

MERSEY AND DEESIDE NEWS



AUTUMN 2017

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AINSDALE FDC:

Mrs Kathleen Etchells, 37 Moor Lane, Southport, PR8 3NY. 01704 579893.
Meetings every Monday 8-10pm at St John's Church Hall, 629 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 3NG.

BEBINGTON FDC:

Mrs Mary Smith, 62 Grosvenor Road, Birkenhead, CH43 1TL. 0151 652 4479.
Meetings every 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, at Victoria Hall, Bebington, CH63 8PT.
8-10.15pm. Starting September 5th.

FAZAKERLEY F. Country Dance Club:

Gerry Jones, 11 Lingfield Grove, Broad Green, Liverpool, L14 3LG. 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.

HESWALL & WEST KIRBY FDC:

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, 1 St. Annes Gardens, L17 6BP. 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, The Homestead, Neston Road, Ness, Neston, CH64 4AZ.
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:

Mrs Eleanor Mehew, 8 Dunbar Road, Hillside, Southport, PR8 4RH. 8-10pm.
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Ian Arthur, 51 Walmesley Road, St Helens .WA10 5JR. 01744 734394. Meetings every Wednesday, 8pm at UNISON Social Club, Bishop Road, St. Helens, WA10 6SX.

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Shave The Donkey	Andy Wooles	07887 955133
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This is not a 'recommended' list nor does it imply that those listed will be available for your event.

Music Maestro Please

A number of our members at our AGM said how much they enjoyed the bright lively upbeat music the callers use at club nights and how much it enhances their enjoyment of the evening. Numbers are usually in the high twenties and sometimes exceed 30 with most new members, some of whom are younger than our average age, staying and enjoying their dancing. So, maybe it is time we had a look at our collection of recorded music and gave it a face lift.

Browsing internet sites such as the Barn Dance Publications Ltd; Amazon English Country Dances and the EFDSS Folk Shop and Resource Bank could be productive and chatting to other callers who I am sure are all prepared to pass on the names of the recorded music they use. At the same time we might have a look at the music system we use and persuade our treasurer to provide some cash for an update if one is needed.

Live music always adds something special to a club night. Little Longborough, Neston and Bebington have their own musicians who play for part or for the whole of the evening. Inviting one or two local musicians along occasionally certainly gives the dancing an extra lift.

It is great that so many people play musical instruments and there are lots of amateur music groups operating locally. Maybe some of your dancers play instruments and with a little help and encouragement might be prepared to play for the occasional dance at club nights. The band workshop meets monthly on Sunday mornings at Rainford Village Hall from October to June. Music is provided and players of all standard are welcomed. See the diary dates for details. The camping and caravan club have an active music section which holds music workshops at their events. Halsway Manor is hosting an intensive but fun short course playing music for English folk dance in late November. The music for dancing events explores all aspects of playing in a dance band. No prior experience is required although more experienced musicians are welcome.

It should not just be about weaving complex patters on the dance floor with little regard for the music being played. A very wise person once said that dancing is music made visual. When next at a dance event have a look at the people sitting out and see how many are tapping their feet to the music and how many of the dancers have smiles on their faces. Always a good indication of the quality of the music. Enjoy your dancing and in particular the music.

Chris Warrington

15th Annual

Playford Ball



7pm Saturday 14th October 2017
Old Town Hall, Llanfairfechan, Conway, LL33 0AA

Tickets: £12

(£7 for BU FolkSoc student members/child)

Including sherry reception, tea & coffee.

