

Gosmore Green 20 Feb 2022. Tail end of Storm Eunice

Waiting for other mad Rainmakers. We only had time for one dance on own.





Spring time floods and flowers



Daksha's Birthday Dances, Feb.25, 2022

Ma Navu Israel x17

Rododachtilos Avgi Mou Greece x 4

Ba Pardess Israel H 5

Nikolos Greece 04

Never on a Sunday Greece (Maria)

Chilili Bolivia ATB.5

Dodi Li Israel (Alan)

Lublin Waltz-Walczyk Poland K4

Neapolitan Tarantella Italy J4

Yedid Nefesh Israel (Maria)

Polka Dot USA B.10.

Cobankat Albania (Alan)

Shir al Etz Israel Rob 2005.16.

Siriul Romania J.W. 11.2.

Jesucita en Chihuahua Mexico B 22

Ajde Jano Serbia (Maria)

Idam ne Idam Bulgaria C3

Paraliakos Greece (Alan)

Le'or Chiyuchech Israel FH 16.3

Happy Birthday Daksha!

Added Dorset Lt - Hand Reel. (England)
+ Mombas. (Armenia)

13th March, 2022.





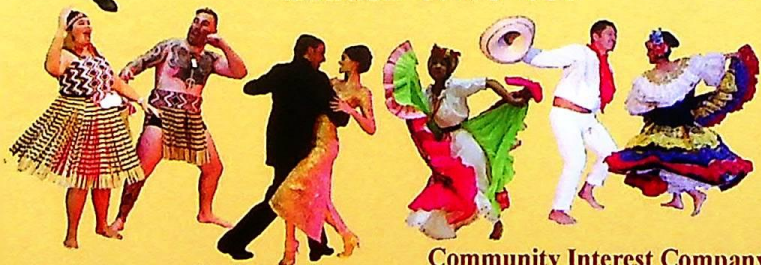
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19-20 March 2022

10 am to 11 pm

Cecil Sharp House
2 Regents Park Road
London NW1 7AY



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April 2022, Faro Portugal. Photo taken by Peter



April 10th, Phil + Jill's Birthday at Rocha Brava.



We connected, for a short while, with Rainmakers dancing on Gosmore Green.





May 22, 2022

Maria took the photo
Outing for Sheila's birthday

June 10th, 2022



(missed 44th + 45th Anniversary.)
due to Covid Pandemic.

June 10th.



June 10th



June 10th



Rainmakers Missed Anniversaries* Dance, 10th June, 2022
With Cloudburst playing.

Hora Hadera
Rododachtilos Avgi Mou
Dorset Four Hand Reel
Ba Pardess
Maori Stick Dance (R)
Siriul
Marushka
David Melech (R)
The Black Nag
Dans Clem
Jota Mallorquina
Syen Tu (R)
Hava Nagila
Sabrali sa se, Sabrali (R)
Bourree Tournante des Grande Poteries
Le Rond Argentonnais
Rav Brachot
Le'or Chiyuchech
Cine Are Naroc Are (R)
Drjanovska Racenica (R)
Fadinho Tres Tempos
Ajde Jano
Neapolitan Tarentella
Shir Al Etz
Mari Mariko

Spares:

Jeni

Yenni Yol (R) *Rumelaj*
Yar Ko Barak (R)
Reiach Tapuach
Joc Aroman
Valle Pogonishte (R) or Cobankat

*We were not able to celebrate our 44th or 45th Anniversary in 2020 or 2021

Letchworth Festival Events

Rainmakers Folk Dancers Perform @ Leys Square

Sat 11th Jun 11:00am - 12:30pm

Leys Avenue [map](#)



Rainmakers

International Folk
Dance Group

PERFORMANCES AT LEYS SQUARE
LETCWORTH (SG6 3EQ)

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 2022
11-12.30AM



To learn more about us, see <http://www.rainmakers.org.uk>
For more info on LALG and membership, please visit the
website: <https://lal.org.uk/join>

Come down and see the Rainmakers Folk Dancing Group perform in Leys Square on Saturday 11th June. The dancing will start at 11am and continue until 12.30pm (with a couple of short breaks).

For more information on the group, please see their webpage:
<http://rainmakers.org.uk/>

We'll see you there!



Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group

Enjoying dances from around the world
No Partner? No Experience?
No Problem!

Beginners welcome

We meet most Fridays in
Wilbury Hall,
103 Bedford Road, Letchworth, SG6 4DU
Between 8:00 and 10:00pm

Further details: 01462 454210
www.rainmakers.org.uk

From: Maria Kerr ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Subject: LALG's 35th Anniversary
Date: 17 May 2022 at 09:52:45
To: eventsorganiser@lalg.org.uk
Bcc: mark ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Alan Trangmar ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, patti
Barfoot ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Jill Bransby
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Good morning Emma

I am contacting you as chair of Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group. As a LALG Linked Organisation, we would like to take part in the LALG 35th Anniversary Celebration on 11th June, that was advertised in the April edition of your newsletter.

This will be an informal display of dances from our repertoire. This could include join in dances with those watching.

We would be a group of 10-12 dancers and we dance to recorded music ie a smart phone and a small speaker. If possible we like to dance in the morning, about an hour between 11.00-13.00.

Is it possible for us to join the celebrations and perform on the Broadway Gardens?

If you need any more details, please contact me on this email address.

Regards

Maria Kerr
Sent from my iPhone

LALG 11 June, 2022

- ✓ Hora Hadera Israel
- ✓ Hashual Israel
- ✓ Alunelul Romania
- ✓ Ajde Jano Serbia (Maria)
- ✓ Ma Navu Israel
- ✓ Nikolos Greece
- ✓ Chilili Bolivia
- ✓ Eretz Eretz Israel (Alan)
- ✓ Mayim Mayim Israel
- ✓ Paraliakos Greece (Alan)
- ✓ Syen Tu China
- ✓ Rav Brachot Israel
- ✓ Never on a Sunday Greece (Maria)
- ✓ Idam ne Idam Bulgaria
- Musica Nisherat Israel
- Valle Pogonishte – Serbia (Alan)
- Zemer Atik Israel
- ✓ Jesucita en Chihuahua Mexico
- ✓ Siriul Romania
- ✓ Rododachtilos Avgi Mou Greece
- ✓ Yedid Nefesh Israel (Maria)
- Schioapa Ciobaneasca Romania
- Tzardik Katamar Israel
- Le'or Chiyuchech Israel

Easier Dances

Neda Grivna

Setnja

Makavice

La Vesi la Veson (problem starting because recordings have been cropped at start.)

Vrapcheto

Dramskoto

Mori Sej

Bannioul Lamboul

Biserka

Added to play list

Klezmer

Cherkessia Kfula

✓ ~~Dorset Four Hand Reel~~

✓ ~~Salty Dog Rag~~

✓ ~~Od Lo Ahavti Di~~

Twelfth Street Rag

Lamidbar

Sharm al Sheikh

✓ Shir al Etz (Yiddish)

Cobankat



Photo taken
by Phil.
date?

