

Crown Hills Folk Dance Group meet in term times only with between 16 and 22 attending each week. They dance in a wide variety of styles, and would welcome visitors who find themselves free one Tuesday evening. Roy Garrington is also now running sessions in Wigston aimed at beginners/improvers on Tuesday afternoons.

Fleckney Folk Dancers are now more stable financially, and would also welcome visitors to boost numbers and finances.

Friday Folk average 20 or 21 dancing and a total membership of 37. They have suffered the sad losses of Mavis Pote, Pauline Clarke and Kathleen Heighton this past year. John Martin mentioned the January Dance, May Playford Workshop as part of the Early English Music Festival, and garden dances in the Summer, then introduced his successor on the committee, Keith Clifton.

Glenfield Folk have an attendance of 48+ most weeks, with extra early sessions concentrating on techniques. The demonstration team is busier this year, with 18 dancers in one sequence. They were the only English Social Dance team at Sudbury Hall Day of Dance. The treasurer thanked Glenfield for donations to funds.

Quorn Folk Dance Club now feel settled in their new base. The children's club has had 30 members during the past year, with 13 most evenings. They have danced out at Calke Abbey, with the main Display Team, and in Quorn on May Day, and join in the first half of the Club's public dances with the agreement of the caller.

Mike mentioned that Bas Butler is running a U3A Folk Dance Group at Soar Valley School with about a dozen dancers.

Rutland Club has enjoyed a wide mix of evenings, including a formal dinner and dance. It was mentioned that they have a new programme secretary.

5.) Elections to the Committee. Keith Clifton will come onto the committee as Friday Folk representative, and Jean Elliot proposed that 'All the good folk be returned' -seconded by Margaret Pollard. Geoff Weston will act as Chair on public occasions and Pat Crane will chair committee meetings.

#### 7) Events already organised

**The Symonds Yat Weekend** is full now, and John Pollard commented that the hotel have been very helpful. John was thanked for all his work on this.

**Christmas Mix** on December 6<sup>th</sup> is to be as usual -please remember mince pies, raffle prizes and that the venue is Oakham.

**Countesthorpe Day of Folk February 7th** should be a lively day.

7) Any Other Business Mary Oughton asked to use the Maypole for a W.I. Day of Dance on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2 (not Maypole all day incidentally).

It was reported that the City Council couldn't afford to pay to have ribbons attached to the big pole in Castle Park for the Festival in August, so a portable one had to be used for the Workshop.

Pat Crane closed the meeting with thanks all round -especially to the coffee team and Jean and John Elliot for arranging the room, and wished everyone a Good Dancing Season.

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