

# GRAPEVINE



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Grapevine is the newsletter of the Perth International Folk Dance Group. The group meets Monday evenings at the Wembley Scout Hall in Jersey St, Jolimont, except public holidays. The evening begins at 7:00pm with an hour dance lesson, a further half hour revision, then general dancing till late. For more information, contact Joy (386-7438), Pam (277-4462) or John (444-4736).

## INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITIES!!!

A very unusual opportunity has arisen for all PIFDG members!! 1996 is PIFDG's second vintage year in succession with the two excellent visiting international teachers of 1995 visiting us again in 1996. The committee had planned a similar set-up as for 1995 ie the weekend workshops of Dutch teacher Andre van de Plas to be residential, and the weekend workshops of Bulgarian Belcho Stanev to be non-residential. This was planned before we heard that Point Peron camp may be closing at the end of June. As PIFDG has been visiting Point Peron regularly for several years, some folk have a nostalgic wish to have a final weekend there again despite the complaints about the beds and ablution facilities. Obviously we are unable to change the dates of the visitors who are coming within seven weeks of each other and we are conscious that Easter, and the Nannup and Fairbridge Festivals are also in close proximity. However, none of these can offer the superb standard of folk dance teaching of both Belcho Stanev and Andre van de Plas.

The committee therefore needs to know who is able to attend which weekend before the next committee meeting on Thurs 8 February. Fees are obviously a paramount consideration and have been kept very low, particularly in view of the top quality teaching which will be given. The fees have been based on an attendance of forty at both weekends so we DO HOPE that members and supporters will realise what great value these weekends will be and that everyone will make a superlative effort to go to BOTH WEEKENDS. Attendance at the workshops will also help to make Monday nights run smoothly. It is proposed that Belcho Stanev's weekend will be at Pt Peron on May 10-12 and Andre van de Plas at Bickley camp on June 28-30.

For newer members and those who have not attended a PIFDG weekend workshop you don't know what you're missing - our weekends are renowned as friendly, fun, and lively with lots of folk dancing and fraternising. Last year, two new members attended one of our weekend workshops after having attended, respectively, once and not even once on a Monday night and enjoyed themselves so much that they soon became regular and enthusiastic members of PIFDG.

ALL INCLUSIVE FEES for both residential weekends have been fixed at:

Members \$55 (conc \$50)

Non-members \$60 (conc \$55)

There will be a \$5 discount on above fees if total fees are paid two weeks prior to the workshop AND a deposit of \$10 paid to Treasurer Peter or Secretary Joy by Thurs 8 February.

FOR THE CAMPS TO GO AHEAD IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN THE FORM OF A DEPOSIT OF \$10 PER PERSON PER CAMP IS PAID BY THE DATE SPECIFIED.



## THE FIFTH MONDAY

Five Mondays in the month! Does that ring an automatic bell to say that PIFDG is having a party/theme night? Blue skies, blue sea, warm weather -Perth has all this in common with Greece so on Monday 29 January we'll be doing what the Greeks do - dance - at the PIFDG Greek Theme night. To add to the atmosphere, please try to wear either a Greek costume or wear the Greek colours of blue and white. Bring a plate of

Greek type food as we actually have a half-hour break for eating and socialising. This is a great time to introduce newcomers to folk dancing and there will be many simple dances taught during the evening. So bring along your friends and don't miss the social event of the month! Fee for the night is \$3 plus plate for both members and non-members.

#### PIFDG's 20th ANNIVERSARY.

PIFDG's twentieth anniversary is a very special event which will be celebrated over two weeks in May. Please note the change of date of the first big event - "THE GREAT RE-UNION PARTY"

Saturday 4 May 1996 at 7 pm

FREE ..but bring a plate and BYOG

St Margaret's Hall

Tyrell Street, Nedlands.

President Pam would like to hear of any skits etc being planned. At this nostalgic event we would like to get in touch with as many former members as possible so if you can help in that respect please let a member of the committee know. We would also like to see any memorabilia - particularly photos, postcards, costumes and early copies of Grapevine. Carolyn (444 8600) is in charge of this so PLEASE HELP by producing photos. Ideas for decorating the hall would also be welcome.

#### COMMITTEE

At the AGM in November virtually the same committee as previously was re-elected ie President Pam Massey, Vice-president John Whaite, Secretary Joy Hill, Treasurer Peter Fallon, and members Tony Hoar, Palenque Blair and Leone Pitman.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY - by Art Diggle

We had our annual Christmas party on 18 December and a good time was had by all, or, at any rate, certainly by me. There was, as usual, plenty of good dancing, good food and good company. The occasion was distinguished by the attendance of several members that we only see occasionally. Particularly notable for her presence was Michaela who was fresh off the plane from Canberra. The prize for the most memorable contribution to the evening's feast goes to Bernie whose Christmas pudding dip was both an artistic and culinary masterpiece. I am certain that it was the most memorable as it was the only

dish that Joy and I between us could remember a few weeks later. Other contributors shouldn't feel too disheartened by this. It probably reflects more on the memories of the rememberers than on the memorableness of the meal. Many thanks to all of our instructors and to all of the other little helpers.

#### TEACHERS ON MONDAY NIGHTS

January Sara

February John

March Eve

During January Sara has been teaching several popular Israeli dances including Kliezmer, Anyim Zmirot, and Tzel el Tamar. Attendance is high despite the hot weather which doesn't put off the more perspicacious amongst us.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subs (\$18 or concession \$12) are now overdue. Don't forget Monday night fees are \$3 members or \$5 non-members so it pays to be a member.

#### OVERSEAS FOLK DANCING EVENTS

MACHOL EUROPA 1996, known as Europe's leading annual Israeli folk dance seminar, will take place at Bedford, England on 4 - 9 August, 1996.

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#### COMING EVENTS in W.A.

PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARY

Mon 29 Jan	PIFDG Greek Theme Night
Fri 1 Mar-Mon 4 March	Nannup
Fri 12-Sun 14 April	Fairbridge
Easter Sunday	PIFDG Easter Hop by River ??
Sat 27-Sat 5 May	National Dance Week
29 April	PIFDG Party/Theme Night
Fri 10 May- Sun 12 May	PIFDG Belcho
Stanev Weekend Workshop	
Mon 13 May	PIFDG Belcho Stanev
Revision Night	
Fri 28 June- Sun 30 June	PIFDG Andre van de
Plas Workshop	
Mon 1 July	PIFDG Andre van de
Plas Revision Night	
Mon 29 July	PIFDG Party/Theme Night
Mon 30 Sept	PIFDG Party/Theme Night

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