Request Evening, Friday 15th July, 2022

Sharm A Sheikh

Mori Sej

Cobankat

Dror Yikrah

Joc Aroman

Salty Dog Rag

Sabrali Sa Se Sabrali

Ivanitsa

Simchat He'Amel

Hora Veche

Chassene

Yerakina

Idam Ne Idam

Tzama Tzama

Ba Pardess

Jota Antiqua

Menousis

Hora Mare a Vranci

Rhododactilos Avgi Mou

× Chotis de la Frontera

Valle Shqiptare

David Melech

Siriul

One Sunday whilst dancing on Gosmore Green, Mark was approached by a lady asking if we do displays of Greek dancing. Janet Chapman was hoping to have Greek dancing at her 80th birthday party and had been directed to Rainmakers by a friend.

From: Alan

Date: 15 June 2022 at 01:06:28 BST

Subject: planning Greek for September

A few notes before I entirely forget.

Likeable woman, Jan(et), wanting to have her ideal 80th birthday party.

She is thinking of a 30-minute dance slot, mainly Greek, starting 3.15pm on Sat 24 September. Mark has already warned her the costumes will be not entirely Greek. Overall programme is meal 12-2, some kind of game 2-3, singer 3 to 3.15 (3 songs), we're on at 3.15.

She has paid quite a lot of money, £250, which we are donating to the hospice. She also says that the people in the display can have a meal at the golf club sometime, but not as part of the event. (I'm not sure how wonderful that would be! Maybe).

100 people including about 8 children. She thinks that the children will join in but she was surprised by the question about adults joining in, she seems to think that none of them will do so. Except that there are two Greek men who will be amongst the guests. She assured me that they will not object if our versions of some dances are different from theirs.

There is a risk that there may not be much space to dance: 100 people means cramming in the tables and actually she said she has 107 at the moment. But if we dance between tables then it will encourage join-ins later on!

We need to confirm who will be available to display: Mark said he thinks it's A+S, M+P, Maria, Belinda, maybe C+K.

Overall, I think we probably display for 15-20 minutes then invite join-ins(?)

Alan

Let's Get



This Party
Started.

It's not the length of Life
but the depth of Life

To

From Janet

You are invited to celebrate with me
on the occasion of my
80th Birthday
September 24th 2022

at
Chesfield Downs Golf and Country Club
Jacks Hill, Graveley, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 7EQ

Arrivals from: 12 Noon

A buffet lunch of Greek style food with alternatives available.
Music and dance.

RSVP

Please send replies at your earliest opportunity.
The caterer is providing a hot meal and the numbers
of my guests will be appreciated for her convenience and
the seating arrangements.

'Age only matters if you are wine or cheese'

You are requested not to bring gifts, but
a donation for hospice care for terminally ill children
would be appreciated please make cheques payable to
Keech Hospice Care.

There is a box to facilitate your donation. Thank you.

Times are approximate.

Lunch 12.45 pm

Children's Game 2.45 pm

Our Singer Christine Bunning 3.00 pm

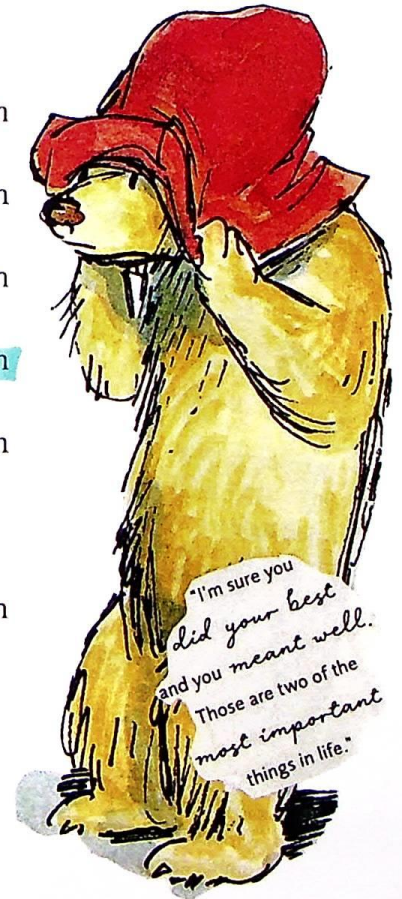
Rainmaker Folk Dancers 3.15 pm

Cake, The Toast & Coffee 4.00 pm

Close with the hymn
'Lead us Heavenly Father,
Lead us' 4.45 pm

The Blessing

Glynn Barber is providing
our background music.



With acknowledgement and grateful thanks to:

Reverend Nicholas Young

Glynn Barber

Suzanne Macpherson

David Young

Saxophone

www.solosaxclarinet.com

Christine Bunning

Soprano

Chris Ellinas

Caterer

The Greek Outdoors

Carley Davey

Cake Maker

Welwyn Florist

Flowers

The Rainmaker International

Folk Dance Group

Natalie

Ziora Enterprises

Decorator

To the staff at Chesfield Golf Club
for all of their patience and support.

'If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind.
Then what is an empty desk a sign of?'

A. Einstein

Janet Chapman's 80th birthday 24 September 2022

Kalamatianos

A variation on the Syrtos with music in 3:2:2 rhythm.
We do just 2 of the many variations.

Menousis

3 variations. Look at the feet.

Karagouna

Another dance which exists in many variations, we do one sequence with some extras for the leader.

Yerakina

A dance with a story...

Hakinor Hane'eman

A dance in Greek-style.

Dances to join in - whoever wants to

Tai Tai

A simple Syrtos

Rodochtilos avgi mou

"rosy-fingered dawn". Another Syrtos.

Zorba

One of the many dances that can be done to this music.
The final list may vary from this depending on how the time goes.

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Before the Greek Display



Photo taken by Maria.

Greek dancing led by Alan at Chesfield Downs.
Joining in!



Greek Display at Chesford Downs Golf Club



Jean's Belated Birthday Dance, 21 October 2022

Hashual

David Melech

Mori Sej

Ba Pardess

Cobankat (Alan)

Nikolos

Devusky Padrushenky

● Balada Lama'ayan (Alan)

Rododactilos Avgi Mou

Serez (Alan)

Shir Al Etz

Drjanovska Racenica

Dodi Li (Alan)

Pošadila Rozu

Hora Hadera

● Ajde Jano (Maria – Serbian Train!)

Joc Aroman

Hine Ma Tov

Karamfil

Siriul

Spares:

Zemer Atik

Joc de Leagane

We did all the dances. Thank you Jean for sharing your favourites with us!



