

MERSEY AND DEESIDE NEWS



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CLUBS AFFILIATED TO E.F.D.S.S. AND MAD FOLK

AINSDALE FDC:

Mrs Kathleen Etchells, 01704 579893.

Meetings every Monday 8-10pm at St John's Church Hall, 629 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 3NG.

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LITTLE LONGBOROUGH DANCE CLUB:

Clare and Frank Park 01744 24613.

Meets twice a month on a Wednesday at Rainford Village Hall, WA11 8 HB near St Helens. 7.30-10pm

LIVERPOOL CONTRA FDC:

Mrs Maria Warrington, 0151 427 1907.

Meetings every Tuesday 8pm at The Scout Hut, Gorsedale Road, off Dovedale Road (between Rose Lane and Queen's Drive), L18 5EP.

NESTON FDC

Mrs Chris Durkin, 0151 353 1748.

Club nights and **Playford Style evenings** are held on alternate Wednesdays from 8-10pm. They meet at Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church Hall, CH64 6UZ except for the second Wednesday of each month, when we meet at Thornton Hough W.I. Hall.

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Change of Key	Frank Park	01744 24613
Cracknels	Brian Jenkins	0151 336 4818
Flaxmere Ceilidh Band	Val Catterall	01606 888551
Gallimaufry	Pete Rimmer	01704 567852
	www.southportstringensemble.co.uk	
Jasper's Leap	Sue Jones	01244 342693
Liverpool Country Dance Band	Gerry Jones	0151 259 3442
Shave The Donkey	Andy Wooles	07887 955133
Three Point Turn Ceilidh Band	Mick Draper	01244 381826
Two Left Feet	Richard Wilde	0151 648 7764
	www.thebardanceband.com	
White Knuckle Ride	Steve Burgess	01704 620860

List of Callers

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Annette Jones	0151 531 9825	CDs
Bernie Culkin	07821 106052	band/CDs
Bernie Forkin	07733106833	band/CDs
Gerry Jones	0151 259 3442	CDs/band
Judith Veevers	01772 434882	band/CDs
Maureen Waddington	01829 751667	band/CDs
Michael Baraclough	07396 329232	band/recorded music

This is not a 'recommended' list nor does it imply that those listed will be available for your event.

**ORMSKIRK FOLK DANCE CLUB
CELEBRATE
70 YEARS OF DANCING IN 2020**

*Join us on Saturday 18th January for our
Anniversary Dance and Workshop*

2:30 – 5.15 pm workshop £5.50

7.30 - 10.45 pm dance £10

Combined ticket £14

*Ian Jones & Victoria Yeomans
Kendal Green & Deo Volente*

*Ormskirk Civic Hall, Southport Road,
L39 1LN*

Car parks close by £2 up to 4 hours, free from 5.30
https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/media/545104/car_park_map_2019.jpg

*The hall will remain open for your own picnic tea and there are
various places to eat in or take out in the local vicinity.*

Supper and draw included in ticket as usual.

Please bring your own water bottle

Please book tickets with Denise Bearon

Tel. 01695 422971 or e-mail ormskirkfdc@gmail.com

*Future dates for 2020
Saturdays October 10th, November 14th, December 12th*

DIARY DATES

Note: All Diary Dates are on MAD Folk and Set & Turn Single Websites

- Jan 1st (Wed) Folk North West New Year's Day Start up. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. Volunteers with CDs. Tel: Bill on 01253 858994 or www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk
- Jan 12th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. MC: Norman Bearon with Denise and Naomi. Tel: Bill on 01253 858994 or www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk
- Jan 18th Ormskirk FDC. 70th Anniversary Dance at Ormskirk Civic Hall, Southport Road, L39 1LN. With Ian Jones & Victoria Yeomans, Kendal Green and Deo Volente. Tel: Denise on 01695 422971.
- Jan 19th (Sun) Band Workshop. 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel: Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Jan 23rd to Feb 6th Winter Folk Dancing in the Sun at Grande Hotel, Albufeira, Portugal. Visit www.enjoytravel.co.uk for details.
- Feb 1st Adlington (Cheshire) Evening Dance, at Poynton Community Centre, SK12 1RB. MC: Frances Richardson with High Jinks. Tel: Reg on 01625 875309.
- Feb 1st Leyland Folk Dance Club. Country Dance at St. Ambrose Church Hall, Moss Lane, Leyland, PR25 4XA. MC: Hilary Herbert with 2D. Tel: Mike on 01772 433430 or Ruth on 01772 431870.
- Feb 9th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. MC: Trevor Monson with Denise and Norman. Tel Bill on 01253 858994 or www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk
- Feb 16th (Sun) Band Workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Feb 29th Liverpool Contra Spring Dance at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall, Queen's Drive, Mossley Hill, L18. MC: Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord. Tel: Maria on 0151 427 1907.

