



RAINMAKERS' SCRAPBOOK
2014 - 2016

VOLUME 25.

RAINMAKERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY, 2013

Sharm A' Sheik
Boanopstekker
Der Steiregger
Ha'ora Haktana (Little Shepherdess)
Joc Aromân
Salty Dog Rag
Idam ne Idam
Trip to Bavaria
Sâbrali sa se Sâbrali
L'Oferta
Pomasko Sirto
Kreuz Koenig
Chilili
Picking up Sticks
Possadila Rossu
Jove Malo Mome
Danca Da Colheita (Coffee Beans)
Jota Mallorquina
Moi Muzenka
Pravo Trakijsko Horo
Reiach Duda'im (mandrakes)
Joc in Patru
Shir Al Etz
Vrapcheto

Key :-

Green = Easy

Red = Moderately easy

Black = Difficult

*Happy Christmas, and Happy Dancing
in 2014.*

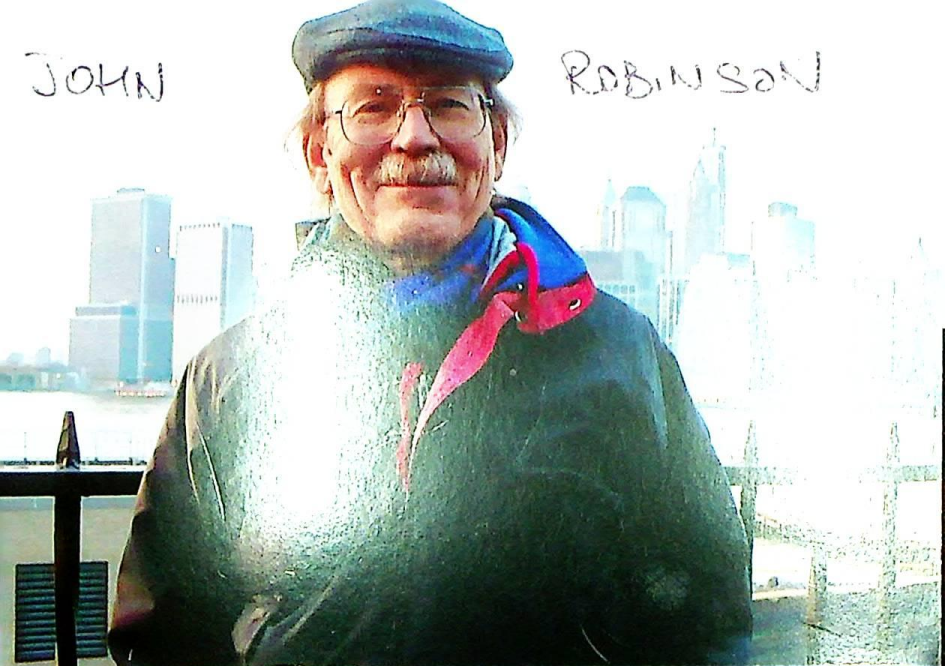
+ Late entries: Tien Chi, Sindru Na, ~~Debra Dmg~~.

15 people all CDs, no live music, quite a jolly evening!
Maria made a another lovely cake with a chocolate shell!

John Warford drove up from Reading. I was
presented with a beautiful elegant glass
vase - purple + round-shaped.

JOHN

ROBINSON



SHEILA
ROBINSON



Lucy Shepherd '99



SEASON'S GREETINGS

15, Gosmore Rd.
Kitchin
SG4 9AN
Dec 23rd.

Dear Rainmakers,

Thank you very much for the lovely glass vase that you kindly gave me for a Christmas present. It's very beautiful & looks elegant on a window sill in our kitchen.

It is always a pleasure to dance with the group & lets hope we continue to enjoy our dancing for a while longer.

Happy New Year & Happy Dancing in 2014!
Jill

To The Rainmakers

Thankyou for all your kind messages. This will help us to a speedy recovery, and we hope, some dancing in 2014.

WISHING YOU ALL
THE JOY OF THE
SEASON AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Henry and Betty
Lee.

31.1.14 .

Rainmakers' French evening with Danseherts
Musicians led by Clifford on Nyckelharpa

Chapeloise (Berry)

Branle Maître de la Maison (Alsace)

Bourrée

Circle Schottish (Chez la Mere Antoine)

Mazurka

Congo du Passage D'Agen (Gascony)

La Bourrée Pastourelle (Berry)

Dans Clem (Brittany)

Branle de Connay

Waltz

La Vesi la Veson

Watterlos Bourrée (Wife swapping dance)

La Montagnarde (Auvergne)

Schottish

Bourrée Tournante des Grande Poteries (Berry)

Rainmakers - Folk Dancing: Friday, January 31. Special evening of French dancing with Danseherts Musicians. At St. Michael's Parish Hall, Broadway. From 8pm to 10 pm. For more details call 01462 454210 or visit www.rainmakers.org.uk

Other possibilities:

La Bourrée Croisée (Berry)

Kost Ar C'Hoat (Brittany)

✓ Lq Crousado (Auvergne)

Polka

Rondeau en Chainé (Gascogne)

Bourrée de la Brande d'Ardenes (circle)

L'Angoise

Trikot (Hanter Dro & An Dro) (Brittany)

Bannielou Lambaul (Brittany)

Bon Soir!

What's On

Ongoing

■ **An exhibition by photographer Dipesh Soneji** – Arts Centre, Letchworth GC. Until January 31.

■ **Adult Panto: Screwge** – Market Theatre, Hitchin, £14. Times and dates vary, until April 12.

Friday January 31

■ **Kid Carpet and The Noisy Animals present Blast Off** – Arts Centre, Letchworth GC, 4pm. Tickets £5 for under-12s, under-2s free. Call 01462 670788.

■ **Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society presents Babes In The Wood** – Henlow Theatre, Henlow Camp, 2pm and 8pm. Also on Saturday, February 1. Tickets £8, concessions £6.

■ **An Evening of French Dancing with Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group** – Letchworth Parish Hall, Broadway, Letchworth GC, 8pm. Call 01462 457791.

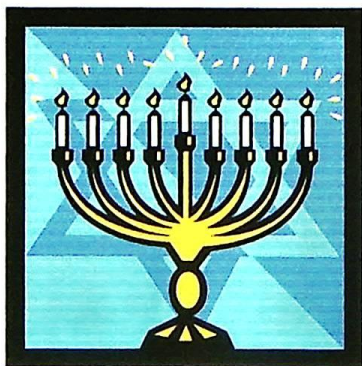
French Evening - Jan 31st. 2014





Rainmakers
International Folk Dance Group
Friday 21 February, 2014

Israeli Dance Evening



The Parish Hall, St Michaels, Broadway,
Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3PQ

Contact: 01462 454210 or 01462 457791

8 to 10 pm. Cost £3.00

With live music from
Martin Butler and Adrian Boddy

Adrian, Martin + Rosawitha played.

Israeli Dance Evening at the Rainmakers, 21st February, 2014

✓ Tzadik Katamar

✓ Lo Ahavti Dai

Nigoono Shel Yossi/Ve David ✓ ✓

✓ Hora Hadera

✓ Hine Ma Tov

✓ Rav Brachot

✓ Reiach Tapuach

(Debka Druze or Debka Kafrit ✓

(Hachinanit)

✓ Musica Nisherat (CD)

✓ Ba Pardess

✓ Machar

✓ Zemer Atik

✓ Shir Ha Chatuna

✓ Hashual

Ssimchu Na

Erev Shabbat

Hava Nagila

Chassene

Shir Al Etz

Spares:

✓ ✓
Hoi Harmonica, Mayim Mayim, Dror Yikrah, Haora Haketana, Oy Yossel Yossel,
Ayumar Behar Hamor, Ahavat Hadasa

The music was very good + much appreciated.
Being half-term we lost some of our members
but gained a few dancers from elsewhere.

An evening of Israeli dancing is on offer in Letchworth GC.

The Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group are holding an evening of Israeli dancing to the music of Martin Butler and Adrian Boddy at the Parish Hall in Broadway, Letchworth GC, this Friday night, February 21. Martin Butler (accordion) and Adrian Boddy (fiddle) are folk musicians who play with several bands, including Cloudburst Folk Dance Band.

Rainmakers enjoy the wide variety of Israeli dances, some fast, some slow, some in circles, some individual and some with partners.

Dancing will take place from 8pm to 10pm and entry is £3. Call 01462 454210 for more information.

What's On

Ongoing

■ **Exhibition of self portraits by Year 9 students from St Francis' College** – Arts Centre, Letchworth GC. Until February 27.

■ **Exhibition by A-level art students from Highfield and Fearnhill Schools** – Arts Centre, Letchworth GC. Until February 28.

■ **Adult Panto: Screwge** – Market Theatre, Hitchin, £14. Times and dates vary, until April 12.

Thursday February 20

■ **Russian State Ballet and Opera House presents La Traviata** – Gordon Craig Theatre, Arts and Leisure Centre, Stevenage, 7.45pm. £30.50.

■ **The Settlement Players present Alan Ayckbourn's Ten Times Table** – The Settlement Theatre, Letchworth GC. 7.45pm daily, until Saturday, February 22. Tickets £7 from David's Music, Letchworth GC.

■ **Letchworth Young Arcadians perform Bugsy Malone** – St Christopher's School, Letchworth GC., Thursday to Saturday. 7.30pm evenings, 2.30pm matinee on

Saturday, £12 adults, £10 concessions.

Friday February 21

■ **A Night Of Dirty Dancing** – Gordon Craig Theatre, Arts and Leisure Centre, Stevenage, 7.45pm. £22, £20.

■ **Wind In The Willows** – St Faith's Church, Hitchin, 2pm. Also on Saturday at 2.30pm and 7pm. Adults £6, under-12s £4. Call 01462 451015.

■ **A Night of Israeli Dancing** – Parish Hall, Broadway, Letchworth GC. Entry £3.

■ **Animal Arts and Crafts** – Stevenage Museum. Free, 10.30am and 2pm.

Saturday February 22

■ **The Elvis Years** – Gordon Craig Theatre, Arts and Leisure Centre, Stevenage, 7.45pm. £21.50, £19.50.

Wednesday February 26

■ **Peppa Pig's Big Splash** – Gordon Craig Theatre, Arts and Leisure Centre, Stevenage, 10am, 1pm, 4pm. £16.50, £14.50, under-16s £2 off, family (x4) £56. Also on Thursday, February 27.

Rainmakers International Folk Dancing: Friday, February 21. A special evening of Israeli dancing led by Jill Bransby, with musicians Martin Butler and Adrian Boddy. At St Michael's Parish Hall, Broadway. From 8pm to 10pm. For more details call 01462 457791

Nick and Liz at Rainmakers, 16th May, 2014

Hora Rara *Track 11*

Ardeleana *Tracks 2 & 3*

Cerchezeasca *Track 7*

Axionul *Tracks 5 & 6*

Tepusul *Track 16*

MAGGIE O'REGAN - HITCHIN

October 2014

CD Nos

order taught in
↓

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | ENIOVO HORO | (1) | Bulgaria |
| 2. | × MOMINO HORO | | Bulgaria |
| 3. | × GAIDA AVASI | | Bulgaria |
| 4. | HORA MIRESH (2) | (2) | Romania |
| 5. | GULDALI | (6) | Turkey |
| 6. | MALISORKA | (5) | Macedoni |
| 7. | ZOLOTAYA TSEPOCHKA | (4) 'Golden Chain' | Russia |
| 8. | × YA DA KALINUSHKU LOMALA | | Russia |
| 9. | V'DOL PO VOLOGDIE | (3) | Russia |

× didn't do.

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

Present

An Evening With Maggie O'Regan

Balkan & East European dances

8 – 10.30 pm, Friday 17th October 2014

**The Parish Hall, Broadway,
Letchworth, Herts,
SG6 3PQ**

Cost £5.00

More details from Mark on 01462 454210

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

38th

Anniversary Dance

MC Jill Bransby

Music by

Cloudburst

Friday 7th November 2014

The Parish Hall, St Michaels, Broadway,

Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3PQ

8 to 11 pm. £8

Please bring a plate of food to share

Contact: 01438 812766

Rainmakers 38th Anniversary Dance, November 7th, 2014

Music by *Cloudburst*

*Martin, Adrian + Naven
Played.*

Sharm A Sheik

Chotis de la Frontera

Vrapcheto (CD)

Horehronsky Czardas

Meillionen

La Bastringue

Valle e Pogonishte (CD)

Chilili (CD)

Malisorka (CD)

Idam Ne Idam

Jota Mallorquina

Maori Stick Dance (CD)

Bourrée Tournante des Grandes Poteries

Oy Yossel Yossel (CD)

Ras Dwa

Pirinska Pesen

Joc Aromân

Fôdelsdagvals

Mombar

Spares:

Neapolitan Tarantella

~~Jove Malo Mome (CD) (if Alan is with us)~~

Dans Clem (for light relief)

Ten Chi

Shir al Etz

V' Dol Po Jologdie.