Photo taken by Peter

23rd Oct
A wet Sunday
morning so dancing here



Dance Around the World

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www.datw.org.uk

29-30 October, 2022

10 am to 11 pm

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Social Dances Both Evenings

See web-site for all the details

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£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

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(Leave a message if no answer)

email - dancetent@outlook.com



Regents Park



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Would you like to help with the festival? Phone



DANCE AROUND THE WORLD

29-30 OCTOBER

2022



Time	Performances Kennedy Hall	Workshops		
		Trefusis	Storrow	Marquee
10.00	Early Bird Dancing - Dancing for all with Ursula Brown			
11.00	Dances of Spanish and Portuguese heritage – The Iberian FDG	International Mix – Friday Feet		
11.30	Polish Dance – Tatry			
12.00	Hungarian dance - Balaton	Dances of the Balkans - Balkanplus	Sri Lankan Dance – Active Chil Art	
12.20	Flagging - Mxiliana			
12.40	Tibetan Dance			
1.00	Raqs Sharqi Classical Egyptian dance - Raqs Sharqi Dance Troupe	Regency and Victorian dance – Mrs. Bennet's Ballroom	Hungarian dance - Balaton	Polish Dance - Tatry
1.20	Classical Indian Odissi Dance			
1.40	English Morris Dancing – Hammersmith Morris Men			
2.00	Chinese Dance	Raqs Sharqi Classical	Tibetan – Tenzin Samphel	Slovak Dance - Morena
2.20	Bulgarian Dance – Samodeitsi			
2.40	Sri Lankan Classical dance – Active Chil Art	Egyptian dance - Raqs Sharqi Dance Troupe		
3.00	South-East European dances - Doina	Appalachian – Kerry Fletcher	South African Quadrilles – The Proteas	English Morris Dancing - Hammersmith Morris Men
3.20	Bulgarian Dance - Tanec			
3.40	Sri Lankan Folk Dance			
4.00	Jamaican Quadrilles - JANUKA	South-East European dances - Doina	Zumba – Nicola Woolman	Bulgarian Dance - Samodeitsi
4.20				
4.40	Appalachian Dance			
5.00	Regency and Victorian Dance – Mrs. Bennet's Ballroom	Bolivian Dance	Jamaican Quadrilles - JANUKA	Bulgarian Dance - Tanec
5.20	Slovak Dance - Morena			
5.40	South African Quadrilles – The Proteas			
6.00			Colombian Dance - Yurupari	Tango – Bethshona and Gonzalo
6.30				
7.00				
	7.15pm – 10.45pm Latin-American Evening (see separate programme)	7.30pm – 10.30pm Balkan Dance hosted by Balkanplus and Ygra		

DANCE AROUND THE WORLD OCTOBER 2022



Welcome to the Annual Festival of
International Traditional Dance

Cecil Sharp House. 2 Regents Park Rd. 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.



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Ground floor & Downstairs

First Aid

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Next Festival: 28th – 29th October 2023

A FEW WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR



"May you live in interesting times."
So runs the famous curse of Chinese antiquity. And so it is turning out for us, as each morning's set of headlines seem more bleak and alarming than the last. What inheritance is this for our young people? What life is it for the old, who have less time to wait for the return of peace and security? As always, in times of crisis, we need the

collective wisdom and insights of all generations, all races, all faiths and all genders. It would be facile to suggest that dance is the cure for all our present ills. It's going to take more than a waltz to sort this lot out! The traditional folk arts, however, are a great place to start. The Dance Around The World Festival is just one forum where you will find the culture of interconnectedness, mutual understanding and sympathy that is so badly needed right now. Our wonderful performers and amateurs can't wait to share their dances with you. You'll have a great time with them and you could also go away with a life-long interest in the dances and their people - And that's not a curse; it's a blessing.

Acknowledgements: Thanks again to Brian Evans for photography.

Thanks also to Michael Howard for compiling the printed programme.
(Any comments or suggestions to Michael at mhco@clara.co.uk)

PARTICIPATING GROUPS - October 2022

Active Chil Art - founded in May 2020 by Sri Lankan dance enthusiasts to promote classical Sri Lankan and South Asian dance styles. There are members of all abilities and from different heritages who have taken up Sri Lankan dance, ranging from age 4 to over 50. As the name suggests, we promote being active, relaxing with yoga and other techniques (Chil) and we make art with dance.

Contact : +44(0)7809827551 e-mail: activechilart@gmail.com

Facebook: Active Chil Art Instagram: activechilart

Alonim is the Israeli Dance Institute's performing troupe for the over-50s. The troupe meets every Wednesday during term in Finchley from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm. 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.

Contact: 020 8209 3155

info@idi.org.uk

www.idi.org.uk

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

Contact: 07703 639 720

kerry@kerryfletcher.co.uk www.kerryfletcher.co.uk

Armenian Dance Experienced performers and teachers Dalila Heath and Laurence Djololian bring the beautiful and richly varied traditional dance culture of Armenia to the festival this year. Both Dalila and Laurence teach widely throughout the UK.

Contact: through DATW dancetent@outlook.com

Bahareque The "Bahareque" Latin American Rhythms Band plays traditional Latin music from Guantanamera to romantic Mexican ballads, Paraguayan polkas, Andean huaynos, Venezuelan joropos, Chilean cuecas, Colombian cumbias & much more. Their main instruments are: cuatro, pan-pipes, guitar, bongos, maracas, venezuelan & paraguayan harps

Contact: colin.gordon4@btinternet.com

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, Friday evenings 7.00 - 9.00pm

Contact: 020 8441 2959

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

Balkanplus - organises events in London, currently Cecil Sharp House, with dances from the Balkans plus popular items from beyond this region. Everyone is welcome to come along and dance to the beautiful music of south eastern Europe.

For further details of our dances and events, go to www.balkanplus.co.uk

Contact: Maureen.felton@btinternet.com

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.camdencllog.org.uk

Capoeira Senzala London Capoeira is an AfroBrazilian art form developed in Brazil colonial times. It mixes elements from dance, martial arts, acrobatics and music, creating a unique and powerful art. Grupo Senzala is a well-known and most traditional capoeira school in Brazil. Our UK branch is based in London. It was developed by Julio Oliveira (Mestre Sanhaço).
Classes Tues and Sats - The Upper Room 8 Greenland St, Camden, NW1 0ND
Contact: 07984 969 040 www.senzala-london.co.uk

Chinese Dance presented by Jessica Li, the group's dances reflect variety of cultural traditions in China.
Contact: through DATW dancetent@outlook.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: 07521 854683 cloudburstfolkdanceband@gmail.com

Csillagszemü Hungarian Dance Group The Csillagszemü (Starry-Eyed) Dance Ensemble is one of the most prestigious folk dance groups in Hungary. They regularly perform at the Hungarian Dance-Performers Gala in the Opera House and they take part at excellent dance festivals and events.
Contact: 07525 817065 krisztina@csillagszemu.uk

Dave Kerridge is a versatile and experienced English Country Dance caller. He travels widely and calls for social functions, parties, and weddings as well as dance workshops. Dave has a wide repertoire of traditional country dances. He has also created his own dances. Contact: 0208 749 6933

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. Contact : 020 8441 2959 LesHaddon@aol.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/doinadancegroup/>

FaltrUKeiras Galician Community Troupe - bound by our love of Galician traditions, we get together to share singing, dancing and musical knowledge; to rehearse traditional songs and dances from Galicia and surrounding areas (mainly Northwest Spain and North Portugal); and to play in jams, festivals and gigs. We welcome amateur singers, musicians and dancers sharing our interests to join us in our ventures to tend to our homesickness.
Contact: faltrukeiras@gmail.com

Flagging brought to the festival for the first time by Mxiliana.
Contact: through DATW dancetent@outlook.com

