



**Leicestershire & Rutland Newsletter
December 2011**

Diary Dates Ahead in 2012:

Saturday Jan 7th Hinckley Bullockers out to mark Plough Monday.

Weekend Jan 13th to 15th Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival . look on the web for details!

Saturday Jan. 21st Red Fox Ceilidh see www.redfoxceilidhs.com

Saturday Jan 28th Quorn FDC dance, Geoff Cubitt with Knotted Chord

Saturday Feb 4th . Countesthorpe Day of Folk see details elsewhere in this Newsletter!

Saturday Feb 11th Burbage FDC Valentine's Dance

Saturday March 3rd Burton Overy Dancers Silver Anniversary Dance

Saturday 10th March Red Fox Ceilidh

Saturday 31st March Burbage FDC Spring Dance

Monday July 2nd Olympic Torch in Leicester we hope with folk dancing

September 7th to 9th Rutland Dance Weekend . details to come

Saturday October 13th District Playford Ball. Alan Davies with Stradivarious Mark the date then buy your ticket later!
Sat October 20th Run of the Mill FD Club Playford Ball Edensor, Derbyshire

Then in 2013 there will be another District Dance Weekend in Symonds Yat . see the article below to tempt you to set aside that weekend!

Quorn Folk Dance Club Annual report

The club continued in good fettle through its 35th year of existence under the chairmanship of Pauline Kinch. Membership remains at a healthy level and Wednesday evening meetings at the Village Hall are well supported by members and visitors. Altogether 44 evenings under the direction of 27 different callers (including 8 from within the club itself), live music from 8 bands was enjoyed on half these meetings.

This however only tells half the story as QFDC does much else under the leadership of a strong committee. There were also three public dances featuring top bands and callers, a dinner dance, monthly walks, and a long weekend on the Isle of Wight. As reported in the District Newsletter, QFDC also brought country dancing to the village primary school. And of course members support all the activities organised by the district committee.

We are fortunate in having the kind of robust finances that enable us to engage in philanthropic activities whilst at the same time keeping the cost of membership at a reasonable level.

All these good things were sadly offset during the past year by the regrettable deaths of John Fear, Jean Forrester and Colin Sleeper, treasured members and friends who will be long remembered.

Mike Bird

If you have received this as a paper copy please consider letting us have your e mail address so we can send a future copy in a more environmentally friendly way, as well as saving the District Committee all that postage!

Rutland Dance Weekend 2011

After a break in 2010, the Rutland Weekend was re-introduced this year in the village of Cottesmore over the weekend of 9 to 11 September. It followed the established pattern of providing an equal mix of English, Scottish and International dances, starting with the welcome dance and fish & chip supper on the Friday evening, workshops on Saturday and Sunday mornings, a ceilidh and ploughman's supper on Saturday evening and concluding with a tea dance on Sunday afternoon to a programme of requests. There was camping on site for those that preferred to stay that way, local B&Bs for the others and the ancient, picturesque Sun Inn next door. It really was great fun throughout. Amazingly, the whole event, including the proceeds of the raffle and takings at the sales table, raised almost £1000 for the Rainbows Children's Hospice. Thanks are particularly due to Doris Buchanan, the organiser and driving force behind the whole weekend, for its resounding success. Faced with overwhelming enthusiasm for a repeat the following year, Doris has already booked Cottesmore Community Hall again for **7 to 9 September 2012**.

Thank you, Mary and Keith Oughton

Dancing at Symonds Yat

On 7th October dancers, mainly from Leicestershire, but also from other parts of the country, arrived at Symonds Yat, Herefordshire for an action-packed weekend. At the 6 pm Sherry Reception we met faces familiar and new. After a three course dinner, we were introduced to our callers and bands. Kendal Green had travelled from Cumbria and Deo Volente from Nottingham

The first dance was Fiddler's Elbow, followed by Cappuccino Reel, which was

most suitable as many people were still drinking their coffee! Gary Rudman's Turning by Threes was familiar to the Glenfield party, as they had danced this the previous Monday at club night. Ian Jones and Victoria Yeomans called for a selection of dances, including Charles Bolton's The Beggar's Delight, appropriate as Charles was with us. The hotel cat joined us for the later dances!

Ian took the first Saturday morning workshop called Pat Shaw's Dedications. He introduced one of the dances with a song that Pat had taught him, and an anecdote about Pat's workshops. Apparently he always arrived with several battered suitcases, none of which contained clothes. They were stuffed full of manuscripts, and he could immediately put his hands on any tune requested. We spent a long time on Martial Baron. This was an unusual dance, as the first section had five beats to a bar, and the second section was a jig. This was originally a triple minor dance, but had been adapted to a four couple longways with progression in Scottish style.