- Mar 7th Lancashire Folk Spring Gathering at St. Ambrose Church Hall, Moss Lane, Leyland, PR25 4XA. Kathryne & David Wright with Focus Pocus. Tel 01772 321549.
- Mar 7th Hawk Green FDC. Spring Dance at St. Peter's Parish Centre, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA. MC: Victoria Yeomans with Alberio. Tel: Neil on 0161 494 1582.
- Mar 8th Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale (Sun) Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. MC: Hilary Herbert with Kendal Green. www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk or Tel Bill 01253 858994.
- Mar 15th Band Workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, (Sun) Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Mar 21st Preston FDC. Spring Anniversary Dance at St. Ambrose Church Hall, Moss Lane, Leyland, PR25 4XA. MC: Jeff & Lynn Hoyle with White Knuckle Ride. Tel 01995 672114 or 01253 858994.
- Mar 28th Adlington (Cheshire). Spring Ball at Macclesfield Town Hall. MC: Brian Stanton with Deo Volente. Tickets required in advance from Reg on 01625 875309.
- Apr 19th Band Workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, (Sun) Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Apr 19th Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale (Sun) Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. Volunteers with CDs. www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk. Tel: Bill on 01253 858994
- May 17th (Sun). Band Workshop at Rainford Village Hall. Details as above.
- June 21st (Sun). Band Workshop at Rainford Village Hall. Details as above.

Future Dates

- Oct 3rd Adlington (Cheshire). 65th Celebration Dance at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB. MC: Andrew Shaw with Denise and Norman. Tel: Reg on 01625 875309.
- Oct 10th Ormskirk FDC: Details later.
- Oct 10th Bangor Playford Ball at Old Town Hall, Llanfairfechan. MC: Brian Stanton with Jack's Maggot. Tel: Nicki on 01248 600956 / 07960 371620.

- Oct 11th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. Tel Bill on 01253 858994 or www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk
- Oct 17th Leyland FDC. Country Dance at Leyland Methodist Church Hall, Turpin Green Lane, Leyland, PR25 3HA. MC: Madeline Smith with Vic and Ben. Tel: Mike on 01772 433430 or Ruth on 01772 431970.
- Nov 7th Hawk Green FDC. Autumn Dance at St. Peter's Parish Centre, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA. MC: Rhodri Davies with English Contra Band. Tel: Neil 0161 494 1582.
- Nov 8th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. Tel Bill on 01253 858994 or www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk
- Nov 14th Ormskirk FDC: Details later
- Dec 5th Adlington (Cheshire) MC Neil Stuart with Julia and Shane.
- Dec 12th Ormskirk FDC: Details later
- Dec 13th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30-5.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0UY. Tel Bill on 01253 858994 or www.folknorthwestdance.co.uk
- Jan 17th **2021** Ormskirk FDC. Details later
- Feb 6th Adlington (Cheshire) MC: Bernie Culkin
- Mar 27th Adlington (Cheshire) Spring Ball. MC: Hilary Herbert

Adlington Folk Dance Club Dances in 2020

At Poynton Community Centre
107 Park Lane SK12 1RB
Evening dances 7:30pm £10 on door

Sat. 1st February 2020
Frances Richardson with High Jinks

Sat. 3rd October 2020 65th Birthday dance
Andrew Shaw with Denise and Norman

Sat. 5th December 2020
Neil Stuart with Shane and Julia

The Spring Ball at Macclesfield Town Hall
Brian Stanton with Deo Volente
Will be held on 28th March 2020
Ball tickets £22 required in advance

2021

Sat. 6th February 2021 Bernie Culkin
Sat. 27th March 2021 Ball Hilary Herbert

www.adlingtonfolk.co.uk : 01625-875309

or

01625-876572

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

During the late August Bank holiday weekend we had a visit from the French music and dance group Gastadours. The weekend was hosted by Mersey Morris and included a day of dance at Chester and a spectacular last night ceilidh. A great time was had by all who took part.

