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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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Mrs Mary Smith. 0151 652 4479.

Meetings every 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, at Victoria Hall, Bebington, CH63 8AB. 8-10.15pm.

FAZAKERLEY F. Country Dance Club:

Gerry Jones, 0151 259 3442 or gerry.jones@talktalk.net.

Meetings every Monday morning 10.15-12.15 except for Bank Holidays and August at The Community Centre, Formosa Drive, Liverpool, L10 7LQ.

Tel: 0151 523 1073.

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Norma McLellan, 0151 342 5420.

Meetings 8pm alt Fridays at Irby Methodist Church Hall, Mill Hill Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 4UB.

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.

SOUTHPORT FDC:

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Meetings every Thursday 8-10pm at St Peter's Church Hall, St Peter's Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4BY.

ST. HELENS FDC

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Meetings every Wednesday, 8pm at UNISON Social Club, Bishop Road, St. Helens, WA10 6SX.

STOCKTON HEATH FDC:

Keith Williams, 01928 713180.

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

Ormskirk Folk Dance Club
(www.ormskirkfdc.org.uk)

DANCES 2018

Saturday January 20th

Hilary Herbert with Deo Volente

Ormskirk School, Wigan Road, L39 2AT
2. 30 Afternoon Workshop & 7.30 Evening Dance

Friday afternoon 29th June

New style summer dance

St Theresa's, 23 College Road, UpHolland, WN8 0PY
Details to follow

Saturday October 13th

Lynn and Jeff Hoyle with Stradivariuous

Saturday November 10th

Hilary Herbert with Kendal Green

Saturday December 8th

Andrew Shaw with Deo Volente

Evening Dances start at 7.30pm

Supper and draw included in ticket as usual.

Please book tickets in advance with ticket sec. Denise Bearon
Tel. 01695 422971 or e-mail ormskirkfdc@gmail.com

Keep Dancing

We look forward to your continuing support

NEWS ROUND SPRING 2018.

In the Autumn issue of MAD News I mentioned that English Country/Playford dancing is popular in the USA. By coincidence I received an email a few weeks ago from Robert Messer who runs and calls at a group called the Ann Arbor English Dance Club which is situated in Albion, Michigan USA. Robert told me he planned to include the Heswall and West Kirby Jubilee, a Pat Shaw dance in his next Tuesday evening programme and asked if I could provide any background on the origins of the dance. Fortunately I was able to assist and in the email exchange that followed I found out that Robert has the complete collection of the West Kirby Band's Not Quite series of CDs and books which he uses regularly at his club. Also by an amazing coincidence one of his members, Peter Talbot was born on the Wirral and Peter's brother John still lives locally. John went to school in Birkenhead and is known to our Chairman Mary Smith who used to give John lifts to the Bebington club nights.

I am pleased that Cathy Bryan has agreed to be our new treasurer. Cathy is a member of the Bebington group where as well as dancing Cathy plays violin in their band. Cathy also plays violin in the Mockbeggar band and also is a regular attender at the Sunday morning band workshops. Cathy runs her own business as well as sending out MAD News to all our email sub scribers. Amazing how busy people always seem to find time to do extra things.

You might have noticed that the recent AGM agreed that we should include a code of conduct on our web site. I have been canvassing opinions and the final draught will be added to the web site before Christmas. This is meant to be a reminder to regular dancers and hopefully a useful reference to new dancers that there is a dance etiquette which is meant to ensure that our dance events are relaxed and enjoyable events for all who attend.

A few dances to look out for in 2018. St. Helens are having Judith Veevers and Chris and Julie Dewhurst on the 27th of January; Liverpool Contra, whose new venue was a great success last year, are having Rhodri Davies and Knotted Chord on the 10th of March and the Adlington Spring Ball on April 14th is almost sold out so book as soon as possible if you want to avoid disappointment and Ormskirk are having a new style summer dance on Friday afternoon June 29th.

Looking at Festivals coming up this year. There is the Love Folk Festival at Southport on 9th February; Chester Folk Day on 24th February; Chester Folk Festival on 25th May; Wirral Folk Festival on 31st May and if you want to make a week of it the fabulous Whitby Folk Week starting on 18th August.