Please bring your own food & drink

Music provided by Jack's Maggot
With MC Brian Stanton

Playford Dancing 17th/18th Century social dance

Live music by Jack's Maggot

Monthly in Rathbone Dining Hall

College Road, Bangor

Tuesdays 8-10pm

Only £1 per session with refreshments

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – COME AND JOIN US

Contact: Nicki for more information and dates: 07960371620

or dr_nicki_h@hotmail.com

DIARY DATES

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

- Sept 2nd Little Loughborough Dance, 7.30-11pm at St Julies, St Helens, WA10 5HJ. Rhodri Davies with Change of Key.
- Sept 30th Bebington FDC are holding a Fun Barn Dance in conjunction with the Wirral Arts Festival at Victoria Hall, CH63 8PT. MC Alan Barber & Olly Allen with Shave the Donkey. Ring Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Oct 7th Adlington (Cheshire) FDC, Evening Dance at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB. MC: Lynne Render with Pendragon. 'American Style'. Tel: Reg 01625 875309.
- Oct 8th Folk North West, 2.30pm, at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 0UY. (Sun) MC Hilary Herbert. Tel Bill 01253 858994.
- Oct 14th Ormskirk FDC: Autumn Dance at St. Bede's High School, Ormskirk, L39 4TA. Norman Bearon with Kendal Green. Tel: Denise 01695 422971.
- Oct 14th Bangor Playford Ball, at the Old Town Hall, Llanfairfechan. MC Brian Stanton with Jack's Maggot. Sherry reception at 7 pm with dancing from 7.30pm. Tel: Nicki 01248 600095.
- Oct 15th Band workshop, 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, (Sun) Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel: Mary 0151 652 4479
- Oct 21st Leyland Folk Dance Club Autumn Dance at Leyland Methodist Church Hall, Turpin Green Lane, PR25 3HA. MC: Judith Veevers with Focus Pocus. Tel: Val on 01772 422065.
- Nov 10th MAD AGM. 8 pm at Heswall and West Kirby, at Irby Methodist Church Hall, Mill Hill Road, Irby, CH61 4UB followed by dancing.
- Nov 11th Ormskirk FDC: Dance at Rainford Village Hall, WA11 8HB at 7.30pm. Bernie Culkin with Denise and Norman. Tel: Denise on 01695 422971.
- Nov 11th Hawk Green Folk Dance Club. Afternoon and evening dance at St. Peter's Parish Centre, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA. MC Andrew Swaine with English Contra Dance Band. Tel: Neil on 0161 494 1582.
- Nov 12th Folk North West, 2.30pm, at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 0UY. (Sun) MC Andrew Shaw with Norman and Denise Bearon.

- Nov 19th Band workshop, 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB Tel: Mary on 0151 652 4479
- Nov 25th Adlington Cheshire. Pat Shaw celebration dance at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB. MC Robert Moir with Deo Volente. Tel: Reg on 01625 875309.
- Dec 9th Ormskirk FDC, Christmas Dance, at St. Bede's High School, Ormskirk, L39 4TA. MC Victoria Yeomans with Knotted Chord. Tel: Denise 01695 422971
- Dec 10th Folk North West, 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall PR5 0UY. (Sun) Volunteer MCs Jacob's Join refreshments.
- Dec 16th Bebington Xmas Dance at Victoria Hall, Hr. Bebington, CH63 8AB 7.30-11.15pm. MC: Brendan Morrison with Shave the Donkey. 'Bring a plate supper'. Tel: 0151 652 4479 or 0151 339 8854.
- Dec 17th Band workshop, 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, (Sun) Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel: Mary 0151 652 4479

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- Jan 14th Folk North West, 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, PR5 0UY. (Sun) 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 Band workshop, 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, (Sun) Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel: Mary 0151 653 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 P.ark Lane Poynton, SK12 1 RB. MC Hilary Herbert with Chris and Julie Dewhurst

- 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 Folk Dance Club. 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.
- April 18th (Sun) May 20th, and June 20th Band workshop 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Tel; Mary 0151 652 4479
- Oct 6th Adlington Cheshire FDC Evening Dance
- Oct 20th Bangor Playford Ball. MC Brian Stanton
- 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 Autumn Dance Geoff Cubitt with TBA
- Nov 24th Adlington Cheshire Evening Dance.
- Dec 15th Bebington Xmas Dance at Victoria Hall, Hr. Bebington, CH63 8AH MC Hilary Vare with Chris and Julie Dewhurst. 'Bring a plate supper' Tel: 0151 652 4479 or 0151 339 8854.

