



Leicestershire & Rutland Newsletter September 2011

Starting with Diary Dates:

Monday September 5th An important day for all members with the District Folk Committee AGM: 7.30 p.m. at Glenfield Memorial Hall, Stamford Road, Glenfield, LE3 8DL; dancing before and after the business which starts at 8 p.m

Wednesday Sept. 7th Quorn Folk Dance Club AGM then weekly regular Club nights restart

Also restart date for Burton Overy Dancers.

Thursday Sept 8th Burbage FDC Autumn Season begins

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

Monday Sept 12th Loughborough FDC restarts

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

Sunday Sept 25th Quorn FDC tea dance

Monday Sept 26th Glenfield FDC restart

Saturday October 1st Rushden 10th Anniversary Playford Ball. Park Road Baptist Church Hall. Rushden Contact 01933 622827

October 7th to 9th District Dance weekend in Symonds Yat. Sadly for me fully booked

Saturday October 15th Burbage FDC Harvest Dance with Steve Woodcock

Saturday October 15th. Titchmarsh FDC autumn dance. Contact 01933622827

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; 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

Saturday Dec. 3rd Burbage FDC Christmas Dance with Roy Garrington

Sunday December 4th District Committee Tea Dance 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at Kirby Muxloe Village Hall, Station Road, LE9 2EN;. This year the musicians will be Five Go Off – I am very impressed by their playing on the internet. Tickets from your Club rep or Doug Weston phone 0116 2334223 or on the door

Saturday January 28th Quorn FDC Dance

Saturday February 4th Countesthorpe Day of Folk with a similar format to previous years, including singing and Simon's drumming. The evening dance will be led by Geoff Cubitt to music by 3D I am delighted to report. Please contact me direct for booking details if you don't usually get them through your dance club.

Saturday Feb 11th Burbage FDC Valentine's Dance

Sat. 31st March Burbage FDC Spring Dance

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

Bronwyn Taylor kindly sent this report:

Lichfield Folk Festival (17-19 June, 2011) was a friendly event held on the site of King Edward School and Leisure Centre where there is plenty of parking space. During each day there was a wide selection of workshops ranging from music playing for folk dancing to dances as varied as Jane Austen's era or American style dancing plus a good choice of evening dances. With callers of the calibre of Geoff Cubitt, Rhodri Davis, Colin Hume, Orly Krasner (USA), Francis Richardson, Chris Turner, Colin Wallace, and Kenneth Reid (Scottish dance) plus the opportunity to dance to uplifting music from the bands including 3D, Deo Volente, Momentum and Stradivarius, there was little desire to sit down.

One of the workshops which I found particularly interesting was called "Mr. Playford in the U.S." by Chris Turner. He described how the early settlers spent years creating farmland but eventually had time to build barns. At the end of harvesting people would want to gather to celebrate and dance in those barns. With scratch music (including old Jo from next door who had a banjo) and barely remembered dance moves, they put together forms of dance. With a predominance of men (some of whom had to dance as women) the sexes danced on either side of a longways set (we know it as "improper"). Chris started us off calling a 17th century style dance which he gradually changed as we did it until eventually we found ourselves dancing "Devil's Dream". Stradivarius changed the music back as we danced to a tune from the time of Playford to illustrate the kind of music used by Dancing Masters then back again to Devil's Dream music. This well illustrated how dances evolved. Chris's talk had been delightfully humorous and well-informed. The National Youth Folklore Troupe of England (NYFTE) gave a lively concert full of verve, competence and enthusiasm to the admiration of a huge audience who were also glad of the opportunity to watch whilst their own energy reserves and concentration recovered!

An on-site refectory provided hot/cold meals at reasonable prices and gave opportunity to meet other dancers

Mike Bird has sent messages from Quorn:

We have all been saddened by Jean Forrester's death on 3rd June. Her funeral in Loughborough was very well attended, with a large number from the folk dance and song community joining her many other friends.

Country dancing in Quorn School

Back in March Jane Pfaff ran a second day of dance in St Bartholomew's CE Primary School in Quorn. Two years ago her first day was sponsored by the District Committee; on this occasion Quorn Folk Dance Club picked up half the cost. Linked to this arrangement the Club also offered to run a fund raising barn dance for the school. The event, for parents, children and staff, was successfully held during the early evening of 18th June. Showing their enthusiasm for what Jane Pfaff had been doing with the children, the school bought a few copies of her CD of elementary dances. Mrs Becky James, the Head Teacher became so keen on developing traditional dancing in her school that she asked the Club to run a workshop for her staff so that they could better continue this work within the curriculum. So it was that all but one of the teachers were put through their paces one May afternoon in the playground to the amusement of children peeping through the windows. It's too early to see how well these contacts will take root, but the signs are good. The school had already acquired a maypole with which it was accustomed to putting on a show in costume at the village May Day celebrations. They are now keen to develop their newfound interest in country dancing; the children are delighted, and the Club is more than ready to offer further assistance and support.

Mike Bird

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. 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.

Circulating this Newsletter would be much cheaper and more convenient this end if we could send more copies by email. There is no question of only sending electronically, we will continue to print copies but those of you who would be happy to receive future editions by e mail are urged to fill in the form on our website please or send your e mail address to me to enable us to add you to the list. 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.

DON'T FORGET OUR OWN WEBSITE.

www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk
Please use it to keep up to date and also tell us your 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
and www.lfd.org.uk for Folk Song events

National folk scene:
www.setandturnsingle.org.uk
www.efdss

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 mid November, so I can have the Newsletter ready to distribute at Christmas Mix or to go in the post immediately after.

Patsy Paterson 0116 2776259

Records We have been offered about 50 old records of folk dance tunes, which would presumably need to be re-recorded by someone with suitable equipment. Please contact me if you are interested to know more.

Maurice Gamble has sent me a copy of his book of dance notation and suitable tunes and copies of his latest dances – again please ask to see them!

Burbage Club Dates:

Sept 8th Club Caller
Sept 22nd Hugh Rippon
October 6th Graham Clarke
October 27th Doug Weston
November 10th Pete Stocker
Nov 24th Brian Laws
Dec 8th Larry Gilbert
Jan 12th Club Caller
Jan 26th Club Caller
Feb 9th J and P Osband
Feb 23rd Brian Laws
March 8th Club Caller
March 22nd Roy Garrington

Loughborough FDC Dates

Sept 12, Geoff Cubitt, Jigabit
Sept 19, Roy Garrington, Kurly Kale
Sept 26, Trevor, Bang on the Wall
Oct 3, (Closed) Navratri
Oct 10, Roy White, Belzebub
Oct 17, Geoff Cubitt, 5 go off (tbc)
Oct 24, New callers night, Platform 4
Oct 31, Bob Morgan, Navigation Band
Nov 7, Lynne Render, Dave and Caroline
Nov 14, Ray Dawson, Fiddle Factor
Nov 21, Victoria Yeomans, Quadragog
Nov 28, John Meechan, Jigabit
Dec 5, Lynne Render, Concertina project
Dec 12, Ian & J2, Smileyboots
Dec 19, Party KK Callers, King Kontra
New Years Eve Party, Club callers, Platform 4

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