

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*.
Islay Sayles, 01509-502064

Everards Original Anstey Morrismen

(Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesday*.
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

Knighthon Morris

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

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

Quorn Demonstration Team (Playford)

Rosemary Jarvis 0116-2302265

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

Charnwood Squares

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

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

DAYTIME

Soar Valley U3A

Sutton Bonnington V H
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 0116 285832



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We begin by looking back to A CEREMONY OF CAROLS AND CUSTOMS

As a glittering pre-Christmas treat for us all, our kind EFDSS Committee arranged a trip to Cecil Sharp House for the festive celebrations there. Jenny Crane organised us all most efficiently, for which we offer our grateful thanks.

The journey was totally stress-free, transported by smoothly-driven coach right to the gates of the House – no parking hassle.

After our picnic lunch, we were ready for a most enjoyable afternoon of dancing up in Kennedy Hall, seasonably decorated for the occasion. Brenda Godrich was the excellent caller, who gave us a wonderfully assorted Christmas stocking of dances. With great music from Alison Messer & Vic Godrich, the afternoon flew past delightfully.

After the Dance, we dashed off variously to our eating places (Glenfield holed up in their favourite Pizza Express) and arrived back at the House in good time to take our seats for the main event – the Ceremony of Carols & Customs. Taffy Thomas was the MC and introduced a host of impressive guests, including Westminster Morris, Julie & Alan Nickelson, and the Camden Community Choir. Denis Smith (accordion) with his daughter Jenny on violin gave a moving performance of the Symondsburys Mumpers' tune (Brenda's favourite). Taffy Thomas told a story accompanied by sweet singing from his

daughter, Laura, and throughout, the CSH Orchestra in stunning festive attire, was led by Vic Godrich.

The stars of the evening were the Greensleeves Mumpers with their hilariously topical Play (while their team-mates displayed their long-sword prowess) and finally the famous Hoddesdon Crownsmen who brought the house down with their scintillating rapper routine. In between all this splendid entertainment, there was plenty of opportunity for us to join in singing some of our favourite carols, which really put us in the Christmas mood. After the show there was just time for a few more farewell conversations with the many familiar faces around the hall and then *there* was our magic coach, waiting to whisk us back to Leicester. THIS YEAR the same Event is on Sunday, 20th December 2009. **BOOK THE DATE!**

Pauline Osband

GLENFIELD FOLK SUMMER PROGRAMME

Don't put your dancing shoes away just yet! Once again Glenfield Folk will be launching their Summer Programme. Fellow dancers from other clubs will be made warmly welcome. We have several club callers who will guide us through a selection of new dances and old favourites - we do requests where possible. We meet at the Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm and the dates we will meet are:

April 20th, 27th, May 11th, 18th, June 1st, 15th, and 29th.

Patsy and Ian will bring the maypole on April 27th for an early celebration of May Day.

We hope to have live music for the final evening.

A charge of £2 per person will be made each evening, which includes a hot or cold drink and biscuit.

Why not join us for all or some of the sessions?

Doug Weston

ELMESTHORPE FOLK DANCE CLUB

meets regularly from September to June each year at Elmeſthorpe Village Hall, Wilkinson Lane, Elmeſthorpe. Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7.45 – 10.15 pm. Callers come from all over Leicestershire, Warwickshire and beyond, so there is a good variety of both old and new dances.

Elmeſthorpe Folk Dance Club is a friendly Club and welcomes both beginners and more experienced dancers. You do not need to have a partner, as members will ensure that all who come will be encouraged to dance. There are always other people who come on their own. You can always be guaranteed a good light-hearted night out for very little cost.

Normally there are two Hoedowns per year held at Ashby Road Sports Club in Hinckley. There is always a live band and caller at these events, the next one will be on 31st October 2009.

For further details please contact Pat on 01455 272659, Roy on 01455 846203 or Jack on 01530 243580.

Pat Gibbs

LOOK OUT FOR:

Your Maypole at Blaby Market on April 25th, at Ravenstone on the 26th and in Wigston on September 5th. It will happily travel to YOU should you fancy a dance around it –like Countesthorpe U3A dancers or Quorn Folk Dance Club

Dance Events in Adult learners week May 9th to 15th across the area.