Flamenco Con Gusto Danielle teaches classes in London that are fun and friendly, 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 info@FlamencoConGusto.co.uk
www.FlamencoConGusto.co.uk

Friday Feet Weekly international dance class. Friday evenings, Cecil Sharp House, NW1 7AY £6 (£5 concessions). An introduction for beginners and newcomers to international folk dance, but more experienced dancers always very welcome. A very friendly class. No need to bring a partner. Come when you can and pay as you go.
Contact: 07749 007 040
e-mail : dancetent@outlook.com

Hammersmith Morris Men. The side is renowned for their great 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

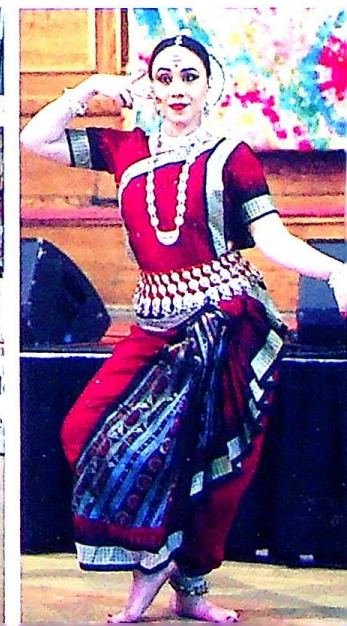
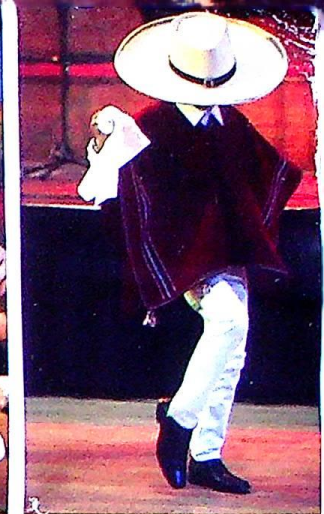
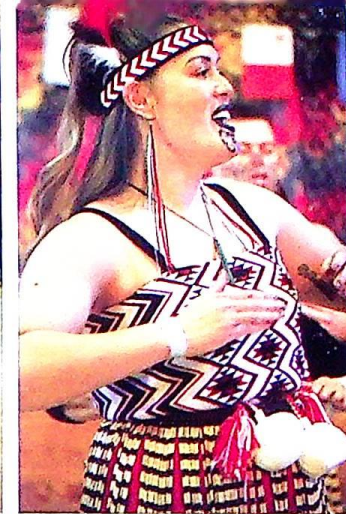
Hawaiian Hula UK Guided by Kumu Hula Rich Pedrina and Hālau Hula 'O Nāpunahēleonāpua (O'ahu/Hawai'i), Tamsin and Hawaiian Hula UK continue to cherish and share the joy of Hawaiian dance and cultural arts through learning, teaching and performance in the UK and internationally. Contact: <https://www.hawaiianhula.co.uk/>; 07522 359391

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

Ilusion Flamenca School & Dance Group We are an award-winning flamenco school based in Central London that offers flamenco classes for all ages and levels including complete beginners. Our classes are held in professional Central London venues and are taught by Angela Alonso and her team of experienced teachers. We offer performance opportunities to our students throughout the year. Join us!
Contact: www.ilusionflamenca.co.uk

JANUKA is a group of Jamaican Nurses and their Associates in the UK, aiming to promote positive awareness of their Jamaican cultural heritage. We share our ancestor's love of music and dance celebrating their triumph over oppression. The quadrille tells the story of our ancestors' determination to survive enslavement during the 18th and 19th centuries. We emphasise through dance the strength of the human spirit to overcome pain and suffering.
Contact : Beverley Bogle (Group Coordinator) Mobile 07535922074
Email: beverleybogle@btinternet.com Website: www.januka.co.uk

Pictures from 2022



Karolinka is a large, South London based Polish song and dance company that has been promoting Polish cultural heritage by entertaining audiences in the UK and overseas since 1978. New members are always welcome.
Contact: www.karolinka.com

Kerry Fletcher. Super-versatile dancer, teacher, performer and choreographer, Kerry's extensive repertoire reflects her wide ranging interests in roots dance cultures from around the world.
Contact: Kerry@kerryfletcher.co.uk Tel: 07703 639 720

Lahing Kayumanggi (brown race) Dance Company (LK), founded in 1994, has established a reputation for quality, authenticity and innovation which has won them wide acclaim for their performances and positioned itself as Europe's foremost Philippine cultural dance company. Sharing through their unaffected performances of both indigenous tribal dances as well as Western influences from the Spanish colonial era, a glimpse into the varied and multi-faceted dance landscape of the Philippines.
Contact: 020 3286 4883 info@lkdance.org.uk

London School Of Hula and 'Ori Hula and 'Ori Tahiti are the traditional storytelling dances of Hawai'i and Tahiti— dances that train and align body, mind, and soul for all ages, genders, and abilities. The award-winning London School of Hula and 'Ori (LSHO) aims to make these dance styles accessible to all, building an active and supportive 'Ohana (family) in the UK and across the globe. We hold regular courses, classes, and workshops, present showcases and exhibitions, engage in community and social events and perform and compete internationally.
Contact: aloha@lsho.co.uk

London School of Samba was the first UK Samba group, now thirty years old. Mariana Whitehouse leads a group of dancers to perform mostly Rio style Samba. The London School of Samba offers samba dance and samba drumming classes in London on a Sunday night, perfect for beginners and intermediate dance students. Our beginner-friendly samba drumming classes are a lot of fun. No musical experience is needed and this class gives you the opportunity to learn how to play authentic Rion Samba School drums.
Contact: commslss@gmail.com www.londonschoolofsamba.co.uk

Los Rumberos trained by Monica Hernandez. They are a Southwark group of lively children aged 5 to 18 who dance Salsa, Mapule, Folk, Charleston and Rock & Roll.
Contact: 07983 435 907 or gotitasdesabor@live.co.uk

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

Mrs. Bennet's Ballroom Historical dance group specialise in the dances of the Regency and Victorian period. The group meets on alternate Wednesdays in Surbiton and monthly workshops in Cecil Sharp House. New members and beginners are welcome. Our winter and summer tea dances are very popular and our grand costume balls in Teddington and other historic venues have a great following!
Contact: 020 8391 1215 www.mrsbennet.co.uk mrsbennetsballroom@gmail.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

Myanmar Community Dance Ensemble We perform throughout UK and Europe, and our aim is to spread the awareness of Myanmar dance in the world through performing and participating.
Contact: Lwin Mclay 07904 756931 and lwinmclay@hotmail.com

Odissi Dance Originating in Orissa, Odissi is the oldest classical dance form in India. Its history has been traced to the early sculptures found in the caves in Udaygiri, and the main positions of the dance are copies of temple sculptures. Students of the Bhavan Indian Arts Centre in West Kensington are performing with their dance director, Katrina Rute. A versatile exponent, she has trained and taught internationally, in several Indian classical dance styles.
Contact: katrinarute@yahoo.com. info@bhavan.net