Victoria's workshop was called What's in a Name and consisted of dances which all bore the names of people, some of which had been written for special occasions. A number of us particularly liked Emma's Waltz by Colin Hulme. We danced Verena Square to the music of Parson's Farewell, in which we came across a grand slip movement. After an enormous buffet lunch, Saturday afternoon was free for dancers to meet up with friends or family, or explore the River Wye and its surroundings. Following dinner, the evening dancing was a relaxed session, and included new dances and some from the morning workshops. One dance, This Old Riverboat, had a sung call, which Ian provided after a walk through. It was a fast square dance and

proved quite a challenge.

Sunday morning workshop began with stretching and shaking limbs, and massaging each others' shoulders. Following that, we split into small groups, and were asked to make up movements to dance to a sixteen bar phrase. Then the band played the music in three different styles . reel, jig and waltz. We had to note how the same routine differed in movement to each of the musical styles. This was followed by a variety of dances including Whiskers, in triple minor, and Serenity.

After another splendid lunch, we went our separate ways, vowing to meet again in two years time at The Paddocks Hotel. The Leicestershire and Rutland EFDSS Committee has booked the hotel for a similar event, to be held during the second weekend in October 2013. We hope to see you there.

Doug and Maggie Weston

Looking Ahead

We hope everyone knows all about the COUNTSTHORPE DAY OF FOLK on Feb. 4th . a busy day out it's true but fun and with a large variety of things to do Workshops will feature Scottish country, Israeli, Playford and Garland as well as Social Dancing, and other activities will include a small group for handbells, some folk song, drumming, a talk entitled Black Cats and Umbrellas and a demonstration workshop of Tudor Craft. Full details including a booking form are on the website or contact someone at your dance club who should have forms. A full day and evening ticket costs £10, coming for just part of the day is cheaper, but I would bore you with the exact details except to say it will be worth it!

There will be a selection from the FOLK

SHOP available on that day and at events around the District over the next month or two so I would strongly advise that you take a look . not good for the purse but great for good music to dance to and reading matter to keep you going forever! We do owe a large thank you to Glynne for transporting the goodies for us, to Jenny who keeps it all in order and does the majority of the selling . and most of all to Ann and Derek Appleing who run the Folk Shop for everyone nationally and trust us with a selection from their stock to sell to interested folk in our area.

The OLYMPIC TORCH will be travelling through Leicestershire on July 2nd and 3rd and Jenny Crane reminds me to tell everyone we have asked (maybe even pleaded?) to be allowed to dance as part of the welcoming event in Abbey Park. We await the response from the organisers but the Jerusalem Jammers in our 30th year are determined to be noticed, and thought this would be a good evening to be part of!

A quick reminder that your news, views and reports are welcome . please send to me at pat.count@virgin.net by mid March, so I can have the Newsletter ready to distribute with Summer dates included.

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 as is **Keith Oughton** District Treasurer and webmaster

Other useful web addresses include:
www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk
www.lfd.org.uk for Folk Song events
www.setandturnsingle.org.uk
www.efdss
<http://www.philpreen.co.uk/folk/morris/leicsmorris.htm>

TRADITIONAL DANCE SIDES

Anker Morrismen
(MensqCotswold) *Wednesdays*.
Joe Oldaker, 02476-372276.

Anstey Royale Chalfont
(LadiesqNW Clog) *Tuesdays*.
Barbara Feely, 0116-2358134

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

Bare Bones
(LadiesqBorder Morris) *Wednesdays*.
Maggie Johnson, 01509-880866

Black Annis
(WomensqCotswold) *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
(MensqCotswold) *Wednesday*.
Robert Crosby, 0116-2606272.

Hinckley Bullockers
(MensqMolly Dancing) *Tuesday*.
Tony Ashley, 01455-239690

Jerusalem Jammers
(LadiesqGarland/Step) *Saturday*.
Sue Crockett 01455 458107
www.jerusalemjammers.co.uk

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

Man Friday Morris
(MensqCotswold) *Monday*
Ian Hubbard. 0116-2209133
Packington Morrismen

(MensqCotswold) *Wednesday*.
Dave Johns 01530-270494

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

Rutland Morrismen
(MensqCotswold) *Monday*.
Mark Oxley, .01572-822334

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

Maypole Dancing enquiries
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
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 Bonington 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