



Leicestershire & Rutland Newsletter April 2011

Starting with Diary Dates:

Sunday May 8th. Tea Dance in Playford Style. 2-6 at the Bede House Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT (off A45 towards Rushden.) Please bring own picnic tea. Refreshments available. Period costume preferred. Contacts 01487 822228, 01933 62282

Saturday May 14th Victorian Dance Group Ball at Seagrave LE2 7LU

Saturday 21st May Norfolk Assembly Ball Wolterton Hall NR11 7LZ. Phone 001493 488396 for more details and tickets

Weekend June 17th to 19th Lichfield Folk Festival – see our website for more details or phone 01543424292

Monday September 5th District Committee AGM with a little folk dancing before and after the business! More details via your local club or Geoff Weston via our website

Weekend September 9th to 11th Rutland Dance weekend see our website or phone 01162415857

Saturday September 17th Victorian Dance Group Ball at Seagrave LE12 7LU

Weekend October 7th to 9th Our District Dance Weekend in Symonds Yat. Again see Website for more details though I understand this weekend is full already.

Saturday October 29th Victorian Dance Group's Cotillion Ball; 7.30 - 12.00 at Seagrave LE2 7LU,

Saturday November 19th Victorian Dance Group's Regency Ball (includes **Playford dances**); 7.30 - 12.00 at Seagrave Memorial Hall, LE12 7LU;

Saturday November 26th Quorn FDC Masked Playford Ball: 7.30 - 11.00 at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Barrow-on-Soar **LE12 8JU**; Roy Garrington with Stradivarius, phone 01509 413762; entry by ticket only

Sunday December 4th District Committee Tea Dance 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at Kirby Muxloe

Countesthorpe Day of Folk is planned for February 4th 2012 with the expectation of a similar format to previous years. I can't promise anything but will seriously consider all suggestions and requests for workshops or sessions that are sent to me on pat.count@virgin.net. Meanwhile remember the date!

Please contact the club representative listed on the back page of this Newsletter for more details and tickets for these events

Talking Folk Festivals

Our family favourite is the Easter Caravanning and Camping Club Folk Group get together when we wear ourselves out dancing singing and playing over the long weekend.

For less hardy folk how about:

Eastbourne Folk Festival from April 29th to May 2nd

Joint Morris Organisations, dancing in the streets of Sheffield on Saturday May 14th
Gates of Southwell is mostly for Morris sides too, and in June.

Lichfield Festival is June 17th to 19th and is even more fun when the weather is as it should be!

Sidmouth Folk Festival from July 29th for a week is great fun beside the seaside.

Whitby dance from August 20th to 26th and has the same bonus – the sea!

Towersey Folk Festival is quite near and runs from August 25th to 29th this year

Keith Oughton our District Committee treasurer has sent in the next two items:

EFDSS Public Liability Insurance Update

In the previous (December 2010) issue of this Newsletter we drew your attention to the recent changes in the wording of the EFDSS public liability insurance, under which members are now required to tell the Society about the types of folk activities with which they are involved. *(If you cannot immediately lay your hands on a hard copy of the December issue, remember you can always download that and previous issues from our website -*

www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk

. We have since realised that there as another important aspect of EFDSS public liability insurance that requires clarification and that is the difference between the insurance provided to individual members and that provided to Affiliated Groups. These are defined in the Basic Principles document published by EFDSS as:

- ♣ Personal membership provides cover for the activities of that person. It does not cover the activities of anyone else
- ♣ Affiliation provides cover for the activities of that group. It does not cover the personal activities of the members of the affiliated group

This implies that individual members of

EFDSS are covered for injuries to others from the member's negligence while participating in any activities notified to the EFDSS and falling within its aims, whether those activities are organised by their own club or by anybody else. This is a personal level of cover to the individual member. It should not be relied on to cover events that the member might choose to organise as an individual, because various other people will surely also be involved in helping at or running that event and the EFDSS personal member's insurance does not cover them.

Affiliated Group cover is intended to cover the members of a group in organising its own events. It does not cover members of that Affiliated Group when participating in events not organised by that group. Nor does it cover activities for which outside individuals such as invited callers and musicians might be held personally responsible at events organised by the group. Callers and musicians should have their own public liability insurance, which, of course, they can obtain through individual membership of EFDSS.

Rutland Dance Weekend

The very popular Rutland Dance Weekend has been re-instated this year from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 September 2011 at Cottesmore Community Centre. This is a great opportunity to widen your experience of other forms of traditional social dancing in a very friendly atmosphere featuring a more or less equal mix of English, Scottish and International styles at a series of easy workshops and dances.

Caravan and camping is available adjacent to the Community Centre (with use of showers) and immediately behind the conveniently located Sun Inn.