NEWSROUND AUTUMN 2017

Whilst taking a short cut through Liverpool's Bluecoat Chambers we came across the Michael Phoenix violin shop. Mike is one of life's eccentrics. He is an old fashioned craftsman who both makes and restores stringed instruments and his small workshop is full of violins, violas, cellos and bows at various stages of restoration. Mike, in partnership with his friend John, hosts a series of monthly Sunday afternoon concerts which are held at the Nordic Church on Park Lane, Liverpool, L1 8HG. We attended the March St. Patrick's concert which featured the Wirral group Calico who played and sang a selection of fantastic Celtic music. Calico also featured at the very successful Wirral Folk on the Coast Festival in June as did the marvellous Mockbeggar Ladies Morris Team. The Autumn Concert series starts on Sunday 24th September with music for Cello and Piano and ends on Sunday December 17th with a Christmas Klezmer Concert with mince pies and vodka. Concerts start at 3pm and include interval refreshments.

Have a look at www.phoenixviolins.com for more details.

Any musicians who play guitar or any wind instrument eg clarinet, flute saxophone etc might like to look in at Curly Music which has now re-located near the bottom of Renshaw Street in Liverpool city centre. They too are craftsmen who service, repair and sell instruments and also give lots of advice on care and maintenance of instruments.

Those who have received the EDS Summer 2017 magazine may have seen the review of the Sue Stapledon Not Quite the 2 of Us CD and book – A Tribute to John Stapledon with music played by John's daughter Sue. This is the latest or possibly the last in the West Kirby Band series of Not Quite CDs. Sue has compiled the music for the 20 tracks from musical sketches left to her by her father. Dances have been composed to accompany each of the tracks and are available with the CD and any of the other Not Quite CDs from Richard Stapledon by emailing: richard@stapledon.co.uk

Dances that caught my eye this Autumn are the American style evening on October 7th at Adlington Cheshire and also a special Pat Shaw Dance on November 25th also at Adlington Cheshire. Closer to home the Bebington Christmas dance on December 16th features MC Brendan Morrison with Shave the Donkey. This should be a lively evening. Little Longborough usually hold a dance a few days after Christmas. No details as yet but keep an eye on their web site. There are lots to look forward to and enjoy.

We try our best to make our web site and our twice yearly MAD Folk issues as interesting and informative as possible. It would be nice to know what readers think of MAD News. Any, hopefully constructive comments, would be gratefully received. E-mail, telephone or have a chat if we meet socially. Our 2017 AGM will be held at Heswall and West Kirby on Friday 10th November. Any correspondence will be read out at the AGM.

MAD Folk is run by the officers and Sheila Davies who types and collates the items for each issue. We also have an auditor for our accounts, a web site manager and 'MAD News' plus regular 'what's on notices which are sent out on email by Cathy Bryan. It would be nice if we had others who were willing to make a contribution. If you would like to become involved please let me know and I will put your name forward at the AGM.

MAD Folk Annual General Meeting

Friday 10th November 2017, at 8pm

At Heswall & West Kirby Group

Irby Methodist Church Hall, Mill Hill Road, CH61 4UB

In accordance with the constitution, this notice will be deemed sufficient notice. The business of the meeting will include receiving and accepting reports from the officers; electing officers/committee for the following year; fixing the membership fee for the following year; and discussing any matters of folk interest.

Nominations and motions should be received by the secretary, Mr. Chris Warrington by 1st November, 2017. The meeting will be followed by dancing.

NORMA BATTLE

We regret to report the passing of Norma Battle, wife of Reg Battle.

Norma (Snape) originated from Liverpool where she taught at Abbotsford Road School and is remembered with fondness to this day by some of the children she taught. Norma attended the monthly barn dances in Liverpool and with her husband Reg, who she met at the barn dances and became a member of Ethyl Anderson's display group. Norma left Liverpool in 1964 when she married Reg but kept in regular contact with her Mersey and Deeside friends until her recent illness took her from us.

Norma was a member of the Adlington Cheshire group for many years and as an excellent dancer was a member of their display team. Norma was a lovely person who will be greatly missed by all of her dancing friends. Our thoughts are with Reg and their family at this sad time.

Chris Warrington.

Adlington Folk Dance Club



Evening Dances

2017 - 2018



7 October 2017

Evening Dance with **Lynne Render and Pendragon** at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, Poynton, SK12 1RB.

25 November 2017

Evening Dance with **Robert Moir and Deo Volente** at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, Poynton, SK12 1RB.

This will be a 'Pat Shaw' dance and is Adlington's contribution to the Pat Shaw centenary celebrations. See www.patshaw.info for further details.