September began with a lovely dance hosted by the Little Longborough group with the wonderful Bernie Culkin calling and music provided by the equally wonderful Little Longborough resident band Change of Key.

Heswall and West Kirby held their 70th Anniversary Dance in November. Members of Change of Key formed part of the Rainford Band which played with Clare Park, as the MC for the evening. Clare included dances written by Ted Harnden in her programme and the band played tunes composed by John Stapledon. All in all a hugely successful evening and who can forget the wonderful cake provided by Annette Jones.

Looking forward to 2020. Congratulations to the Ormskirk group who celebrate their 70th Anniversary with a dance in January and also to Adlington Cheshire group who celebrate their 65th birthday with a dance on October 3rd.

Nearer home Liverpool Contra host their Spring Dance on February 29th with MC Rhodri Davies and music provided by Knotted Chord. Please do support the event as there are so few dances locally these days and we don't want Mersey and Deeside Folk to die. Is that a bit too melodramatic?? Maybe. Let's keep the tradition alive in this area.

At the MAD Folk AGM our treasurer announced a surplus instead of the usual deficit. Our finances have improved in part due to more members receiving MAD News and other information by email which reduces printing costs and postage. If you would like to receive emails from MAD Folk please send a copy of your email address or contact your club secretary.

At the November Sunday morning band workshop we played a selection of tunes composed by Susan Stapledon. The tunes were taken from a book which contained about fifty of Susan's compositions. Copies of the tune book and also CDs which feature Susan can be obtained by contacting her brother Richard on 0151 342 5947.

Chris Warrington.

STOP PRESS

This week all individual members and groups affiliated to EFDSS received a letter which outlined the changes which have been made to the Societies Public Liability Insurance policy. Among other things the letter lists what is covered and what is not covered by the PLI

One exemption is Products Liability (including food and drinks – outside catering companies should have their own insurance). Further clarification is required but it would seem that if someone attending a dance or other folk related activity has an adverse reaction to the food and drink provided by the host group and decides to take action against the group the Societies PLI will not cover the cost of defending that action and neither will it pay damages which might occur as a result of the action.

As a result of this some groups are considering engaging outside caterers or not providing food and drink at all. It is unclear whether issuing a disclaimer with the entrance ticket would be acceptable.

The letter suggests that individuals who want further clarification should consult efdss.org/insurance and also members will be able to contact the Societies Insurance Broker directly when the Society issues contact details.

I understand that the interval tea and biscuits which are provided by groups at their weekly meetings are not covered under this exemption. The exemption covers events where food and drink are purchased as part of the cost of the entrance ticket.

Dare I say food for thought?

Chris Warrington.

Minutes of MAD FOLK AGM

held at Southport Club on November 14th 2019

Apologies:- Chris Durkin; Keith and Kath Williams, Sheila and Malcolm Davies.

Present:- 29

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed and there were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report:- Cathy distributed the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2019 which showed a surplus of £48.30 which is a significant improvement on last year.

This was due to an increase in club subscriptions, and a reduction in web site fees and a reduction in printing and postage costs. We now have 106 members who receive MAD News and other information by email which has helped to reduce printing and postage costs. It was agreed to keep the annual MAD Folk affiliation fee at £12 for the coming year. Groups were reminded that affiliation fees are now due for payment.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Roger Downing and seconded by Eleanor Mehew and agreed by a show of hands, The meeting gave a huge vote of thanks to Cathy our treasurer.

Secretary's Report:- Chris asked groups to look at their web page entry on MAD Folk website and report any updates they require to him as soon as convenient. Also provide a note of their email address if they wish to receive MAD News by email.

Election of Officers:- As there were no new nominations the officers were re-elected.

Chairman's Report:- Mary Smith said it had been a sad year as we had lost Sarina and Susan Stapledon early in the year and more recently Roy Hordley.

