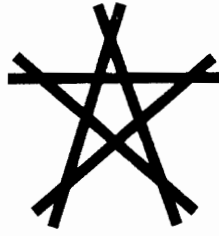



CDS Boston News



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1st Saturday Contra Dance Series Starting

The New England Dance Committee is creating a new night of dancing at the YWCA in Central Square, Cambridge. The format will be, like 2nd Tuesdays, an Open Mike with an open band (sit-ins welcome). The dance will be beginner-friendly and we intend to attract more folks who otherwise could not attend on a weeknight.

The first of these dances will be October 7th at 7:30 PM. For more general information feel free to call me, Tami Sanderson, at (617) 367-4916. If you wish to join in the fun as a caller or musician call Joel Breazeale at (617) 497-2112.

—Tami Sanderson

Bledington Morris Dance Series

Inasmuch as it has been some Time since some of the more Basic and Well-Known traditions of Morris Dancing were taught, and since we are blessed with some Fine and Venerable Morris-Dance Teachers and Musicians, there will be offered a Course of Instruction in the Bledington Tradition. This Course will be offered in the Hope that New-Comers to Morris Dancing, as well as those, shall we say, more Mature Dancers who have an incomplete Knowledge of the Subject, will be able to fill in the Gaps in their Repertoire. This course will be of use to the Morris Dancer who already has a Grasp of Double Stepping, Single Stepping, and other Basic Morris Concepts. Distinctive Figures of the Bledington Tradition, as well as Specific Bledington Dances will be taught.

The Teacher for the Series will be Shag Graetz, well-known and storied Morris Dancer and Teacher, and the Musician will be Tom Kruskal, equally well-known and storied.

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The CDS News needs you! See page 8.

Here we come again

In high summer, with temperatures soaring, it's hard to imagine that fall will arrive in less than two months, and with it our new CDS dance season. I, for one, look forward to the return of our regular series. Without a weekly SummerDance, Wednesday nights in July have felt strangely empty, but two English dances in August will help keep the Wednesday tradition alive.

Our weekly New England Contra dance begins on Tuesday, September 12, and our English Country series opens on Wednesday, September 13. You can look forward to lots of variety on stage on Tuesday nights—the New England Dance Committee has expanded its popular Open-Mike sessions from once to twice a month and is scheduling more two- and three-caller evenings. They will also begin a First-Saturday series of Open-Mike evenings advertised especially to non-dancers (but you're invited, too). Bare Necessities will continue as the primary musicians on Wednesday nights. In addition, the English Committee has again scheduled monthly "party-format" English dances, usually on the last Wednesday of the month. Come October, the First Friday series for experienced English dancers will open for the season. You'll find additional details on these dance series elsewhere in this newsletter.

As anyone who's ever been to Pinewoods can attest, many dancers are inveterate partygoers. Our special-event planners have worked hard over the summer and, although all the dates aren't set, we can all look forward to some elegant evenings in 1995-1996. Please join us on Saturday, September 16, at a gala opening dance in the YWCA's Hannum Hall, to celebrate the start of the new season. The evening will feature both New England and English Country dancing. It's not only a chance to get your dancing muscles back in shape, but also a great opportunity to introduce a friend or two to the pleasures of traditional dance at the start of the season. By the time of our winter Holiday Party, they won't feel like newcomers!

I hope each of you is having a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

—Jean Farrington

Dance space for rent

If you are looking for a hall for a dance or a party with dancing, please consider renting the Cambridge YWCA's Hannum Hall or Gymnasium through the Country Dance Society. CDS has contracted with the Y through August 1996 for more uses than we currently anticipate using for our own programs. We would be happy to consider rerenting some of those uses for a modest fee to other activities which bear some resemblance to our own, or involve some of our members. Please name a starting price and discuss the details with President Jean Farrington.

A Diversity of Dances: The Fall Contra Program

The new program format presented this fall by the New-England Dance Committee is perhaps the most diverse in the area. It will feature some of the most popular guest callers and a wide range of new and developing callers and bands. It will offer broad opportunity to sample different substyles of dancing, music, and calling, and the widest opportunities for talent development. One, two, three, or more callers will lead each dance evening at Hannum Hall in the Cambridge YWCA, and known and new bands will produce energizing music.