Proteas Over 60s (mostly), South African (mostly) who learn and perform South African Quadrille and other South African dances. The Proteas perform the dances danced by the mixed heritage people of South Africa - those of mixed African, European and Asian heritage.
Contact: Elsa Perez 020 8769 3619

Radhika has been learning the North Indian Classical Dance style Kathak for twenty years and has found that dance is a spiritual discipline that raises one's inner being to divine peacefulness, bliss and realisation of one's true self. Her first memory of dance is dancing, as a toddler, on her parents' shop counter in a village in Corentyne, (where they sold rice in jute sacks). She is starting to share some teachings in Classical Indian music with the local community.
Contact: through DATW - dancetent@outlook.com

Raqs Sharqi Dance Troupe The Raqs Sharqi Dance troupe present a medley of Classical Oriental dances inspired by the great dancers from Golden Age of Egyptian cinema and folk styles inspired by the Egyptian Ghawazee dancers.
Contact: Tel: 77808 22843 www.julianabrustik-dance.com

Salimpour Collective UK are a group of Salimpour certified dancers who have been training together for over five years. Through the discipline of following the certification programme, the dancers reap the rewards of pursuing their artistic potential, re-establishing the general perception of belly dance as an art form and building an inspiring community. Follow our journey and connect with us.

Contact: @salimpourcollectiveuk or on Facebook: Salimpour Collective UK

Samodeitsi Bulgarian folk dances represent the Bulgarian spirit, history and culture through a unique combination of vibrant colours and spiritual motifs, passed down for generations. We, at Samodeitsi, continue passing our history and culture through a variety of "horo" on Tuesdays at 7pm-8:30pm in Guildford. "Horo" are folk dances that are unique for the region they originate from.

Contact: ivelinayonova1@gmail.com

Shkembe Soup is a troupe of musicians and dancers who perform a richly varied and vibrant mix of Arabic, Turkish and Roma Gypsy styles.

Contact: <http://shkembesoup.com> Find them on Instagram and Facebook too

Sovička Slovak Children's Folk Dance Group based in London. Our dancers are from 8 to 16 years old and we have attended many festivals in the UK. Every year we go to Slovakia to participate in Slovak folk festivals to show our joy from Dance and our Slovak heritage. Our choreographies come from Detva, Orava, Liptov and Šariš. Slovak folklore is very rich in tradition, most villages having their own specific costume.

Contact: sovickadfs@gmail.com 07796053254 or 07734296137

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: miniange@postmaster.co.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: Tel: 07900 904370

Email: boikoandonov@hotmail.com www.boikoandonov.co.uk

Tango Bethshona Kenny and Gonzalo Ferro are highly experienced experts. They both perform and teach a variety of tango styles in classes suitable for all levels of experience.

Contact: www.tangoferro.com and through DATW: dancetent@outlook.com

Tatry Polish Dance Group. 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 venues throughout the UK. The group welcomes new members. Contact: contact@tatrylondyn.co.uk

www.tatrylondyn.co.uk/ www.facebook.com/tatrylondon

Tibetan Dance - Known as 'gorshey' in Tibetan, circle dancing is the traditional form of dance in Tibet and is widely enjoyed by Tibetans in exile. Tenzin Samphel is a prominent member of the Tibetan community in London and is widely held to be the best exponent of gorshey in the UK.

Contact: through DATW dancetent@outlook.com

Ursula Brown is an experienced and popular teacher. She leads the weekly Friday Feet class for beginners and newcomers at Cecil Sharp House and is looking after our 'Early Bird' dancing this year at Dance Around The World.

Contact: through DATW dancetent@outlook.com

Ygra is a London-based band hosting Balkan folk dance gatherings with live music and dance workshops.

Contact: info@ygra.co.uk <http://ygra.co.uk/>

Yurupari The group was started more than 20 years ago by Xiomará and Jorge. They mainly perform dances from Colombia but also from other Latin American countries.

Contact: yuruparidanzas@live.co.uk

Zumba Nicola Woolman is a Zumba and Aqua Aerobics instructor. She has taught for six years at clubs such as Virgin Active, Nuffield Health and Fitness First. She teaches Zumba Thursday mornings at Immanuel & St Andrew's Church hall, Streatham - 9.45. During the Summer, May till end September, she teaches a mixture of Zumba and Aqua at the Tooting Bec Lido every Saturday at 10am. She teaches Aqua at several places in Norbury, Wandsworth and Clapham.

Contact: nwoolman81@hotmail.com 07832 934775

LATIN-AMERICAN EVENING

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2022

7.15PM – 10.45PM



From 7.15pm Flamenco – Illusion Flamenca
Join in with Zumba
Tango – Bethshona and Gonzalo

From 8.30pm Latin music - Bahareque
Los Rumberos
Dance of African Heritage – Muraldo DC

From 9.45pm Bolivian Dance
Samba – London School of Samba
Colombian Dance – Yurupari



Time	Performances Kennedy Hall	Workshops		
		Trefusis	Storrow	Marquee
10.00	Early Bird Dancing - Dancing for all with Ursula Brown			
11.00	Galician Dance – FaltrUKeiras Galician Community Troupe	Israeli Dance - Alonim		
11.20	Slovak Dance - Sovička-Slovak Anglia			
11.40	Caribbean Quadrilles - Muraldo DC			
12.00	Hungarian Dance - Csillagszemuek	Armenian Dance – Dalila Heath	Traditional Gypsy Dance – Shkembe Soup	International Mix – Friday Feet
12.20	English Clog Dancing – Camden Clog			
12.40	Hawaiian Hula - Hawaiian Hula UK			
1.00	Belly dance - Salimpour Collective UK	Caribbean Quadrilles - Muraldo DC	Lithuanian Dance - Saduto	Flagging - Mxiliana
1.20	English Clog Dancing – Camden Clog			
1.40	Israeli dance - Alonim			
2.00	Radhika – Kathak dance	Flamenco dance - Flamenco Con Gusto	Galician Dance – FaltrUKeiras	Hawaiian Hula – Hawaiian Hula UK
2.20	Dance of Myanmar – Myanmar CDE			
2.40	Dances of the Philippines – Lahing Kayumanggi			
3.00	Dance of African Heritage – Muraldo DC	Belly dance - Salimpour Collective UK	English Clog Dancing – Camden Clog	
3.20	Capoeira – Capoeira Senzala			
3.40	Appalachian Dance - Tappalachian			
4.00		Dances of Hawaii and Tahiti – LSO Hula and 'Ori	Dances of the Philippines – Lahing Kayumanggi	Dance of Myanmar – Myanmar CDE
4.20	Traditional Gypsy Dance – Shkembe Soup			
4.40	Flamenco dance - Flamenco Con Gusto			
5.00	Lithuanian Folk Dance - Saduto	English Country Dance – Dave Kerridge	Appalachian Dance - Tappalachian	Capoeira – Capoeira Senzala
5.20	Armenian Dance			
5.40	Dances of Hawaii and Tahiti – London School of Hula and 'Ori			
6.00	Polish Dance - Karolinka	Dance of African Heritage – Muraldo DC		
7.00	7.00pm Anglo-International Barn Dance with Anne Leach and Dave Kerridge and Cloudburst International Dance Band			

Society for International Folk Dancing



Support for groups

Visiting teachers, insurance cover at favourable rates, costumes, and publicity.