Mary thanked the officers for their work throughout the past year, David Haynes for looking after our website and Sheila Davies for her work in the production and distribution of MAD News.

She congratulated the Heswall and West Kirby group on celebrating their 70th birthday with an excellent party dance which was held on November 8th.

Mary thanked the Southport group for hosting the meeting and for all present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8pm and we had an excellent dance which featured music provided by club musicians and callers and lovely interval tea and cakes.

Chris Warrington

Liverpool Contra Club

Spring Dance

On Saturday 29th February 2020

7.30pm to 10.45pm

At St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall

Queen's Drive, Mossley Hill, L18 8AY

Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord

Interval entertainment by Mockbeggar Morris

Good hall and parking please bring some finger food

If approaching from end of M62/ Childwall/Allerton Rd. Go under Railway Bridge and look for concealed entrance on left, immediately before block of flats and traffic lights.

Ring Maria Warrington on 0151 427 1907.

ROY HORDLEY

15-03-1928 – 13-09-2019

I first encountered Roy at a barn dance which was held at a farm in Halewood near Liverpool. I did not know at the time that the man leading the Poachers Band, which included his wife Rene, was a man who had made a huge contribution to folk music and dance in the South Lancashire area.

Roy was an accomplished accordion and violin player. He led the Poachers Band for more than 50 years. In 1996 the band were recognised by the NSPCC for their work on behalf of the charity. Roy also played and danced with local Morris teams which included Manchester Morris.

Shortly after the end of WW2 Roy along with Vic Smeltzer formed the St. Helens Folk Dance Group. Roy was active within the group as a caller, musician and committee member until the group folded recently.

I became better acquainted with Roy and Rene when they led the Sunday morning workshop band. Roy was always helpful and supportive to all members of the group whatever their level of competence and gave them the opportunity to play at local group evenings and dances.

Away from music Roy, who was born in Sutton, St. Helens before moving to Rainford where he spent all his married life, gained a scholarship to Cowley Boys school and went on to study Chemistry at Liverpool University. After leaving university Roy taught Chemistry at Cowley School rising to Head of Department and then went on to become a lecturer at Padgate Teacher Training College where he stayed until his retirement.

Roy devoted much of his life to youth work and was the founder and Scout Leader of the 8th Sutton Scouts. Over the years he organised many activities which included musical events, pantomimes, theatrical events and regular summer camps and in 2011 a new scout den was opened by Roy. As always Rene was by his side and she obtained the bricks for the new building from a local brickworks which was due for closure.

Roy and Rene loved Scotland and had a holiday home at Invergarry for over 40 years. As always Roy and Rene immersed themselves in the life of the local community and they took part in many of the music and dance events which were held in the area. Whilst in Scotland Roy was able to pursue his passion for photography and at home was a member of the St. Helens Camera club.

Roy and Rene were married for more than 50 years and were a devoted couple. Roy missed Rene greatly after she died but continued to remain active until his health began to fail. Sadly Roy left us on the 13th September 2019. We will miss him.

Thanks to Iris Critchley for providing a copy of her eulogy which she read at Roy's funeral.

Chris Warrington



18th Bangor Playford Ball

At Old Town Hall, Llanfairfechan
In Glorious North Wales

On Saturday, October 10th 2020

Brian Stanton with Jack's Maggot

Tickets £10.00

Please bring your own alcohol and buffet

Contact: Nicki on 07960371620 or dr_nicki_h@hotmail.com

LEYLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB COUNTRY DANCES

Saturday, February 1st 2020

At St. Ambrose Church Hall, Moss Lane, Leyland, PR25 4XA

MC: Hilary Herbert with 2D

Saturday, October 17th 2020

At Leyland Methodist Church Hall, Turpin Green Lane, PR25 3HA

MC: Madeline Smith with Vic & Ben

Tickets and enquiries from Mike on 01772 433430
or Ruth on 01772 431970 or email: leylandfdc@gmail.com

HAWK GREEN FOLK DANCE CLUB

Dances

Spring Dance

Saturday 7th March 2020

MC: Victoria Yeomans with Alberio

Autumn Dance

Saturday 7th November, 2020

MC: Rhodri Davies with English Country Dance Band

Both dances at

St. Peter's Parish Centre, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA

Tickets and information from Neil on 0161 494 1582

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