

**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) *Thursdays*.  
Lynn Goodall, 0116 243 3273

**Charnwood Clog**

(Mixed Step Dancing) *Monday*.  
Islay Sayles, 01509-502064

**Everards Original Anstey Morrismen**

(Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesdays*.  
Robert Crosby, 0116-2606272.

**The Dancing English**

English Country Dance  
Pauline Osband, 0116-2393534

**Hinckley Bullockers**

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

**Jerusalem Jammers**

(Ladies' Garland/Step) *Saturday*.  
Sue Crockett 01455 458107

**Knighton Morris**

(Mixed Cotswold/Border) *Monday*  
Rhona Kingett, 0116-2780339

**Leicester Morrismen**

(Mens's Cotswold/ Border) *Wednesdays*. Char-  
lie Corcoran, 0116-2675654.

**Man Friday Morris**

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

**Packington Morrismen**

(Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesdays*.  
Dave Johns 01530-270494

**Pennyroyal Garland Dancers**

(Ladies' Garland/ Step) *Wednesdays*.  
Stephen Edkins, 01827-286001

**Quorn Demonstration Team (Playford)**

Rosemary Jarvis 0116-2302265

**Rutland Morrismen**

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

**Saltarello**

(Mixed Elizabethan/ Renaissance) *Thursdays*.  
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 Centre, Storer Rd.  
John Stewart, 01530-223957

**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

**Charnwood Squares**

8.00pm. Aylestone Parish Hall, Aylestone.  
Mary Walker 0116 285 6851

**WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****Burbage Folk Dance Club**

8.00pm (alternate weeks), Sketchley Hill Pri-  
mary School, Burbage.  
Brian Sabin, 01455-239283

**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.

**Stoney Stanton Folk Dance Club**

8.00pm, (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays),  
D Gibbs 01455 272659

**DAYTIME**

**Soar Valley U3A** Sutton Bonnington VH  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 2.30 – 4.30  
Bas Butler 01509 673137

**Countesthorpe U3A** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Patsy 0116 2776259 for details

**Geoff's International** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday after-  
noons. St Anne's Church hall  
Geoff Weston on 0116 2858352



Leicestershire & Rutland

Winter 2008/9

**What is the Leicestershire and Rutland District Folk committee for and what does it do?**

In simple terms, the district committee exists to support EFDSS and to encourage folk activity in Leicestershire and Rutland. This Newsletter, which contains contact details of the various folkdance clubs in the county, as well as notification of any other activities of interest, is produced 3 times a year. Any EFDSS member can submit articles or advertise events.

The committee organises a number of regular events: a Playford Ball and a Day of Folk in one year and a weekend of dance at Symonds Yat in the next; each year a Christmas Mix dance is arranged, with live music and local callers plying their trade. A number of one-off activities are also supported, such as the national auditions for NYFTE( the National Youth Folklore Troupe of England), which took place in Countesthorpe in Oct 2007. The committee has always been keen to encourage folk-dance activities for young people and it has been very pleased to support the activities for children organised by the Quorn club. In the past year, the committee sponsored day-of-dance activities at two Leics pri-

mary schools, which consisted of paying half the cost of hiring professional folkdance teacher Jane Pfaff to provide a day's activities at each school as described in Jenny's article following this. These events were so successful that the committee has decided to repeat the offer to two more schools in the coming year.

Whereas many members individually attend events at Cecil Sharp House, the committee occasionally arranges trips there. Such a one is the trip to attend the Tea Dance and Carol Concert in Dec this year. The committee also supports The House directly with financial contributions from time to time.

The committee meets just four times a year and each typically lasts about two hours including refreshments; not an onerous load. Each EFDSS-affiliated club is invited to have a member on the committee but several have not taken up the offer. It would be useful to have all the clubs represented so as to get the widest possible input so, if your club is one of these, please consider the matter. If four meetings are too many, the role can be divided up.

Geoff Weston (secretary)

Children at St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Stoke Golding, have been busy dancing different English Traditions. Dance leader, Jane Pfaff and musician, Jeremy Monson, from 'Let's Dance' organisation led a series of

workshops for children to experience the different styles. Throughout the day children did garland, maypole, morris, broom and sword dancing. Children wore bells and hats to enliven the whole experience. Some of the older children learnt the well known country dance 'Stoke Golding'. Everyone had a great time!