Finally, Andy Wooles, who lives near Chester, has become a member of the EFDSS Board. Andy returned to folk music in about 2006 and joined the Mersey Morris Men as a dancer and musician. He also plays melodeon in the local ceilidh band Shave the Donkey. Good luck to Andy who hopes that his IT background will be helpful to the Society.

Chris Warrington.

16th Annual

Playford Ball



7pm Saturday 20th October 2018
Old Town Hall, Llanfairfechan, Conway, LL33 0AA

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Minutes of the MAD FOLK AGM at Heswall and West Kirby Group on November 10th 2017.

Present: 48, Apologies 8

Welcome: Mary Smith welcomed everyone and thanked Heswall and West Kirby group for hosting the meeting.

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted and there were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report: This was given by Bob Lightfoot who presented the income and expenditure accounts for the year ending 30th September 2017. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £1,364.95. A healthy position and Bob recommended that the annual fee should remain at £10. Bob thanked John Smith for his work as MAD folk treasurer. David Turner proposed acceptance of the accounts and Malcolm Davies seconded.

The Secretary: Chris Warrington confirmed that our treasurer John Smith had decided to retire as treasurer. Chris thanked John for his many years of outstanding service to MAD Folk and to folk music and dance in general. Chris presented a commemorative plaque to John on behalf of MAD Folk.

Election of Officers: Mary proposed Cathy Bryan, a member of the Bebington group as the new treasurer and Sheila Davies seconded the proposal. Mary Smith has agreed to continue as Chair and Chris Warrington as secretary. All three were elected unanimously.

Code of Conduct: Maria Warrington said that a member of her group had reported to her that they had been made to feel very uncomfortable by the unwanted attentions of another member of her club. Thankfully such incidents happen very infrequently but it is worrying that EFDSS doesn't appear to have procedures in place to deal with such incidents. David Haynes, our web site manager, outlined some of the difficulties in dealing with incidents such as these and offered a draft code of conduct for consideration. It was agreed that after consultation with clubs, a code of conduct would be added to our web site.

Chairman's Report: Mary again thanked Heswall and West Kirby for hosting the AGM and thanked MAD Folk for their very nice gift to John. Mary thanked John for his work over the years as treasurer, and Bob Lightfoot for auditing the accounts. She also thanked Sheila Davies for her work in typing and compiling MAD News, Chris for his work as secretary,

David Haynes for his work on the web site and Cathy Bryan for sending out MAD News and other publicity by email.

Mary suggested that having the home addresses and email addresses of club secretaries and officers of MAD Folk on the paper copy and in some cases on the web site could present a medium to low security risk. It was decided that only the name and telephone numbers of secretaries would appear in future.

As there were no items of any other business Mary closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Chris Warrington



ADLINGTON
Folk Dance Club. CHESHIRE
DANCE DATES 2018

- 2018 Sat 3rd Feb. Hilary Herbert with Chris & Julie Dewhurst**
Evening dance at 7.30pm, £10 on the door
At Poynton community centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB
- Sat 14th April; Spring Ball. Roy Garrington with Stradivarius**
Macclesfield Town Hall, SK10 1EA, Tkt. Req. £20
- Sat. 6th October. Geoff Cubitt & Portland Drive**
Evening dance at 7.30pm, £10 on the door
At Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB
- Sat. 24th November. Trevor Monson with Pendragon.**
At Poynton Community centre, 7:30pm £10 on the door

