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A Very Special Job

Evelyn Lamond, our CDS/BC historian, has recently brought to our notice a wonderful piece of our past: a tape made in 1958 of interviews with a group of old-time CDS members, including Louise Chapin and Lily and Dick Conant, who are recounting their memories of "the good old days". The speakers represent a span of years from 1917 through the 30's and 40's, and the tape is therefore a history of our organization from the mouths of its founders and builders. It should be of great interest to us all to hear of their work.

The tape has been copied, and now exists as two 90-minute cassette tapes. *But ...* no one has ever undertaken the enormous work of transcribing the tape, and it is therefore not very accessible for CDS members to enjoy.

We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to take the time to properly transcribe and type this material for us. Evelyn has prepared some notes that will aid the listener in this task. If you are interested, please call Mary Stafford, (days) 638-8443, (evenings) 782-7266.



Board Notes

The Board of Directors chose to take a vacation, and didn't meet in August. The September meeting on the 6th will have already taken place by the time you read this Newsletter. If you are interested in attending the October meeting, call Mary Stafford (638-8443, days) or the CDS office (354-1340) to find out the time and place.

Name: _____

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Telephone: (days) _____
(evenings) _____

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- ___ Newsletter
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- ___ Door sitter, Wednesdays
- ___ Other: _____



Volunteers Sought

Arthur Ferguson has recently become Membership Secretary, taking over that heavy job from Mary Blomberg, who has faithfully performed it for more than seven years. Arthur is using his personal computer to handle the many uses to which our membership list is put, and he would like to update the information many of you have supplied in the past about your interest in volunteer activities. Since the renewal forms we now use don't ask you about that, we are asking anyone willing to do volunteer work to complete the box above, and either tape it to a postcard or mail it in an envelope to:

Country Dance Society, Boston Centre
595 Massachusetts Ave., Room 210
Cambridge, MA 02139

Admission to Pinewoods Events

In 1983 a committee appointed by the Board of Directors spent some time drafting a uniform admissions policy for CDS's Pinewoods events, intended to equitably distribute acceptance to camp, and to make clear on application flyers the manner in which admission lotteries were run. In the past, many members had complained of misunderstandings about lottery deadlines, the policy of accepting by a sex-balanced ratio, and other problems.

The committee felt that the lottery mechanisms and the sex-balance policy were in the best interests of an enjoyable weekend for all, and recommended that they be continued, but clearly stated on applications, along with dates when acceptance letters would be sent, and a deadline for final payment.

Application flyers this year reflected the adoption of the committee's recommendations. There are, therefore, *two* deadlines for CDS Pinewoods events: the first for the initial acceptance lottery, and the second for receipt of final payment. The second deadline is aimed at reducing the work the chairperson and other volunteers must do at camp, as well as discouraging late drop-outs.

Our two weekends are both "sell-outs" at this point, and inevitably there are those who are not accepted and who are therefore disappointed. We urge everyone to note deadlines for our events carefully, and to plan to apply early!



Weekly Series

Every Tuesday: "Contras in the Square" — New England Country Dancing. 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:15-11:00 p.m. Newcomer instruction at 7:45. \$3.50 members/\$4.00 regular. Refreshments. See enclosed flyer for schedule of performers.

Every Wednesday: English Country Dancing. 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:00-11:00 p.m. Music by "Bare Necessities". Helene Cornelius, George Fogg, and other CDS leaders. \$4.00/\$4.50.

Wednesdays: Morris and Sword classes. 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:00 p.m. Starting September 18: Six week session of Morris dancing open to all levels. \$4.75/\$5.25. \$0.50/session discount for series registration.

Special Events

Sunday, September 15: Third Sunday English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. First Unitarian Church, Concord Ave., Belmont, MA. 7:30-10:30. Jackie Schwab, musician. CDS leaders. \$3.50/\$4.00.

Friday, October 4: First Friday English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. Church of Our Savior, Monmouth and Carlton Sts., Brookline, MA. Jackie Schwab, musician. CDS leaders. 8:00-11:00 p.m. \$3.50/\$4.00. Refreshments.

