



Leicestershire & Rutland Newsletter December 2010

Welcome all readers but especially anyone reading one of these Newsletters for the first time. We aim to pass on news about folk dance activities locally and offer contacts with Clubs and Traditional Dance sides to potential dancers or anyone wanting more information. If you could join those who will cost the District Committee less by receiving their Newsletters by e-mail please let me know the appropriate address.

Fortunately for me and for accuracy, Keith Oughton has written an important article on page two of this Newsletter about EFDSS Insurance – please read it carefully and hopefully there are other articles you will find interesting –thank you to all contributors. Thank you too to all those who have sent programmes so I can include at least some dates in this listing and apologies for those I miss, or maybe never know about!

Diary Dates –Do check the websites for details and more dates, or contact the person listed on our page four.

Wednesday Dec. 8th Peterborough FDC party.
www.peterbroughfolkdialry.org.uk

Friday Dec. 10th Rutland FDC Christmas Dance. Ticket only 01780460389

Sunday Dec 19th – Coach trip to Cecil Sharp House Christmas event. There may be spare seats – contact Jenny Crane on jennycrane24@gmail.com or 07919 407111.

Jan. 14th 15th 16th Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival

Saturday 29 Jan Quorn FDC Dance: 7.30 - 11.00 at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Barrow-on-Soar, **LE12 8JU**; John & Pauline Osband with Amaryllis, phone 01509 413762

Saturday 5 Feb Nottingham FDG Dance: 7.30 - 11.00 at Woodborough Village Hall, Nottingham, **NG14 6DX**; Barrie Bullimore with West Country Dance Band; phone 01636 812457

Saturday 12 Feb Leicestershire Victorian Dance Group's Regency Ball Gothic Romance ; 7.30 - 12.00 Seagrave Memorial Hall, **LE12 7LU**; phone 0116 2604442

Sunday 27 Feb Tea Dance Uppingham Town Hall, LE15 9PY; Shirley Bunting and Kevin Downham, £5 per person, please bring a plate of food to share; phone 0116 2792181

Friday 25th March Rutland Feast Evening – ticket only event.

Saturday 14 May Leicestershire Victorian Dance Group's Victorian Olympian Ball; 7.30 - 12.00 at Seagrave Memorial Hall, **LE12 7LU**; phone 0116 2604442

Saturday 21 May Norfolk Assembly Ball: 7.30 - 11.30 at Wolterton Hall, **NR11 7LZ**, nr. Aylsham. Frances Richardson with Patchwork; £17.50 including refreshments; phone 01493 488396

9th to 12th October 2011 will be the District Dance weekend at Symonds Yat –details coming in February.

Your District Committee

Some people may be wondering who is on the committee in Leicestershire and Rutland? The committee organise combined events such as the Playford Ball, Symonds Yat Weekend, Day of Folk, Christmas Mix and trip to Cecil Sharp House, as well as other special dos ... such as the Trafalgar Dance. Are you happy with these events? Would you like a different event? Present committee members are: Geoff Weston (Secretary), Douglas Weston, Keith Oughton (Treasurer), Pat Crane (Chairman) and Jenny Crane (all from Glenfield Folk), Mike Bird and Richard Parsons (from Quorn FDC), John Pollard (from Burton Overy Dancers and Rutland FDC) and Keith Clifton and Richard Spendlove (from Friday Folk). We would welcome people to join, especially from other clubs, though individuals are just as welcome; we meet up to 3 times a year. For more details contact Geoff, 0116 2858352.

Jenny Crane

EFDSS Public Liability Insurance

Most members of the EFDSS know that public liability insurance (PLI) cover is included as part of their membership package. PLI is intended to cover legal liability arising from negligence for injury to third parties and damage to their property. Insurance certificates are issued by the Society to provide evidence of insurance and in the past these certificates have defined "The Assured" as:

"The English Folk Dance and Song Society comprising of the Society, their employees, the National Council, Affiliated Groups and Festivals and all

Individual Members of the Society, whilst undertaking activities in accordance with their membership of the Society."

That all seemed to be quite satisfactory. Members were automatically covered - no action was required on their part, unless an incident occurred that might give rise to a claim.

The District Committee was somewhat disconcerted recently therefore to discover that the wording of "The Insured" has now been changed to read (our emphasis):

"Individual members of the Society and Affiliated Groups whilst undertaking activities **as notified to the Society**"

It is surprising and disappointing that there appears to have been no formal notification or significant publicity by EFDSS about this change. All members are now asked to send information to the membership secretary at membership@efdss.org about their habitual folk activities. The activity categories suggested by EFDSS are very broad, e.g. musician, caller, singer, story teller, social dancer (Playford, country, etc.), ritual dancer (Morris, sword, etc.). This list is clearly not exhaustive and one can think of other valid folk activities such as band leader, teacher, organiser, actor, etc. It might be convenient within a folk club for one member to gather the various activities of other members and send a consolidated list to EFDSS.

EFDSS has also produced another document called PLI Basic Principles which provides details of the cover provided and also of what it does not cover. Two items of particular note that it does not cover are:

Activities where the attendance is expected to be in excess of 200 people

Activities at two or more venues at the same time

Any member or affiliated group organising activities that could breach these limitations or where there could be a question of whether or not the activity would be deemed to fall within the aims of EFDSS should refer the matter to EFDSS for further advice.

Copies of the latest EFDSS Insurance Certificate and the PLI Basic Principles document will be provided on the District website.

Keith Oughton, our treasurer

Playford Ball

Early October not only sees migrating birds flying off to warmer climes, it also sees dancers taking out their plumage for the Leicestershire biennial Costume Ball.

On Saturday October 9th over 90 dancers from Lancashire, Norfolk, Shropshire, Warwickshire and other parts of the country, gathered together at the Braunstone Civic Centre, clad in their finery. And what finery it was - mostly familiar, but many new outfits too! The Falconers introduced themselves and their music with some fine playing before the dancing started. At 7.30 pm Geoff Weston formally introduced them and the caller, Hilary Herbert, to the sell-out audience. There followed a fine evening of music and dancing, Hilary leading us, with accuracy and humour, in such gems as Prince George's Birthday, Rebecka Ridinghoode, Graies Inne Mask and Lady in the Dark. As well as extremely enjoyable music and dancing, a fine buffet was served at the interval and drinks from the bar were readily to hand all evening.

At the end of the ball everyone left with glowing cheeks, and the committee is already making plans for the Costume Ball in two years time.

Doug Weston

Jane Pfaff came to Countesthorpe Village Hall one Sunday morning in September to give the assembled dancers a busy morning of traditional English dance in many forms. She gave us plenty to think about, with new easy dances and approaches to teaching and inspiring children particularly, though some of us have already put some ideas into good use with adults. There was a lot of chat every time we stopped for a drink, and good contacts were made. Before we all went home we had the chance to play with her jig dolls to remind us all that folk dance is about enjoyment not exact movements! Thank you all those who supported us by coming and the committee, our local Dance Development Officer and Active Arts who backed the session financially.

It is very likely that a primary school near you will be booking Jane to do a Day of Folk Dance for some or all of its pupils soon, and this non Committee member would like to pay tribute to the District Committee's backing of these events.

DON'T FORGET OUR OWN WEBSITE.

Please use it to keep up to date and also tell us the news on

www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk

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*.
John Talbot, 01530 836780

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

Black Annis
(Women's Cotswold) *Thursdays*.
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) *Wednesdays*.
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) *Wednesdays*.
Charlie Corcoran, 0116-2675654.

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

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

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

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

Saltarello
(Mixed Elizabethan/ Renaissance) *Thursdays*.
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