Future dates 2/02/2019 30/03/2019 5/10/2019 30/11/2019

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07/12/17

DIARY DATES

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

- Jan 14th (Sun) Folk North West, 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 OUY. Andrew Shaw with Norman and Denise Bearon. Tel: Bill on 01253 858994.
- Jan 20th Ormskirk FDC: Afternoon Workshop and Evening Dance at Ormskirk School, Wigan Road, L39 2AT. MC Hilary Herbert with Deo Volente. Tel: Denise 01695 422971
- Jan 21st (Sun) Band workshop, 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel: Mary 0151 652 4479
- Jan 27th St. Helens FDC, Evening Dance at Rainford Village Hall, Rainford, St. Helens, WA11 8HB. MC Judith Veevers with Chris and Julie Dewhurst. Tel: Ian 01744 734394.
- Feb 3rd Leyland FDC, Country Dance at St. Ambrose Church Hall, Leyland, PR25 4XA. MC Rhodri Davies with Pendragon. Tel: Valerie 01772 422065.
- Feb 3rd Adlington Cheshire FDC. Evening Dance at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane Poynton, SK12 1 RB. MC Hilary Herbert with Chris and Julie Dewhurst.
- Feb 3rd Northern Lights Barn #dance at Neston Civic Hall. Alan Johnson 0151 336 6695.
- Feb 11th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 OUY. Trevor Monson with Ian and Margaret Jones.
- Feb 18th (Sun) Band workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel; Mary 0151 652 4479
- Mar 3rd Hawk Green FDC. Spring Dance at St. Peter's Parish Room, Hazel Grove. 7.30-11.00 pm. MC Andrew Shaw with Paul Hutchinson and Fiona Barrow.
- Mar 10th Liverpool Contra, Spring Dance at St. Antony of Padua Church Hall, Liverpool, L18. MC Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord. Tel: Maria on 0151 427 1907.

- Mar 11th (Sun) Folk North West 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 OUY. Jan Dale with Ian and Margaret Jones.
- Mar 18th (Sun) Band workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel; Mary 0151 652 4479
- April 8th (Sun) Folk North West. 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 OUY. Volunteer MCs (including AGM)
- April 14th Adlington Cheshire FDC. Spring Ball at Macclesfield Town Hall, SK10 1 EA. MC: Roy Garrington with Stradivarius. Tickets must be purchased in advance, include a buffet supper. Dancing at 7.30pm. Tel: 01625 875309.
- Apr 15th (Sun) Band workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel; Mary 0151 652 4479
- May 20th (Sun) Band workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel; Mary 0151 652 4479
- Jun 17th (Sun) Band workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel; Mary 0151 652 4479
- Jun 29th Friday afternoon, Ormskirk FDC. New style Summer Dance at St. Theresa's, 23 College Road, Upholland, WN8 0YP. Details to follow.
- Oct 6th Adlington Cheshire FDC Evening Dance at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB. Geoff Cubitt with Portland Drive.
- Oct 13th Ormskirk FDC. MC Lynne & Jeff Hoyle with Stradivarius. Venue TBC.
- Oct 20th Bangor Playford Ball at Llanfairfechan Old Town Hall. MC Brian Stanton with Jack's Maggot. Tel: Nicki 01248 600956.
- Oct 20th Leyland FDC. Country Dance at Leyland Methodist Church Hall, Turpin Green Lane, Leyland, PR25 3 HA. MC Andrew Shaw with Saraband. Tel: Valerie 01772 422065.
- Nov 3rd Hawk Green FDC. Afternoon and evening dance at St. Peter's Parish Centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA. Geoff Cubitt with Vertical Expression. Tel: Neil on 0161 494 1582.
- Nov 10th Ormskirk FDC. MC Hilary Herbert with Kendal Green.
- Nov 24th Adlington (Cheshire) Evening Dance at Poynton Community Centre. MC Trevor Monson with Pendragon..

Dec 8th Ormskirk FDC. MC Andrew Shaw with Deo Volente.
Dec 15th Bebington Xmas Dance at Victoria Hall, Hr. Bebington, CH63 8AB MC Hilary Vare with Chris and Julie Dewhurst. 'Bring a plate supper' Tel: 0151 652 4479 or 0151 339 8854.

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Jan 19th Ormskirk FDC. Ian Jones with Folkus Pocus
Feb 2nd Adlington FDC
Mar 30th Adlington FDC
Oct 5th Adlington FDC
Nov 30th Adlington FDC

John Smith

By now most of you will know that John Smith retired as Treasurer of MAD Folk at the 2017 AGM. John was Treasurer from 1995, when MAD Folk started until November 2017. Quite a record.

John, and of course Mary, have been involved with folk music and dance for most of their lives as members of the Bebington group and also actively involved with EFDSS both locally and nationally and it was no surprise when they received the Society's Jubilee Badge.

