

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.

Glenfield Folk

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, 02476-387524

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 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.
Mavis Moore 01162897719

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.

Marion McArragher, 0116-2592350.

Stoney Stanton Folk Dance Club

8.00pm, (2nd & 4th Fridays), Manorfield
School, Stoney Stanton.
D Gibbs: 01455 272659

DAYTIME

Soar Valley U3A Sutton Bonnington VH

2nd and 4th Fridays 2.30 – 4.30

Bas Butler 01509 673137

Countesthorpe U3A 2nd & 4th Mondays

Patsy 0116 2776259 for details

Geoff Weston's Group on the 2nd and 4th
Friday at St Ann's Church Hall Letchworth
Road.



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A BUDDING ARCHIVIST OUT THERE?

Most of us have flicked through the collection of photographs HOWARD FISHER always brought to big events, and Mavis has kindly given them to us the local Committee. We will of course continue to make them available at dances and Days of Folk but need a really good home for them to be tidied up (sellotape on the mounting boards is needing attention and some need re dating).

If you feel that is a task for you please contact someone on the Committee – Geoff Weston, Pat Crane, Jenny Crane, John Pollard, Keith Clifton, Richard Spendlove, Doug Weston, Keith Oughton, Mike Bird, Richard Parsons, or your humble editor. You could also pass on your thoughts and ideas about folk dance locally. If you don't know any of us either join yourself or nominate someone you know to stand for the committee. The AGM is booked for September 10th - details later from the Secretary!

At our recent committee meeting we were assured that Christmas Mix in 2006 made a reasonable profit and finances are OK. This year we will have this annual celebration on Saturday December 16th in Countesthorpe Village Hall again now you all know where it is. The Weekend of Dance in Symonds Yat had a few spaces for folk to 'sleep out' and join in all the days' events in the hotel. Plans are in hand for the Day of Folk next February, and of course the local committee are solidly behind the visit of NYFTE and their concert in October (see the report later in the Newsletter) that we are hoping you will ALL support.

It is very biased of your Editor to dev space to this –but we in **the Jerusalem Jammers** are proud to be celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year. The plan for the year is 'more of the same' really with a wide variety of bookings to show an eclectic mixture of dance styles.

Our Birthday Party will be a Tea Dance on Sunday April 29th at Kirby Muxton, our home base of course. Music as at our tenth birthday dance will be by 3D and the caller this time will be Geoff Weston. Tickets should still be available if you are quick please contact Keith Oughton 0116 2387385.

We should remind readers that we star as a WI group of ladies –though some of us are now so busy dancing we just do get to our Institute very often, but we have a loyal and helpful group of gentlemen in our band –and selling tickets in this case of course!

We and all traditional dance sides as well as the local Folk Dance Clubs are always pleased to see new members –do look the reverse of this Newsletter or at the bottom of page 3 for contact details.

YOUR MAYPOLE has been out and about already! Jenny and Pat Crane took it to an early workshop in March at several schools and groups are beginning practice sessions before performances fetes and galas in the season.

There is sure to be Maypole Dancing on May 1st 'at a venue near you' –or get up early and watch Leicester Morris celebrate as only they can at Old John 7am. I am reliably informed that some of them, along with a few from Man Friday, Anstey MM and Packington all dance at sunrise on Breedon Hill - near the church. Packington are advertising May Day Celebrations with Morris Me & May Queen at 6 pm on the 1st at the Bull and Lion pub, Quorn and Coalville are among the places who have traditional May celebrations not necessarily on the 1st.

Ian and I will be Maypole Dancing on A 30th in afternoon and evening sessions and again on May 2nd in the evening. TI

way we do it isn't just 'child's play', we can prove adults can get into as big a tangle as the youngsters!

The Maypole is booked to visit Donnington Manor on May 20th and a gala in Peace Park Wigston on June 24th and we will be using the big Maypole in Castle Park on Bank Holiday Monday August 27th

The best bit in Castle Park is that we regularly get extended family groups dancing then realise from the comments and the 'body language' that in fact the children have been dragged there by grandparents trying to see if they can remember the dances from schooldays.



Some of you reading this will know quite a bit about the National Youth Folklore Troupe of England, but others may have never heard of them! NYFTE is a "not for profit" organisation, promoting youngsters' knowledge, enjoyment and expertise in folk. The young people come from all over the country and perform English music, dances and songs at festivals and concerts at home and abroad. They learn social dances and the many and varied morris traditions. Each year the team holds a variety of training events, so if you know a young person between 10 and 18 who would be interested in coming to an audition, please contact me. They do not have to play an instrument or be at Grade 8. Enthusiasm and commitment are required!