Information

CDs, printed music and dance notes. Also, for members, a monthly newsletter with information about folk dance courses, holidays and festivals, and a USB stick with videos as well as the recordings from the CDs and PDFs of the music and dance notes.

Folk Dance Classes and Groups

Multi-country or specialist, no experience or partner needed for most, a wide range of dance styles including lines, circles, sets and dances for couples.

Dance events

Social dances, weekends, workshops, performances. Check our website for events, including the expected resumption of our monthly Sunday evening dances at Primrose Hill Community Centre, Hopkinson's Place, Fitzroy Road NW1 8TN (near Cecil Sharp House), where you can show this programme for free first time entry.

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 mail@sifd.org Tel: 020 8340 4683



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Next Year's Festival: 28th - 29th October 2023

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

46th Anniversary Dance

MC Jill Bransby

Music by

Cloudburst

Friday 4 November, 2022

Wilbury Hall, Bedford Road, Letchworth,
Herts, SG6 4YF

7.30 to 10.30 pm. £10

*Please bring a plate of food to share and your
own drink and glass or mug*

Contact: 01462 457791 or 01462 454210



Martin Butler is with Barbara Mohrle and Peter Bransby.

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Congratulations to Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group in Letchworth, which celebrated its 46th anniversary yesterday evening. 46 years ago was 1976 - the year of the infamous drought, which Rainmakers broke by dancing Mayim Mayim.



Rainmakers 46th Anniversary Dance, 4 November, 2022
With Cloudburst playing

Boanupstekker (Netherlands)
Zemer Atik (Israel)
Joc Aroman (Romania)
Dorset Four Hand Reel (England)
Svornato (R) (Bulgaria)
Lludo Mlado (Bulgaria)
Jesusita en Chihuahua (Mexico)
Mayim Mayim (Israel)
Valle Pogonishte (R) (Albania)
A Gota (Portugal)
La Vezi la Veson (France)
Bourree Tournante des Grande Poteries (France)
Charachan Odori (R) (Japan)
Ha'ora Haktana (Israel)
David Melech (R) (Israel)
Jota Mallorquina (Mallorca)
Ajde Jano (Serbia)
Polka Dot or Heptathlon Jig (America/UK)
Siriul (Romania)
Cine Are Noroc Are (R) (Roma)
Chassene (Israel)
Valle Shqiptare (R) (Albania)
Mari Mariko (Bulgaria)
Salty Dog Rag (R) (USA)
Le'or Chiyuchech (Israel)
Rododachtilos Avgi Mou (Greece)

Spares:

Zabaljela Dunina Galovka (Ukraine)
Sirba din Cimpoi (Romania)
Siganos (R) (Greece)

R recorded music





Dear Jill

4 Thank you so much for the lovely photos, it looks like you had a great night and what a tribute to Betty and Henry. I passed the information to Henry's god daughter and the other executor Philip and my brother who was Betty's god son. They were all so pleased to hear of your plans. Thank you again for keeping in touch and sending the photos, I will pass them on too.

Best wishes for the future Sue

3 On Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 8:56 PM Jill Bransby <jill@pjbransby.plus.com> wrote:
Two more photos

2 **From:** Sue Burnett
Sent: Sunday, November 6, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Jill Bransby
Subject: Re: Betty and Henry Memorial

Dear Jill and the Rainmakers

Thank you so much for the information about your Memorial dance for Betty and Henry. It is such a wonderful and fitting tribute to two lovely, generous, life long dance enthusiasts. I have forwarded your email and poster to the other executor Phillip and Henry's God daughter Petra and Betty's very close friend Pam, I know they will feel as I do.

I hope you have a wonderful evening and raise a glass in their memory.

Best Wishes

Sue

On Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 12:39 PM Jill Bransby <jill@pjbransby.plus.com> wrote:

Dear Sue,

1 I thought that you might like to be aware that this event is happening. We don't expect you to attend, as it is dance oriented, but thought you might be pleased to see that we are remembering them in dance. Please would you pass this message onto your co-executor.

Best wishes,

Jill Bransby

Rainmakers

International Folk Dance Group

Betty and Henry Memorial Dance

MC Jill Bransby

Music by

Cloudburst

Saturday 19 November, 2022

Ickleford Village Hall, 82 Arlesey Road,

Ickleford, Herts, SG5 3TG

7.30 to 10.30 pm. No charge

*Please bring a plate of food to share and your
own drink and glass or mug*

Contact: 01462 457791 or 01462 454210

Betty and Henry's Memorial Dance 19th November, 2022

Boanopstekker	Netherlands
Shiboleth Basadeh	Israel
Serbian Suite	Serbia R
Ijs Wals	Netherlands
Mayim Mayim	Israel
Meillionen	Wales
Pravo Trakijsko Horo	Bulgaria R
Remningen / Trekarls Polska*	Sweden
Agir Halay	Turkey R
El Corrido	Mexico
× Jota Antiqua	Mallorca
Pomasko Sirto	Bulgaria R
Fadinho Tres Tempos	Portugal
Maori Stick Dance	New Zealand R
Halfe Hannikin	England
Stepping Out	USA R
La Vesi La Vezon	France
Bourree Tournante des Grande Pot..	France
Yerakina	Greece R ?
Mellem Kagel Og Ae Vaeg	Denmark
× Kotataki Ondo	Japan R
× Duke of Kent's Waltz	England
Od Lo Ahavti Dai	Israel
* Neapolitan Tarantella	Italy
Joc de Leagane	Romania R
Jesucita en Chihuahua	Mexico
Erev Ba	Israel
× Mombar	Armenia R

Spares *None danced.*

Zagrodnik	Poland
Kulsko Horo	Bulgaria R
Gavotte de Pont Aven	France
Hambo (for those who know it)	Sweden
Hora Cimpulunguli	Romania R
Brawl ?	Europe?
Kreuz Koenig (for those who know it)	Germany