Dans su Sacitose.

Hava Nagila.

Green = easy

Red = moderately easy

Black = Difficult

Congratulations to the Rainmakers

Good turnout + a nice evening



Nov 7th



News from the Rainmakers International Dance Group, Letchworth.

Like most established groups we struggle with numbers so, this year (2014), we held a few events – in **January** we had a French evening with Danseherts (local French group) and danced to the live music of the Danseherts musicians. In **February** we held an Israeli evening with Martin Butler and Adrian Boddy (from Cloudburst) providing the music. In **May** Nick Green and Liz Mellish shared their great knowledge of Romanian dances and folklore with us. In **October** Maggie O'Regan taught us a good selection of Balkan and Eastern European Dances. For the last two events we thank the SIFD for sponsoring the teaching. It's good to have the stimulus of new dances.

In early **November** we held our 38th Anniversary Dance and had a lively evening dancing to the music of Cloudburst, on this occasion provided by Martin Butler, Adrian Boddy and Narendā Kotiyan. By the time you read this we will have held our AGM. The AGM papers show that we actually made money this year (instead of losing it in 2013), our average attendance has increased slightly and we have 2 new members. Hopefully we will continue to enjoy our weekly dancing for a bit longer - I would certainly miss it and the companionship of our group.

Jill Bransby

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

with

DanseHerts

French Dance Evening



Live music from

DanseHerts Musicians

Friday 6 February, 2015

8 to 11 pm. Cost £5.00

The Parish Hall, St Michaels, Broadway,

Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3PQ

Contact: 01462 454210 or 01462 457791

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK NEWS

■ Give us a twirl: you can join the fun with the Rainmakers next Friday.

Keen dancers invited to a night of French dance by Rainmakers

For those of you who prefer your dancing with a bit of va va voom, Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group are hosting an evening of French toe tapping in Letchworth.

Among the lively and popular dances will be bourrées, branles, waltzes, mazurkas and Breton circles, with music by DanseHerts.

Newcomers will be helped so they can enjoy the dances.

The wide variety of set and circle dances means that visitors do not need to bring a partner.

Clifford Rowe will lead the musicians, who will be playing

cello, fiddle, melodeon, mandolin, clarinet, and bass guitar.

The event will be held from 8pm next Friday, February 6, at St Michael's Church's Parish Hall in Broadway. The evening will be led by Jill Bransby.

For more information contact 01462 457791.

Visit www.rainmakers.org.uk to find out more about the folk dance group, which has an active membership who enjoy folk dances from different countries each Friday evening in Letchworth.

For more about DanseHerts visit www.danseherts.co.uk.

Rainmakers' French evening with Danseherts
Musicians led by Clifford on Nyckelharpa

Chapeloise (Berry)

Branle Maître de la Maison (Alsace)

Bourrée (2 time)

Circle Schottish (Chez la Mere Antoine)

Mazurka

Bourrée de Valencay

Trikot (An Dro/Hanter Dro) (Brittany) CD

Branle de Connay

La Bourrée Pastourelle (Berry)

Kost Ar C'Hoat (Brittany)

Valse

La Vesi la Veson

XSept Sauts (Basque)

Watterlos Bourrée (Wife swapping dance) (3 time)

Polka

Lo Crousado (Auvergne)

Schottish

Carnaval de Lanz (Basque)

Bourrée Tournante des Grande Poteries (Berry)

Le Rond Argentonnais

Avant deux de Travers

Bourrée de la Brande d'Ardenes (circle)

Other possibilities:

Ronde de Landeda

Congo du Passage D'Agen (Gascony)

La Bourrée Croisée (Berry)

Rondeau en Chaine (Gascogny)

Bannielou Lambaul (Brittany) CD

Changerais Tu? CD

Bon Soir!

2015

Carnaval de Lang







Post Card from Roger
11/6/15.

Faroe Island Costumes

Peter & Lois Golden Wedding Anniversary Dance.



Dorset Triumph.



Tappalochian Display.



18th July, 2015

Draft Programme for Anniversary Dance

6.00 pm Hall opens

7.00 Dance starts with mixture of easy International and English dancing -
Cloudburst

7.45 Display by Tappalachian Dancers (no boards) with Tappalachian musicians
(on the floor – minimum PA)

8.15 General dancing plus a few 'black' international dances (eg Hambo for
those who know it). Cloudburst

8.45– 9.15 Interval, including Cake cutting and 'bubbly' (This might take
longer?)

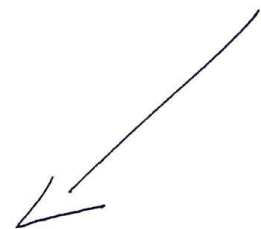
9.15 – 9.45 DanseHerts musicians on floor – PA not needed– French dancing
for all

9.45 – 10.30 General dancing and maybe including a display of Italian
Fackeltanz (Candle dance) by Rainmakers (5mins) (Will it be dark by then?)
Cloudburst

We did it!
Yes it
was!

10.30 – 11.00 Mass band on stage General Dancing.

Must be out of hall by 12.00pm



Peter and Jill's Golden Dance Evening

Music by *Cloudburst*

Boanopstekker

Ve David

Foula Reel

Keith

Halfe Hannikin

Keith

Chillilli (CD)

Neapolitan Tarantella

Childgrove

Nick

My Lord Byron's Maggot

Nick

Maori Stick Dance (CD)

Kreuz Koenig

Dorset Four Hand Reel

Ann

The Dorset Triumph

Ann

Joc Aroman

Musica Nisherat (CD)

Red House

Nick

Duke of Kent's Waltz Nick

Jesucita en Chihuahua

Fast Packet Ann

Macedonska Brian

Fackeltanz (Rainmakers Display of Italian Candle
Dance led by Belinda)

Mass Band Play – musicians are invited to join
Cloudburst for:

Danish Double Quadrille Keith

La Bastringue Jill

Devil's Dream Nick

Circassian Circle Ann (if needed)

– Play out *Growling Old Man and Grumbling Old
Woman!*

KEY: Green dances – easy

 Red dances – moderately easy

Black Dances – Government Health warning.
(These will not be walked or called so will be
over with in 3 mins.)

*Thank you all for coming to help us
celebrate!*



You helped us to celebrate
in style.

Love
Jill & Peter.

Dear Rainmaker,

Thank you very much for
the John Lewis / Waitrose gift
token & for your kind thoughts
on our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you also for your
participation at our celebration
dinner & especially in the
Candle Dance.



30th October, 2015

Although we were missing some of our members, we had perfect numbers 8 men, 8 women for 'La Bourrée Pastorelle' + Renningen. Wendy wasn't able to play with Clondubst but Barbara came from London with her flute + recorder adding beautiful harmonies to some of the tunes. Graham made the cake as Maria was in Poland for half-term. John Walford came from Redding + Janet Woolbar as usual - A lovely evening!

Jill



Rainmakers 39th Anniversary Dance, 30th October

With Cloudburst playing

Ahavat Hadassa

Dans Clem

Chotis de la Frontera

Bourree de la Brande d'Ardenes

Jesucita en Chihuahua

Idam ne Idam

Dorset Four Hand Reel

Devusky Padruzhenky

La Bourree Pastourelle

Fadinho Tres Tempos

Rododactilos Avgi Mou

Neapolitan Tarantella

Hachinanit

Mari Mariko

Fodelsdagvals

Kreuz Koenig

Martin, Adrian +
Babara.

The Weevil

Marushka

Renningen

Joc Aroman

Shir Al Etz

21 dances plus ~~4~~ CDs.

Spares:

Gort Met Stroop

Have Nagila

Le Rond Argentonnais

La Bastringue

CDs to include in programme:

Pomasko Sirto ✓

Maori Stick or Dans Su Sucitoare ✓

Jove Malo Mome

✓ Cobankat

Pravo Trakijsko Horo

✓ Ten Chi



Rainmakers at Balkanplus, November 14, 2015

It might seem unusual that the Rainmakers are leading Balkanplus for the first time as we started as a General International Group 39 years ago. However, when I'm asked to do something new I often say 'yes' and wonder why afterwards.

Working out a programme with Alan Trangmar (a keen Balkanplus member) has allowed me to reflect a little on our group's changing and expanding repertoire over the years. I came with a mixture of dances that I had learned in the 60s and early 70s in Cambridge – Serbian, Israeli, Hungarian, Czech, Romanian and some old SIFD staples. Roy Bowtell and Gordon Stacey, two of the cofounders, were keen on couple and set dances.

Gordon was our first treasurer and when I was teaching Serbian dancing in the early days he always made a point of going into the kitchen to do the accounts! We have included a very old recording of a Serbian dance *Sumatovac* in our programme.

Over the years we have been fortunate to have had many excellent SIFD teachers of Balkan dancing at our club at Letchworth (Lillian Gallatis, Frances Horrocks, Marina Woltstenholme, Maggie O'Regan, Frank Dowling, Nick Green and Liz Mellish, Dalila Heath as well as many equally excellent teachers of other varieties of dancing.) We have also learned from our own members, John and Sheila Robinson (from Washington, USA) who were Balkanplus members taught us *Jove Malo Mome* which will be included in our programme. We are including dances from recent Balkanplus workshops, including two dances from this September's course taught by Iliana and Todor, also Summer School dances taught by 'National' dance teachers, including a few of Marius Ursu's Romanian dances taught this year at Swansea. There will be 'something old, something new, something borrowed' but nothing blue!

Why did I say 'yes'? Because Rainmakers is a collaborative group with people contributing and we hope to continue this trend at our evening and into our 40th year in 2016. So, with a little help from our friends we should share a good evening. Thank you for coming to support us.

Jill Bransby

BALKANPLUS – RAINMAKERS EVENING 14 Nov 2015

Rododachtilos Avgi Mou	(G via MW 2007)
Dramskoto	(B YM05)
Bătrâneasca de la Ciocănești	(RO MU SS15)
Pomaško Širto	(B YM01)
Cine Are Noroc Are	(GY MvG 14)
Devushky Padruzhenky	(RU HK)
Jiana lui Ana	(RO S+C T15)
Sumatovac	(SE 60s via KT)
Choban Georgi	(B IB15)
Rodopsko Horo	(B MP15)
Jove Malo Mome	(B JR Washington DC)
Sâbrali sa se Sâbrali	(B YM00)
Salty Dog Rag	(USA SteveT 60s/70s)
Șchioapa Ciobănească	(RO MU13)
Makazice	(SE 70s DS, org KW)
Țepușul	(RO N+L14)
Leana	(RO MU SS15)
Florica de la Casimcea	(RO MU SS15)
Momino Horo	(B YM10)
Joc Aroman	(RO SiIC SS06)
Irimenche - Poslatenche	(B IB15)
Cobankat	(ALB Manchester BR/JK)
Svornato	(B FD05)
Drjanovska Râčenica	(B YM00 MO 00)
Siganos	(G Dimitris Triandifillidis SS2004 FD05)
Simchat He'Amel (Melnishko Horo)	(IS Uri Gerson 80s) (B MP11)
Dar Gorani	(ARM Eddie Djololian 1998)
Dans su Sucitoare	(RO JW)
Siriul	(RO JW)
Ograzhdensko Horo	(B SS80s, DD06)
Sepastia Bar	(ARM T VG)
Satovčensko Horo	(B YM01)
Ludo Mlado	(B JW)
Mombar	(ARM JK)
<u>SPARES</u>	
Jiana	(RO)
Joc in patru	(RO)
Malisorka	(MAC IR/MOR)
Skopski Sa-Sa	(GY FD05)
Šetnja	(SE 60s)
Posadila Rosu	(RU HK)
Pravo Trakijsko Horo	(B ET81 and 82)



A dance at a panegyris on the Aegean island of Icaria to celebrate 15 August, the assumption of the Virgin Mary: maintaining physical social networks is a principal factor in longevity and wellbeing. Alamy

Meet, greet and live a long life

Being sociable is good for body and soul – but let's not make it a self-help task, writes Andrew Anthony

Rainmakers
International Folk Dance Group

Armenian
Evening
with
Dalila Heath

8 – 10.30 pm, Friday 20th November 2015

**The Parish Hall, Broadway,
Letchworth, Herts,
SG6 3PQ**

Cost £5

**Contact 01438 812766 or
01462 454210**

American Evening with Dalila Heath. 20.11.15.