As well as being the treasurer and caller for both MAD Folk and the Bebington group, John has been involved in organising and running many, many events both for the Bebington group and MAD Folk. These include the Bebington annual folk camp which is held at Cartmel; involvement in organising dance displays at prestigious venues such as the 1984 Liverpool International Garden Festival; Mayor Park Festivals, taking folk dance out to public dances with the Bebington Band; being involved in organising the 2008 Costume Ball at St. Georges Hall and the Ball shortly afterwards at the Wallasey Town Hall. And so it goes on.

Needless to say John will be missed but I am sure he will be on hand to give help and advice when needed.

Chris Warrington.

HAWK GREEN FOLK DANCE CLUB
Evening Dances

Saturday 3rd March 2018, 7.30-11pm
Andrew Shaw with Paul Hutchinson and Fiona Barrow

Saturday 3rd November 2018,
Afternoon & Evening Dance 3.30-11pm
Geoff Cubitt with Vertical Expression

Both dances at
St. Peter's Parish Centre Hazel Grove SK7 4EA

Tickets and information from Neil on 0161 494 1582
neil.hawkley@sky.com

ST. HELENS FDC
COUNTRY DANCE

Saturday 27th January, 2018
7.30-10.45pm

at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford,
St. Helens, WA11 8HB

Judith Veevers with Chris and Julie Dewhurst

Hot Pot Supper with Vegetarian Option

Tickets from 01744 734394

Am I Paranoid?

Dancing is quite a tactile activity. When we think of what's involved when we swing, do a ladies chain, or the stars and turns not to mention acknowledging our partners and making eye contact we can see that there is lots of physical contact involved in dancing. We often dance with other dancers we hardly know and there is an implied trust that our dance partners will be respectful and acknowledge that our personal boundaries may not be the same as theirs. From my experience our clubs and Saturday evening dances are happy and relaxed events where dancers feel comfortable and are at ease.

After reading the article in the Summer Edition of the EDS magazine Dancing 'With Respect' I am starting to worry. The article was written by Lisa Heywood, who is an experienced dance caller. She says that at a meeting of The Association of Festival Organisers hosted by the White Ribbon Campaign which promotes women's safety at gigs concerns were raised by many of the delegates that several people have reported having had uncomfortable experiences at dances/ ceilidhs.

Surely this can't apply to our club you may say. But what is inappropriate behaviour? Maybe it is just about consideration for our dance partners. Perhaps we should realise that sometimes our dance partners are not as young and fit and agile as we are and don't relish being heaved around the dance floor by partners who show them little or no respect. I remember once being knocked to the ground and winded by a group of burly men who had decided to ignore the caller and cast the opposite way around a set.

I would like to think that none of our members have been made to feel uncomfortable at our club nights and dances but what would we do if someone does report a complaint? Maybe we should listen with an open mind, do not blame anyone until we are aware of all the facts, and have a quiet word with the persons concerned. If the behaviour continues maybe we should consider asking the individuals to stop attending the club for a short while.

Dancing is a fun social activity attended by nice people and we want to keep it that way but we must not become complacent. It bothers me that unlike lots of other organisations EFDSS has no code of conduct. Perhaps we might have a look at www.safetyinswingdance.com or www.communitydance.org.uk or www.inclusion.folkdancing.co.uk and perhaps pick up a few ideas such as hints on welcoming new dancers; and creating a safe dance environment. Thankfully we live in more enlightened times when we are much more aware of the needs of others and so I hope I am not worrying unnecessarily. A little extra consideration for our dancing partners will help to create and maintain a happy and safe dance environment and so add to the enjoyment of all.

Chris Warrington.

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LIVERPOOL CONTRA CLUB

Spring Dance

On March 10th 2018, 7.30-10.45pm
At St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall,
Queen's Drive, Mossley Hill, L18

Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord

Good hall and parking please bring some finger food

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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

Tel: Maria Warrington 0151 427 1907.

LEYLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB COUNTRY DANCES

February 3rd 2018

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

MC Rhodri Davies with Pendragon

October 20th 2018

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

MC Andrew Shaw with Saraband

Tickets and enquiries from Val on 01772 422065.