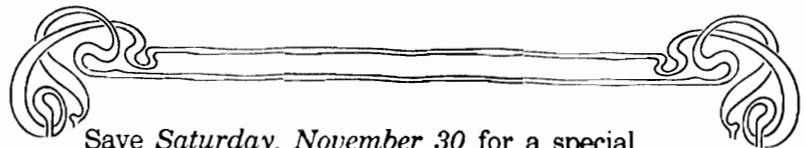
Sunday, October 6: NEFFA contra with "Geese in the Bog". First Church Congregational, Mason and Garden Streets, Cambridge MA. NEFFA callers. 7:15-10:15 p.m. \$3.25/\$3.50.

Sunday, October 13: Third Sunday English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. See September 15.

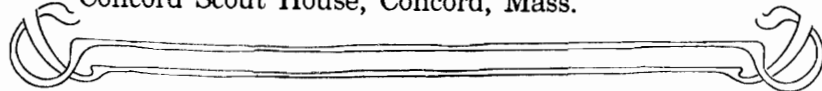
Dance Camps (by advance registration)

September 20-22: CDS/AMC Cardigan Mountain Weekend. Alexandria, NH. English and New England dance, hiking.

For more information call the CDS/NEFFA office at (617) 354-1340.



Save *Saturday, November 30* for a special Thanksgiving weekend Contra Dance for *experienced dancers only*. Dance off the turkey and mashed potatoes with caller Michael McKernan (from Vermont), and music by "Wild Asparagus" (members of Swallowtail, from Western Massachusetts). This will be at 8:00 p.m. at the Concord Scout House, Concord, Mass.



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Board Notes

The CDS-BC Board of Directors met on Friday, 6 September, at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline. Twelve voting members were present.

Treasurer Charlie Hornig brought the board up to date on both the Bolles Fund and the Chapin Fund. The Bolles Fund money is available to CDS members to defray costs of attending CDSS weeks at Pinewoods. The Chapin Fund is used to promote and foster the goals of the Boston Centre. Look for an article detailing these valuable resources elsewhere in this newsletter.

Membership secretary Arthur Ferguson reports that, as of 1 September, 1985, CDS has 195 members and \$2,385 in collected membership fees.

Deborah D'Amico presented a report on English/Scottish Week 1985. Despite the fact that the committee's enrollment goal of 100 campers was not reached, the week realized a small profit, which will be used as seed money to begin planning the 1986 week. Deborah reported that the week was enthusiastically received by all campers and urged the board to agree to continue co-sponsoring this joint effort. English/Scottish Week will run 30 June — 4 July, 1986, co-sponsored by CDS and RSCDS. The board thanked Deborah D'Amico and Cynthia Whear for their work on this year's committee, and RSCDS for their efforts toward making this year's week such a success.

A recent Pinewoods User Group meeting established the summer Pinewoods schedule for several upcoming years. The next CDS July Weekend will run 26 — 30 June, 1986.

CDS will be sponsoring an English Dance on 21 September at a location to be announced. This dance will follow, and celebrate, the annual Fall Morris Tour. The next meeting will be held Sunday, 6 October, at the home of Allan Wechsler.

Deborah D'Amico,
Secretary



The July (?) Weekend

There's good news for CDS members in 1986. Our Boston Centre Weekend, although it will *not* be on the July 4th weekend, *will* be a long one! We will begin on Thursday evening, June 26th, and will end on Monday morning, June 30th, thus having *four* evening dances and *three* full days of program. Plan your time now for next year!

This schedule was arrived at after a really great meeting among representatives of all the Pinewoods user groups, in which our various needs and desires were discussed, and we at CDS are pleased not only with the generosity of Folk Arts Center and Marianne Taylor in working out this time with us for 1986, but with all the participants for their cooperation in seeking fair and equitable solutions to the problems our expanding programs have created. And we are happy to say that, although the schedule is not yet finalized, we will probably have July 4th weekend for our own in 1987!