On most First Tuesdays, we feature acclaimed caller **Tony Saletan** leading us in Contemporary Contras and old and new Singing Squares with skill and humor, accompanied by seasoned musicians Vince O'Donnell, Carol Bittenson, and Cal Howard. These are classic evenings; do not miss!

Open Mike nights

Second Tuesdays are one of the entry points for new and developing callers and musicians to have a try or two at an Open Mike. Anyone with the interest and drive to call or play is welcome to give it a shot. Join us for one—or preferably many—evenings. In the past year, we have usually had five to seven callers per evening and up to fifteen musicians—the place to be! These evenings have averaged as good attendance as for our guest callers.

New Open Mike

Fifth-Tuesday Open Mike, new this year, will begin with a Hallowe'en Party on October 31st. These will provide an additional opportunity for those who love to call, would like to do it in Cambridge, and welcome the opportunity for practice, as well as for dancers who enjoy the energy this produces. New callers are especially welcome. Women who have thought of calling—give it another thought and come; we need you to help us with gender balance on the stage.

Guests—Solo, Duo, and Trio

Our special guests on September 19 will be elegant caller and choreographer **Susan Elberger**, with music by *Monkey Island* with **Deborah Gerstein**, **Bill Cronin**, **Walker Anderson**, and **Brian Rost**; on November 21, **Steve Zakon-Anderson**,

Bledington

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The Series will be held on four consecutive Wednesday Evenings, specifically October 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 7 to 8:30pm in the Gymnasium beneath Hannum Hall, at the Cambridge YWCA. Participants will be Encouraged to attend the remainder of the English Country Dance, as has been done in the past.

The Cost will be \$5.50 per evening for Members, and \$6.00 for Non-Members. Payment up front for the entire series will be \$20 for Members and \$22 for Non-Members. Questions may be directed to Doug Reiner at 508-251-9716.



with **Susie Petrov** and her new band, *Reel Easy* and December 19 **Susan Kevra**, with **Ruthie Dornfeld**, **Keith Murhpy**, and **Bill Tomczak** and his fabulous clarinet. Mark your calendars for these festive events! We will also present new caller **Sharon Pederson**, from Maine, backed by **Terry Traub and the Contramaniacs**—**Barbara McOwen**, **Cal Howard**, and sit-ins.

We have added 'duo' evenings to the 'trios' we started last year. Our first duo, on October 3, will consist of **Erica Weiss** (who may, unfortunately, be leaving this area) and **Steve Boylan** (who, fortunately, is probably staying!), with music by **Rick Mohr and friends**—a fun evening; do come! On October 24, we have the lively trio of **Dave Small**, **J.B. Sweeney**, and **Larry Jennings**, with music by *Unstrung Heroes*; you will enjoy it! On November 28, you will also enjoy a duo with **Kate Oosterheld** and **Jacob Bloom** with music by **Steve Cushing** and *Plane Without Wings*, and on December 26, a trio with old-timer **Charlie Webster**, new caller **Rick Frank**, and a caller as yet to be determined, with **Terry Traub and the Contramaniacs**. Most of these events occur on Fourth Tuesdays, when Helen Snively hosts a friendly 6:15pm potluck supper nearby.

And, for somewhere completely different, **Linda Leslie** will lead our Autumnal Equinox Dance at the Concord Scout House, Saturday, Sep 30, and we'll all raise the roof!

Winter Warm-Up Dance: **Susan Elberger** will help warm us up with her exciting and interesting dances at our big end-of-the-year dance on Saturday, December 30th, at the Scout House. Come, dance, see your friends, have fun, and eat! See you there!

Beginning dancers, advanced dancers, and all in between, are welcome at all our events. Our dance sets, always walked through in advance, progress from simple to moderately complex so that everyone may be included. We are certain that all who come should feel welcomed and have a good time.

Get your money's worth—come early! Refreshments, too!

—Ann Cowan, Program Chair



1995 AUTUMN DANCE CALENDAR

For the latest information on events in the Boston area, call the CDS office, 354-1340.

A recorded announcement will bring you up to date

☎ Except where noted, all telephone numbers are in Area Code (617).

CDS REGULAR EVENTS

TUESDAYS: CONTRAS AND SQUARES from September 12

7:30-10:30 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St.

First Tuesdays: (Except 10/3): Tony Saletan, caller, with Vince O'Donnell, Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard.

Second Tuesdays: Open Mike, with *Cambridge Open Dance-Band Society*.