Country Capers with all your local sides at on May 17th at Donington Manor

Manor Folk Moot June 13th
These last two at Donington Manor near Coalville!

SUMMER IN GLENFIELD.....

Our annual Walk this year is special – it has become our 20th TRIUMPHANT TRAMP on Sunday, 10th May.

(yes, for 20 years, man & boy, David has been leading our Walk!)

As we aim to attract as many people as possible, the afternoon is based around the BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD, offering a scenic 5-mile walk, a pretty 3-mile stroll, and side-options to Shenton /Shackerstone Railway, Whitemoors Antiques or tea at the Battlefield Centre. In addition, there is a pre-booked visit to the new Battlefield Exhibition, starting at 2.15 (giving people time to join Cynthia's short walk afterwards). The cost is £4 adults & £2 Seniors (over 60s) but for this we must have names beforehand. (0116 2393534).

From 5.30 ish we will all gather at SIBSON Village Hall for the inevitable BYO picnic tea, followed by relaxed COUNTRY DANCING till 9 pm. Again, for this special year (& to track numbers) we are selling tickets in advance @ £3 each (including tea/coffee). Please join us a happy (& hopefully sunny) afternoon.

Our GARDEN DANCE this year is on Sunday, 7th June, starting at 2.30 pm, usual place – Parsons Farewell, Kirby Muxloe – where we will be delighted to see you all, especially people bearing CAKES! (free entry for such virtuous ones). BYO garden chairs and obligatory crossed fingers for good weather. Come anyway.

All profits from both events for the Good Cause

Every
Folk
Dancer
Sings
Silly songs!

Pauline Osband

CALLING ALL WEBSITE DESIGNERS



Your local EFDSS District Committee would like to set up a website with details about what the committee does and events taking place around the area. If you or you know of anyone who would be interested in setting up and / or maintaining the website please get in contact with a member of the committee. Come on, now is the time to utilise your skills!

Jenny Crane

Found from their web sites:

Rutland Feast Friday 17th April from 7 p.m. as 'Pirates and Smugglers' (Ticket only event)

Quorn Dance: Saturday April 18th
Details from contacts on our back page

Phil Preen from Bang on the Wall has lots of useful information on:

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

Also try

www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk

and for the National folk scene

www.setandturnsingle.org.uk

www.efdss

We would like to include club and dance side web site addresses on our back page but would need you to send them in please and we need to find extra space somehow. We could also even send out this Newsletter by e mail to lots of our readers (imagine the saving in postage!) but that needs discussing more before it can be put into operation.

AGM DATE for the District Committee is Monday September 7th – a good chance to catch up with local news and air your views on what we the committee could be doing for you and for Folk in the locality
It will be at the Memorial Hall Glenfield at 8 p.m. and of course EFDSS members and affiliated clubs will receive official notice rather nearer the time.

RUTLAND DANCE WEEKEND will take place on September 11th 12th 13th – good dancing morning and evening, lovely setting, good company, suppers available!
Contact Doris Buchanan on 0116 2415857.

SYMONDS YAT beckons in October for dance enthusiasts. There are as this goes to be printed some places left on the Weekend of Dance in a good hotel there with lots of dancing starting on Friday 2nd. If you are interested please contact John Pollard right now on jandmpollard@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS MIX has been getting smaller in recent years so is in for a change –NOT of format I must explain but of timing –it is to be a tea dance in 2009, and on Saturday December 5th. Committee members are contemplating further change after this year –watch this space!

2010 COUNTSTHORPE DAY OF FOLK is booked for February 27th –don't say you haven't been warned and do tell me if there is anything specific you want to happen. No guarantees but we will discuss all requests

Thank you for your contributions Pauline Osband, Pat Gibbs, Jenny Crane and Doug Weston –and Ian Paterson without whose computer know-how none of this would happen. Please send in anything for the next Newsletter and relevant website and e mail addresses by mid August – traditionally I put one of these together for the AGM

Patsy Paterson 0116 2776259
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