworthy Road, London NW3 3DS. Workshop: £35. Evening dance (7pm

Cecil Sharp House): £6. Combined ticket: £40. Discount for Balkanplus season ticket holders. Tickets: cheque payable to Balkanplus with SAE to Maureen Felton, 28 Henslow Road, Ipswich IP4 5EG For more information: www.balkanplus.org.uk
Tel: Brian 01992 582717 or Maureen 01473 272256

S.I **Oct. 12: BALKANPLUS** - MCs will be The Oxford Group held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, 7.00pm. £6.

S.I **Oct. 18: RAINMAKERS 43rd ANNIVERSARY DANCE**, 8pm-11pm at St Michael's Parish Hall, Broadway, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 3PQ. £10.00. MC Jill Bransby with live music from Cloudburst. Please bring food to share. More info from Roger (01438 812766) or Mark (01462 454210).

Oct 25-28: 3 NIGHT INT. FOLK DANCING & WALKING led by Phil & Brenda Steventon Dancing in the morning and evening, 4-5 mile afternoon walks with HF walking leader. at HF Holidays, Longmynd House, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AG details: on 0345 470 8558 or Phil & Brenda on 020 8397 9649

Oct. 26-27: DANCE AROUND THE WORLD - non-stop workshops & performances 10am-11pm. Cecil Sharp House, NW1 7AY

Nov. 9: DANCE WITH DALILA IN DERBYSHIRE. A day of dance at Calver Village Hall S32 3XR from 1030 to 1630. Cost for the day £10. For further details and to book please contact Janet (01629 57065) j.king194@btinternet.com or Greg at gregboyd99@aol.com (07810181273).

S.I **Nov. 9: BALKANPLUS** - MC will be Fiona Howarth held in Trefusis, Cecil Sharp House, Camden NW1 7AY, 7.00pm. £6.

Nov. 10: WYMESWOLD LEICS - GREECE TO THE EAST led by Chrisandra Harris - dances from Greece, Turkey, Armenia & central Asia. Zara: zaramangan@gmail.com tel. 01509 881450

S.I **Feb. 5–10: RIVIERADANCE 2020** Balkan & beyond with Erik Bendix (Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania, Armenia) & Caspar Bik (Black Sea area – Bulgaria, Turkey, Georgia & Russia). 5 nights , Torquay. options. Prices from £435 (dancers); £335 (non-dancers) cathy_meunier@hotmail.com or send s.a.e to Cathy Meunier, 23 Church Street, Keswick Cumbria CA12 4DX



The photo (*page 6, top*), taken from an original by Barry Shapcott is of the SIFD 50th Anniversary dance at Portchester Hall.

From the left, Ken Ward, Frances Brown, Jack Richardson, Joan Richardson, Peter Heath and Mourie Pfeffer, all either founder members (F.B.) (J.F.R) (J.R) (M.F) or early members (P.H) and (K.W).

Roy Clarke



(*page 8, bottom, and below*)

The occasion was the promotion of colour film for anyone who had a camera, our family owned (amongst other things) a photographic shop and we were doing all we could to promote new ideas including sound on film.



Harrow green had some beautiful costumes and their members agreed to come and dance for us.

Of course the local press came too.

I think the dancers shown are Ian and Jean Willson, Ingrid ? Me ?

Sue Clark

Kitka



An increasingly popular event in Medway is the Walk for Peace. This takes place usually in July and involves members of various faiths walking from Gillingham to Rochester where there is an opportunity for the walkers to have some welcome refreshment and to be entertained by different dance and musical groups.

The Medway-based Bulgarian Folklore group, Kitka, have become a firm favourite at the event. As usual there is an opportunity for the public to join in Prava Horo at the end of their set, and this year they were joined by the Mayor of Medway, Cllr Habib Tejan. He can be seen in the photograph, second from the left, with his wife, the Mayoress, Bridget Tejan fifth from the left, and other members of the public with several members of Kitka.

If anyone in the Kent area is interested in joining us please email kitkabfg@gmail.com We would love to hear from you.

Sue Haydock



Obviously **Korobushka** has been known to the Society for many years, but my introduction to it came from Hennie Konings on his first visit to Eastbourne. He has, in fact, taught it on every occasion I have invited him; it must be a favourite with him. (Or perhaps he was persisting until we got it right)

Here are my notes:

jaunty Mixer dance -

couples in a circle facing a/cw - cross handhold

side Right, close Left, side Right, touch Left.

side Left, close Right, side Left, touch Right.

side Right, close Left, side Right, touch Left.

stamp LRL, touch Right - *face partner hold R. hand arm's length*

R.L.R forwards, LRL back , R.L.R forwards, LRL back

walk 4 steps to change places, *turning lady under*

then 3 stamps and touch L.

All side Right, close Left, side Right, touch Left. *nod to next*

All side Left, close Right, side Left, touch R

R.L.R forwards, LRL back , R.L.R forwards, LRL back

walk 4 steps to change places, *turning lady under*

then men forward, ladies greet next partner

Janet Douglas



Korobushka (version 1)

Moderato

Musical score for Korobushka (version 1) in 2/4 time, marked Moderato. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts at measure 7 and features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains notes with accidentals and rests, with chord markings B, E, and B above it. The second staff starts at measure 15 and contains notes with rests and chord markings C, A, E, and B above it. The third staff starts at measure 15 and contains notes with a chord marking E above it, ending with a double bar line.

Korobushka (version 2)

Slow

A Minor

Musical score for Korobushka (version 2) in 2/4 time, marked Slow. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts at measure 11 and features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains notes with accidentals and rests, with a chord marking A Minor above it. The second staff starts at measure 11 and contains notes with rests. The third staff starts at measure 21 and contains notes with rests, ending with a double bar line and the instruction "3 times".

Balalaika Group manuscript

All I can contribute for **Korobushka** is that the late Jenia Graman insisted we pronounce it correctly with the emphasis on the second syllable 'ro'.

Caroline Thomas
Dunav Balkan Group



Next month's offering will be from the "**Wilf Horrocks' Collection**" - **Tsone Milo Chedo** from Bulgaria. Is anyone able to contribute anything about it?

Ed.

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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

S.I **Friday 2nd - Friday 9th SIDMOUTH FOLKWEK** - Balkan dance workshops Tuesday - Thursday

Sunday 11th PICNIC IN THE PARK see page 3

Fri. 23 - Mon. 26th - SOUTH DOWNS MINI DANCE FESTIVAL, Plumpton Agricultural College, near Lewes, East Sussex. Dances in lines & circles, European Folk & Circle Dance, shared teaching. Singing & Tai Chi. £195 full board, single rooms. Contact Sue Kewley suekewley@outlook.com or 01903 744929



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