

**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, 0116-2719728.

**Charnwood Clog**

(Mixed Step Dancing) Monday.  
Islay Sayles, 01509-502064

**Everards Original Anstey Morrismen**

(Mens' Cotswold) Wednesday.  
Robert Crosby, 0116-2606272.

**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

**Knighton 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

**Penny Royal**

(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, 02476-38752

**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 Centre, Storer Rd.  
John Stewart, 01530-223957

**TUESDAY**

**Crown Hills Folk Dance Group**  
7.15pm (Term time only) Crown Hills Community College.  
Roy Garrington 0116 2418313

**WEDNESDAY**

**Quorn Folk Dance Club**  
7.30pm, Quorn Village Hall  
Pauline Kinch, 01509 413762  
**Burton Overy Dancers**  
8.00pm. Burton Overy Village Hall  
Margaret Pollard, 0116-2592406  
**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.  
Brian Sabin, 01455-239283

**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  
**Stoney Stanton Folk Dance Club**  
7.45 to 1015 p.m., (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays),  
Elmesthorpe Village Hall  
D Gibbs 01455 272659

**DAYTIME**

**Soar Valley U3A** Sutton Bonnington VH  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 2.30 – 4.30  
Bas Butler 01509 673137  
**Countesthorpe U3A** some Mondays  
Patsy 0116 2776259 for details  
**Geoff's International Group**  
2nd and 4th Friday afternoons  
St Anne's Church Hall  
Phone Geoff on 0116 2858352



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**Quorn Folk Dance Club Annual Report**

The Club continues to meet weekly throughout the year at its home in Quorn Village Hall. Membership currently stands at a little over 60 with attendance ranging between 35 and 55. The Club is run by a strong committee who share responsibilities. Club nights have featured 9 bands and 25 different callers during the past year and the intention is further to increase the proportion of live music. Unfortunately it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain a performing side, though the repertoire only requires dusting off for displays to be mounted. This year's sole performance was on St George's Day. Financially the club is on a very sound footing which enables it to support folk activities at its discretion such as those of EFDSS. The social life of the club is also very active extending to monthly rambles, two short holidays (one of which is in France) three public dances and the annual dinner dance. This year to complete our 30th anniversary celebrations we mounted an exhibition of memorabilia to recall the life of the Club so far. Visitors are always welcome to join us at 7.30 on Wednesday evenings

Mike Bird (Chairman))

**Burton Overy Dancers**

We had an AGM recently at BOD and a new committee were elected, as follows :

Chair Roy Garrington  
Treasurer Mary Moore  
Secretary Norma Garrington  
Programme Sec. Chris Bower  
Committee John Darlaston, John Pollard,  
Brian Morey

We held a "special birthday" dance for Bob Wells in June which raised £100 for the "Radio Leicester Ruby Rainbow Appeal" for a teenage unit at the hospice. In August, the Pollards held their annual "at home" barbecue extravaganza which raised £55 for LOROS.

We'll have our usual dance events over Christmas and New Year, to which other clubs are cordially invited - look out for more details ! It's our twenty first anniversary next year and special events are planned !

Roy Garrington

**District Weekend in Symonds Yat**

60 enthusiastic folk dancers joined in a great weekend with Ron Coxall, as caller, and John and Sue Stapledon as great musicians on Oct.5th at The Paddocks, Symonds Yat. Ron called many new and interesting dances as well as some old favourites.. The Amazed Geneticist, the Lonesome Shepherd, Miss de Jersey and My Boy joined Shrewsbury Lasses for Innocent Merriment, a Woodland Chase, a Summer Saunter, a Trip to Orpington and Charlene's Celebration. The weather was kind and Saturday afternoon saw several visiting Tintern Abbey, Ross on Wye or local walks or beauty spots. The food and organisation in the hotel were superb which made this another fantastic, if tiring, weekend. Morris heys and the Amazed Geneticist caused

some frustration or hysterical laughter! There was also much scribbling down of dance notation so I think we will be doing many of the dances again in the near future!

Rosemary Jarvis

#### Rutland Dance Weekend - September

The village of Cottesmore in the tiny county of Rutland is an ideal spot for a weekend of dancing. This picturesque village, with its buildings in local limestone, offers a well-equipped village hall capable of comfortably accommodating up to about 70 dancers, a bar on the premises, an adjacent sports field and facilities for those wishing to camp, and all located directly behind the ancient Sun Inn with its excellent restaurant.