Callers, call Joel: 497-2112; musicians, call Rick: 924-5454.

Third Tuesdays: Guest Callers and Musicians.

Fourth Tuesdays: Duo or Trio of newer callers, with newer band.

Fifth Tuesdays: Open Mike, with *Terry Traub and the Contramaniacs*.

Callers, call Ann: 354-0864; musicians, call Terry: 643-6420.

\$5 regular; \$4.50 CDS Members; \$2.50 students.

Contact: CDS Office or Art Anger, 899-8702.

WEDNESDAYS: ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Beginning September 13.

7:30-10:30 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St.

Leaders: Helene Cornelius, Emily Ferguson, Barbara Finney, George Fogg, Rich Jackson, Jacqueline Schwab, Robin Rogers-Browne.

Musicians: *Bare Necessities* (Peter Barnes, Earl Gaddis, Mary Lea, Jacqueline Schwab), and others.

\$5 CDS Members; \$6 non-members; \$2.50 students with current student I.D.

"Party-format" on last Wednesday of each month.

Contact: CDS or Arthur Ferguson (508) 875-0382

FIRST FRIDAYS:

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS

8:15-11 PM at Church of Our Saviour, Carleton & Monmouth Sts., Brookline

For dancers thoroughly familiar with basic English Country Dance Figures.

Various leaders and musicians. All dances will be taught.

\$5.00 for all.

Contact: CDS or Arthur Ferguson (508) 875-0382

FIRST SATURDAYS: More Open Mike Contras & Squares

7:30-10:30 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St.

Open Mike, with *Cambridge Open Dance-Band Society*.

Callers: call Joel: 497-2112; musicians call Steven: 524-1767.

\$5 regular; \$4.50 CDS Members; \$2.50 students.

Contact: CDS Office or Tami Sanderson, 367-4916.

Tuesday September 12

Open Mike; with *Cambridge Open Danceband Society*.

Wednesday September 13

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Saturday September 16

Fall Welcome Party. Cambridge YWCA, 7:30-10:30pm. English Country and New-England Contra dancing. \$5.

Tuesday September 19

Susan Elberger; with *Monkey Island*.

Wednesday September 20

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Tuesday September 26

Duo: Tony Saletan; with Vince O'Donnell, Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard. 6:15pm potluck nearby.

Wednesday September 27

English Dance Party. \$6/5 CDS

Saturday September 30

Autumnal Equinox Dance. Fifth Saturday Contra. Concord Scout House, 8-11pm. Linda Leslie.

Tuesday October 3

Duo: Erica Weiss & Steve Boylan; with *Rick Mohr and Friends*.

Wednesday October 4

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Friday October 6

Experienced English Dance, \$5.

Saturday October 7

First Saturday Dance. Cambridge YWCA, 7:30-10:30pm. Open Mike; with *Steven Cushing* and Open Band. \$5/4.50 CDS.

Tuesday October 10

Open Mike; with *Cambridge Open Danceband Society*.

Wednesday October 11
English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Tuesday October 17
Sharon Pederson; with
Contramaniacs: Terry Traub,
Barbara McOwen, Cal Howard.
Sit-ins call Terry at 643-6420.

Wednesday October 18
English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Tuesday October 24
Trio: Dave Small, J.B. Sweeney,
Larry Jennings; with *Unstrung*
Heroes. 6:15pm potluck nearby.

Wednesday October 25
English Dance Party. \$6/5 CDS

Tuesday October 31
Hallowe'en Party – Costumes
Encouraged. Open Mike; with
Contramaniacs: Terry Traub,
Barbara McOwen, Cal Howard.

Wednesday November 1
English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Friday November 3
Experienced English Dance, \$5.

Saturday November 4
First Saturday Dance. Cambridge
YWCA, 7:30-10:30pm. Open
Mike; with *Steven Cushing* and
Open Band. \$5/4.50 CDS.

Tuesday November 7
Tony Saletan; with *Vince O'Donnell,*
Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard.

Wednesday November 8
English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Tuesday November 14
Open Mike; with *Cambridge Open*
Danceband Society.

