



Leicestershire & Rutland Newsletter August 2010

This should pop through your door in time to remind you about the AGM of the District Folk Committee on Monday September 6th, so we hope to see you there. Most Folk Dance Clubs will start meeting again in early September –as ever, if in doubt phone the contact number on our back page or look up the website!

DIARY DATES

September 6th District Folk committee AGM & dancing. Glenfield Memorial Hall Stamford St Glenfield LE3 8DL 7.30 p.m.

September 12th Folk Dance workshop with Jane Pfaff. Countesthorpe Village Hall LE85TB 0930 to 1330 Details later in this Newsletter

September 18th Victorian Dance Society Balmoral Ball LE12 7LU Phone 01162604442

September 24th Scottish Ceilidh Dance: 7.30 - 10.30. Y Theatre Dance Studio, 7 East Street ,LE1 16EY Phone 0116 2415857 Leics RSCDS

September 26th Quorn FDC Tea Dance: 2.30 - 5.30 at Quorn Village Hall, LE12 8B Roy Garrington with Belzebug Phone 01509 413762

Sat Oct 2nd Rushden Playford Ball

Sat Oct 16th Rushden Folk Dance

October 1st to 3rd Derby Traditional Music and Arts Festival
www.prpromotions.org.uk

October 3rd Afternoon Playford Ball. Roy Garrington. Derby website above

October 9th District Folk Committee Playford Ball Braunstone Civic Centre LE3 3PH. Tickets Keith Oughton 0116 2387385 016636 812 or website

October 30th Victorian Dance Group event Seagrave LE12 7LU

November 13th Nottingham FDC Dance Woodborough NG14 6DX Phone 01636 812457

November 20th Quorn FDC Dance Barrow on Soar LE12 8JU

November 20th Norwich Assembly Ball Phone 01493488396

November 20th Victorian Dance Group Ball Seagrave LEE12 7LU

December 4th District Committee Christmas Mix Tea Dance Kirby Muxloe LE9 2EN Tickets 0116 2334223

December 19th District Committee Visit to London to Cecil Sharp House Christmas tea dance and evening concert. –details later in Newsletter.

Notable dates in the New Year include January 29th for the Quorn FDC Dance February 5th for Nottingham FDC Dance and February 12th for the Victorian Dance Group Regency Ball You can find out more and buy tickets from the club contacts listed on the back page of this Newsletter. I have added phone numbers in this listing where necessary and for Rushden area contact George Hearnden on 01933 622827.

Lichfield Festival

Lichfield again provided an excellent Festival - good venues, very good bands and excellent workshops leaders/callers. The sun shone and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it

Those following the American strand seemed to enjoy it as much as we who favoured the English style did. Among the workshop leaders on the English strand we must pick out Gene Murrow from America. He concentrated on the music, showing how English Country Dancing offered so much variety because of different types and barring of the some of the music. Most dance music is in eight bar sections, but there are many examples in other structures which make the dancing quite exciting.

As last year, the main halls used were in the King Edward VI School and adjacent leisure centre, with just a few workshops off site at a nearby junior school. It was good to get into the fresh air for the short walk and take advantage of the extra space available there compared with the leisure centre's rather tiny activity room in use in 2009.

On site catering was very good last year, but this year's was even better - plenty of food, lots of choice, very well priced and excellent value.

The centre of Lichfield was also only a short walk away, with many interesting shops - unlike Leicester, every other shop was not a food emporium!

Altogether it was certainly a most enjoyable weekend and we shall certainly be going again. We recommend it.

Thank you Mary & Keith Oughton

Previewing Events:

As we go to press there are still places for the **Traditional Dance Workshop** in early September, in Countesthorpe Village Hall. It has been arranged in conjunction with the County Dance Advisor who assures us that Sunday morning is a popular time for workshops. We already have dancers from a wide range of experience so everyone will be welcome –and many of us know and enjoy the teaching style of Jane Pfaff who is coming up from North London to lead us that day. Jane is vastly experienced as a Folk Dance teacher and has been leading workshops in schools here in the county as well as nearer to her home and in Cecil Sharp House itself. Please contact Patsy on 0116 2776259 or pat.count@virgin.net to register for the morning.

Details of the **District Folk Committee's Playford Ball** are among the Diary Dates – and I am assured it is easy to book through the website. This year's event is sure to be as good as ever, with such a star studied cast as Hilary Herbert calling and the Falconers playing, and Braunstone Civic Centre is large and comfortable for a dance like this with costumes to admire and enjoy!

I can highly recommend the **District Christmas Mix Tea Dance** on Saturday December 4th in Kirby Muxloe Hall. An early start for getting into the Christmas spirit it is also a chance to catch up with friends from other corners of the county –and beyond I should say before anyone complains as our musician will be arriving from Rugby-welcome Kevin! Callers similarly come from all corners of the county, and lead us in a variety of dances between us tasting the mince pies. So far I have no details but I rather gather plans are afoot for a couple of 'spots' to enjoy. Tickets will be available from your dance club or on the door –and your copies of the next Newsletter should be ready for then.