3 February 2018

Evening Dance with **Hilary Herbert and Chris and Julie Dewhurst** at Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, Poynton, SK12 1RB.

14 April 2018

Spring Ball with **Roy Garrington and Stradivarius** at Macclesfield Town Hall, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA. Tickets must be purchased in advance and the ticket price includes a buffet supper.

All dances start at 7.30pm

www.adlingtonfolk.co.uk

LEYLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB COUNTRY DANCES

October 21st 2017

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

MC: Judith Veevers with Folkus Pocus

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.

HAWK GREEN FOLK DANCE CLUB
Evening Dances

Saturday 11th November 2017

Workshop 3.30-5.30, Evening Dance 7.30-11.00 pm

Andrew Swaine with English Contra Dance Band

Saturday 3rd March 2018

Andrew Shaw with Paul Hutchinson and Fiona Barrow

Both dances at

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

Bring a meal to share at 5.30-7.30pm

Tickets and information from Neil on 0161 494 1582

neil.hawkley@sky.com

John Bull

All good things must come to an end, and so it is in the case of ‘JOHN BULL’, as we’ve decided to call it a day after over 40 years of playing for barn dances and ceilidhs up and down the country, but especially in the Wirral, Merseyside and Cheshire areas.

There’s no big bust-up – we remain lifelong friends; there’s no disastrous event; there’s no waning of enjoyment in what we do! It all comes down to diminishing energy levels that are required in getting together from different areas of the country where we individually live, then getting back home again after tiring gigs, sometimes not returning until the early hours. In Robin’s case, plane journeys to and from the Isle of Man every time we have a gig, no longer hold excitement!

We are proud of our achievements over the years, bringing a fresh, vibrant folk-rock approach to the barn dance scene, initially in our native Merseyside area, then further afield, as band members have moved away, thus extending our ‘local area’.

We are proud that we have provided recorded music and dance instructions to hundreds of schools up and down the country through our ‘Baskets and Bananaskins’ projects, encouraging youngsters to dance to a style of music that would appeal to their generation.

We are proud of our other recording ventures, producing three quality CDs purely for listening, and including the use of our voices on several songs.

We are proud of our experiences in providing integral musical and vocal contributions to various thespian productions by the Riverside Players.

But above all, we are proud of the pleasure and fun we have provided to dancers at all the gigs over all the years!

And so, our friends, it is with collective lumps in our throats that we draw the curtain on a great adventure, never to be forgotten, as we continue individually to play, sing and dance in our respective ‘back yards’.

From ‘JOHN BULL’, goodbye.



Dances 2017-18

Saturday October 14th

Norman Bearon with Kendal Green

St Bede's High School, Ormskirk, L39 4TA

Saturday November 11th

Bernie Culkin with Denise and Norman

Rainford Village Hall, WA11 8HB

Saturday December 9th

Victoria Yeomans with Knotted Chord

St Bede's High School, Ormskirk, L39 4TA

Saturday January 20th

Hilary Herbert with Deo Volente

Ormskirk School, Wigan Road, L39 2AT

Afternoon Workshop & Evening Dance

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

What Would Jane Austen Have Thought?

I wonder how many people know that a Playford Ball is held every year in Nashville Tennessee. I certainly didn't. And that Playford Balls have been held every year from 1981 around the St. Jose Sacramento Bay area of California as part of the Bay Area Dance Society. Events are fragrance free ie no perfumes to be worn by the dancers. Have a look at their web site, it's fascinating.

Exploring Regency Dances.org will reveal a list of details of Balls, Assemblies and other events which are taking place from New Zealand to the USA, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Belarus, Malta and many more countries and of course where it all started in dear old England. This brilliant web site has sections on dance animations, lists of dances, dance steps, music CDS, history, etiquette, and of course what to wear. The animations show actual dances being demonstrated with accompanying music.

The Jane Austen Centre in Bath is furnished in the style of a house of the Regency period with a whole list of attractions which are listed on the web site. There is also a 10 day long Jane Austin Festival which takes place each year in Bath in early September and claims to be the largest gathering of Jane Austin enthusiasts in the world. There are over 80 events which include workshops, theatricals, musical soirees, costume and masked balls and the world famous Grand Regency Costume Parade.