Phone Doris Buchanan on 0116 2415857 or go to our website to

download a full programme and application form.

All proceeds go to the RAINBOWS CHILDRENS HOSPICE.

Jenny Crane writes:

Your local committee would like your opinions about receiving the local EFDSS newsletter via email as an alternative to paper copies. A reduced number of paper copies will still be made available to clubs/members who do not have email facilities. Also news about forthcoming events may be sent via email.

If you are willing/interested in receiving the newsletter in future as an electronic version please add your email address on the list at your Dance Club or send it to Patsy as Newsletter editor at pat.count@virgin.net. Please note this address will not be shared with anyone else and when sending out the newsletter no-one else will be able to see your address. Some of you already receive your Newsletters by e mail – welcome to lots of new readers we hope now!

Talking Maypole Dancing – not surprising from me this time of year. The history of Maypole Dancing is very long and involved but there has been an amazing revival in the last twenty or thirty years not only locally but across wide areas of the country, with many schools and groups joining in sessions and ‘dance outs’ throughout the year. There are Maypoles which will go in your family car available to borrow or hire from the District committee and very often an enthusiast also available to lead your dancing around with the brightly coloured ribbons woven into a series of amazing patterns –some very definitely traditional some very modern. You might like to know that maypole displays will be taking place on these dates among others:

Saturday April 23rd in the afternoon in Orton Square Leicester - asking for folk to come and have a go

Monday May 2nd sometime between 11 a. m. and 1 p.m. in Evington Park - a display of Maypole Dancing by a local group of dancers

Saturday May 7th at 2.30 in Glebe Garden Centre Countesthorpe - a display by local schoolchildren then a session for all to have a go

Saturday May 28th at 10.30 in Blaby Farmers' Market - again a display followed by a 'joining in' session

Glenfield in Summer is a series of informal dance evenings through the Summer months in the Memorial Hall Stamford Street Glenfield led by members of the group. This year's dates are May 9th and 23rd June 6th, 20th and 27th and July 4th.

A quick reminder that your news, views and reports are welcome –please send to me at pat.count@virgin.net to be with me by the end of July, so I can have the Newsletter ready to distribute at the start of September.

DON'T FORGET OUR OWN WEBSITE.

www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk
Please use it to keep up to date and also tell us the news.

Geoff Weston District Secretary is contactable via the website.

Phil Preen has lots of useful info. on: <http://www.philpreen.co.uk/folk/morris/leicsmorris.htm>

Also www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk
www.lfd.org.uk for Folk Song events
National folk scene:
www.setandturnsingle.org.uk
www.efdss

Patsy Paterson
pat.count@virgin.net

TRADITIONAL DANCE SIDES

Anker Morrismen
(Men's Cotswold) *Wednesdays*.
Joe Oldaker, 02476-372276.

Anstey Royale Chalfont
(Ladies' NW Clog) *Tuesdays*.
Barbara Feely, 0116-2358134

Bakanalia
(Mixed Border Morris) *Mondays*.
Beth Everard, 0116 2395025,
www.bakanalia.com

Bare Bones
(Ladies' Border Morris) *Wednesdays*.
Maggie Johnson, 01509-880866

Black Annis
(Women's Cotswold) *Thursday*.
Lynn Goodall, 0116 243 3273

Charnwood Clog
(Mixed Step Dancing) *Monday*.
Tessa de Ville 01509 852189
tj.deville@tiscali.co.uk

Everards Original Anstey Morrismen
(Men's Cotswold) *Wednesday*.
Robert Crosby, 0116-2606272

Hinckley Bullockers
(Men's Molly Dancing) *Tuesday*.
Tony Ashley, 01455-239690

Jerusalem Jammers
Sue Crockett 01455 458107
www.jerusalemjammers.co.uk

Leicester Morrismen
(Men's Cotswold/ Border) *Wednesday*.
Charlie Corcoran, 0116-2675654.

Man Friday Morris
(Men's Cotswold) *Monday*
Ian Hubbard. 0116-2209133

Packington Morrismen
(Men's Cotswold) *Wednesday*.
Dave Johns 01530-270494

Pennyroyal Garland Dancers
(Ladies' Garland/ Step) *Wednesday*
Stephen Edkins, 01827-286001

Rutland Morrismen
(Men's Cotswold) *Monday*.
Mark Oxley, .01572-822334

Saltarello
(Mixed Elizabethan/ Renaissance) *Thursday*.
Chris Stokoe, 02476-387524

Maypole dancing
Patsy Paterson 01162776259
pat.count@virgin.net

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

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

SUNDAY

Victorian Dance Society
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Phone 0116 260 4442
info@victoriandance.co.uk

DAYTIME

Soar Valley U3A Sutton Bonnington
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 01162858352