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

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.

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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.

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HESWALL & WEST KIRBY FDC:

Norma McLellan, 0151 342 5420.

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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

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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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ST. HELENS FDC

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Gallimaufry	Pete Rimmer	01704 567852
Jasper's Leap	Sue Jones	01244 342693
John Bull	Richard Stapledon	0151 342 5947
Mr Blundell's Arms Ceilidh Band	Phil Stoker	0151 281 4287
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
White Knuckle Ride	Steve Burgess	01704 620860

List of Callers

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Annette Jones	0151 531 9825	CDs
Maureen Waddington	01829 751667	band/CDs

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

+DIARY DATES

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

- Jan 1st (Friday) Folk North West. Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Preston, PR5 OUY. Volunteers with recorded music. Tel: Roy on 01772 716772
- Jan 10th (Sunday) Folk North West. 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Preston, PR5 OUY. MC Trevor Monson with Ian & Margaret Jones. Tel: Roy on 01772 716772.
- Jan 16th Ormskirk FDC, Country Dance. Afternoon workshop and evening dance at Ormskirk School, Wigan Road L39 2AT. Hilary Herbert with Deo Volente. Tel: Denise on 01695 422971.
- Jan 17th (Sunday) Lancashire Band Workshop, 10.30-12.30 at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8HB. Contact Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Jan 23rd Manchester Folk Dance Club. Workshop 3-5pm and Dance 6-9pm at Sunny Bank Community Centre, Whitefield, BL9 8LJ. MC Andrew Shaw. Please bring own food and mug for lunch time. Tel: 0161 962 3797 or 0161 681 2917.
- Jan 30th St. Helens FDC Dance. 7.30pm at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, WA11 8HB. Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord. Tel: Ian on 01744 734394
- Feb 6th Leyland FDC Country Dance. 7.30pm at St. Ambrose Church Hall, Leyland, PR25 4XA. Judith Veevers with Knotted Chord. Tel: Val on 01772 422065.
- Feb 6th Adlington (Cheshire) FDC. Workshop and dance at St. Michael's Church Hall, Bramhall, SK7 2PG. Hilary Herbert with Saraband. Tel: Reg on 01625 875309.
- Feb 13th Manchester Folk Dance Club. Workshop 3-5pm and Dance 6-9pm at Sunny Bank Community Centre, Whitefield, BL9 8LJ. MC Hilary Herbert. Please bring own food and mug for lunch time. Tel: 0161 962 3797 or 0161 681 2917.
- Feb 14th Folk North West. 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Preston,

- (Sunday) PR5 0UY. Ian & Margaret Jones. Tel: Roy on 01772 716772.
- Feb 21st Band Workshop 10.30-12.30. at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road,
(Sunday) Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8HB. Contact Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- Mar 5th Hawk Green Folk Dance Club. Evening dance 7.30-11.00pm at St.
Peter's Parish Centre, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA. Martyn Harvey with
Vertical Expression. Tickets from Neil on 0161 494 1582.
- Mar 5th Lancashire Folk Spring Gathering at St Mary's Church Hall, Cop
Lane, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 OSR. MC Vanda Musial. Tel:
01772 252355 for details.
- Mar 12th Manchester Folk Dance Club. Workshop 3-5pm and Dance 6-9pm at
Sunny Bank Community Centre, Whitefield, BL9 8LJ. MC: Jan Dale.
Tel: 0161 962 3797 or 0161 681 2917.
- Mar 12th Liverpool Contra Spring Dance. 7.30pm at Childwall Methodist
Church Hall (Junction of Score Lane and Childwall Valley Road),
L16 5EG. Rhodri Davies with Union Street Band. Tel: Maria on 0151
427 1907.
- Mar 13th Folk North West. 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Preston,
(Sunday) PR5 0UY. MC: Andrew Shaw with Norman & Denise Bearon. Tel:
Roy on 01772 716772.
- Mar 20th Band Workshop 10.30-12.30. at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road,
(Sunday) Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8HB. Contact Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- April 9th Adlington (Cheshire) Spring Ball at The Assembly Room in the Old
Town Hall, Macclesfield. Dancing Master: Norman Bearon with
Keeping Thyme. Tel: Reg on 01625 875309.
- April 10th Folk North West, Volunteers with recorded music (inc AGM).
(Sunday) 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Preston, PR5 0UY. Tel:Roy
on 01772 716772.
- April 16th Manchester Folk Dance Club. Workshop 3-5pm and Dance 6-9pm at
Sunny Bank Community Centre, Whitefield, BL9 8LJ. MC: Anne
Parkinson. Tel: 0161 962 3797 or 0161 681 2917.
- April 17th Band Workshop 10.30-12.30. at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road,
(Sunday) Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8HB. Contact Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- May 8th Folk North West, 2.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Preston,
(Sunday) PR5 0UY. Callers and Band TBC. Tel:Roy on 01772 716772.