Jenny Crane

#### **Report from Glenfield Folk 2007/8**

We were very happy to welcome some new faces to the group this session. A fairly standard year, illuminated only by the unmissable Christmas Nosh evening and then the inimitable end-of-year Party in April. Both were very happy occasions.

The Wreake Wramble was **not** washed out this year although walkers were fewer on the ground. The Garden Dance triumphed over the weather and produced another delightful afternoon. As a result of these two events, £160 was sent to The Friends of Cecil Sharp House for their good works.

The off-shoot display team The Dancing English showed their new routine 'New Colonial' at Christmas and in the garden. More new stuff in the pipeline. In March, twenty of us attended the Cheltenham Playford Ball, which was an excellent occasion with Hilary Herbert and A & B. We filled **and** over-flowed our usual B & B.

Our Coffee Bursary has now been wound up, but during its run ten people

were introduced to EFDSS and some new members have materialised from this number. It seems to have been a worthwhile effort.

Pauline and John

#### **Rutland Dance Weekend September**

I have just returned from my third Rutland Weekend and felt I must capture some memories of this happy and harmonious event.

It was good to see the hall comfortably full of familiar faces on Friday night and dancing was soon underway with an enjoyable mix of Scottish, English and International dances. The fish and chip suppers arrived on cue and were consumed with relish!

Not being caravanners or campers, the nine of us staying at Tithe Barn returned for a sound night's sleep and thoughts of what Saturday might bring. What joy! Saturday dawned sunny and warm. The morning workshop was well attended and the teachers Doris, Roy and Geoff presented us again with some more interesting dances.

At 12.30 pm a jolly little band went in two cars for lunch at The Jackson Stopps public house in Stretton. Excellent food and a warm welcome. We left the pub about 4pm after a hearty "nurdling" match with Pam retaining her title. At 6pm John and Diana hosted a soiree, St. Andrew's style, in the garden room of Tithe Barn, setting the mood for the Ceilidh Dance later.

We were met at the hall by Lucy (6), Doris's granddaughter and Emma (4) from Essex, both looking lovely and holding hands. "We're not sisters, we're not cousins, we're new friends," they said. And that sums it up. It was a great night in the company of old friends and new.

We were treated to two excellent demonstrations - one from the English folk dancers and the other from our own R.S.C.D.S. dancers. The ploughman's suppers were quickly distributed and devoured, then back to the serious matter of dancing!

Sunday morning was misty but the sun soon shone through and it was another glorious day. The workshop was relaxed and fun.

A few of us drove to Exton for Sunday lunch but due to a booking error, we were unfortunately late arriving back for the Tea Dance. However there was enough time to work up an appetite for refreshments and in particular Mary's delicious rhubarb cake!

Very many thanks are due to Doris, Roy and Geoff for their hard work and dedication and creating for us a memorable weekend. "You're my favourites!"

Julia Dunn

**Please send** more similarly interesting articles by March 1st for the next Newsletter!

**Phil Preen** from Bang on the Wall has details of all the local Morris sides on:

<http://www.philpreen.co.uk/folk/morris/leicsmorris.htm>

**For music/song** [www.lfd.org.uk](http://www.lfd.org.uk)

#### **Dates for your Diaries:**

We can only include things we know of, so please tell us and please see back page for contacts for more details and tickets.

#### **Friday Folk**

January 10th New Year's Dance  
At St Peters Church rooms, Oadby  
Keith Orchard with Amaryllys  
( parking at Atkinsons site next door)

#### **Burton Overy Dancers:**

December 17th - Party Night with John & Pauline Osband  
December 26th- Boxing Day Tea Dance  
December 31st-New Year's Eve Ceilidh  
January 1st - New Year's Day Ramble  
January 7th-First BOD meet of 2009  
January 18th - Annual Lunch with Dancing at Ullesthorpe Court

February 21st - Annual Dance with Geoff Cubitt & Narrow Escape

#### **Quorn FDC**

January 9th Dinner Dace  
January 31st John Meechan & Skylark

#### **Burbage FDC**

Dec 27th Turkey Trot Dance 11 a.m.  
February 14th Valentine's Dance

#### **Rutland Folk Dance Club**

December 14th Andrew Long with the Stradlings - Ticket only  
17th April - Rutland Feast

#### **Countesthorpe Centrestage event**

January 20th Martin Simpson

Patsy Paterson 01162776259

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