Our District committee have generously supported Nyfte on several occasions; most recently in 2006 when they spent 10 days in Boston and Kentucky, USA. This included a performance at the world famous Pinewoods Camp.

You will get the opportunity to see Nyfte as they have been invited to participate in a mini Day of Folk in Countesthorpe.

We plan a tea dance with national caller Rhodri Davies putting us through our paces, then a concert by Nyfte, who will have been rehearsing that day, and an evening dance with Rhodri Davies again and the Nyfte Band. The date is October 27th, the venue Countesthorpe Village Hall. Active Arts and the District Committee are sponsoring this event and we hope that you will all come and support these young people. Pat Crane 01455 823537

A message from Pauline Osband:

SUMMER IS A'COMING IN and Glenfield Folk swing into social mood with their two annual events:

Sunday 13th May

THE WREAKE WRAMBLE

Will again be based in Thrussington Village Hall as it was so user-friendly last year – same hall but different walk-2.15 pm start. Revive after with a BYO picnic tea (drinks provided) and inevitably, a spot of dancing (6.30 -8.30 pm).

Sunday 3rd June

THE GARDEN DANCE at Parsons Farewell Kirby Muxloe, weather permitting (if totally unkind, at Glenfield Memorial Hall). Dancing followed by our CAKEATHON! –always fantastic-cake donations most gratefully received.

Profits from both events go to EFDSS and over the years we have been able to make many useful contributions to Cecil Sharpe House- like seating cushions, piano cover, noticeboard and several items for the Library (last year protective covers for Playford First Editions).

At this year's Garden Dance we will especially remember Dorothy Allen, our Founder Member, who always attended this event with great enthusiasm and pleasure.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Not in chronological order sorry!

Please see the back page for Club contacts for more details or tickets

GEOFF WESTON'S DANCE GROUP on Fridays at St Anne's Church now meets twice a month: on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

QUORN DANCE

SATURDAY APRIL 21st –Dee Chapman with Kevin's Band.

Quorn's programme runs right through the Summer AND they walk regularly AND they go away for a weekend so they are a busy group.

ALSO AT QUORN :

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

John and Pauline Osband, calling and Dave and Caroline playing for a Masked Playford Ball

SUMMER PROGRAMME AT GLENFIELD

As in previous years we will be holding some Monday sessions in Glenfield Memorial Hall with callers from within the group. The dates are as follows: April 16th and 30th, May 14th, June 4th and 18th July 2nd.

April 30th will include Maypole Dancing, June 18th will be a Gala Evening with live music by Kevin Downham, Garland Dancing and a couple of European Dances as part of Blaby District Arts Festival. The charge is £2 inclusive, and friends from other clubs will be made very welcome on all or any of the evenings at The Memorial Hall, 7.30 to 9.30.

DOUG WESTON

FRIDAY FOLK tell me their programme runs through until the end of June, and they meet for 'garden dancing' after that. Please note their New Year Dance will be on Saturday January 12th with Paul St Clair calling and Amaryllys providing the music.

NYFTE IN COUNTSTHORPE:

Countesthorpe Village Hall on Saturday October 27th

Dance 4.30, Tea and cake at 6.30, Nyfte concert 7.00, pasties at 8.30, Ceilidh with Rhodri Davies and the Nyfte band 9 to 11pm.

Tickets and details from Patersons 2776259 later.

'George from Raunds' (Mr Hearndon course) left a phone message to remind me to include the PLAYFORD BALL on Saturday November 10th, with John and Paul Osband calling and Dave Yeomans charge of the music – a recommended combination.

COUNTSTHORPE DAY OF FOLK be on Saturday February 23rd in 2008. All plans are in my head but the hall booked so we hope you will consider yourselves committed for then!

NEWS FROM BURTON OVERY

Last meeting of session Wednesday 27th June.2007

Start of new session Wednesday 29th August 2007

AGM Wednesday 5th September 2008
ADVANCE WARNING: 21st Annual Dance on 1st March 2008, John Turn with Dave and Caroline,

LOTS OF HELPFUL INFORMATION can be found on the website of Phil Preen who pops up with several Morris sides and also "Bang on the Wall" ban address www.philpreen.co.uk. More about folk music and song can be found on fd.org.uk a site maintained Pete Burnham

Or if all else fails ask me and I'll find someone who knows:
Patsy Paterson
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