- May 15th (Sunday) Band Workshop 10.30-12.30. at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8HB. Contact Mary on 0151 652 4479.
- June 24th Ormskirk Summer Strawberry Special at Haskayne Village Hall. MC June Jones with Norman and Denise. Tel Denise on 01695 422971.
- June 19th (Sunday) Band Workshop 10.30-12.30. at Rainford Village Hall, Church Road, Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8HB. Contact Mary on 0151 652 4479.

Future Dates

- Oct 1st Adlington (Cheshire) Dance ,at St. Michael's Church Hall, Bramhall, SK7 2PG. Rhodri Davies with Alberio. Tel: Roy on 01772 716772.
- Oct 8th Ormskirk FDC.7.30pm at Rainford Village Hall, WA11 8HB. June Jones with Denise and Norman. Tel Denise on 01695 422971.
- Oct 15th Leyland FDC, Special 60th Anniversary Dance at Leyland Methodist Church Hall, Turpin Green Lane, PR25 3HA. MC Madeline Smith with Vic and Mollie. Tel Val on 01772 422065.
- Oct 22nd Bangor Playford Ball at Llanfairfechan Old Town Hall, North Wales. MC Hilary Herbert. Tel: Nicki on 01248 600095.
- Nov 12th Hawk Green Folk Dance Club. Half day of dance at St. Peters Parish Centre, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA. Afternoon 3.30–5.30pm; evening 7.30–11.00pm. MC Colin Hume with The Night Before. Tickets from Neil on 0161 494 1582.
- Nov 12th Ormskirk FDC Andrew Swaine with Focus Pocus. Tel Denise on 01695 422971.
- Nov 26th Adlington (Cheshire) Dance, at St Michael's Church Hall, Bramhall, SK7 2PG. Francis Richardson with Knotted Chord. Tel: Reg on 01625 875309.
- Dec 10th Ormskirk FDC. Hilary Herbert with Stradivarious.

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- Jan 28th St. Helens FDC. Dance details tbc

The Adlington Club Ball
9th April, 2016 is going up market

The new venue will be the recently refurbished 19th century Assembly Room in Macclesfield Old Town Hall, built in 1823. We are sure many of you will appreciate this splendid building; pictures will appear on our web site soon.

The tickets are not available yet; some finer points like the buffet have to be sorted so that we can agree the price which should be £19. Numbers will have to be limited; the Assembly room is smaller than the hall in Poynton.

The Dancing Master is Norman Bearon, with music by Keeping Thyme

Please let me know if you wish to reserve tickets for when they are available.

Macclesfield has a Travelodge in Town, just over 100 steps below the Town Hall. Macclesfield was famous for its silk, the silk museum is near the Town Hall and the nearby Museum Mill might be operating that weekend, many other interesting places are nearby - Adlington Hall, Lyme Hall (NT) plus others.

Reg Battle



ADLINGTON
Folk Dance Club. CHESHIRE
DANCE DATES 2016

2016 Sat 6th Feb. Hilary Herbert workshop 4pm & dance at 7.30pm
Shared tea at 6.00pm, w/s £5, Dance £10, or combined £10 on door
with Saraband, at St. Michael's Church Hall, Bramhall, SK7 2PG
Sat 9th April, Spring Ball, Norman Bearon – Keeping Thyme
Macclesfield Town Hall SK10 1EA Tkt. Req. £19
Sat. 1st October, Rhodri Davies & Alberio, 7:30pm, £10 on door
At St. Michael's Church Hall, Bramhall, SK7 2PG
Sat. 26th November, Frances Richardson with Knotted Chord
at St. Michael's Church Hall Bramhall SK7 2PG 7:30 £10

Future dates 4/02/2017 25/03/2017 7/10/2017 25/11/2017

Phone:- Reg (Publicity) 01625-875309 Please Check on web-site
27/11/15 email via web www.adlingtonfolk.co.uk

NEWSROUND SPRING 2016

Our recently updated MAD Folk web site www.madfolk.org.uk is now up and running and we are very pleased with the results of the work done on our behalf by our web site compiler David Haynes.