Jenny Crane is the mastermind behind the coach trip to London on Sunday December 19th to experience and enjoy the **Christmas celebrations at Cecil Sharp House**. Some of us have been more than once and realise how luxurious it is to be transported by coach, arriving in good time to have a bite of lunch before the good natured relaxed tea dance. Then there is just about time to eat again before the evening of carols and demonstrations by some really high quality groups, before finding the coach again and nodding off while we are transported back to our cars to go home –tired but smiling. In brief, the coach costs £22, combined tickets are £15, £13 o a p concessions or just go for part of the time visit London as well. All details are on the website, in leaflets which we hope are everywhere by the time you read this, or contact Jenny direct at 24 Hyde Road Hinckley LE10 0FH After our last trip to Cecil Sharp House I wrote a poem which abbreviates to:

Dancers filled the coach for a day full of fun
 And set off for London down the misty M one
 The afternoon promised both dancing & tea
 There in good time, we joined in with glee.
 The evening offered Carols and customs
 Great fun but hard seats gave us sore bums.
 We watched and sang until after ten
 And found our coach to ride home again.
 The driver was lively most of us were not
 So the trip home seemed to pass in a jot.
 This year again we will take a coach down
 Join us to have fun so near Camden Town.

Looking a long way ahead you will shortly hear more about the **District Dance Weekend** from October 7th to 9th next year, and the hall is booked for a **Countesthorpe Day of Folk** on February 4th 2012. I am keen to hear your suggestions for workshops you would like to run, or see included at Countesthorpe and we will try to oblige!

Not exactly a forthcoming event –but there is a feeling that if this Newsletter continues it should probably go out to at least half of our members as an e newsletter. Could you please let us know via the website if you would be happy to receive future Newsletters that way and accept our assurance that e mail addresses will be kept private and not used for anything else?

Your local District Folk Committee could easily embrace (not literally presumably) a few more members especially from local Folk Dance clubs and organisations not currently represented on it. If you should be interested but feel shy of volunteering, contact either the secretary Geoff Weston via the website –or me, Patsy, as on the page opposite

The committee Maypole is a shining example of the benefits of joint ownership and use of what is probably too large an item for many organisations to consider themselves, though as we are finding an increasing number of schools youth groups and clubs are keen to spend some time each year reviving the old dances and enjoying some new adaptations too

DON'T FORGET OUR OWN WEBSITE.
 Please use it to keep up to date and also tell us the news on
www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk

Geoff Weston District Secretary is contactable via the website

Phil Preen has lots of useful info. on:
<http://www.philpreen.co.uk/folk/morris/leicsmorris.htm>
 Also try
www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk
www.lfd.org.uk for Folk Song events
 and for the National folk scene
www.setandturnsingle.org.uk
www.efdss

TRADITIONAL DANCE SIDES

Anker Morrismen
 (Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesdays*.
 Joe Oldaker, 02476-372276.

Anstey Royale Chalfont
 (Ladies' NW Clog) *Tuesdays*.
 Barbara Feely, 0116-2358134

Bakanalia
 (Mixed Border Morris) *Mondays*.
 John Talbot, 01530 836780

Bare Bones
 (Ladies' Border Morris) *Wednesdays*.
 Maggie Johnson, 01509-880866

Black Annis
 (Womens' Cotswold) *Thursday*.
 Lynn Goodall, 0116 243 3273

Charnwood Clog
 (Mixed Step Dancing) *Monday*.
 Tessa de Ville 01509 852189
tj.deville@tiscali.co.uk

Everards Original Anstey Morrismen
 (Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesday*.
 Robert Crosby, 0116-2606272

Hinckley Bullockers
 (Mens' Molly Dancing) *Tuesday*.
 Tony Ashley, 01455-239690

Jerusalem Jammers
 2387385
 Sue Crockett 01455 458107
www.jerusalemjammers.co.uk

Leicester Morrismen
 (Mens's Cotswold/ Border) *Wednesday*.
 Charlie Corcoran, 0116-2675654.

Man Friday Morris
 (Mens' Cotswold) *Monday*
 Ian Hubbard. 0116-2209133

Packington Morrismen
 (Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesday*.
 Dave Johns 01530-270494

Pennyroyal Garland Dancers
 (Ladies' Garland/ Step) *Wednesday*
 Stephen Edkins, 01827-286001

Rutland Morrismen
 (Mens' Cotswold) *Monday*.
 Mark Oxley, .01572-822334

Saltarello
 (Mixed Elizabethan/ Renaissance) *Thursday*.
 Chris Stokoe, 02476-387524

SOCIAL DANCE CLUBS

MONDAY

Glenfield Folk. 7.30pm.
 Memorial Hall, Stamford St., Glenfield.
 Pauline & John Osband, 0116-2393534.
Loughborough Folk Dance Club
 7.30pm. St Peters Social Cen, Storer Rd.
 John Stewart, 01530-223957

WEDNESDAY

Quorn Folk Dance Club
 7.30pm, Quorn Village Hall
 Pauline Kinch, 01509 413762

Burton Overy Dancers
 8.00pm. Burton Overy Village Hall
 Roy Garrington 0116 2418313

THURSDAY

Burbage Folk Dance Club
 8.00pm (alternate weeks), Sketchley Hill
 Primary School, Burbage.
 Denis Marklew 01455634975

FRIDAY

Friday Folk
 8.00pm. St Matthews Centre, Malabar
 Rd, Leicester.
 Richard Spendlove, 0116-2733873.

Rutland Folk Dance Club.
 8.00pm. Town Hall, Uppingham
 Paul StClair 0116 279 2181..

Elmesthorpe Folk Dance Club
 7.45 Elmesthorpe Village Hall
 Wilkinson Lane Elmesthorpe
 Roy Sutton 01455 846203

SUNDAY

Victorian Dance Society
 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Phone 0116 260 4442
info@victoriandance.co.uk.

DAYTIME

Soar Valley U3A Sutton Bonnington
 2nd and 4th Fridays 2.30 – 4.30
 Bas Butler 01509 673137

Countesthorpe U3A
 2nd & 4th Mondays 2 to 3.30
 Patsy 0116 2776259

Geoff's International
 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons.
 St Anne's Church Hall
 Geoff Weston on 01162858352