Wednesday November 15
English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

Tuesday November 21
Steve Zakon-Anderson; with *Susie*
Petrov and Reel Easy

Wednesday November 22
English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS



Tuesday November 28
Duo: Jacob Bloom & Kate
Oesterheld; with *Plane Without*
Wings (Steven Cushing, Christine
Anderson, Damaris Rohsenow, Bill
White, and Jo Ellen Gent). 6:15pm
potluck nearby.

Wednesday November 29
English Dance Party. \$6/5 CDS

Friday December 1
Experienced English Dance, \$5.

Saturday December 2
First Saturday Dance. Cambridge
YWCA, 7:30-10:30pm. Open
Mike; with *Steven Cushing* and
Open Band. \$5/4.50 CDS.

Tuesday December 5
Tony Saletan; with *Vince O'Donnell,*
Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard.

Wednesday December 6
English Country Dance. \$6/ 5
CDS

Tuesday December 12
Open Mike; with *Cambridge Open*
Danceband Society.

Wednesday December 13
English Country Dance. \$6/ 5
CDS

Tuesday December 19
Susan Kevra; with *Ruthie Dornfeld,*
Keith Murphy and Bill Tomczak.

Wednesday December 20
English Country Dance. \$6/ 5
CDS

Tuesday December 26
Trio: Charlie Webster, Rick Frank,
& TBA; with *Contramaniacs:*
Terry Traub and friends 6:15pm
potluck nearby.

Wednesday December 27
English Dance Party.

Saturday December 30
Winter Warmup Dance: Susan
Elberger with a crowd of fine
musicians. Concord Scout
House, 8-11pm.

CDS to Offer *Basic Instruction*

The Tuesday New England Dance Series invites you to come early and learn basic contra and square dance figures. Bring friends who want to learn and come along to help others learn. This will take place 7:15 to 7:30

Tuesday evenings before the dance at the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Central Square.

Items of Note(s)

Purcell, Playford & the English Country Dance
by *Christine Helwig & Marshall Barron*
(with *Grace Feldman*)

Vol. 1: The Dances: 37 dances, reconstructed from the original sources by Christine Helwig, with extensive notes on the dances

Vol. 2: The Music: 3-part arrangements by Marshall Barron of Purcell tunes found in Playford, Walsh & Neal (from 1868-1728). Research and concordances by Grace Feldman.

CD: companion recording with a selection of the tunes. Lengths and tempi suitable for dancing. Performed on Period instruments by The Playford Consort, Marshall Barron, director.

from Playford Consort Publications,
100 York Street #15E, New Haven CT 06510:
Info: (203) 776-6929



Caller-Band Relations *Workshop*

Watch for a Workshop for Callers to provide helpful hints on relating to the bands that play for us. This workshop should be especially useful for relatively new callers or for those with little musical experience. In any case, it will offer an opportunity for callers to talk with each other and with one or more musicians, for mutual benefit. For information or suggestions, call Ann Cowan at 354-0864.

OTHER BOSTON AREA DANCES

These regularly scheduled dances appear in the *CDS Boston News* when space is available.

MONDAYS

CONTRA DANCE, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord. 7:30-10:30 PM. Yankee Ingenuity & Tony Parkes, caller.

\$6. **Info:** (508) 667-7459 or 272-0396

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE, Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. 7:45-10 PM. Instruction, all welcome.

\$5. **Info:** 492-8180

THURSDAYS

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRA DANCES, VFW Hall, 688 Huron Ave., Cambridge. 8-11 PM. Variety of callers and bands.

\$5. **Info:** 354-1340, 272-0396 or (508) 872-5228.

FRIDAYS

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRAS. Third Friday at First Parish Church, 7 Harrington Rd., Lexington. 8 PM. Roaring Jelly & caller Susan Elberger. \$5. Through June. **Info:** 235-0713.

SATURDAYS

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRAS, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord. 8-11 PM. Alternating weekly schedule (except first Saturdays) featuring Walter Lenk & others; Live music by a variety of bands. **Info:** 547-7781 \$5.

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRAS (for experienced dancers). First Saturday at All Saints Episcopal Church, 17 Clark St., Belmont Center. 8-11 PM. Unstrung Heroes & caller Lisa Greenleaf. \$5. Soft-soled Shoes, please. **Info:** (508) 877-1168.