This was Dalila's third visit to Rainmakers. We started with a 'social dance' that was created by Tom Bozigian in the 1950s called SIROON AGHCHEEK (Pretty Girl).

MADZOUNE VER DEGH TRAN was a yogurt making dance, a very traditional one which was resurrected by Gagik Ginosyan in Armenia.

ILIKNEROU BAR was a choreography with movements that mime working wool + spindles.

DARONEE - an 'ethnographic' dance from Western Armenia with very pretty music. The version we did was another Tom Bozigian version but we didn't attempt the ^{very} fast second part which Dalila said had fallen out of favour. I wonder why that could be?!

TSAHGIGATS BALENI ('Blossomed Cherry Tree') a choreography which used a lot of graceful arm movements which are typical of Armenian women's dances. (A pity we had more men than women that night!)

The last dance we attempted was a couple version of TAMZARA in 9/8 timing. By then our brains + legs were tired.

It was good to watch Dalila's graceful movements to see how it should be done!

Sue

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

Christmas Party

Friday 18 December, 2015

The Parish Hall, St Michaels, Broadway

Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3PQ

8 to 11 pm.

Please bring a plate of food to share

Contact: 01438 812766 or 01462 454210

Rainmakers Christmas Party, December 18, 2015

Hoi Harmonica

Allemans Marsj

Salty Dog Rag

Cobankat

Mexican Waltz

Cine Are Noroc Are

Maiezyt

Hora Hadera

Maple Leaf Rag ✓

Schioapa Ciobaneasca or Shepherd's Delight? (Shepherd's dance)

Doubleska Polska

Maya

Branle a Six de la Chatre

Kalamatianos

Reiach Tapuach

Daronee

Maori Stick dance

Possadila Rosu

Shir al Etz

Engelsk Mallebrok

Happy Christmas!

Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group

By special request:

We will be holding a workshop on a German set dance

Kreuz Koenig

(This will take about half the evening, the rest of the evening we will dance easier dances)

Friday January 22, 2016

The Parish Hall, St Michaels, Broadway, Letchworth, SG6 3PQ

8.00 pm – 10.00 pm.

Contact Jill on 01462 457791 for further info.

Martin Butler played the music - K.K. took most of 1st half + then we repeated the dance twice more later in the evening. :

Press Release

Special evening of French folk dancing

Friday 12 February

Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group is holding a special evening of French dancing to the music of DanseHerts. Dancing will start at 8 pm on **Friday 12th February** at The Parish Hall, Broadway, Letchworth GC, SG6 3PQ, and continue until 10.45 pm. The evening will be led by French dance specialist Lindsay Cleaver and Jill Bransby.

Clifford Rowe will lead the musicians, who will be playing nyckelharpa, fiddle, melodeon, mandolin, clarinet, and bass guitar. Among the many lively and popular dances will be bourrées, waltzes, mazurkas, branles, scottishs, and Breton circles. Newcomers will be helped so that they can enjoy the dances. The wide variety of set and circle dances means that visitors do not need to bring a partner.

Rainmakers were founded in 1976 and have an active membership which enjoys folk dances from many countries each Friday evening in Letchworth. DanseHerts musicians play for dances at Ickleford on the second Sunday of each month and specialise in French music.

Contact 01462 454210 or 01462 457791 for further information about the special evening. Information about Rainmakers is at www.rainmakers.org.uk and about DanseHerts at www.danseherts.co.uk.



A previous French dance evening at Rainmakers

Contact for press enquiries

Jill Bransby

01462 457791 jill@pjbransby.plus.com

Rainmakers' French evening with Danseherts

12th February, 2016

Musicians led by Clifford on Nyckelharpa

Chapeloise (Berry)

Branle Maître de la Maison (Alsace)

Bourrée (2 time)

Circle Schottish (Chez la Mere Antoine) Lindsay

Mazurka

La Ridé à Six Temps (Brittany) L

La Bourrée Pastourelle (Berry)

Branle de Connay

Jabadao (Brittany)

Schottish

Kost Ar C'Hoat (Brittany) L

Bourée de la Chapelotte (Berry)

La Vesi la Veson

Carnaval de Lanz (Basque) L

Watterlos Bourrée (Wife swapping dance) L

Polka Piquée (Brittany) L

Le Rond Argentonnais (Berry)

Rondeau (en Chaine) (Gascogne) L

~~Le-Crousado (Auvergne) L~~

Bourrée Tournante des Grande Poteries (Berry)

Waltz

Bourrée de la Brande d'Ardenes (circle)

Cercle Circassien (Bresse)

Other possibilities:

Sept Sauts (Basque) L

Avant deux de Travers (Brittany) L

Ronde de Landeda (Brittany) L

Congo du Passage D'Agen (Gascony)

Bourrée de Valencay (Peter and Pauline's dance) L

(Bannielou Lambaul (Brittany) CD)

Trikot (An Dro/Hanter Dro) (Brittany) CD)



La Bournee Pastordle



Pastordle movements



Labidée a Six Temps



Comasal de Lang (topical - had happened on Tuesday the week)

←
Lindsay
leading
the
dance

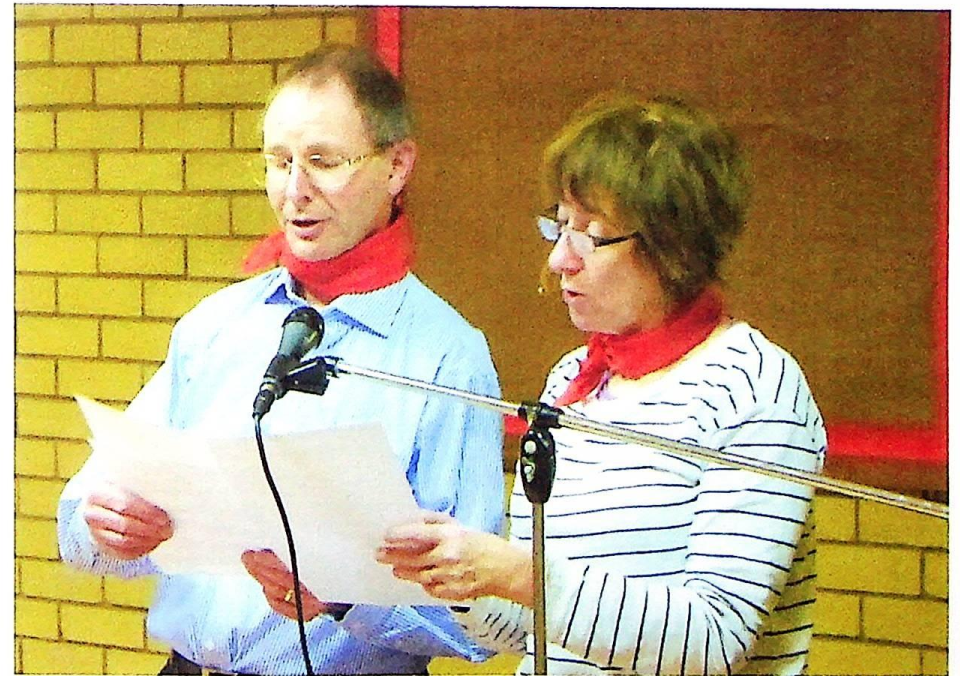
Danseker's Musicians - Small but perfectly formed?



Bryan Clifford Jenny Cliff



Wife-swapping dance?



Cliff & Jenny singing a Rond.

A Celebration of the Life of



Alan Hughes

Bedford Crematorium
Norse Road, Bedford
Thursday 18th February 2016
at 3.15pm

Order of Service

Entrance Music

Chopin, Andante Spianato in E flat played by Daniil Trifonov

Welcome

Thoughts on Life and Death

Tribute

Sharnbrook Community Gospel Choir

Sing Shenandoah, and Steal Away
and then lead the congregation in singing -

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan
And what did I see,
Comin' for to carry me home.
A band of angels comin' after me,
Comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do,
Comin' for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I'm comin' too
Comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

The Committal

The Fine Companions' Band

Lead the congregation in singing Lord of the Dance.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun
I came down from Heaven & I danced on the Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth

*Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He*

I danced for the scribe & the pharisee
But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me
I danced for fishermen, for James & John
They came with me & the Dance went on: *(Chorus)*

I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame!
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die! *(Chorus)*

They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the Life that'll never, never die!
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He! *(Chorus)*

Closing Words

Music as we Leave

Three American Folk Dance Reels
played by The Fine Companions' Band.



Alan's family would welcome your company afterwards
at The Park Pub & Kitchen, 98 Kimbolton Road,
Bedford, MK40 2PF. Tel: 01234 273929

Donations in memory of Alan for The Alzheimer's Society
or Halsway Manor can be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service,
48 Roff Avenue, Bedford. MK41 7TE or online at
www.memorygiving.com/alanhughes

Dear Janet,

It was a pleasant surprise to see a photo of *The Rainmakers* on the back page of the News last month. The photo was taken at the Victoria Embankment Gardens in (I think) July, 1992. We are wearing our Israeli costumes for the 4th spot, having performed Dutch in Volendam costumes for the first spot, and mixed costumes for spots 2 and 3. Dave Gardner (Eastbourne Festival Director at that time) sang folk songs and played his guitar in between our spots, allowing us time to change. We were representing the SIFD so I hope the audience was impressed.

The reason I can tell you all this is because we have scrapbooks that were kept by Betty Lee that started in 1976 when the club was founded, until the present day. We recently got the first books down from the loft, mainly to check our starting date, September 10th, because we are holding our 40th Anniversary Dance on this very date, this coming September. We do hope that some of you will be able to come to help us celebrate our continuing joy of dancing. (See Dates For Your Diary page...)

Jill Bransby.

Back Page of SIFD News.



WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- S.I **Saturday 5th EASTERN EUROPEAN & ISRAELI DANCE** workshop led by Corry Verheijen at St Ninian's Church Hall, Chorlton Manchester M21 0XJ. 11am - 5pm. followed by a 'bring and share' supper and evening social dance. SIFD Members £10 Guests £12. Further details: Mary 0161 881 0955 or maryomahony3@yahoo.co.uk.
- Saturday 5th KEVIN & ELLEN MITCHELL** Irish & Scottish songs, 8.15pm. Cellar Upstairs: new venues, tel: 020 7281 7700
- S.I **Sunday 6th SIFD DANCE** led by SIFD Band
- S.I **Saturday 19th DANCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD** with Philip & Brenda Steventon at Nutbrook IFDG. Grangewood Methodist Church, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2SJ. 10.30am-4.30. £10, half day £6. 0115 917 1831, gill.morral@ntlworld.com, www.nutbrookfolkdance.co.uk.
- S.I **Saturday 12th BALKANPLUS** - see page 5



All material for the April issue of the SIFD NEWS must be received by the Editor IN WRITING by 17th March.

Send your reports and pictures to news@thecomet.net

Go to thecomet24.co.uk for
all the latest local news

The Comet

'Adding our voices to Sport Relief efforts'

A Baldock couple are adding their voices to the nation's fundraising efforts as they return to their spiritual home to sing at Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games.

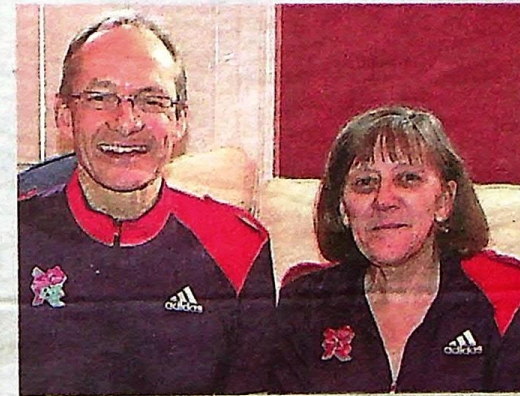
Husband and wife Ian Brown and Belinda Gee, who are pictured right, are part of the Games Maker Choir – made up of volunteers from the London 2012

Olympic Games – and will be returning to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to sing on Sunday.