We now have a simplified home page which has links at the top to clubs, bands and callers, diary dates, newsletters, photographs, and links to other sites. Dates of events are listed down the right hand column and updated on a regular basis.

MAD News can be accessed via the web site and is also available by email. If you want to receive your copy by email pass on your address to your group secretary or to me and I will add your address to the list. This will help reduce our printing and distribution costs.

A web site can be far more responsive than a paper publication and information can be added to the site at any time rather than having to wait until the next paper issue is released. Please have a look at the site and send any items you would like adding to the site, to me, as soon as they are available.

Sadly there are fewer dances these days and so we are looking forward to dancing to Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord at St. Helens on January 30th. Rhodri will also be calling at Liverpool Contra on March 12th this time with the Union Street Band. Both dances should be well worth attending.

Further afield Hawk Green have Martyn Harvey and Vertical Expression on March 5th and by complete contrast Adlington Cheshire are holding a Costume Ball at the Assembly Room in the Old Town Hall, Macclesfield on April 9th. The Dancing Master is Norman Bearon and the band is Keeping Thyme.

Staying in Cheshire, the Manley Folk Dance Club meet on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Manley Village Hall. They dance to the Flaxmere Band and have various club callers. Well worth a visit.

The Band Workshop, which is held on Sunday mornings once a month at Rainford Village Hall, is now prospering after a temporary drop in numbers. The workshop is open to all abilities and is an opportunity to play

music in a happy relaxed session. Contact Mary Smith on 0151 652 4479 for details.

Chris Warrington

ADLINGTON (CHESHIRE) 60TH CELEBRATIONS.

Congratulations to Adlington, who celebrated their 60th Anniversary over the weekend of 3-4th October with a dance at Tytherington School which was attended by nearly 100 dancers. The following afternoon they held a social for past and present members. Both events were a huge success.

In addition the club archivists prepared an exhibition of photographs and various documents from the club's archive which, together with a booklet of reminiscences of members, past and present created much interest.

We thank Adlington for advertising in MAD News and hope that Mersey and Deesiders will continue to support at least some of the Adlington dances in the future.

Adlington is a well-run and very active club, which we are sure will continue to prosper under the guidance of Reg Battle and his committee.



14th Bangor Playford Ball
At Llanfairfechan Old Town Hall
In Glorious North Wales
On October 22nd 2016
Hilary Herbert
Buffet and Sherry Reception
Contact: Nicki on 01248 600095 or dr_nicki_h@hotmail.com

Liverpool Contra Spring Dance

On Saturday 12th March 2016
7.30pm to 11pm

At Childwall Methodist Church Hall (L16 5EG)
Junction of Score Lane and Childwall Valley Road

Rhodri Davies with Union Street Band

Please bring a Plate of food to share

Ring Maria Warrington on 0151 427 1907.

ST. HELENS FDC COUNTRY DANCE

Saturday 30th January, 2016,
7.30-10.45pm

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

Rhodri Davies with Knotted Chord

Hot Pot Supper with Vegetarian Option

Tickets from 01744 734394

DANCES 2016

Saturday 16th January

Hilary Herbert and Deo Volente

Ormskirk School, Wigan Road, L39 2AT

2.30pm Afternoon Workshop £5.50

7.30pm Dance £9, Combined £13.50

Friday 24th June

Summer Special with Strawberries

June Jones with Denise and Norman

Haskayne Village Hall L39 7JE

Saturday 8th October

June Jones with Denise and Norman

Rainford Village Hall, WA11 8HB

Saturday 12th November

Andrew Swaine with Folkus pocus

Saturday 10th December

Hilary Herbert with Stradivarious

Dances start at 7.30pm

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

Minutes of the MAD Folk AGM

held at St. Helens, on 18th November 2015.

Apologies from:- Peter Rimmer; Rosemary Doman and members of the Neston Group.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted and there were no matters arising

Treasurer's Report:- John Smith distributed accounts for the year ending 30th September 2015. The total income for the year was £169.39 which was made up of club subscriptions and income from advertising. Total expenditure was £392.84 which was made up of printing costs for MAD News; web site fees; hall hire for 2014 AGM and a grant of £150 paid to Southport group to help finance their event aimed at recruiting new members.

The excess of expenditure for the year was £223.48 which left a balance in hand on 1st October 2015 of £1616.59.

John thanked Bob Lightfoot for auditing the accounts and proposed that the annual fee paid to MAD Folk should remain at £10 for the next coming year.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Eleanor Mehew, seconded by Norma Sprigg and accepted unanimously.