More likely to do T.P because of the numbers *

* *Danced at very end, after strade-yons.*





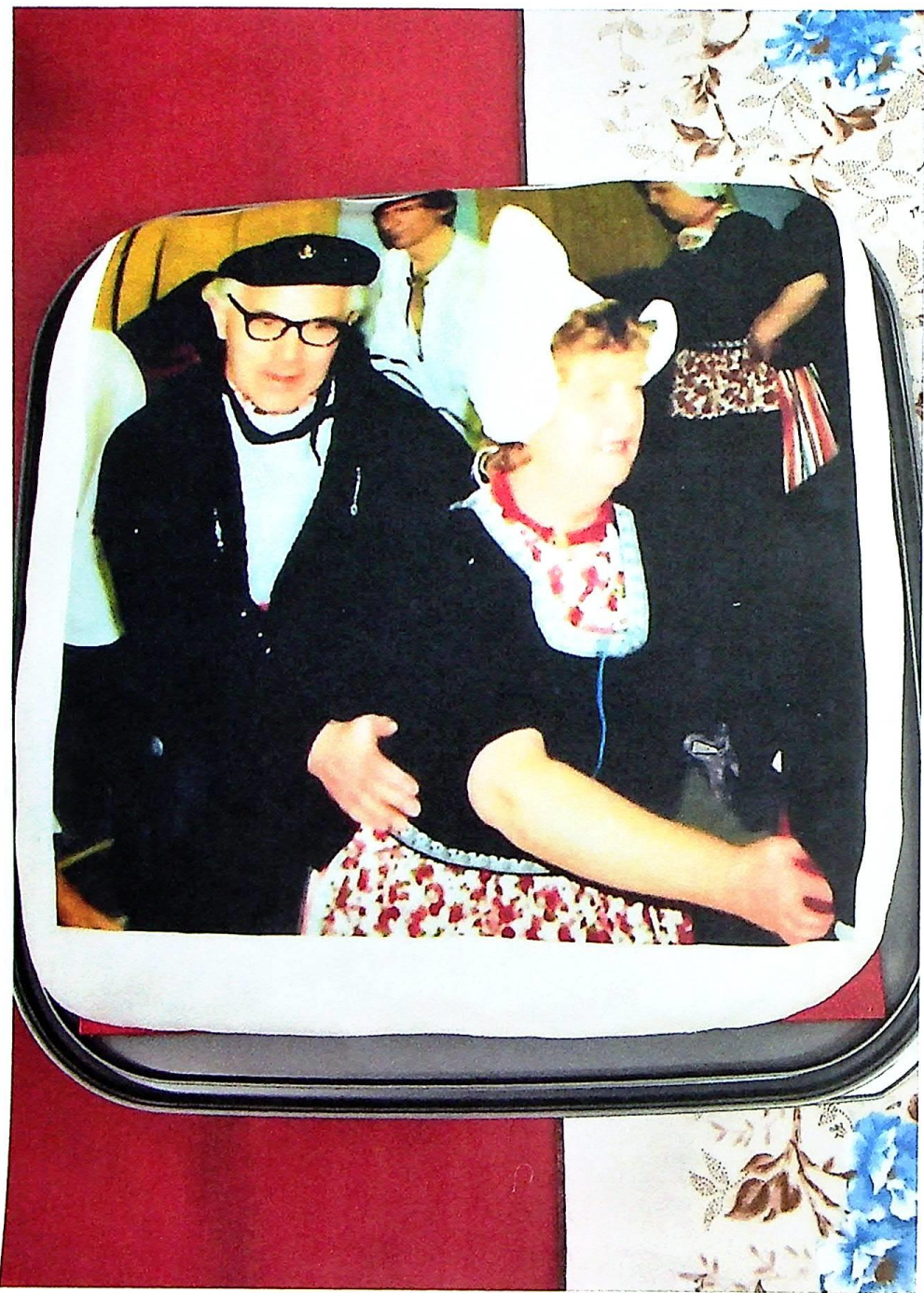




photo taken by Jill

Sunday 20th NOV, 2024.



RAINMAKERS INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP

Annual General Meeting

**Friday 25th November 2022 at 8pm at
Wilbury Hall, Bedford Road, Letchworth**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last AGM held on 10th December 2021
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Remarks and Report on Year
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Subscriptions
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner
9. Election of new Committee
10. Betty's Legacy
11. Any Other Business

Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group

Minutes of AGM held at 8.05pm on 25th November 2022 at The Wilbury Hall, Bedford Road, Letchworth

1 Welcome and opening remarks

Maria welcomed those attending. Twelve members attended. Their names were recorded and a quorum was present.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kim & CUP, Belinda, Jean, Helen & Barry.

3 Minutes of last AGM held on 10th December 2021

The minutes were accepted unanimously.

4 Matters arising.

4.1 Min 4.4: Maria said that the Coomber has now been replaced with a tablet computer. The purchase of a speaker is still outstanding.

4.2 Min 5: Dancing on Gosmore Green has continued.

4.3 Min 7: We have received all the money from Betty's legacy. Annual subscriptions were collected in January. Weekly subscriptions are not being charged on normal evenings. There was a charge for the Anniversary Dance to cover the cost of the band.

4.4 Min 11.a: Maria said that Betty's legacy would be covered under a separate agenda item.

4.5 Min 11.b: Maria said that she had not managed to take the photographs of the men's costumes yet and that is still ongoing.

4.6 Min 11.e: Maria confirmed that we have re-applied and obtained a further licence for dancing on Gosmore Green.

5 Chairman's Remarks and Report on the Year

Maria said that, compared with previous recent years we have done a few more things this year.

Starting after the AGM last year, which was in December, we had a lunch on Gosmore Green after dancing on 12th December, we had a party night on 17th December, then on 10th December we had tried again to have lunch on Gosmore Green, but ended up in Jill & Peter's conservatory.

We started dancing again on 7th January this year. We had our Missed Anniversaries Dance (44th and 45th) on 10th June. On 11th July we joined Letchworth Arts & Leisure Guild's 35th Anniversary where 10 members danced to recorded music on Leys Avenue. T-shirts were worn rather than costumes. This was the first time we had danced in public for several years.

The term finished on 15th July 2022. On 17th & 24th July we picnicked on Gosmore Green. On 2nd September we resumed Friday night dancing. We were aiming to have the 46th Anniversary Dance on Friday 9th September. We had to postpone the dance at very short notice, due to the death of the Queen and the Church needing to use the hall for a memorial service. On Saturday 24th September seven Rainmakers did a Greek display, including join-in, for Janet Chapman for her 80th birthday

party in front of about 100 people. This was our first display for four years. Dance Around the World happened twice this year – one in March and this year's one in October. Jill and Cloudburst played at the Sunday dance.

On Friday 4th November we held our postponed 46th Anniversary Dance, at which Barbara and Martin played. On Saturday 19th November Henry & Betty's Memorial Dance was held at Ickleford Village Hall. We had the full Cloudburst band. We didn't have as many former members as we had hoped, but we had an enjoyable evening.

6 Treasurer's Report

Patti presented the Accounts for the year and asked if anyone had any questions.

Peter asked if the deposit account had been easy to set up and if we got a good interest rate. Patti said that it had not been easy to set up due to having to have multiple signatures. Peter asked if we were aware of CAF Bank, which is a charity, designed to deal with charities. Peter said that the SIFD use them.

Maria said that the only bank accounts we can get as a Club are business accounts, which pay less interest than a personal account. Peter said that he could not find if CAF did a savings account. It was decided that the new committee will look into this.

Peter asked what percentage interest we get on the savings account. Patti said that she did not know the percentage off-hand but that last quarter we got £6.00.

Maria proposed acceptance of the Accounts. Peter seconded and the Accounts were accepted unanimously.

7 Subscriptions

Maria said that the Committee have discussed this and are recommending that the Annual subscription stays the same at £5.00 and also that the Weekly subscriptions are not charged for the coming year, with the exception of specific events that require the hire of a band. Maria said that the cost last year for not charging the weekly subscriptions was approximately £1000.

Peter said that this was a very good idea, but he felt that we should be slightly cautious that it is not seen as members benefitting financially from the bequest, which would be frowned upon if we were a charity. Patti said that the bequest was for the members. Peter felt that the bequest should be used more to take forward the objectives of the Club. Dick made the point that we are still paying an Annual subscription.