The Games is one of the flagship events in this year's Sport Relief – a biannual charity fundraising bonanza borne out of a collaboration between Comic Relief and BBC Sport in 2002.

Back on home turf, a

Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile will be held at Ridlins End running track in Stevenage at 10.15am on Sunday, with three and six mile routes starting at 10am. Fairlands Valley Spartans runner and police officer John Nelms hopes to be celebrating completing an epic 24-hour running challenge at 9.30am, so why not cheer him on from 8am?





Dear Janet,

- * It was a pleasant surprise to see a photo of The Rainmakers on the back page of the News last month. The photo was taken at the Victoria Embankment Gardens in (I think) July, 1992. We are wearing our Israeli costumes for the 4th spot, having performed Dutch in Volendam costumes for the first spot, and mixed costumes for spots 2 and 3. Dave Gardner (Eastbourne Festival Director at that time) sang folk songs and played his guitar in between our spots, allowing us time to change. We were representing the SIFD so I hope the audience was impressed.

The reason I can tell you all this is because we have scrapbooks that were kept by Betty Lee that started in 1976 when the club was founded, until the present day. We recently got the first books down from the loft, mainly to check our starting date, September 10th, because we are holding our 40th Anniversary Dance on this very date, this coming September. We do hope that some of you will be able to come to help us celebrate our continuing joy of dancing. (See Dates For Your Diary page...)

Jill Bransby

- * another surprise above: Rainmakers dancing Vava Vadmal. Ed.



Dear Janet,

Thank you for including 'another surprise' in last month's Newsletter. This was the photo of Rainmakers at our dress rehearsal practising Väva Vadmal - a Swedish Weaving dance. The costumes were kindly lent to us by the SIFD and the dance was performed at the Staplers Hitchin Gathering on March 5th, 1994. Here are two photos that were taken during the performance. Martin Butler, on accordion, led the music with 5 fiddlers making a very authentic Scandinavian sound. The dance was brilliantly performed (much to our relief after weeks of practising) and I remember a loud gasp from the captivated audience when Maria Kerr emerged from the tight cross formation towards the end of the dance. *(photo opposite)* The beautiful authentic costumes were much appreciated. I have a video of our performance and a video player that still works! We had so much energy in those days, each year we would perform a well rehearsed 6 minute slot at the Gathering and most years we would make a set of costumes. Now we just enjoy dancing old dances and learning new ones since, like most groups, we rarely have enough dancers to perform in public. The costumes come in handy for parties! Thank you Janet for taking us down memory lane.

Jill Bransby

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

Israeli & Balkan

Evening

with

Fiona Howarth

8 – 10.30 pm, Friday 20th May 2016

**The Parish Hall, Broadway,
Letchworth, Herts,
SG6 3PQ**

Cost £5

**Contact 01438 812766 or
01462 454210**

Israeli and Balkan Evening, May 20th, 2016, 8 – 10.30 pm
Fiona Howarth

Fiona taught **Kleizmer** a dance which I had danced lots of time at SIFD dances but that we had never learned at Rainmakers. I requested this accessible dance. Fiona, of course, had her own words for teaching the dance!

Alan taught **David Melech** which Mark and Patti requested. Alan said that the song was about King David the shepherd and that we could hear sheep baa-ring on the recording.

Fiona taught **Mori Sej** - a jolly Hungarian/Romanian dance which was supposed to be a lullaby. Mark and Patti choose this dance which we first danced at a Balkan Plus evening when Fiona was leading.

Yedid Nefesh might have seemed familiar to some Rainmakers, at least the music was, as we used to do another version of this dance which I learned in Cambridge in the 1960s or early 70s. The choreographer for this ^{new} version was Yonatan Gabai who taught it to Fiona originally, she then introduced it to the SIFD. I thought it was time to learn this simpler and pretty dance.

Claire chose **Ajde Jano** but was unfortunately away for this evening so missed this Slavic/ Macedonian dance ('everything in threes') with a lovely song and interesting 7/8 rhythm.

Alan chose **Le'or Chiyuchech** (Light of Your Smile) from Israel. Janet Woolbar taught it to the Rainmakers many years ago. The essential feature of this dance is a lilting Yemenite step, with a bounce, to pretty music.

Fiona taught all the dances very well so I hope that we will be able to get them into our repertoire to enjoy these very suitable dances. Jill Bransby.

Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group celebrating 40 years!



Rainmakers are holding a 40th Anniversary Dance, on Saturday 10th September, 7.45pm to 11pm at Ickleford Village Hall, 82 Arlesey Road, Ickleford, Hitchin, SG5 3TG, and invite everyone who is interested to join us (RSVP to Roger 01438 812766 roger.lowes@ntlworld.com or Mark 01462 454210 markbalaam2@sky.com)

Rainmakers started when Jill Bransby moved to Letchworth in 1976 and met Roy and Renee Bowtell and Gordon and Dalphine Stacey. The five founder members launched Rainmakers on 10 September 1976 in Stevenage. Mayim Mayim (Water, water) was a popular dance in the early period – and the launch of the group coincided with the breaking of the long drought of that hot summer, so “Rainmakers” was the obvious name. And of course when some of the same people started a band in 1977, that became Cloudburst.

The group meets every Friday (with some exceptions – call to check), currently in St Michael’s Church Hall, Broadway, Letchworth, SG6 3PQ from 8 to 10 pm, with Jill teaching most evenings. The group has taken part in over 150 displays and demos, including a regular appearance at the Hitchin Gathering as long as that took place. The club also organises excellent day courses led by teachers from the Society for International Folk Dancing (SIFD) – most recently Balkan and Israeli with Fiona Haworth, in May. The club also takes part in joint events with other dance groups eg Danse Herts French Dance group, Staplers.

All told the club has danced well over 500 different dances from four continents: lines, circles, couple dances, sets of many formations; fast and slow; easy and complicated. There are dances in the repertoire from Armenia, Bulgaria, China, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Sweden, Ukraine and more.

The club is financially self-supporting and fees are modest (£3 per evening), an encouragement to the new members who are always welcome (you do not need to come with a partner, many dances are in lines or circles and we all mix up for the partner dances).

In 1989 a riot broke out when some drunken youths gatecrashed a Rainmakers dance in Hemel Hempstead. But most memorable was the near appearance of Rainmakers on the Barrymore show. Several days of rehearsal and instruction, and then a long day of filming ended on the cutting room floor.

Rainmakers is affiliated to SIFD and periodically leads one of their Sunday evening dances in London. Jill Bransby was Chairman of SIFD (1991-95) and Claire Steeley ran the Society’s shop for many years. Martin Butler, one of the leaders of the SIFD band, came to international music through Cloudburst and Rainmakers.

If you are interested, just come along and join in, we would love to see you. There is more information from the contacts above, or www.rainmakers.org.uk

Alan Trangmar

*Widdington 'issue 66.
Aug. 2016.*



treatment after many tests
and scans. So far, some
success so if all is well
I will let you know.

Henry had a major
operation in 2013 and
made an excellent recovery
after three weeks in hospital. At
the moment he has great pain in
his legs. However, we think
positive and look forward to
the dance if someone is
kind enough to transport us.

I'll let you know for certain
nearer to Sept. 10th.

Best wishes to Patti and yourself.

Betty and Henry.

48 Rockingham Way
Stevenage
SG1 1SH

June 1st 2016

Dear Mark, We are

delighted that the
Rainmakers are still
going strong. We would
love to come to the
dance on September 10th

The last 2½ years have
been very difficult for us.
I've had five falls and was
in hospital for 9 days after
one of them. However the
lister medics are doing their
best to find causes and

Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group

(apologies to Sgt. Pepper and the Beatles)

It was **forty** years ago today
The Rainmakers turned out to play
They've been going in and out of style
But they're guaranteed to raise a smile
So may I introduce to you
The group you've known for all these years,
Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group



September 10, 1976 – September 10, 2016

Rainmakers

40th Anniversary

Dance

MC Jill Bransby

Music by

Cloudburst

Saturday

10th September 2016

Ickleford Village Hall,

82 Arlesey Road, Ickleford, SG5 3TG

7.45 to 11 pm. £8

Please bring a plate of food to share

Contact: Roger: 01438 812766 or

Mark: 01462 454210

RAINMAKERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2016
MUSIC BY CLOUDBURST, LED BY MARTIN BUTLER
RUNNING ORDER

1976-1986

1986-1996

1996-2006

2006-2016

Boanupstekker

Chotis de la Frontera

Ludo Mlado

Mayim Mayim

Cobankat (CD)

Kreuz Koenig

Allemans Marsj

Schioapa Ciobanească (CD)

Girls' Dance from Kalosca

Maori Stick Dance (CD)

Shir al Etz

Chillili (CD)

Renningen

Dans Cu Sucitoare (CD)

FödelsdagVals

Daronee (CD)

La Bourrée Pastourelle

Leor Chiyuchech (and re-learned in the last quarter, in 2016)

Fadinho Tres Tempos

Rododachtilus Avgi Mou

Salty Dog Rag (CD)

Le Rond Argentonnais

Jota Mallorquina

Ajde Jano

Oy Yossel Yossel (CD)

Neapolitan Tarentella

Ba Pardess
Ras Dwa
Devushky Padruzhenky
Cine Are Naroc Are (CD)
Lo Ahavti Dai
Syen Tu (CD)
Engelsk Mallebrok
Idam Ne Idam

**THANKS TO ALL FOR THE COMRADESHIP, LAUGHTER, SKILL AND
INTEREST IN OUR RAINMAKERS' DANCING.
STILL HAVING FUN IN 2016!**

RAINMAKERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2016
MUSIC BY CLOUDBURST, LED BY MARTIN BUTLER

1976-1986

The first quarter – when we were young!
Lots of dancers, men and women, and opportunities for
big set dances

Mayim Mayim
Girls' Dance from Kalosca
Kreuz Koenig
Salty Dog Rag (CD)
La Bourrée Pastourelle
Lo Ahavti Dai
Neapolitan Tarentella
Renningen
Boanupstekker

1986-1996

The second quarter- lots of dancers still having fun

Chotis de la Frontera
Maori Stick Dance (CD)
Joc de Leagane (CD)
Le Rond Argentonnais
Ba Pardess
Dans Cu Sucitoare (CD)
Leor Chiyuchech (and re-learned in the last quarter, in
2016)

1996-2006

The third quarter getting more sophisticated, or not?

Allemans Marsj
Devushky Padruzhenky
Fadinho Tres Tempos
Jota Mallorquina
Syen Tu (CD)
Ludo Mlado
Shir al Etz
FödelsdagVals
Ras Dwa
Idam Ne Idam

2006-2016

The fourth quarter – more line and circle dances as we adapt to a smaller number of dancers (still both men and women). Not over the hill but **some** of the dances are slower!