Website Updated:- The Secretary reported that the MAD Folk web site has been updated and re-launched recently and urged members to have a look at their pages and report any changes required to the secretary. He thanked David Haynes for his work in updating and maintaining the site.

Election of Officers:- The officers were re-elected as no new nominations had been received.

Chairman's Report:- Mary reported that the Upton group had folded recently. Gwyneth Wylkie, who was group leader for many years, has left the area and no replacement has been found for Gwyneth. Mary thanked Gwyneth for her work on behalf of the Upton group and said that it was important that groups should try to avoid relying on just one caller.

Southport group held an afternoon dance on October 31st which was attended by 50 dancers 25 of whom were new dancers. It is hoped that some of those new dancers will become regular members of the Southport group. Eleanor Mehew thanked MAD Folk on behalf of the Southport group for their help in financing the event.

Mary thanked the treasurer and secretary for their work and in particular Sheila Davies for typing MAD News.

As there was no A.O.B Mary thanked the St. Helens group for their hospitality and closed the meeting.

FAREWELL UPTON

Sadly Upton FDC group has folded up. Gwyneth Wylkie who ran the group is moving to the Oxford area shortly to be nearer family and there are no volunteers to take it over. The group was started by Gwyneth in 1975 at St Joseph's primary school in Upton and she ran it for many years until Ted Harnden took over.

When Ted died in 2004 Gwyneth took over the running of the group again. The dancing took place every Tuesday evening in school term time and over the years many dancers passed through our doors. We often used to average 40 people. Upton members always supported the Saturday dances and we were often the biggest group there. There were also the holidays to Austria run by Ernie and Anne Rowe every May when we used to leave Upton by coach and travel through the night to arrive at our destination. Then for a week we used to walk in the day and dance all night. Happy times!

It is certainly a very sad day that Upton has to close but it is certainly not due to lack of numbers and hopefully some of our members will go dancing at other clubs.

Linda Sutton Upton FDC secretary

Calling at Group Nights

Maureen Waddington has sent an email to us which I thank her for.

Maureen says that she has been thinking about their club (Stockton Heath) who are lucky enough to have several of their members on their callers' rota. This led on to her thinking about other clubs in the area who do not have as many callers available as they do.

Maureen says, quite rightly that clubs should encourage members of their own group to help out by calling dances as and when they are able, but sometimes clubs are in need of an emergency caller for an evening, or the regular caller may need to take a break.

Maria is the regular caller each week at Contra but she has been lucky enough that both Maureen and Keith Williams have stepped in to help this term. We have also had live music from John Duncan who will also be with us for our Christmas Party.

Maureen suggests that club callers may wish to put their names on a list which would be printed as part of MAD News. Those callers would gain experience by going to other clubs and the clubs would benefit from seeing a fresh face from time to time.

If you wish to add your name to list of callers who are prepared to do the odd evening at other clubs please let me know.

Chris Warrington.

Southport Folk Dance Club

With the generous financial help of the Merseyside and Deeside co-ordinating group of folk dance clubs, known locally as MADFolk, the Southport Folk Dance Club was able to organise a beginner's afternoon workshop, with caller Roy Smith.

It was the first time in many years this type of recruiting event has been organised and all who attended had a great time with over 45 dancers enjoying an interesting and fun event.

It was promoted through the usual leaflets and local newspapers, together with making use of our Facebook page and other local websites. This led to over 20 new people giving folk dancing a go for the first time in a relaxed atmosphere.

We also welcomed dancers from a couple of other local clubs and we thank them for coming.

Time will tell if this event will lead to more people turning up on a Thursday night to join us for our regular sessions but without doubt it was a worthwhile endeavour and we will be trying it again next year.

Thanks to Roy Smith and MADFolk for getting behind this event

Peter Rimmer

LEYLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB

Country Dance

February 6th 2016 at 7.30 pm

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

Judith Veevers with Knotted Chord

And a Special 60th Anniversary Dance

On October 15th

Leyland Methodist Church Hall,

Turpin Green Lane, Leyland, PR25 3HA

Madeline Smith with Vic and Mollie

Ticket enquiries: Valerie Kite 01772 422065

HAWK GREEN FOLK DANCE CLUB

Saturday March 5th 2016,

7.30-11pm

Martyn Harvey with Vertical Expression

And Saturday 12th November

Half Day of Dance

Workshops 3.30–5.30 pm evening dance 7.30–11.00pm

Colin Hume with The Night Before

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

Tickets and information from Neil on 0161 494 1582

neil.hawkley@sky.com