CDS Endowment Funds

CDS has two memorial funds, one established in 1941 in memory of Dorothy Bolles, a dedicated teacher and long-time member of the Society, and the other established in 1979 in memory of Louise Chapin, also a member for many years, and a teacher of English country dance. The bylaws of both funds stipulate that only the interest from the funds may be used, and that unused interest reverts back to the principal after a certain time.

The purpose of the Bolles Fund is to provide scholarship funds for worthy recipients to attend the Pinewoods Summer Camp program. In most years, two to four applicants are chosen to receive half or full scholarships to such events as English-American Week or English Dance Week. This year, for a variety of reasons, the Bolles Fund scholarships were not awarded. Applicants for the Scholarships will be solicited both in our Boston Newsletter and in the National CDSS Newsletter early next year.

The Chapin Fund's purpose is "to promote and foster the goals of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre". It is not intended to support the regular weekly and monthly activities of CDS, and so it has never been considered as a source of income to offset the deficits our weekly series have sometimes run. Such projects as the replacement of swords and sticks for the Ritual Dance classes or the production of a book of "Boston Centre" dances are, however, within the range of appropriate uses of the Chapin Fund.

Any member with a project that might merit Chapin Fund support is encouraged to write to the Chairman of the Endowment Committee, or to the Board of Directors, Country Dance Society, at the office address, 595 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 210, Cambridge, MA 02139. Neither fund was used in 1985, and we would welcome your suggestions for their use next year.

CDS Pinewoods Work Weekend

For a number of years now, Folk Arts Center has sponsored the first work weekend after Labor Day at Pinewoods, as a measure of their support. It has become almost a Pinewoods event in itself, with a great spirit of community which produces both lots of hard work, which Pinewoods needs, and lots of good camaraderie and dancing, which we all need.

We would very much like to have CDS-BC establish such a tradition, and are aiming to sponsor the first work weekend of next spring. The more of us who commit ourselves to such a weekend, the better time we can have, while making a significant contribution to Pinewoods. Plan now to come to Pinewoods in the spring of 1986, to see the ladyslippers in bloom and to experience a different and wonderful time at one of our favorite places!

Mary Stafford
President, CDS-BC



Feedback

Several years ago, CDS sponsored a development program for new teachers of English Country Dance. Now, we believe, it's time — and only fair — to offer opportunities for commentary and feedback.

After discussion among teachers, board members, English committee members, and interested dancers, we're planning to try this scheme:

Seasoned teachers and callers, experienced and new dancers, professional teachers, etc., will be directly asked for comments. Additionally, everyone is invited to write comments in the book available next to the blackboard at each dance, or to send comments to the "opinion collectors". (We are asking that you *not* try to convey opinions during dances because we like to dance too!) For now, the opinion collectors will be President Mary Stafford and President-Elect Betty Hoskins. They will collate and balance the feedback, then sit down individually with each teacher during the course of the next dance season.

We'd like your comments, both on this approach to feedback and on strengths or improvements you'd like conveyed to each teacher.

Cardigan Weekend 1985

Cardigan Weekend this year was a fully subscribed event, and despite unseasonably hot weather on the first day, it was a great success. Dancing, singing, hiking, and eating, we surely had a good time! Those of you who have never attended a Cardigan Weekend should mark off your calendars for *next* September, and try out a different kind of residential event. The warmth and good fellowship are enormous, the scenery is spectacular, and the food is out of this world!

— MES

October 1985 Calendar

Edited by Daniel Pearl

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Every Wednesday: English Country Dancing. 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:00-11:00 p.m. Music by "Bare Necessities". Helene Cornelius, George Fogg, and other CDS leaders. \$4.00/\$4.50.

Wednesdays: Morris and Sword classes. 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:00 p.m. Starting October 23: Rapper class. Teacher: Chris Walker. Musician: Joe Bowbeer. \$4.75/\$5.25. \$0.50/session discount for series registration.

Special Events

Sunday, October 13: Third Sunday English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. First Unitarian Church, Concord Ave., Belmont, MA. 7:30-10:30. Jackie Schwab, musician. CDS leaders. \$3.50/\$4.00. Refreshments.

