



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE & MEMBERS

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Club Caller: Trevor Day

**SQUARE UP!
Jackie Beavon**

Now that the holiday season is coming to an end, we look forward to increased attendances on club nights. With this in mind, and a feeling among all levels of dancers that they don't get enough practice, we are planning to have a second caller twice a month on Fridays whenever possible. By using two rooms, everyone will get more dancing time.

On one caller nights the committee has decided that the only fair way to give everyone a chance to practise at their current standard is for the three levels to have a dance in strict rotation. This will mean that the tips will have to be a bit shorter so that no-one is sitting out too long. We hope this solution, whilst not being perfect, will answer the problem and we hope for your co-operation to make it run smoothly.

Remember that a lot of dancing time is lost because squares are sometimes slow to form up. So let's have you on the floor when the caller says "square up".

The committee would welcome some feedback once this system has been given a fair trial, and with the AGM approaching you all have a chance to come along and have your say in how the club is run, or better still get yourself nominated to help run it.

Happy dancing.

Square Dancers' Annual BBQ—1st July 2007

John & Audrey Blacow

The weather couldn't have been much worse with thunder, lightening and torrential rain all afternoon. However, this didn't dampen the spirits of the intrepid Ocean Wavers! About fifty members, representing both Monday 'nighters' and the Friday group, braved the storms to arrive at the Scarthwaite hotel around 3pm for the annual BBQ.

First of all, there was dancing with up to five squares making full use of the limited floor space. Chris and Trevor were on top form as usual. Trevor did his regular trick of calling some moves which no-one remembered and this added to the confusion and laughter. 'Plus' groups ably demonstrated some advanced moves and, for some, their ability to forget the basic ones! One group showed us a very friendly, new move which we could all benefit from – Bernadette reliably informed us it is called the 'Yellow Rock'!

The BBQ itself followed the dancing at about 5.20pm and, of course, it was held indoors due to the inclement weather. There was plenty of good food which, along with the bar facilities, was enjoyed by everyone.

After this, filled with satisfaction, we staggered to the floor for a few more dances finishing at 7.15pm. – in good time for those who had to face work on Monday.

An enjoyable time was had by all and our thanks go to Trevor and Chris, the organisers and the hotel staff.



PHILIP IRVING PHOTOGRAPHY

Ruth and Trevor Tie the Knot Trevor Pearce

After what seemed like ages of talking about getting married, but was actually only a few months, the crunch finally came on the afternoon of Monday 30th July at a ceremony in the Ashton Memorial in Lancaster. Ruth and I made our vows on one of the very few dry and sunny days of the month before sixty or so relatives and friends who, we were pleased to see, included Audrey, Florence, Joan and George from the Lune Valley Ocean Wavers. Two more and we could have made a square if we hadn't been otherwise occupied, although Ruth's long dress might have made dancing a bit awkward!

The reception was at the Scarthwaite Hotel, where we dined in the same room where our engagement first became public at the club dinner dance in January. During the speeches I was presented with a framed set of guidelines for new husbands ("The wife is always right" etc.) and with an iced sponge wedding cake labelled "Earthworm Pâté" and covered in sugar earthworms, a reference to one of the more unusual items that I make in the kitchen.

On the Friday night before our wedding we were very surprised and delighted to be presented with a generous gift and card from the club. Before the wedding Ruth had a lot of enquiries from lady dancers about what she would be wearing on the big day. To satisfy their curiosity, and show that even on our wedding day (if not the wedding night) the club was in our thoughts, Ruth arranged for us to disappear from the reception for a short while and pay a surprise visit to the Ocean Wavers, our arrival being carefully timed with Chris and Trevor Day's help to coincide with the coffee break. Mrs Hart from the Scarthwaite Hotel provided transport and ordered some very good (earthworm-free) cake for us to take along. We will long remember the looks of amazement and spontaneous applause when we walked into the hall!

It has been a real pleasure to see how much enjoyment our wedding has brought to other people, and we greatly appreciate the kindness and encouragement that we have received from club members. We are now settling down to the daunting task of amalgamating two very full households into one; any helpful suggestions would be helpful.



WHICH CHARITY TO SUPPORT FOR 2007/2008 YOU DECIDE!

Each year the club raises a fairly substantial amount of money from raffles, hoe down etc which is then presented to a charity. Nominations for the charity are usually made at the AGM and a vote taken to decide which one we will support. This year, to save time at the AGM, members wanting to nominate a charity have been asked to submit their proposal for publication in this newsletter. All club members should then have a better opportunity to understand the charities from which they can choose. We have received three nominations:

DIABETES UK—John C Miller

There are currently 1.4 million people in the UK with diabetes and it is anticipated that by 2010 a further 1 million will be diagnosed.

