

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) *Thursdays*.
Lynn Goodall, 0116 243 3273

Charnwood Clog

(Mixed Step Dancing) *Monday*.
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Everards Original Anstey Morrismen

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

The Dancing English

Pauline Osband, 0116-2393534

Hinckley Bullockers

(Mens' Molly Dancing) *Tuesdays*.
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) *Wednesdays*.
Charlie Corcoran, 0116-2675654.

Man Friday Morris

(Mens' Cotswold) *Monday*.
Ian Hubbard. 0116-2209133

Packington Morrismen

(Mens' Cotswold) *Wednesdays*.
Dave Johns 01530-270494

Pennyroyal Garland Dancers

(Ladies' Garland/ Step) *Wednesdays*.
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) *Thursdays*.
Chris Stokoe, 02476-387524

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
Peter Durber, 01455 824125

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 Bonnington 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



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This month we start with reports from two of our committee members:

COUNTRY DANCING IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Jane Pfaff is a very popular and effective teacher of the whole range of country dancing. Her particular forte is with primary school children which explains why the District Committee decided to co-sponsor days of dance in county primary schools. Budgeting for two such days per year for the time being. Diane and I attended the third such session in July at our own local school, St Bartholomew's C of E in Quorn, initially as observers but getting drawn into helping out with the year one and two children.

Jane immediately caught the children's attention, up to three dozen of them at a time, by introducing her dancing 'jig dolls'. She quickly got them on their feet, moving to the same rhythm, pairing them off and teaching basic moves which soon had them doing the King's Jig. Over the one hour sessions she had them dancing with garlands and morris sticks, changing recorded tunes from time with the help of an assistant. The children were clearly enthralled by the whole experience, responding enthusiastically and enjoying themselves immensely.

This went on through the whole school day at hourly intervals, as one class left the hall the next was coming in, all ready for their fun session. Jane must have been shattered by the time she drove back home anticipating another similar

day to follow somewhere else in the country. One of the St. Bart's teachers already runs a school maypole team which performs in public so we hope that, with our help, a country dance culture will have taken hold in this village. Maybe we shall be seeing some of the children getting involved in Quorn Folk Dance Club in time.

Mike Bird

LICHFIELD FOLK FESTIVAL 2009

The weekend of 19 to 21 June saw a surprising few from Leicestershire attend the 34th annual Lichfield Folk Festival. Surprising, because it really is a superb event for dancers and it simply gets better year by year. Staffordshire Folk Committee deserve hearty congratulations for their continuing impeccable organisation and selection of callers and musicians.

There was a new look this year in that the vast majority of events were effectively concentrated at a single site, instead of being spread around the town. It was so convenient to be able to move easily from one workshop to another, grab a quick coffee, snack or beer on the way and enjoy the extra space provided for the big dances in the huge sports hall at the King Edward VI Leisure Centre. Perhaps the only drawback was the somewhat limited space available in the so-called Activity Room where the more specialist workshops were held.

The overall programme followed a similar pattern to previous years, the main themes being Playford-style and American-style workshops and dances, generally running in parallel, plus some mixed dances, music workshops, a Scottish dance workshop, open air displays, a concert and a Barn Dance. Plenty of choice for everybody!

This year there were three callers and one band from America, as well as several renowned callers and bands from our side of the Atlantic. All those we experienced were excellent, but we should like to make special mention of

Bruce Hamilton from America, whose gently-spoken approach to teaching was positively inspiring and his attention to the details of good dancing clearly much appreciated by all the participants. Equally deserving of special mention were Aiden and Louisa, whose superb music and brilliant variations in melody, emphasis and tone gave a wonderful lift to all the dances they played. Highly recommended.

Mary and Keith Oughton

GLENFIELD FOLK: 2008-2009

It was in September 1985 when, with much trepidation, we took over the Glenfield group at the request of the renowned Sam Flinders. Following the pattern we inherited then, we have continued to run the group along evening class lines, with an Autumn and Spring term ("If it ain't broke, don't mend it"). We try to make the beginning of the first term user-friendly for newcomers, although they do tend to appear unexpectedly at any time! - but, of course, are always welcome.

Glenfield had two successful sessions of dancing and four social events. The first was a winter bonding exercise in the Skittle Alley at Thurcaston and then our usual end-of-term Party in April. In May, *The 20th Triumphant Tramp* was pre-eminent, based on Bosworth Battlefield and offering a variety of activities for less energetic walkers. We proceeded to Sibson Village Hall for tea and a happy evening of games and dancing. The whole event was to celebrate the long-service record of Cynth & David Foulds, to whom we are most grateful. The Garden Dance followed in June but despite removal to the Glenfield Mem. Hall due to inclement weather, a festive atmosphere prevailed amongst the merry gathering due to the coincidence of two Special Birthdays! Proceeds of these last two events were sent to The Friends of Cecil Sharp House to start a fund for new folding tables.

The Glenfield Folk spin-off *The Dancing English* have decided to suspend their display activities and concentrate instead on a series of Workshop Sessions throughout the year, to enable us to continue learning new dances and brushing-up old ones.

Pauline and John Osband

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sat Oct 17th Titchmarsh annual folk dance 745- 1100 in the village hall. Frances Richardson MC with Orange and Blue. Contact George 01933 622827.

Sat Nov 7th Rushden Playford ball Baptist church hall, Park Rd Rushden. 730-1100. Charles Bolton with David and Caroline. Contact the same as above

Friday September 25th 7.30pm
Desford Village Hall
Jackie Oates & James Dumbleton;
traditional & contemporary folk songs,
winner of the BBC 2 Horizon Award for 2009. Tickets £8 from Pat Crane on 823537 or colincrane33@aol.com

Saturday November 28th -Quorn Playford Ball but this is TICKET ONLY

December 11th Rutland FDC
Christmas 'do' also TICKET ONLY

Previewing two events arranged by YOUR committee:

CHRISTMAS MIX this year will be on Saturday December 5th 2.30 to 5.30 in Kirby Muxloe Village Hall, Station Road Kirby Muxloe LE9 2EJ.. Usual mix of Kevin and local callers with some 'spots' and lots of Christmas cheer. Tickets will be available in November from all committee members though to be truthful there has never been a problem with getting in at the door so just turn up if that suits you.

2010 COUNTSTHORPE DAY OF FOLK is booked for February 27th -don't say you haven't been warned! Daytime workshops might include songs, Maypole, Scottish,

craft, a talk and the evening dance will be called by The Wrights with music from Folkus Pocus so is sure to be fun. Book the date and look out for more details and a booking form at Christmas Mix, or your dance club -or direct from us -see below!

Well done Charnwood Clog for realising I had asked for contact details including e mail where possible. Hoping you all get the message and send these details we may have the problem of getting it all in soon, but it would be very useful information to have and a problem we can cope with I am SURE PLEASE!

You will all -or almost all - be reading this at or after the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at which we hope to gain a few new committee members and lots of ideas of what you the members would like us to arrange for your entertainment and enjoyment.

Your district Folk Committee has a very new website being produced as I put this together -so far I have no details but we will ask all clubs and all possible contacts to tell you about it as soon as we can. As with this Newsletter we can only tell other people what you tell us -do please send in contact details and news of forthcoming events so we can pass the message on and increase you attendances.

Phil Preen from Bang on the Wall has lots of useful information on:

<http://www.philpreen.co.uk/folk/morris/leicsmorris.htm>

Also try

www.leicestershirefestivals.co.uk

and for the National folk scene

www.setandturnsingle.org.uk

www.efdss

Details of folk song events can be found on Phil's website and also on

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