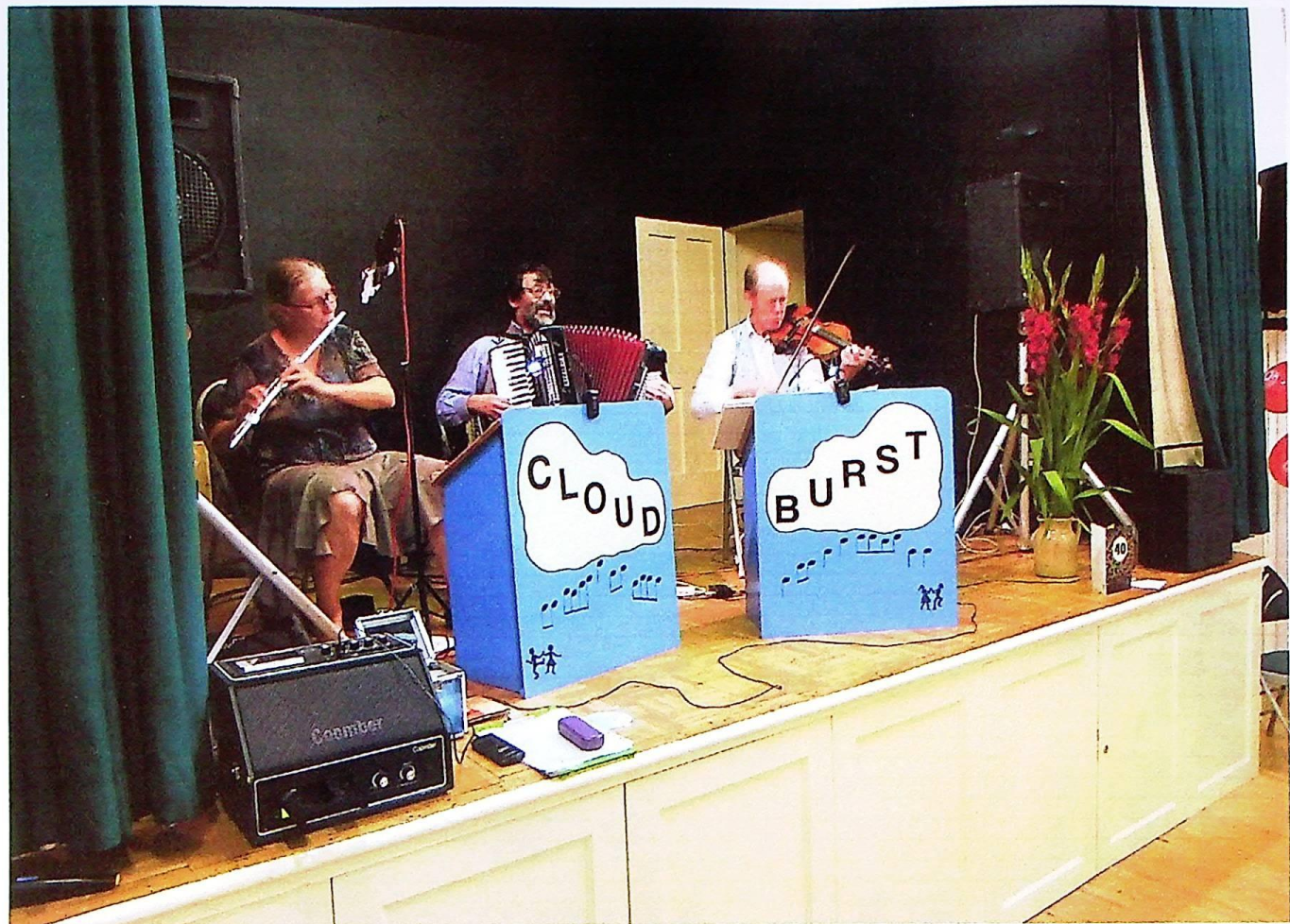
Cobankat (CD)
Rododachtilus Avgi Mou
Chillili (CD)
Schioapa Ciobanească(Shepherd's Dance) (CD)
Daronee (CD)
Cine Are Naroc Are (CD)
Ajde Jano
Oy Yossel Yossel (CD)
Engelsk Mallebrok

**THANKS TO ALL FOR THE COMRADESHIP, LAUGHTER,
SKILL AND INTEREST IN OUR RAINMAKERS' DANCING.
STILL HAVING FUN IN 2016!**



It all went by in a whirl!

Barbara Malini, Adrian



Stick Bashing - Maori style.

More stick bashing - Romanian this time.



Maggie leading us

Maria's cake



and Maria! (John looks hungry)



40

To
Rainmakers -
Here's to the next
40 years!

Congratulations
and

Happy Birthday!

from
Bromley International
(43 years)
and
Bromley USA
(20 years)



Enough of my moans!

I do hope Peter has made a full recovery and you are both doing all your normal activities.

Hilda's health has been a big worry for you for a long while, I know. Now her progress is wonderful and may it continue!

I will have to stop as my hand is protesting!

Best wishes
from Betty.

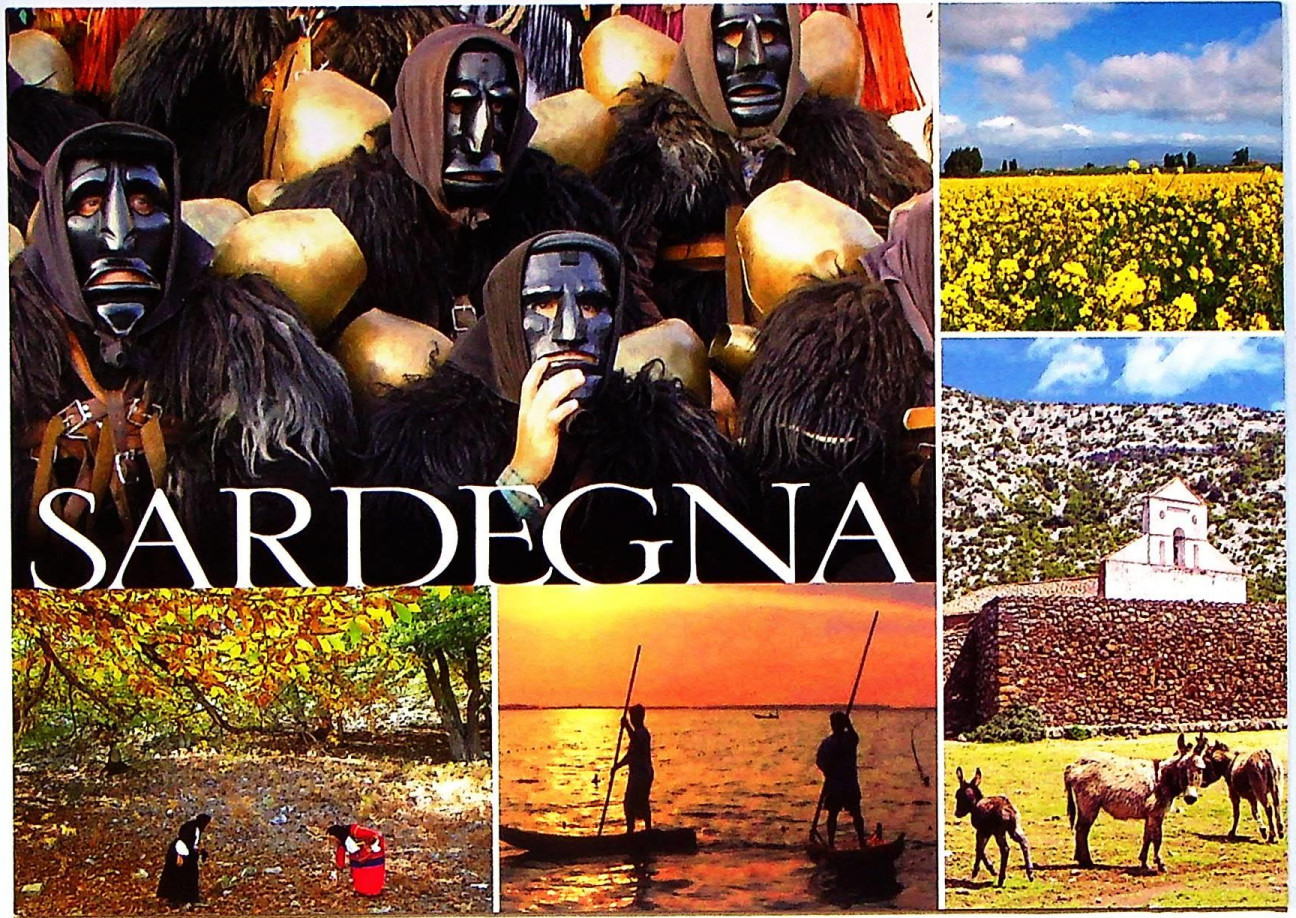
Letchworth Court Care
Home

November 2nd.

Dear Jill and Peter, So sorry we have not been in touch with you for so long but Henry and I have health problems. Soon after we enjoyed being at the Rainmakers Dance I suffered five falls, in the house, backwards. To cut a long story short I've had a series of hospital stays where several doctors tried to resolve what was the cause. Heart attack or stroke were suspected. The good news is I may be discharged in a fortnight's time.

Poor Henry is soldiering on, doing his best. His deafness is major and he does not hear the phone or he leaves it off the hook as aids cause too many funny noises! I do worry about him. Fortunately our extremely kind neighbours took after him so well. He can hardly walk.

Masked figures from Sardegna called BOES
worn at the Carnival at Ottana, Northern Sardinia

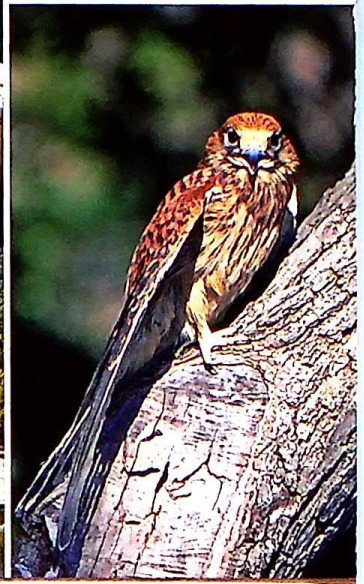
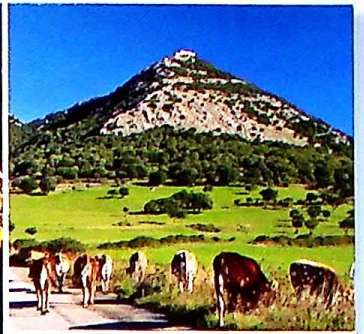


Clair visited Sardinia + brought back these
postcards. She was reminded of an occasion
in Wales when she + Jim first visited
the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen.

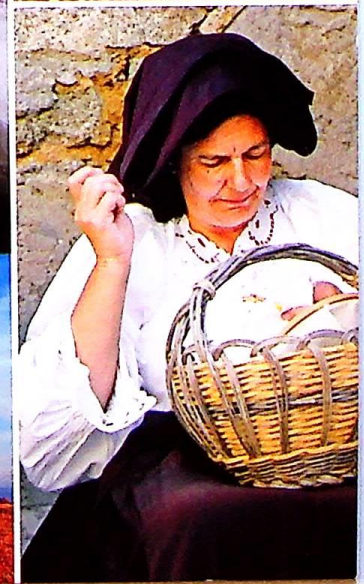
They were captivated by the dancers who moved
slowly with bells strapped on their backs +
wore masks (as on P.C.). Their performance
was mesmeric and very skillfully danced but
unfortunately they were disqualified from the
competition. The rules were that the dancers
had to perform 2 contrasting dances and this
group only knew one!



SARDEGNA



SARDEGNA





Estação de São Bento • PORTO • St. Bento Station

Gare de S Bento - Azulejos
Estación de San Bento - Azulejaria
São Bento Bahnhof - Azulejos

Don

Oct 12th. we took
the train from the
Algarve up to Porto for a
few days. This is the
Station & we were greeted
with all the wonderful
tile pictures, including
the dancing one! Been
to a couple ^{dance} sessions in
Faro & hope to get to
a Baille ('Baj') late
Friday night in Faro when
we get back to the Algarve.

ISBN 972-8554-
9 789728 45478

FORWAYS, LDA • TEL. 21 931 08 82 • Interdiã a Reprodução



Rainmaker / Roger Lewis

21, Osterley Close

Stevenage.

Herts

U.K.