Diabetes UK is a registered charity, which receives no statutory grants and relies on voluntary donations and cares for diabetics in a number of ways:

- ◆ It offers help and support on all aspects of diabetes
- ◆ It funds research into aspects of the cause, treatment, prevention and cure of diabetes
- ◆ It provides books, magazines, leaflets and videos on a wide range of subjects, ranging from cooking to travel
- ◆ It is dedicated in raising awareness of Diabetes
- ◆ It has links with diabetic health professionals to provide up-to-date medical and research news.

Diabetes can result in many complications including heart problems, renal problems, eyesight problems and problems with the feet. Many sufferers, present or future will be helped by this charity.

HOME-START MORECAMBE & LANCASTER—David Hollely

Home-Start Morecambe & Lancaster is a local charity helping local families with young children where parents are struggling to cope for a variety of reasons, including postnatal illness, loneliness, poverty, disability and multiple births. Trained volunteers befriend the families in their own home through regular weekly visits to give them the support they need to ensure their young children have the best home start in life. The most common and difficult issue identified by families is isolation which usually manifests as a lack of support at home and within the community. This often leads to an inability to thrive and function fully within society and the home, and has an obvious negative impact on young children. In addition to volunteer parent to parent support, the scheme organises a range of family activities. Home-Start is totally self funding with no Government help. Last year 53 local families with 128 children were supported, and the scheme is now working towards including Carnforth.

HEADWAY LANCASTER & DISTRICT—Derrick Crutchley

Headway is a national charity that helps and supports those with brain injury. Brain injuries can lead to sensory impairment, loss of confidence and self esteem, anger and frustration, memory loss and loss of coordination. Headway helps through one on one help, group support, advice, signposting and empathy. Headway Lancaster & District helps those affected by any aspect of brain injury, their families, friends and carers and associated professionals. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month with speakers on subjects of interest, discussion and individual support. Those affected by brain injury in any way, whether directly or indirectly, are made welcome, as are employers and colleagues of people who have suffered brain trauma, as well as students and members of the caring and statutory services.

KIMBOLTON CAMPOUT—24-27th August 2007

Joan Black

Those of you with caravans who like to attend summer campouts may have tried in the past to book in at the Kimbolton weekend held each year on August Bank Holiday only to find it was full with a waiting list! You will be pleased to know that the organisers now have use of a lovely new and larger hall and therefore can take many more bookings. This year they had 70 caravans on site and over 140 dancers. Bert and I went just for the Saturday night and the dancing to Dave Clay and Terry McCann's calling was exceptional. It's the only event we have been to where we wish we had a caravan and could join in the obvious fun they have.

OCEAN WAVERS' DIARY

Friday 5th October: 2nd Caller Tony Metcalfe.

Saturday 13th October: 12th Birthday Dance. James Wyatt, Halton. Workshop 3-5pm, £2 Dance 7.30-10.45pm £5 Pot Luck & Raffle.

Friday 19th October: Club EGM/AGM, 7.15pm, Dancing FOC.

Friday 26th October: 2nd Caller Cliff Anderton.

Friday 9th November: 2nd Caller Tony Metcalfe.

Saturday 17th November: Dance. Paul Preston 7.30-10.45, Halton £4 Pot Luck & Raffle

Friday 23rd November: 2nd Caller still to be booked.

MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER: GRADUATION!!!

Friday 7th December: 2nd Caller still to be booked.

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Friday 21st December: Christmas Party

The Club will be closed for dancing Monday 24th, Friday 28th, and Monday 31st December.

27th-30th December: Twixmas Dancing for 3 nights plus workshops.

From Dinner 27th to Breakfast 30th December with Trevor & Guest Callers, Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle. £139

Friday 25th January: Annual Dinner Dance.

HAVE YOU LOOKED

AT THE CLUB

WEBSITE YET?

Bob James has

done a great job

Check it out

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EVENTS TO VISIT

(ALSO See Club NoticeBoard or *Let's Square Dance*)

29th September: Allemanders Dance, Warrington. Derek Bere (*Dirk the Shirt*). A1/2 workshop 3.30-6.00pm. Dance Mainstream & Plus 7.30-10.45pm. £5 per session, £9 for both. Pot Luck, Bar, Raffle. Phone Jane for more info: 0151 531 0555

15th—17th February: Basic/Mainstream/Plus/Rounds Dance Weekend, Grange over Sands. Contact Alan Trengove for details: 01925 631309 alan_trengove@hotmail.com

26th April—1st May: Scotland's 4th International Square Dance Festival, Aberdeen. Gina 91224 326421 info@squarefest.org.uk