



## **Burton Overy Dancers (2015-2016)**

Report by Peter Meacock , Chairman.

*Burton Overy Dancers* folk dance club continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from the beginning of September to the end of June, 8.00 to 10.00pm, in Burton Overy Village Hall with short breaks at Xmas and Easter.

This year we have set up a new web site which has full details of the club's activities - <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>

Currently the club has 63 paid-up members and an average weekly attendance of 37, both increased from last year. The club remains financially secure with annual income just exceeding expenditure, and a reserve approximately equal to one year's running costs. Subscriptions are currently;- Annual Membership £5; Weekly attendance charge £1.

This year, we have been pleased to welcome several new members, including some experienced callers. However we were very sad to report that the well-known dance-writer and caller Charles Bolton, who was one of our members, passed away in July 2016; he will be greatly missed, but will live on in our memories through his wonderful dances.

The *BOD* year runs from January to December, with the AGM in September, so allowing three month overlap for the incoming committee to organise the new programme from the following January.

The weekly programme for the 2015-2016 year comprised 41 dancing evenings with;-

- 17 Visiting Caller evenings
- 24 Club Caller evenings, including 3 with live music

The Club is fortunate to have a strong complement of talented Callers amongst its members.

This year we introduced some new features into the weekly programme;-

- A set of 14 Core Dances, which were each repeated several times during the year by various callers, in order to help inexperienced dancers become acquainted with different dance formations, moves and tempos, and to help all dancers improve their technique!
- Our first "Write a Dance" evening, with 8 members contributing new dances; one member, not only wrote her dance but also composed and recorded the music!

In addition we held two public dances which were both very well supported with over 60 people dancing! ;-

- New Year Tea Dance, with Roy Garrington & "Belzebub" (Jan 10, 2016)
- Annual Dance, with John Meechan & "Narrow Escape" (March 5, 2016)

Other *BOD* social events were;-

- Annual Lunch (November)

- Boxing Day walk for LOROS
- New Year's Day walk & games afternoon
- Early Summer theatre trip to Kilworth House open-air Theatre
- Summer Village Treasure Hunt followed by Fish & Chip supper
- Summer Barbecue, courtesy of John & Margaret Pollard (£141 donation made to LOROS)

Future Events planned for the 2016-2017 Programme include;-

- Bonfire Night Barn Dance, on Saturday November 5th, 2016, 7.30-11.00pm  
Club Callers with the band "*Pandemonium*"
- Twelfth Night Tea Dance, on Sunday January 8th, 2017, 2.30 to 6.00pm.  
Caller/band - Roy Garrington with "*Narrow Escape*"
- BOD 30th Annual Dance on Saturday March 4th, 2016, 7.30 - 11.00pm  
Caller/band - Geoff Cubitt with "*Kelly's Eye*"

All will be held in Burton Overy Village Hall and full details (ticket price, etc) will be announced on the new club web site: <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>