On a slightly less grand scale Playford Balls are held at lots of venues up and down the country including Suffolk, Edenson on the Chatsworth Estate, Cambridge and even a Zesty Playford Ball which is held in Coventry. Details of these and many more events can be found by typing Playford Balls UK into your search engine.

Nearer to home Bangor Playford are holding their 15th Annual Playford Ball at the Old Town Hall Llanfairfecan North Wales on October 14th. See their advert for more information. As in previous years there will be a workshop running from 10am to 4pm to run through some of the dances which will be on the evening programme. A monthly Playford social dance to live music is held in the Rathbone Dining Hall Bangor. The dances are on Tuesday evenings and no experience is needed. Contact Nicki on 07960 371620 for further information.

For those inspired to take Regency Dancing a step further why not investigate the North West based Regency Re-Jigged dance display team who perform at venues from Mid Cheshire up into Lancashire. Their splendid costumes and wonderful live music make them a very professional performance group. Have a look at their web site for more information which includes lots of very attractive photographs.

Well what would Jane Austen have thought? I am sure she would be delighted that her legacy lives on and continues to give pleasure to people across the world.

Chris Warrington.

Olive Taylor

Stockton Heath Country Dance Club was founded in 1965 by Elf and Sid Knight. Alongside them as a founder member was Olive. In January 1967 the club increased to the magic number of 16 members and were then able to become a registered group with EFDSS.



It was September 1974 that the club moved to its present home and Elf and Sid retired in December 1982. Olive, along with Ron and Margaret Burgess and Bill Fisher took over the leadership.

Olive began teaching in 1949 and was soon introducing the children into folk music, song and dance. Her skills in organisation and administration became a thing of legend as did her beautiful handwriting and precise diction which we were well aware of in our dancing!! She, more than anyone else, made sure that our dance movements were correct "to the letter". Olive was very involved with Alston Hall and her folk singing to her own guitar playing was well known throughout the folk community.

As well as calling she was an excellent organiser of our summer and Christmas party evenings which were held at Grimsditch Hall until 2003 when the owner, Joyce Rumney (a long standing member of our club) passed away. Olive now became our President and held that position even when she moved into Brookfield Residential Home in Lymm and was well looked after until she passed away in her 90th year.

There was a very good attendance at her funeral in January

Keith and Kathy Williams
Stockton Heath Folk Dance Club



English Folk Dancing Holiday in the sunny
Part of Spain 17th – 31st Jan 2018

Hotel: 4* Las Palmeras, Fuengirola, Southern Spain

Price: Double room occupancy: £971 per person

Double room single occupant: £1200

The price includes flights, transport from airport to hotel and return, half board, 13 nights dancing to live music, ballroom rental and a friendly atmosphere among like-minded people.

Other activities include: Walking and coach
sightseeing trips

Callers: Ivan Aitken, Maggie Hosking and Hilary Vare

Musicians: David Bradley, Meg Winters, Bill Keys
and Hilary Vare,
Brian & Rosie McMinn and Mike Green

The holiday, organised in conjunction with Heswall
Co-operative Travel/Thomas Cook Travel, has been operating
for the last 21 years

For further details and a booking form please contact:

Malcolm Evans, mobile: 07785380505

Email: threejays2000@aol.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

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

DON'T FOLLOW SATNAV as this takes you to old entrance
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

BEBINGTON GROUP E.F.D.S.S.

In conjunction with the Wirral Arts Festival

A Fun Barn Dance

At Victoria Hall, Bebington, CH63 8PT.

On Saturday, 30th September 2017

7.30p.m. - 11.00pm

M.C. Alan Barber & Oily Allen with
Shave the Donkey

Bar provided.

Complimentary tea and coffee served during interval

Tickets £7 in advance or £8 on door.

For tickets email jps62@tiscali.co.uk or ring Mary on 0151 652 4479

BEBINGTON GROUP E.F.D.S.S.

Christmas Dance

At Victoria Hall, Bebington, CH63 8PT

On Saturday, 16th December 2017

7.30p.m. - 11.15pm

M.C. Brendan Morrison with Shave the Donkey

Tel: Mary Smith on 0151 652 4479