P O R T U G A L
see you soon! Love Jim & Peter

Weekend festival celebrating traditional dance from all over the world

Non-stop performances and workshops by more than 50 groups - Watch the demonstrations and/or join in the workshops

Spectacular Latin American Evening on Saturday

Social Dances Both Evenings

See web-site for all the details

www.datw.org.uk



No previous experience necessary

No need to bring a partner

£17 - each day including evening

£10 - eve only

£30 - Weekend Ticket

(£2 - reduction for concessions)

Children free with paying adult

Advance tickets - See website for link

For programme details;

watch the web-site

Phone

07749007040

07738 293 157

(Leave a message if no answer)

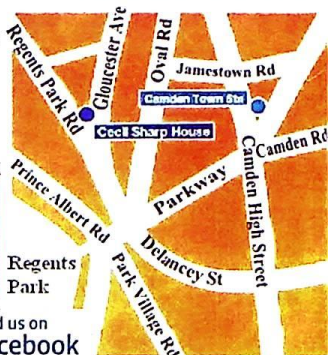
e-mail - danceoffice@waitrose.com



Regents Park



Find us on Facebook



To join our mailing list use the form on the website or fill out the section below and hand it in, or post to: DATW, 8 Langbourne Ave., London N6 6AL

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Title _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Would you like to help with the festival? Phone



DANCE AROUND THE WORLD

22 - 23 OCTOBER

2016



Time	Performances Kennedy Hall	Workshops		
		Trefusis	Storrow	Marquee
10.00	Dancing for all with Fiona Howarth			
11.00	Shkembe Soup	Balkan dance - Balkanplus	On Bouge – French Dance with Trio Zin-Zon	
11.20	Camden Clog			
11.40	Zdravets – Bulgarian Dance			
12.00	Doina	The Proteas – South African Quadrilles	Zywiec – Polish Folk Dance	Camden Clog
12.20	Trio Zin-Zon – French Music and Dance			
12.40	Dawnsyr Ar Daith			
1.00	Londona Dejo	Hammersmith Morris Men	Doina	Norfolk Step Dancing
1.20	Estonian Folk Dance			
1.40	The Proteas			
2.00	Swati Seshadri – South Indian Classical Dance	Dawnsyr Ar Daith – Welsh folk dances	Zivko Firfov – Dances of the former Yugoslavia	Saduto – Lithuanian Folk Dance
2.20	Ngāti Rānana			
2.40	Balaton			
3.00	Hammersmith Morris Men	Londona Dejo – Latvian folk dances	Estonian Folk Dance	Appalachian
3.20	H-Unique			
3.40	Camden Clog			
4.00	Saduto – Lithuanian Folk Dance	Tanec – Bulgarian Dance	Tango for beginners with Elsa Perez	Balaton
4.20	Svitanok – Ukranian Dance			
4.40	JANUKA			
5.00	Zywiec – Polish Folk Dance	Cajun	Samba with Romero	H-Unique
5.20	Norfolk Step Dancing			
5.40	Appalachian			
6.00	Morena – Slovak Dance		Salsa with Angelique	JANUKA – Jamaican Quadrilles
6.20	Tanec – Bulgarian Dance			
7.00	7.00pm – 10.30pm Latin-American Evening	7.30pm – 10.30pm Cajun Dance with Miri-Kools		Morena

WELCOME TO

DANCE AROUND THE WORLD 2016

The 16th Annual Festival of

International Traditional Dance

Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regents Park Road, London NW1 7AY



What's happening

Simultaneous activities in four locations, workshops downstairs in the Trefusis and Storrow Halls, continuous short demonstrations upstairs in the big Kennedy Hall and other events outside in the marquee.

This is an annual community festival in which everyone can participate, celebrating traditional dance cultures from all parts of the world. In two exciting and energetic days, renowned performers and teachers provide a non-stop programme of extraordinary variety.



Licensed Bar & Cafe

Downstairs

Toilets

Ground floor & Downstairs

First Aid

Reception

Cloakroom

Ground floor



Contact Us

E-Mail

danceoffice@waitrose.com

Web site

www.datw.org.uk

Phone

07749 00 70 40

Next Year's Festival: 28th – 29th October 2017

A FEW WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a summer it's been! Even the most apolitical pragmatists have been obliged to reflect on the meaning and value of community. The result, we find, is that the opinion of the nation is pretty evenly polarised and no one knows what to do next. So, no change there! Certainly, uppermost in many people's minds was concern for the prospects of young people. Our children face an uncertain future. Fortunately, our richly diverse communities contain at least part of the solution. Dance Around The World is just one of innumerable opportunities for cultural exchange. Dance is an international language and traditional dance is one of the pearls of the intangible heritage of every community. To share your dance with others is an affirming and enriching experience. Far from diluting specific traditions, the act of sharing them helps to define them. To dance together is to discover what we have in common rather than what separates us.

Of course, dance on its own, may not be the answer to all the problems we face as a society but it's a great place to start! Traditional dance offers to show us the best of our shared values whilst honouring each individual's unique place in the world and that is good for all our children.



PARTICIPATING GROUPS 2016

Alonim is the Israeli Dance Institute's performing troupe for the over-35s. The troupe meets every Wednesday during term in Hendon from 8.30pm – 10.15pm. The dances of Alonim give a true flavour of modern Israel with all its diversity. The Israeli Dance Institute runs other dance troupes for younger age groups and recreational dance classes for adults on a Tuesday

Contact: 020 8209 3155 info@idi.org.uk www.idi.org.uk

Angelique is the leader of an all - female Salsa group. The group rehearses at Dance Attic in Fulham.

Contact: 079392 72732 angelique@freeserve.com

Antonio Riva teaches in London and abroad. He has an IDTA qualification and is a member of People Dancing - Foundation for Community Dance. He has classes in London Bridge, Mile End and N. London

Contact: antonioriva.tango@googlemail.com

Appalachian Dancers. Dancers from three of Kerry Fletcher's regular classes. They meet up to learn this traditional American, Southern Appalachian style of Clog for the joy of dancing together to fabulous live music.

Contact: 07703 639 720 kerry@kerryfletcher.co.uk
www.kerryfletcher.co.uk

Balaton demonstrates folk dances from Hungary and the Hungarian communities in Transylvania in a variety of costumes. Some dance experience would be useful for new members. They meet in London near Waterloo, Thurs evgs 7.00 - 9.00pm

Contact: 020 8441 2959

<http://sites.google.com/site/balatonhungarianfolkdance/>

Bahareque Latin American Rhythm band playing traditional Latin American music from Guantanamo to romantic Mexican ballads, Paraguayan polkas, Andean huaynos, Venezuelan joropos, Chilean cuecas, Colombian cumbias and more. They have toured Spain, France, Italy and Bulgaria.

Contact: colin.gordon4@btinternet.com

Balkanplus - performs dances and songs from Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia. We try to preserve the best of the traditional dances and styles. New members are most welcome. No previous experience required.

Contact : 07921 909 625 or Gill Blyth 020 8524 7457

E-mail: beskydydancers@gmail.com www.beskydy-dancers.org

Camden Clog. We dance, display and teach the East Lancashire style of step clog as expounded by Pat Tracey. Classes at Cecil Sharp House, 1st & 3rd Tues. of the month. Separate classes for Beginners (clogs not essential), Inter/Adv. 6.45 - 8pm.

Display Team 8.15 - 9.30pm.

Contact: Kathryn Tattersall 020 8340 8320

www.camdenclong.org.uk

Capoeira Club London Contra Mestre Hiram from Bahia, Salvador, Brazil has twenty-three years experience. Classes all over London - Swiss Cottage, Hammersmith, Crouch Hill, Mile End, UCL University. Second class free with a flyer.
Contact: info@capoeiraclub.co.uk 079084 33195 www.capoeiraclub.co.uk

Central London Folk Dance Group. Affiliated to the SIFD, the Central London group has been learning and teaching a richly varied repertoire of folk dances from Europe and beyond.
Contact: Caspar 020 8340 4683
e-mail: danceoffice@waitrose.com

Christine Dyer plays the fiddle and nyckelharpa in the Euro dance band SE3 and the English Nyckelharpa Collective. She runs the popular Scandinavian music sessions at The Horseshoe Inn, Melior Street, SE1 on the third Tuesday of the month.
Contact: christinesusandyer@gmail.com

Cloudburst International Dance Band. Versatile and lively dance band. Equally at home playing for English/American barn dances and playing their unrivalled repertoire of international styles. Dance musicians who are also dancers, Cloudburst's playing is both energising and sympathetic.
Contact: 01525 713478

Dalila Heath - has a wealth of experience in the dances of the Balkans. She specialises in the traditional dance cultures of Armenia and Israel. She performs and teaches widely.
Contact: Dalila 01707 642774 or 07786 707835 dalila.heath1@btopenworld.com

Dawnsyr Ar Daith Welsh Folk Dancers - roughly translated means "Dancers on tour". A group of experienced dancers from South Wales - united by a wish to maintain our cultural traditions - who perform a wide range of Welsh folk dances including stately court dances, lively social dances and clogging.
Contact: 01633 246241 Mobile 07909551747

Doina - a performance group specialising in the dances of central and South East Europe. The Group rehearses near Westminster Abbey on Tues eves 7.00 -9.00pm and welcomes new members.
Enquiries: 020 8441 2959 LesHaddon@aol.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/doinadancegroup/>

English Country Dancing Part of a wide range of English dancing at Cecil Sharp House. Dancing for fun. Enjoy the huge variety of traditional dances from Britain and America. All welcome including beginners. No need to bring a partner. Live Band - musicians also welcome (music provided) Thurs 7.30-10pm £5 (£4 concessions).
Contact: 020 7607 8975 or brendagodrich@gmail.com

Estonian Folk Dance Group The group welcomes new members. Dance practices takes place twice a month, sometimes more frequently, from September to June, with the open-air events taking place in the spring and summer. Find us on facebook.
Contact: marjeiilu@hotmail.com

Fiona Davies has been learning and performing the traditional step dances her childhood. She supports the work of the East Anglian Music Trust and performs and teaches widely.
Contact via danceoffice@waitrose.com

Fiona Howarth is a highly experienced dance teacher specialising in the traditional dance cultures of the Balkan countries and Israel. She teaches widely throughout the UK. Fiona teaches local classes in Bromley for the U3A.
Contact: 020 8460 2305

Flamenco Con Gusto Danielle teaches classes in London that are fun, friendly and thorough, with live guitar accompaniment and plenty of performance opportunities for students at all levels! Danielle runs workshops in schools, and takes professional performance bookings. Contact : 07765 261477 danielleallan@yahoo.co.uk www.DanielleAllan.com/flamenco

Gotitas de Sabor trained by Monica Hernandez. They are a Southwark group of lively children aged 5 to 13 who dance Salsa, Mapule, Folk, Charleston and Rock & Roll.
Contact: 07983 435 907 or gotitasdesabor@live.co.uk

Hammersmith Morris Men. The side is renowned for their good music and for their distinctive, energetic and elevated style; dancing in the southern English Morris traditions of Longborough, Adderbury, Fieldtown and Bampton.
Contact: info@hammersmithmorris.org.uk

Herts Early Dance was founded in 2002 for all those interested in the dances and music of earlier times. Dancers and musicians meet about every three weeks in St Albans. Our principal tutor is Anne Daye. The dances are selected from a wide range of styles and periods mainly focusing on the 15th to 17th centuries.
Contact: www.hertsearlydance.org.uk info@hertsearlydance.org.uk

H-Unique Hungarians from all over London meet once a week to practise. Our aim is to represent Hungarian culture and tradition and our name - H-Unique Dance - is to express our intent to give something unique and extraordinary. We meet on Mondays with the beginners at 7pm and on Thursdays at 7:30pm with the advanced dancers, in The Catholic Centre (2 Dukes Ave, Chiswick, London W4 2AE). If you are Hungarian, or have any Hungarian background or just like our culture we are waiting for you!
Contact : hunique.dance@yahoo.co.uk, www.facebook.com/hunique.dance

Iberian Folk Dance Group The group performs Spanish and Portuguese dances collected by Lucille Armstrong and also Mexican dances. The Iberian dances are from different provinces in Spain and Portugal.
Contact: Elsa Perez 020 8769 3619

Illusion Flamenca A flamenco dance group based in London which mixes traditional Spanish, contemporary and Arabic styles. Taught by Angela Alonso who teaches Flamenco at all levels for children and adults in Central London.
Contact: llusionflamenca@hotmail.com

Pictures from 2015



Januka a group of Jamaican health care professionals and associates aiming to promote Jamaican heritage. The quadrille dance, taken to the Caribbean by the Europeans, was adapted by the slaves who secretly and defiantly danced quadrille in the fields (Camp Style). It later became a central feature of village life in Jamaica. It is acknowledged as one of the island's 10 inherited cultural dances.

Beverly Bogle 07535 922074 Beverleybogle@btinternet.com
www.januka.co.uk

Jose Navarro is a celebrated performer of the extraordinary and mesmeric Peruvian Scissors Dance. He is also a renowned puppeteer and, this year, he brings his dance-inspired puppet show to the festival. Jose teaches and performs widely both in the UK and overseas.

Contact: pishtaco1@yahoo.co.uk

Juliana Brustik trained with Sureya Hilal and now a leading performer and teacher of Raqs Sharqi. She teaches widely in Britain and overseas.

Contact: 020 8533 0955 www.julianabrustik-dance.com

Lahing Kayumanggi demonstrates the rich and diverse culture of the Philippines, enriched by the influences of its Southeast Asian neighbours. The group's growing reputation for quality, authenticity and innovation has won them wide acclaim for their performances all over the UK.

Contact : 02032864883 e-mail : info@lkdance.org.uk

Londona Dejo – London Latvian Dance Group The group rehearses on Tuesday evenings in London W2. "Londona Dejo" hold regular dance evenings which are open to anybody with an interest in traditional Latvian dance. For more information

Contact : info@londonadejo.co.uk www.londonadejo.co.uk

London Victorian and Recency Dancers meet on the last Sunday in the month, except Dec and August, near Kings Cross.