Friday, November 1: First Friday English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. Church of Our Savior, Monmouth and Carlton Sts., Brookline, MA. Jackie Schwab, musician. CDS leaders. 8:00-11:00 p.m. \$3.50/\$4.00. Refreshments.

Sunday, November 3: NEFFA contra with the Lamprey River Band. First Church Congregational, Mason and Garden Streets, Cambridge MA. NEFFA callers. 7:15-10:15 p.m. \$3.25/\$3.50.

Sunday, November 10: FAC Swing Dance Sociable. Concord Scout House, Walden St., Concord, MA. Kathy Terzi and Bob Morris, teachers. Music by BLT. 3:00-6:00 p.m. \$4.00/\$4.50. See enclosed flyer for more details.

Sunday, November 17: Third Sunday English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. See October 13.

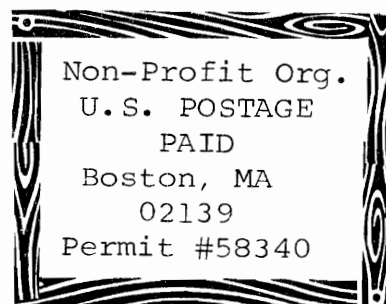
Saturday, November 30: Thanksgiving Weekend Contra Dance for experienced dancers. Michael McKernan, caller; "Wild Asparagus", music. Concord Scout House, Walden St., Concord, MA. 8:00-11:00 p.m. \$4.00/\$4.50. Refreshments.

For more information call the CDS/NEFFA office at (617) 354-1340.

Come Thanksgiving Weekend, the big dance is at the Concord Scout House on Saturday Night! This evening of contra dancing is for *experienced dancers only*. The evening will feature caller *Michael McKernan* and music by *Wild Asparagus* (members of Swallowtail, from western Massachusetts). Circle the date: Saturday, November 30, 8:00 p.m. at the Concord Scout House, Concord, MA.



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BOSTON CENTRE'S 1986 "JUNE WEEKEND"

Plans for the 1986 June Weekend are already moving along at a great rate. Judy Otto and Rich Jackson, our planners for next year's weekend, are at work on staff and program, and are developing some special events for your entertainment.

One improvement we hope to make is an enlarged and improved bookstore. We would like to sell crafts, T-shirts, records and books of our own members as well as books and records from CDSS. Anyone who would like to sell articles through the "June Weekend" bookstore on a commission basis should contact Mary Stafford at 638-8443 days, or 782-7266 evenings. We will schedule at least an hour each day when the bookstore will be open, and hope to offer a large and interesting stock of gifts.

REMEMBER that the weekend will be a long one, but not a holiday. You should plan your vacation time now so you can attend. Camp will open Thursday evening, June 26th, and will close Monday morning, June 30th.



SCOTTISH-ENGLISH DANCE PARTY

An event is being planned for March 15th, 1986 which has not occurred in the Boston area for many years- a party dance jointly sponsored by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Country Dance Society, Boston Centre. The success of our "joint session" at Pinewoods, combining English Country dance and Scottish dance, has spurred interest in reviving this old custom.

The dance will be held in the Newton Highlands Congregational Church Parish Hall, easily reached by public transportation. The program will feature Helene Cornelius leading English dances, Julie Smith leading Scottish dances and Dan Pearl leading contra dances. Music will be provided by Ed Pearlman and Friends and by "Bare Necessities".

If you've been wondering what the "other kind" of dancing is like, this is the time to try it! Flyers will be available in a short time, and you should mark your calendars for a busy March now!

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RECOGNITION!!!
EARN THE RESPECT AND
ADMIRATION OF YOUR FRIENDS!

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ENTER THE CDS-BC
DESIGN-A-BUTTON CONTEST!!!!!!

We are looking for a new design for the ID buttons given out to campers at Pinewoods! Anything goes- a dance theme, a Pinewoods theme, a CDS theme, anything!