GENDER-FREE CONTRADANCING. Occasional Saturdays at First Church of Jamaica Plain, Unitarian-Universalist, Centre & Eliot Streets, Jamaica Plain. \$5 before 8 PM; \$6 after 8 PM (to encourage dancers to arrive promptly). Beginners' workshop: 7:30, easy to intermediate dances: 8-9:30, advanced: 10-11 pm. **Info:** Janet 522-2216, Phil 720-2443.

SUNDAYS

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE, Church of Our Savior, 23 Monmouth St., Brookline, 6:30-8:30 PM. Instruction, all welcome. \$3. **Info:** 864-8945.



OUTSIDE THE BOSTON AREA

Please call the information number listed to confirm date, time and place.

MONDAYS

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING with George Fogg & Ellen Mandigo. Congregational Church, South Weymouth Square, MA. 8 - 10 PM **Info:** 335-0818 or 426-1048.

FRIDAYS

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES OF RHODE ISLAND. 3rd Fridays, Oaklawn Grange, Cranston, R.I. 7:30-10:30 pm, Beginners 7:30-8:00 pm. Callers: 9/15: Barbara Finney w/Strawberry Shortcake; 10/20: Robin Rogers-Browne w/Susan Janssen & Marianna Avery; 11/17: Mitchell Robbins w/Susan Janssen & Marianna Avery; 12/15: Peggy Vermilya w/Peter Corbridge & Marianna Pinchot Avery. \$6. **Info:** (401) 331-3239

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE ON CAPE COD. 2nd & 4th Fri, year-round, at the Unitarian Church in Barnstable, MA. Music by Eleanor Calvin. 7:30pm. \$3. **Info:** Francis & Marjorie Worrell (508) 362-9570.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IN NEW HAVEN 8-10:30pm, Neighborhood Music School Recital Hall, New Haven, CT. 9/8, 9/22; 10/6, 10/20; 11/3, 17; 12/1. Teaching: Christine Helwig & Andreas Hayden. \$7 Music: Marshall Barron, Grace Feldman, Margaret Ann Martin. Beginners welcome, all dances taught. Bring dance shoes. **Info:** (203) 776-6929

CARLISLE DANCES—Squares, contras, & couple dances. Second Fridays of the month at the Unitarian Church in Carlisle, MA, featuring O'Connor's Mob with Walter Lenk, caller. Potluck 6:30; Dance 8:00 - 10:30 PM. \$5 **Info:** 547-7781 or (508) 369-1232

SATURDAYS

MYSTIC ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE(Connecticut). Third Saturdays at Stonington Grange 7:30-10:30 pm. Beginners especially welcome early. Peggy Vermilya, caller, w/Peter Corbridge, piano, Marianna Pinchot Avery, recorders. Soft-soled shoes, please. \$6. **Info:** Peggy & Peter Vermilya (203) 535-3623.

SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

English Dance Week at Pinewoods

8/19-8/26 CDSS: (413) 584-9913.

Dance Musicians' Workshop

8/24-8/27 With **David Kaynor**.
Saco, ME. Contact: Barbara Stroup (413) 733-1263.

American Dance Week at Pinewoods

8/26 - 9/2 CDSS: (413) 584-9913.

Swing Dance Weekend at Pinewoods

9/8-9/10 FAC: 491-6083.

Purcell Concert by The Playford Consort

Sunday, 9/10 2pm Including dance music from
Marshall Barron's new book and the Consort's new CD.
Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon St, \$6
New Haven, CT. Info: (203) 776-6929.

English Country Dance Band Workshop

9/16 1-4 with **Marshall Barron**. \$15. Pre-registration.
New Haven, CT. Info: (203) 776-6929.

National Ballroom Dance Week

9/15 - 9/24; Noon performances at Federal Reserve
and South Station; 9/16 performance, Hatch Shell.
Contact: Anne Atheling: 923-8211.

Fall into Morris

October mini-course in Bledington Morris,
Wednesday evenings, **October 4, 11, 18, and 25**.
from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Gym at the Cambridge YWCA.
Shag Graetz, leader; *Tom Kruskal*, music.
Cost: \$5.50/evening for Members, \$6.00 for Non-Members.
or \$20/\$22 advance registration for entire course.
Contact: Doug Reiner at (508) 251-9716.

A Ragtime Tea Dance

Sunday 10/22 with *Jacquie Schwab and Peter Bloom*,
Masonic Hall, Porter Square, Dances of the early
20th Century, with emphasis on **Ragtime Tango**.
Also: Waltz, One-Step, Ragtime Foxtrot, Castle-
Walk. \$8.—, including one hour tango workshop.
2-5:30 pm. No experience needed.
Cambridge, MA. Contact: Mike Bergman 964-7684.