Contact: Diana Campbell Jewitt 07779279655 or dianadancer@btinternet.com

Mandinga Carnival Arts Dancers Julieta Rubio and Carles Beauchamp are the designers, makers and inspiration behind the group. They regularly perform at the Thames Festival, Lord Mayor's show, Notting Hill Carnival and other UK festivals as well as abroad.

Contact: 020 8674 6560 or Claire@mandingaarts.co.uk

Maral Kojayan was lead dancer in the London Armenian Dance Theatre but now devotes herself to Tango Argentina. She has studied with top Tango masters in Buenos Aires and performs and teaches widely in London. She dances tonight with Mariano.

Contact: maralmariano@gmail.com

Maryam Shakibi began dancing Odissi classical dance when she was inspired by seeing a performance in India in 2009. She has studied Odissi in India and at the Bhavan in London. Maryam performs as a soloist and as part of the Odissi Ensemble in the UK. She teaches widely.

Contact: www.maryamshakiba.com

Morena Dance Company was founded in London in December 2001 by Andrea Okely. Over the years numbers have grown from three dancing couples to over twenty members. Morena is made up of dancers from Slovakian folk dancing groups, as well as of people who have taken up Slovak dancing in London. Contact: 0794 6382 303 andrea.okely1@googlemail.com

Muraldo DC - is a professional company specialising in traditional dances from the different islands of the Caribbean. The company runs an annual course taking students from Britain to the Caribbean to study dance. Muraldo DC teaches traditional Caribbean dance widely in London to groups of all ages. Contact: Caroline Muraldo 07586 757706

Ngāti Rānana The London Māori Club promotes Māori culture by teaching and performing traditional waiata and haka. The group meets every Wednesday evening at New Zealand House where visitors, of all nations, can partake in a Māori pōwhiri - the welcome ceremony.

Contact: ngatirananaclub@yahoo.co.nz www.ngatiranana.co.uk

On Bouge. A French-dance club cum social soirée, a friendly ceilidh with a French twist, and some teaching. Styles include bourrées, branles, gavottes and vales. We now meet at the Primrose Hill Community Centre on the 2nd Friday each month. Come by yourself or bring friends/partners. We're always happy to meet new musicians. Look us up at www.onbouge.org and on Facebook. Contact: Chris Shaw : Email: Chris@gigcb.com or David Heath : 07811 330593 or david@davidheath.org

Philhellenes Greek Dance Group We aim to preserve the authenticity and spirit of Greek dances and to make them accessible to all. Our repertoire covers dances from the Greek mainland, the islands, and areas which now form part of Turkey. We perform in traditional costumes.

Contact: greekdancing@philhellenes.com www.philhellenes.com

Proteas Over 60s (mostly), South African (mostly) who learn and perform South African Quadrille dances.

Contact: Elsa Perez 020 8769 3619

London Victorian and Regency Dancers Lively dancing styles of England in the 19th century - cotillions, quadrilles, country and couple dances. Monthly day courses; Sun. 10.30-4.30pm £15 (£13 for EFDSS members)

Contact: through the dance office danceoffice@waitrose.com

Redding Moreys was formed in 2013 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the earliest known Morris dancing in Reading. The group specialises in the re-enactment of the earliest known Morris dances contained in the Gresley Manuscript dating from about 1500. Their fascinating insights will surprise you.

Contact: 01252 875510 or 07739 216553 e-mail: star@starhouse.freemove.co.uk

Romero is a top Samba dancer from Rio's Mangueira School of Samba. Romero teaches numerous classes in London suitable for people of all ages and levels of experience. Learn basic Samba steps and different Samba styles while enjoying fantastic Samba music.

Contact: romero_sambista@hotmail.com

Saduto Lithuanian Folk Dance Group Saduto was founded in March 2005. The group has enthusiastically participated in a variety of events, festivals and gatherings organised within the Lithuanian community, and by various British organisations.
Contact: Mob: 07786545694 E-mail: kostas@saduto.com

Shkembe Soup dances Arabic, Turkish and Roma gypsy dances with, sometimes, a Rock n' Roll twist! The group uses an eclectic selection of music. Shkembe Soup play, sing and dance at festivals and cabaret events. We have hosted evenings and performed sets alongside other artists.
Contact: 07840 822824 www.shkembesoup.com

Swati Seshadri Performing Bharathanatyam dance, a classical art form born in the sculptural temples of South India. Technical and expressive, this performance invites the audience to immerse themselves in Hindu mythology and folklore.
Contact: swati.seshadri@gmail.com

Svitanok A Ukrainian ensemble based in London. Our members and choreographers have come from across the UK and bring with them a unique style reflecting the true diversity and soul of Ukrainian culture. The group performs widely.
Contact : e-mail : info@svitanok.org.uk

Tanec Bulgarian Dance Group. Beginners' classes on Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm lead by Boyko Andonov and Advanced classes on Fridays, 7:30-9:30pm lead by Martin Spasov. All classes are taught in English. They cost £5 per session at the Bulgarian Embassy, 186-188 Queens Gate, London SW7 5HL.
Contact: 07900 904370 Email: boikoandonov@hotmail.com
www.boikoandonov.co.uk

Tango Kat Gorna and Matteo Manferdini are international performers, dancers and teachers. Kat is UK vice champion in Tango Stage 2014 and is based in London, where she teaches at Tango Paseo. Matteo is an Amsterdam based dancer and teacher. Their style is traditional Argentinian Tango Salon.
Contact: Contact@tangopaseo.com

Tappalachian A vibrant team of precision Appalachian cloggers based near St. Albans in Hertfordshire. We dance at Folk Festivals and local events throughout the year.
Contact: Mob: 07566 331147 E-mail: miniang@postmaster.co.uk

Tatry Polish Dance Group A thriving London based company comprising members of all ages enjoying and celebrating Polish folk song and dance! Tatry has appeared on television, including the BBC, and danced at many venues throughout the United Kingdom. The group welcomes new members.
Contact: info@tatry.org.uk www.tatry.org.uk

Trio ZinZon A new line-up of experienced musicians with a background of immersion in French folk music. The trio plays and teaches music and dances from many different regions of France.
Contact: chris@gigcb.com

Varda is a Polish belly dance artist. Varda performs, teaches and choreographs widely and has won many awards.
Contact: varda@varda.home.pl

Yurupari The group was started more than 20 years ago by Xiomara and Jorge. They mainly perform dances from Colombia but also from other Latin American countries.
Contact: yuruparidanzas@live.co.uk

Zdravets Bulgarian folklore dance group. By training dancers and showcasing performances at cultural events, the group endeavors to preserve and spread awareness of the rich dance traditions of Bulgaria. Rehearsals take place in Reading, Portsmouth and Guildford.
Contact: maria.makepeace@hotmail.co.uk

Zivko Firov The group was founded over fifty years ago by Ken Ward to study, preserve and teach in their original form the dances from Serbia, Croatia and Macedonia. We welcome new members, both beginners and experienced dancers, at our classes; Monday in term-time 6.30pm to 9.00pm in London SW1
Contact: Joan Sach 01634 302190 e-mail : rogersach@blueyonder.co.uk

Zywiec Polish Folk Song and Dance Group. We rehearse on Mon evgs in Ealing, London. Since our beginnings in 1965, personnel has changed but our concept has remained the same; to celebrate Polish folklore and share its rich and vibrant traditions with audiences here and abroad. The group welcomes new members.
Contact : Marta 01784 251 768 www.zywiec.co.uk

Society for International Folk Dancing



Classes and Groups

See our website for lists of local classes and groups. Multi-country or specialist, no experience or partner needed for most; a wide range of dance styles.

Events

Social dances, weekends, workshops, performances. **Monthly dances at Primrose Hill Community Centre, Hopkinson's Place, Fitzroy Road NW1 8TN at 7 pm. Next ones 6 November and 4 December.** Bring this programme for free first time entry. See website for many more events.

Information

Monthly newsletter and information about folk dance courses, holidays and festivals.

Support for groups

Visiting teachers, insurance cover at favourable rates, music and costume resources.

Many of our members are performing or leading workshops this weekend.

We aim to encourage people to learn folk dances in their traditional form and to appreciate the variety of dance and music.

www.sifd.org

Tel: 020 8286 9639

Charity no. 284509



Society for International Folk Dancing

Dance floor - for hire

Portable, re-configurable
Suitable for outdoor surfaces

Up to 24ft x 24ft - in 4ft square units



E-mail: danceoffice@waitrose.com
Tel: 020 8340 4683 or 07738 293157

Next Year's Festival: 28th - 29th October 2017

Joe, Cup & Keni were there

Go to

DAY OUT

Come for the magic of the Maasai! Troupe in Letchworth this Saturday



■ A group of Maasai warriors from Kenya are set to dance, sing and more at St Michael's Church in Letchworth this Saturday as part of a UK tour. The Osiligi Maasai Warriors' tours and charity have given their community back home fresh water in their own area, as well as a school, clinic, orphanage, church and community centre. The five men and two women will give a two-hour show starting at 2.30pm. Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for seniors and £5 for kids from the parish office, the Tourist information Centre or David's Music in Eastcheap.

OSILIGI MAASAI WARRIORS

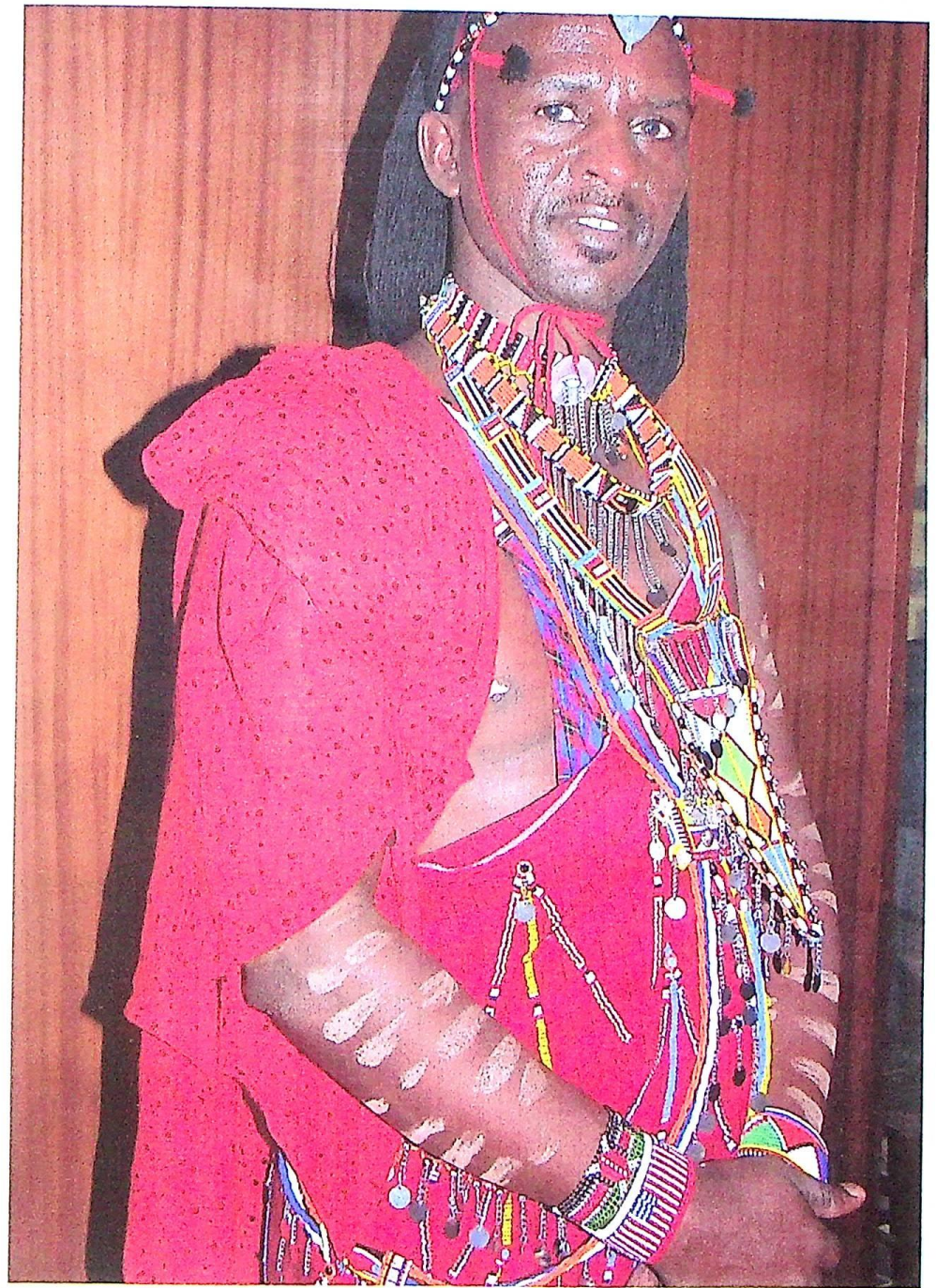
Saturday 22nd October 2016
Performance starts at 2.30pm