The only three requirements are: 1) it may have only two colors, one foreground and one background; 2) there must be room on it somewhere for the name; and 3) it must fit in a 2 3/4-inch diameter circle (see above), with a 1/4-inch margin all round.

FIRST PRIZE: A Boston Centre-CDS T-shirt and the honor of seeing people all over camp wearing your design!
HONORABLE MENTION: A display of the best designs at camp, and a pat on the back.

SEND DESIGNS TO:

Rich Jackson
7 Lowe Drive
Magnolia, MA 01930



ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IN MAINE

A few years back, the Boston Centre sponsored an outreach program to help support a group of English Country dancers in Brunswick, Maine. After a strong start, things have slowed down a little; but now a revival is in progress.

A new group of musicians have come together to play, and Rich Jackson is coming up from Boston to lead the dancing. All we need now are the dancers!

The next dance will be on January 25, 1986 in South Freeport, Maine, with dances every 4th Saturday after that. For more information, contact:

Greg Anderson in Bath, Maine
or
Rich Jackson in Boston, MA

TEA DANCE A SUCCESS

We are happy to hear that FAC's Tea Dance, featuring swing dance instruction by CDS Board member Kathy Terzi, was a rousing success, with attendance of between 130 and 150 for the afternoon workshop dance. Kathy reports that they almost ran out of door prize tickets, and that some of the costumes were terrific! Encouraged by the enthusiastic crowd, FAC plans another dance in February, with a Valentine theme. Look for the flyers!

SATURDAY, DEC. 28: CDS CHRISTMAS PARTY! Dwight Hall, Perkins School, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA. 8:00-11:00 P.M. "Bare Necessities", music. Helene Cornelius, Susan Elberger, dance leaders. Refreshments. \$4.00 members/\$4.50 regular.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3: First Friday, English Country Dancing for Experienced Dancers. Church of Our Savior, Monmouth and Carleton Sts., Brookline, MA. Jacqueline Schwab, music. CDS leaders. 8:00-11:00 P.M. Refreshments. \$3.50 members/\$4.00 regular.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5: NEFFA Contra with the BLT. First Church Congregational, Mason and Garden Sts., Cambridge, MA. NEFFA callers. 7:15-10:15 P.M. \$3.25 members/\$3.50 regular.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE CDS/NEFFA OFFICE at 617/354-1340.

The CDS Tuesday night series always presents your favorite callers and musicians from near and far! December 17th will feature the Cambridge debut of Tom Hinds from Virginia. Tom has performed around the country, and at the NEFFA Festival this past year. Tom is also a champion clogger and he is going to give a demonstration of his skills during the evening!

Remember that the Tuesday night dance features an early teaching class at 7:45 P.M. This is the best place to bring your friends who want to learn the basics of contra dancing. Beginning in the new year, the caller for that evening will be leading the early teaching. Many thanks to the volunteer teachers who will have been helping out up till then: Susan Elberger, Don Pauley, Dan Pearl and Rayna Tulysewski.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS- DECEMBER '85

*** WEEKLY EVENTS***

EVERY TUESDAY: "Contras in the Square"- New England Country Dancing . 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:15-11:00 P.M. Newcomer instruction at 7:45. \$3.50 members/\$4.00 regular. Refreshments. NOTE: There will be no dance Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: English Country Dancing. 7 Temple St., Cambridge, MA. 8:00-11:00 P.M. Music by "Bare Necessities", Helene Cornelius and other CDS leaders. NOTE: There will be no dance Christmas Day, but there will be a dance New Year's Day.

WEDNESDAYS: Morris and Sword Classes. There will be a new series beginning in January. Watch for flyers.

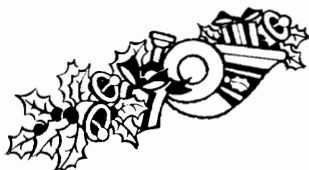
SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, DEC. 22: English Country Dancing for Experienced Dancers. First Unitarian Church, Concord Ave., Belmont, MA. 7:30-10:30 P.M. Jacqueline Schwab, music. CDS leaders. Refreshments. \$3.50 members/\$4.00 regular.



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