NOMAD Festival, October 27, 28, 29 CT

Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods

9/2-9/5 English: **Scott Higgs**; *Old Peculier*.
New England Contras: **Sue Rosen**; *Unstrung Heroes*;
Adult: \$143. email: pearl@sw.stratus.com.
or Dan & Shelagh Ellman-Pearl: (508) 229-2854.

Labor Day Dawn Dance

9/3 Gibson-Aiken Center.
English, 3-6pm: **Fred Breunig**; *Cathie Whitesides*,
Laurie Andres. \$6. Contras, 8pm-7am:
Steve Zakon; *Bob McQuillen*, *Cathie Whitesides*,
Michael Kerry, *Laurie Andres*; *Scrod Pudding*; *Dave*
Kaynor and Friends. \$12. Both: \$17.
Brattleboro, VT Contact: Kevin (413) 256-1233.

Gender-Free Dance Camp

9/15-9/17 Becket/Chimney Corners Camp. **Dave**
Kaynor and friends (contras), **Sue Peck and**
Carolyn Orkney (cajun waltz, 2-step, and
jitterbug), **Michael Cicone** (English), **Louise Brill**
(international); music by *Dave Kaynor*, *Mary Cay*
Brass, *Carol Hamm*, and *Mystery Fiddler*. \$160 (non-
LFCD member after 15 Aug). \$50 deposit to: Robin
Nollet, 16 N. Prospect St., Orange, MA 01634;
Becket, MA. Robin: (508) 544-8447.

FALL FAVORITES DANCE

10/21 7:45-10:45 PM at Cambridge YWCA,
Leader: **Helene Cornelius**
Musicians: *Earl Gaddis* and *Jacqueline Schwab*
\$7 in Advance; \$8 at the door
You can help select the program! (See flyer for details)
Contact: Arthur Ferguson (508) 875-0382.

Hartford Intensive Vintage Workshop

Nov 11, 12 with **Richard Powers**
Old Wethersfield, CT. Info: 964-7684.

November Jubilee

11/18 mid-nineteenth century dance with *Spare Parts*
and **Commonwealth Vintage Dancers** --
waltzes, polkas, Lancers, Quadrilles, Contra-Dances.
Greater Boston area (TBD) Info: 964-7684.

Ralph Page Legacy Weekend

1/12-1/14 Durham NH. NEFFA: 354-1340.

A Preview of the 1995-1996 English Dance Season

The only significant change planned for the Wednesday English Dance series is a revision to the teaching schedule. Because of the feeling expressed by several of the leaders that the current four and five week stints are not long enough to allow them to grow and develop as leaders, the English Dance Committee has decided to experiment with a two-year, rather than a one-year, teaching cycle. The longer cycle permits us to offer our corps of experienced leaders, who share the Wednesday program with Helene Cornelius, eight-week long teaching assignments. The schedule proposed by the Committee reflects its desire to ensure that the longer cycle achieves balance in terms of gender and teaching style. However, even if your favorite leader isn't on the teaching roster for this season, you can look forward to seeing him or her at our party-format dances, which will continue to be held on the last Wednesday of each month (except November, where pre-Thanksgiving dance falls on the next-to-last Wednesday), and the First Friday dance series.

The other elements of the English Country Dance program will continue largely unchanged: the First Friday English Dance for Experienced Dancers begins October 6 at the Church of Our Savior, Brookline; our Fall Favorites Dance is scheduled for Hannum Hall at the YWCA on Saturday October 21; and the Playford Ball will take place on March 2, 1996. In addition the English Dance Committee is planning a workshop and dance weekend featuring Fried de Metz Herman, a well-known teacher from New York and the composer of several well-loved dances in the Boston repertoire. Plans call for Fried to lead the First Friday dance on February 3, 1996, followed by a workshop on Saturday afternoon and a dance Saturday evening at our usual venue, Hannum Hall. We'll keep you posted on further details, but, meanwhile, you might like to note the dates on your calendar.