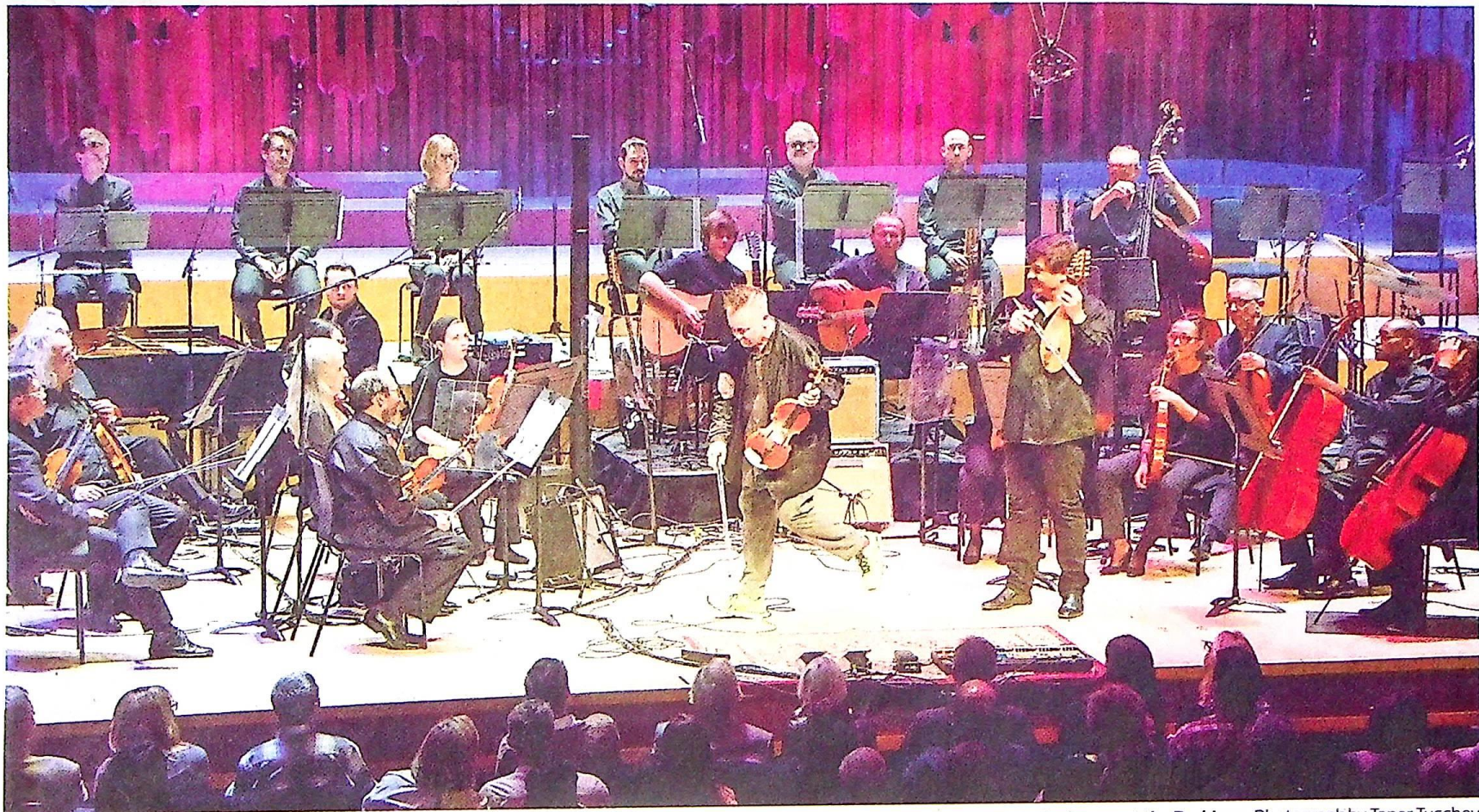
St Michael's Church
Broadway Letchworth, SG6 3PQ

Adults £10, Seniors £8, Children £5

0049







Nigel Kennedy, centre, and gajdika maestro Georgi Andreev, right, with Kennedy's band and the 'faintly bemused' Philharmonia Orchestra at the Barbican. Photograph by Taner Tushev

Bulgarian rhapsody

*Die, Peter + Alan
wee these*

Nigel Kennedy and Georgi Andreev cook up a storm. Plus, Sibelius at his deepest and darkest

ARTISTS

The London Bulgarian Choir



In November 2000, Dessislava Stefanova gathered a handful of friends and Bulgarian music enthusiasts in the Islington Arts Factory. On that night, the London Bulgarian Choir was born – but never renamed. Now, fifty-strong and thoroughly international, they have brought the traditional folk music of Bulgaria not only to concert halls and churches, but also to nightclubs, festivals, dark forests, rock concerts and even a barge on the Thames.

The Choir's notable achievements include winning the title of BBC Radio 3 Open Choir of the Year in 2006, featuring as one of Joan Armatrading's Favourite Choirs on BBC Radio 4 in 2008 and performing at Westminster Abbey in 2010. They have collaborated with numerous rock, jazz and classical musicians, most prominently with rock band Doves at the BBC Electric Proms, broadcast live on BBC 2 in October 2009, with the English Chamber Orchestra in 2011, with pop singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor in 2013 and with renowned Welsh singer Cerys Matthews in 2015. Members of the choir sang on the award-winning soundtrack of the BBC's *Elizabeth*, the *Virgin Queen*, on the movie *Troy* and are the voice of a long-extinct civilisation on the Microsoft X-Box game *HALO 4*.

The choir has released two albums, *Alyana Galyana* (2007) and *Goro Le Goro* (2012). Tours of Bulgaria in 2005, 2010 and 2015 took the choir's London-flavoured Bulgarian songs back to their spiritual homeland.

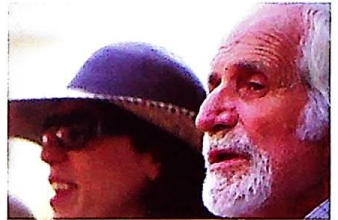
Dessislava Stefanova

Aged 5, Dessi was quite certain that singing suited her perfectly and set upon convincing the rest of the world. After a childhood spent performing with the Zagorche children's folk ensemble, she went on to become a professional singer and assistant conductor with the renowned Philip Koutev Bulgarian National Folk Ensemble.

She moved to the UK in 2000, and quickly established a reputation as a teacher and conductor of Bulgarian singing, leading workshops around the world and directing mass choral events *Whispering Woods*, *Singing Streets* and *Town To Earth*. She is also a soloist. Her voice can be heard lending drama to key moments in *Troy*, *The Brothers Grimm*, *Elizabeth the Virgin Queen*, *Ghost Ship*, *Atlantis*, *Borat*, *Ben Hur* and games *HALO 4* and *5*. She has toured with *Balkan Beat Box*, *A Spell in Time* and the *Ricciotti Ensemble*. In 2011 the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs awarded Dessi a silver medal for her and the choir's contribution to Bulgarian culture.

Kiril Todorov

Tonight's orchestral arrangements of Bulgarian songs are by acclaimed Bulgarian composer Kiril Todorov.



Although he started his professional life as concertmaster for the *Stara Zagora Opera*, his passion for traditional music led him to start writing choral arrangements of the Thracian songs he had learnt from his mother in childhood. During his 50-year career as a composer, he has written over 2,000 works and directed pioneering vocal ensembles *Trayana* and *Folk Scat*, blending folk and jazz into a sublime a cappella genre. In March 2010, he was made Emeritus Professor by the Bulgarian Academy of Science in recognition of his contribution to music. He has travelled especially from Bulgaria to be here tonight!

SIFD Sunday Dance, November 6th 2016
led by Jill Bransby (Rainmakers)

Branle Maître de la Maison
Dans Clem
Rav Brachot
Yedid Nefesh
Zabaljela Dunina Galovka
Ludo Mlado
Terpsicorante
Dorset Four-hand Reel
Devusky Padruzhenky
Neapolitan Tarantella
Reiach Tapuach
Cobankat
Daronee (CD)
Syen Tu (CD)



~~~~~  
**Interval Dancing, at 8.15pm, with Alan**  
**Trangmar (Rainmakers)**  
~~~~~

Joc Aromân
La Bourrée Tournante des Grandes Poteries
Girls' Dance from Kalosca
Dror Yikrah
Haroa Haktana
Reinadio

Stepping Out (CD)
Pomasko Sirto (CD)
Chotis de la Frontera
Trekarls Polska
Rododachtilos Avgi Mou
Engelsk Mallebrok

~~~~~  
KEY: Green = easy; Red = moderately easy; Black = difficult

Rainmakers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake



10 September 1976 – 10 September 2016



# **Rainmakers**

**International Folk Dance Group**

## **General International Evening**

with

**Janet Woolbar**

**8 – 10.30 pm, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016**

**The Parish Hall, Broadway,  
Letchworth, Herts,  
SG6 3PQ**

**Cost £5**

**Contact 01438 812766 or  
01462 454210**

Good to see Janet teaching us again

## An Evening with Janet Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Some of the following:

2. ✓ Stupaj Stupaj

Slovakia

Florica de la Casimcea

Romania

4. ✓ A Ja Taka  
(Revision)

Eastern Slovakia

Zenske Capraz

Bulgaria

1. ✓ Macedonsko Bavno Oro

Macedonia

3. ✓ Menuet de la Chaine

Belgium(Walloon)

Nettenboetersdans

Holland (Revision)

1. This was in 3 parts - the first 2 parts were easy + slow + the 3rd part fast - 'work in progress'!

2. This was taught in London by Lesley Haddon, + Janet, + Alan + Sonia were at the course and tried it so we had a go. Some of us got into tangles with our arms + directions but as long as 2 people can dance it we will be able to learn it. The music was attractive + the dance slowish.

3. This will be easy to learn - nice music with a change of rhythm in the second half.

4. As this was revision it seemed very easy - our feet just went there (mostly!)

# AN OLD FASHIONED AFTERNOON, WITH SCRAPBOOKS, VIDEOS AND TEA.

Peter and Jill invite Rainmakers past and present to a nostalgic afternoon.

3 pm on Sunday 27 November  
at

15, Gosmore Road, Hitchin SG4 9AN  
01462 457791 [peter@pjbransby.plus.com](mailto:peter@pjbransby.plus.com)

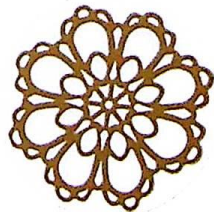
Let us know if you are likely to come, so we can find enough teacups!

We are about 70 yards from the Three Moorhens roundabout in a small enclave of 5 houses through a narrow entrance (no parking inside). Parking either in the cul-de-sac opposite (leads to the footbridge over the bypass) or on Gosmore Road itself (tuck in close to the kerb).





CONGRATULATIONS



All the

# Rainmakers

---

---

International Folk Dance Group.

All the best for the future

Love from Susan Chetwynd.

Happy Dancing, have a good dance night.

Rainmakers Christmas Party  
December 16, 2016



Branle Maitre de la Maison

Avromeança

Mori Séj

Little Man in a Fix

Pravo Trakijsko Horo

Menuet de la Chaîne

Hava Nagila

Siriul

Possidila Rosu

Levi Jacksons Rag

A Ja Taka ← SADNA POLKA (Graham & I practised this for  
Staples party Dec 1996 .)

Födelsdagvals

Vlasko Horo ← Martin played Dorset 4-Hand Reel.

Syen Tu

Cine Are Noroc Are

Ajde Jano

Dans Cu Sucitoare

Ba Pardess

Serbian Suite

Chassene

Macedonsko Bavno Oro (1st 2 parts easy, third hard and fast!)

Mombar

Happy Dancing in 2017!



24 dances.  
Lots of people, including Janet W & John from Reading + Louise, Mark +  
Richard.