The defining characteristic of this annual event is its more or less equal attention to three types of dancing: Scottish Country, English Country and International. Fundamentally it provides a genuine opportunity for dancers normally practising one or other of these genres to have lots of fun experiencing other forms of dance in rather more depth than would normally be the case at a basic taster session. Teaching this year, as in previous years recently, was in the very capable hands of three well-known local personalities: Doris Buchanan for Scottish, Roy Garrington for English and Geoff Weston for International. The weekend began on the Friday evening with social dancing and a fish and chip supper. It was all great fun and totally relaxed as the teachers took turn and turn about to lead us through a very varied programme of dances from England, Scotland and continental Europe.

Saturday morning was just a little bit more serious with a series of three workshops. In view of their common heritage from the Playford era, there is a fair degree of common ground between English and Scottish country dancing, although we do not (normally) see set and turn single or siding or dances in triple time in Scottish, or anything like a strathspey step in English dances. The traditions Geoff introduced us to from such places as Russia, Turkey and central Europe were, however, quite different. In some cases, partners were not needed and we simply joined hands in a long line to execute precise sequences of steps (and arm movements) to what many of us might regard as rather unusual dance music. As is common at weekend dance events, we were free on the Saturday afternoon to explore the area, but reconvened in the evening for another dance. Again the programme consisted of a mix of dances from England, Scotland and other parts of the world, but on this occasion interspersed with three short demonstrations of dances from each area and a ploughman's supper. Sunday followed with three more one hour workshops before lunch, then an afternoon dance with tea and a wonderful selection of cakes to conclude the whole event. The dance programme on the Sunday afternoon was by request, based entirely on a repeat of dances done earlier during the weekend. All three teachers must have been pleased to see how well many were now coping with dances that had earlier been a struggle for them.

Thanks are due to the teachers, to all the helpers and, in particular, to Doris Buchanan, the organiser and driving force behind the whole weekend, for its resounding success. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody and, including the proceeds of a raffle and the sale of knitted dolls, succeeded in

raising over £900 for the East Midlands and South Yorkshire Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Keith Oughton

#### National Youth Folklore Troupe of England

are a group of hard working youngsters who came to a workshop day in October and in the evening entertained a good crowd to nearly two hours of English dance music and song -then had supper and provided the band for a lively dance led by Rhodri Davies. We hear about them because Pat Crane is one of their leaders and I would like to congratulate them all on the standards they maintain despite only getting together a few times a year and often in unknown territory.

The future of folk is surely in the hands of the up and coming generations and we, and the Folk Dance world, should be supporting them as much as is practical.

#### Dates for your new diaries

This should be in your hands in time to remind you that CHRISTMAS MIX is in Countesthorpe Village Hall on Saturday December 15th at 7.45 and promises to be as good humoured and enjoyable as ever. Tickets are available from dance clubs or by phone from Pat Crane on 01455 823537. Roy Garrington has mentioned earlier in this newsletter the festive events connected with Burton Overy Dancers, and I would like to remind you of Friday Folk's New Year Dance on Saturday January 12th with Paul StClair calling. Quorn invite us to their January dance on Saturday 25th with Roy Garrington and the Shire Band. Please see the back page for details of contacts, not only for special events they can also tell you more about their regular evenings. There must be lots of other events I could

be telling you about -so please tell me so I can pass the message on. The next Newsletter will come out around the beginning of April, depending on how long we are away for over Easter. There are several of you readers who belong to the Camping and Caravanning Club Folk Group who could go with us to their Easter Meet -which is effectively our own Folk Festival for four days, in 2008 in Yorkshire. Ask for our opinions of the experience or if you have any queries about it -but it is so good we only miss for very good reasons -like Janet being infectious one year, or foot and mouth causing it to be cancelled or the year the potential site was waterlogged.

You are invited to spend February 23rd at our Countesthorpe Day of Folk -13 hours of folk activities from a Mummers play to Playford for Fun from a music session to Shanty Singing and lots in between of course. We have two rooms available so will have dancing in one and another activity in the other throughout the day then all come together for a dance led by Pauline and John Osband with music by Beelzebub in the evening. Details and booking forms from Patersons on 0116 2776259.

Useful contacts:

Secretary Geoff Weston on 0116 2858352, Pat Crane on 01455 823537 and me Patsy on 01162776259, [pat.count@virgin.net](mailto:pat.count@virgin.net)

<http://www.philpreen.co.uk/folk/morris/leicsmorris.htm> for local folk information  
[www.lfd.org.uk](http://www.lfd.org.uk) for local folk song

[www.goleicestershire.com](http://www.goleicestershire.com)  
[www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk](http://www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk)

National Folk Information.  
[www.setandturnsingle.org.uk](http://www.setandturnsingle.org.uk)

[www.efdss.org](http://www.efdss.org)