—Arthur Ferguson

Treasurer Turnover

In June, our seasoned Treasurer, Harvey Cohen, submitted a letter of resignation to the CDS Board. We accepted it with great regret and appreciation for all his services to CDS, Boston. Harvey agreed to handle financial matters through the end of the fiscal year, on 31 July. Once the books are closed, we hope that he'll find more time to dance. In accordance with the by-laws, the Board has elected Ralph Jones as Treasurer until the next election of officers. Ralph is well-known to many of you, whether as dancer, musician, or Treasurer of the New England Folk Festival Association. He's also an experienced tax preparer, and will shortly begin teaching accounting. Thank you, Harvey, for your hard work on behalf of CDS, Boston, and Welcome, Ralph!

Fall Sound Workshop

Here is your opportunity to learn a tradable and fun skill. You too can set up, take down, and control the sound system for most of our local dances and concerts—for CDS, NEFFA, FAC, and more! Enjoy behind-the-scenes importance.

This one-hour workshop will be held at the YWCA in Cambridge at 6:30pm, Tuesday, October 17th, 1995 in Hannum Hall preceding the 7:30 Contra Dance. Come to the workshop, volunteer to help set up twice more, and dance and learn FREE on the 17th.

This workshop will focus on the use of the CDS system in particular. For more information, call Ann Cowan at 354-0864, or come!



News of the Board

May 1995 - Jean Farrington and Maureen Carey reported that the Food Booth at the Folk Festival had been a success as a community event, as a service to customers, and as a fund raiser, although the exact surplus is yet to be computed. Outdoor English and Contra "outreach" events were authorized as part of Cambridge Dance Month in May. There was discussion about direction for the ad hoc Outreach Committee formed at the spring retreat. A gift was voted for Life Member Ted Sannella, then in the hospital.

June 1995 - The English Committee's proposal for next season's program was approved; it will give staff longer spans of consecutive dates to lead part of the evening. The New-England Committee's proposal was approved, after insisting on retaining a discount for members; with Tony Parkes' departure, one evening each month will feature duos or trios of callers supported by newer bands. Their budget also includes an occasional newsletter mailing to encourage attendees to return and bring friends. Lisa Greenleaf and David Wilson were appointed as additions to the organizing committee for English-Scottish Session. Three more public contra-dance outreach events were approved for July through September. Ted Sannella had sent an appreciative note for the CDS bouquet of balloons that made his hospital room the talk of the ward—and cheered the children's ward after he returned home.

July 1995 - Ralph Jones was appointed Treasurer, to replace Harvey Cohen as of 1 August; he got approval for some payment-approval procedures. In the absence of action by the Ritual Dance Committee, Doug Reiner proposed a fall series of Morris-dance classes; it was accepted. The Board agreed to co-sponsor David Wilson's August series introducing Scottish dance to Contra/English dancers. It also accepted a proposal from the New-England Dance Committee to hold First-Saturday contra dances in the fall aimed primarily at current non-dancers.

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New Technology

The CDS office is now graced by a fax machine, reachable at 617-354-3142. It also serves NEFFA and FAC, so be sure to address the intended recipient clearly.

Communicating with the Board

If you are planning an event or have some other matter that requires consideration by the CDS Board, please send a one or two-page summary to Jean Farrington by one of the following dates for consideration at the subsequent week's meeting:

Sep.10, Oct.8, Nov.5, Dec.10.

Editors & Writers Needed

The CDS News doesn't write itself! If you're interested in working on it, contact Mike Bergman, 964-7684.

News Needed

If you are planning a future event, or attended a notable past event, that you would like to tell all your fellow members about, we would like to hear from you.

Send articles, announcements, requests, or inquiries to:

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Phone Art Anger, 899-8702 (h) or 253-7044 (o) to discuss assisting, or for delivery instructions.

Deadlines for Winter issue:

(covering Dec. 1995 – Mar. 1996):

Editorial and calendar: Nov. 3

Inserts (pre-approved): Nov. 20

CDS Boston Centre

Meetings

Board of Directors:

3rd Wednesday, 6:00 PM, YWCA,
7 Temple St., Cambridge

New England Dance Committee:

1st Tuesday, 6:00 PM YWCA, 899-8702

English Dance Committee:

2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM.

Call (508) 875-0382 for location

Meetings are open; all members are welcome, but please call ahead to confirm date, time, and place.

Membership Renewal Request

By or shortly after the time you receive this you should be getting the membership renewal letter. This is just a note to ask you to return your renewal promptly.