

Burton Overy Dancers Chairman's Annual Report 2011-12.

The Group met on 41 Wednesday evenings during the year. Fifteen evenings were called by guest callers, who brought variety into the range of dances performed. Other evenings were covered by club callers in various combinations.

Christmas and New Year Events followed their customary pattern, starting with a party night on the last meeting before Christmas with John and Pauline Osband. A Boxing day tea dance, a New Year's Eve party and a New Year's Day ramble led by Heather MacDermid.

The Annual Lunch was held in mid January at the Ullesthorpe Court Hotel, followed by an afternoon of gentle dances called by Roy.

Burton Overy Dancers Silver Anniversary Dance was held at the beginning of March with music by Folkus Pokus and David and Kathryn Wright calling.

Eight new members joined during the year, some of whom had little experience of folk dancing. To help these members, and any others who wish to join, John and Margaret will run beginners classes from 7:30 to 8:00 pm each Wednesday starting in September.

Sadly, Harry Sharman passed away in April. A memorial dance for Harry is planned to take place in October 2012.

A party night with John and Pauline was held on 27th June to celebrate the end of another successful year. A visit to the Kilworth Open Air Theatre to see *õMe and My Girlõ* on 4th July was without the usual picnic due to very wet weather. Other summer meetings were a fish and chip supper in July and a Barbecue in August.

Following the slow deterioration of the club's amplifier and the increasing weight of the speakers, a new amplifier and speaker set was purchased in the autumn of 2011. A few weeks after installing the new equipment the Radio microphone also failed and this was also replaced. The cost of these items has had a marked effect on the club's finances for the year but the new equipment should last for many years.

My thanks to the Committee for their support during the year and particular thanks to Jenny and Dorothy who retire from the committee at the AGM (under the three year rule)