



## **Burton Overy Dancers (2016-2017).**

Report by Peter Meacock , Chairman.

*Burton Overy Dancers* folk dance club has enjoyed another successful year. Over the past year the club has had 68 paid-up members and an average weekly attendance of 38; ranging from 31 to 48. The club has remained financially secure with annual income balancing expenditure, and a contingency reserve sufficient to cover replacement of the club's PA equipment and/or several month's running costs in the event of a dramatic loss of income. Subscriptions remain unchanged at;- Annual Membership £5; Weekly attendance charge £1; Visitor attendance fee £2.

Again we have been pleased to welcome several new members, including some from a new English Country Dancing group established within the Great Glen U3A.

We were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Elsie McIntosh during the spring; although never a full member of *BOD*, she was a very good friend of the club and a regular and popular visiting caller, especially at the New Year's Eve dances that the club ran for several years. She will be missed.

*BOD* continues to meet every Wednesday evening from the beginning of September to the end of June. The programme for the 2016-2017 year comprised 39 dancing evenings with;-

- 12 Visiting Caller evenings
- 27 Club Caller evenings, including one featuring new dances written by club members. The Club is fortunate to have a strong complement of talented Callers.
- 4 evenings with live music
- We also repeated the set of Core Dances and short instruction intervals introduced last year in order to help inexperienced dancers become acquainted with different dance formations, moves and tempos, and to help all dancers improve their technique.

In addition we held three public dances which were all well supported by members and visitors;-

- A Bonfire Night Barn Dance, called by Richard Spendlove and Ken Judd with the band "*Pandemonium*" (Nov 5, 2016)
- New Year Tea Dance, with Roy Garrington & "*Narrow Escape*" (Jan 8, 2017)
- 30th Annual Dance, with Geoff Cubitt & "*Kelly's Eye*" (March 10, 2017)

Other *BOD* social events organised during the year were;-

- Annual Lunch (November)
- Decorated Tree (*In the Fields in Frost and Snow*) at the Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival
- Summer theatre trip to Kilworth House open-air Theatre
- Summer Evening Walk followed by Fish & Chip supper
- Summer Barbecue, courtesy of John & Margaret Pollard

Details of all club activities and the weekly dancing programme can be found on the club web site at: <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>

Events planned for the 2017-2018 year include;-

- Autumn Barn Dance, on Saturday October 30th, 2017, 7.30-10.30pm  
Callers Richard Spendlove & Ken Judd, with the band "*Pandemonium*"
- New Year Tea Dance, on Sunday January 7th, 2018, 2.30 to 6.00pm.  
Caller/band - Lynne Render with "*Patchwork*"
- *BOD* 31st Annual Dance on Saturday March 10th, 2018, 7.30 - 11.00pm  
Caller/band - Frances Richardson with "*Momentum*"

All will be held in Burton Overy Village Hall and full details, including contact numbers for tickets, are available on the club web site: <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>