There was a lot of discussion on this subject. Various suggestions were put forward, including raising the Annual subscription.

Alan said that not charging weekly subscriptions is a good way of attracting new members. Mark said that the Committee are not proposing the non-charging of weekly subscriptions to carry on indefinitely and, with the current cost of living crisis it is a good way of getting people to attend Rainmakers regularly. Mark also made the point that the Committee would monitor this, as the likelihood is that the hall hire will increase and, at the point that the Committee felt that charging became necessary, we would put it back to the membership.

After discussion it was decided on three possible options – 1. to not charge weekly subscriptions for the coming year; 2. token charge of £1 per month, that would be paid as a lump sum, pro rata; 3. to go back to paying weekly subscriptions.

It was unanimously accepted not to charge weekly subscriptions for the coming year, which was felt to be a good way of encouraging attendance of existing members and also attracting new members.

Maria proposed that the Annual subscription should stay at £5.00. This was seconded by Mark and was accepted unanimously.

8 Appointment of Independent Examiner

Roger had said that he was happy to continue as the independent examiner. Roger was appointed independent examiner.

9 Election of New Committee

Maria said that a nomination sheet had been put out and asked if there was anyone who wished to stand as an officer or a member of the Committee.

The nomination sheet was filled in as follows:

Chairman	Maria	Proposed	Patti	Seconded	Peter
Treasurer	Patti			Proposed	Alan
Seconded	Maria				
Secretary	Mark	Proposed	Jill	Seconded	Diana
Committee	Alan	Proposed	Mark	Seconded	Peter

Maria proposed the voting of the new Committee en masse. The new Committee nominations were agreed unanimously.

Maria said that we would continue to send copies of Committee meeting minutes to Jill.

10 Betty's Legacy

Maria said that she had sent out an email showing how we had progressed the 14 suggestions that we have received after last year's AGM.

- a) We have not paid weekly subscriptions for the last year and will continue for the coming year.
- b) Digitising the archive – there was some discussion as to which company quotation to go with. There was a preference for a Hertford-based company, who had quoted approximately £638.00. It was decided to let the Committee have the final decision.
- c) Memorial Dance, which took place on 19th November 2022.
- d) Proposed donation to Dance Around the World. Contact was made with Anne Leach. However, no request for money has been received.
- e) Publication of a Rainmakers book. This will be easier once the scrapbooks have been digitised and therefore is on hold at the moment.
- f) Planting of a tree on Gosmore Green. Maria had looked into this in relation to the Queen's Jubilee and found that they were looking for people to plant trees (which were handed out free of charge) rather than supply money. Maria said that, if we do plant a tree on Gosmore Green, it can be registered as part of the Queen's Canopy. Two new trees had recently been planted on Gosmore Green – we have obtained a quotation for a like-for-like tree, which would cost approximately £255.00 + VAT. If this went ahead, the planting would depend on which time of year would be best for it to be done. It was agreed unanimously to go ahead with this..
- g) Memorial bench on Gosmore Green. We have obtained permission in principle from the Parish Council in relation to planting a tree and/or installing a memorial bench. The Parish Council would have the final say on the location of either of these options. Quotations for a bench depend on the type of base on which they are installed. A quotation for a 4ft bench was approximately £450.00 plus £175.00 installation. We would also need to pay for a plaque. It was agreed unanimously to go ahead with this.
- h) Promoting folk dance to younger people. Maria said that this was difficult as we do not have any direct contact with schools. It was suggested that it would be good to get teachers involved. There was some discussion about this whole topic. Maria asked people to have a think and come back with suggestions and possible points of contact after the meeting.

11 Any other Business

- a) Sonia asked what had happened to the Rainmakers banner which had been displayed on Gosmore Green. Unfortunately Sonia had raised this item under Treasurer's Report and it was not raised again under Any other Business and therefore was not discussed.
- b) Jill said that it appeared that there are some scrapbooks missing – 2012-13. When Betty was ill she was still trying to keep up the scrapbooks. Jill started in 2014. Maria said that she had some boxes and has 2015 and 2016. Jill asked if the plan was to scan the scrapbooks up to the present day. Maria confirmed that that was the intention. Jill said that she will stop doing the scrapbooks this Christmas and wondered if anyone else was willing to take on the job. There were no offers. It was suggested that from then on items could be added as digital records.

- c) Maria asked if we wanted to make our usual donations to Garden House Hospice in lieu of Christmas cards. It was agreed that we would do this.
- d) Maria said that Roger has now uploaded all old videos and DVDs of day courses and displays on to the website.

- e) Mark asked if people wanted the licence for dancing on Gosmore Green renewed. It was decided to renew the licence.
- f) CUP had said that the Morris Men, who use the same hall, did have use of a storage area. Mark had looked into this and the Hall would allow us to store some equipment for a fee yet to be set.
- g) Mark suggested that the new Committee could look into proposing changes to some of the wording of the Club's present constitution, as some of it is outdated language and biased towards males.
- h) Jill asked if the Committee intended to have an SIFD teacher next year. Maria said that the Committee can look into a Friday night or Saturday day course.
- i) Jill thanked the Committee for running the Club during a very difficult time. Maria thanked Jill and Alan, Mark and Patti. Patti thanked Maria.
- j) Alan said that Balkan Plus are planning to get Boiko in June next year for a Bulgarian day course, which will be the first London-based day course run for some time.

There being no other business, Maria closed the meeting at 9.02pm.

Christmas Party 2022

2022 ended with the usual extended evening for a Christmas party, held on the 16th December. Eleven dancers gathered at the Hall for an enjoyable evening of dance and refreshments.

Unfortunately, Jill was not well enough to join us, so the evening was led by Alan and Maria, with most of the dances being members` requests.

**Happy Christmas to all Rainmakers and their families, and
to all friends of the Club**

Dec 16th.



Rainmakers Christmas Party 2022

Mori Sej	Hungary/Gypsy
Sabrali sa se Sabrali	Bulgaria
Valle Pogonishte	Albania
Cine Are Noroc Are	Gypsy
Ta`am Haman	Israel
X Senftenberger	Germany
Hashual	Israel
Hakinor Hane`eman	Israel
Rododachtilos Avgi Mou	Greece
Ten Chi	China
Cobankat	Albania
Shepherds Delight	England
Salty Dog Rag	America
Balada Lama`ayan	Israel
Djatchko Kolo	Serbia
Svornato	Bulgaria
Jota Mallorquina	Mallorca
Joc Aroman	Romania
Sulam Ya`akov	Israel
Sirba din Cimpoi	Romania
Paraliakos	Greece
Joc de Leagane	Romania
Dar Gorani	Armenia
Erev Ba	Israel

Happy New Year 2023

Dancing for 2023 commenced with a small group gathering on Sunday the First at Jill and Peter`s to dance in their conservatory. Also present were Daksha and Phil, joined by Lyndsey and Terry from Danse Herts.

Dancing indoors restarted on Friday 6th January, with dancing on Gosmore Green happening when the weather permitted the hardy but mad dancers to get out on Sunday mornings!