

GRAPEVINE



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SPECIAL INVITATION ISSUE

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).



URNS TWENTY !!

GREAT REUNION PARTY

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND SHARE THIS MUSICAL, DANCEABLE , SOCIABLE, FUN EVENING OF CELEBRATION WITH US.

PLEASE COME!! PLEASE REPLY!! And please bring a plate of food (dinner) to share, and own drinks!! Meet some old friends and make some new ones

ETHNIC or OLD COSTUMES, ENTERTAINING SKITS, etc encouraged.

Demonstration by PIFDG Performance Group.

When? Saturday 4th May, 1996. Arrive 7pm. Eat 7.30pm
Where? St.Margaret's Hall, cnr Tyrell and Elizabeth Streets, Nedlands.
Cost? Your pot luck dinner!

IMPORTANT: Please assist us by sending an RSVP to Joy (fax/phone 386 7438) or Leone (364 9591) by Mon 22nd April. This is THE GREAT REUNION PARTY OF THE DECADE SO DON'T MISS OUT!!



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

It all began with a pair of purple speakers! On New Year's Eve 1975 Eve Blair, just arrived in Australia from USA, met Swedish folk dance teacher Chris Druid-Sutton who, with her husband Bob, had been teaching international folk dance. They were leaving Australia but didn't know what to do with the purple speakers they'd been donated by the WA Folk Federation. By May 1976 Chris and Bob had left Perth, Eve and her pupils had inherited the purple speakers, and PIFDG was meeting in a hall located somewhere under the Battye Library. The purple speakers are still being used by PIFDG and many of the original dancers are still members.

In May 1986 celebrations were held to celebrate the tenth anniversary of PIFDG.

In May 1996 PIFDG is holding it's TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. Our twentieth anniversary is a very important milestone and several very special events are planned to celebrate our anniversary. The celebrations will be spread over two weeks and we hope that all past members will be able to attend the Great Reunion Party and at least one other event. After the Great Reunion Party, other highlights include a dance workshop by former PIFDG teacher Fiona Murdoch who is coming from New Zealand, and a residential workshop by Belcho Stanev whom the group is bringing from Bulgaria.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS TIMETABLE

Saturday 4 May	Great Reunion Party
Sunday 5 May	Afternoon workshop by Fiona Murdoch
Monday 6 May	Special Monday Night of Dance. All five teachers to teach till 8.30pm when we will be joined by David Hoffman's live music.
Fri 10 - Sun 12 May	Belcho Stanev's workshop at Pt Peron.
Monday 13 May	Belcho's revision night
Wednesday 15 May	PIFDG dining and dancing at Greek Taverna Restaurant
Sunday 19 May	Nostalgic film and video evening

More details below. Please contact us and come - we would really love to see you again.

WORKSHOP BY FIONA MURDOCH

Fiona was a member of PIFDG for some years until she returned to her native N Z in 1994. Long interested in dance, she visited Bulgaria in 1992 to attend the Summer Folk Dance School in Varna, Bulgaria, where the principal teacher was Belcho Stanev. Fiona became one of the PIFDG's popular teachers and conducted very successful beginner's and singers' courses for the group. We are very pleased that Fiona will be able to conduct a three-hour workshop on Sunday, 5 May as part of the twentieth anniversary celebrations. Payment in advance by Mon 29 April to treasurer Peter Fallon is essential. If you have any particular requests for the workshop, please contact Pam Williams (445 2072)

Date: Sunday 5 May
 Time: 2.15 for 2.30 sharp start.
 Venue: St Margaret's Hall, cnr Tyrell and Elizabeth Streets, NEDLANDS
 Cost: \$10.00

MONDAY 6 MAY at Wembley Scout Hall will be a Special Monday Night of Dance.

7-8.30pm All PIFDG teachers will teach a dance - Eve, Sara, John, Fiona and Pelanque.
8.30pm Live music from the David Hoffman ensemble extraordinaire!

A happy and special Monday night of simple and sociable dancing.

RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND WORKSHOP BY BELCHO STANEV AT PT PERON

This will PIFDG's final annual weekend workshop at Pt Peron. It will also be the return visit of Belcho Stanev whose wonderful dancing and inspired teaching converted many people to try to follow the rhythmic intricacies of Bulgarian dance. A special weekend not to be missed. Details on a separate sheet available from Joy (Fax/phone 386 7438).

Date and time: 7pm Fri 10 - 2pm Sun 12 May

MONDAY 13 MAY Revision Night by Belcho Stanev

Venue: Wembley Scout Hall, Jersey St (near Salvado Road) at 7pm.

PIFDG DINING and DANCING at the GREEK TAVERNA RESTAURANT

This is an opportunity to sit down together to eat, dance and talk without having to prepare any food or wash up afterwards. It will also be our farewell to Belcho Stanev for 1996.

Venue: Greek Taverna Restaurant, 124 James Street, Northbridge (opp Perth CC parking)

Time: 6.30pm

NOSTALGIC FILM AND VIDEO EVENING

Your chance to see yourself as others used to see you! Bring some nibbles to share during the scary bits.

Venue: Home of Pam & Martin Williams

71 Ailsa Street, WEMBLEY DOWNS (tel 445 2072)

Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm

ANDRE'S WEEKEND

Andre van de Plas from Holland is returning again to give PIFDG a marvellous residential weekend of workshops at Bickley Brook Camp from Fri 28 to Sun 30 June. A separate sheet is available from Joy with full information about the weekend.

1996 BEGINNER'S COURSE

Last year Sara, with the help of Eve, held a very successful Beginners' Course on six successive Saturday mornings in Fremantle. If you would like PIFDG to run another series of beginner's lessons, please speak to Joy (386 7438) or a committee member. The amount of interest will determine whether or not we run a course.

GREEK NIGHT - by Leone Pitman

On Monday 29th January - being the fifth Monday in the month - we held our Theme Night - this one being Greek. From the very beginning this night became an instant success and the atmosphere was marvellous. Many new people came along in response to our publicity (thanks to "Community News" and "Subiaco Post" who gave us better than usual publicity for this event) and the results were there for all to see. Some fifty people attended - old and new - many happy, smiling faces, loads of enthusiasm and lots of care and attention to detail was evident in the costumes, looking

very authentically Greek in both style and colour. Also some marvellous food was presented - such flair and imagination! Who needs to go to a Greek restaurant? I think we have it all.

Most importantly the dances. Eve and John shared the evening's classes and the dances taught were:- EPIMENOS KRITIKOS KOFTOS PILIONTIKOS TSAKONIKOS GIATROS and IKAIONKOS.

Thank you once again Eve and John for making our night such a memorable one. The more often I attend these nights and all the other Mondays in between, the more I realise how lucky we are to have you and Sara and Palenque. Thank you, everyone, for attending and being such happy people.

DANCES TAUGHT

Remembering the names of new (or even not-so new) dances is a problem for some of us. There is actually a black and red notebook kept near the sound equipment where the names of the dances taught are recorded. It is also intended to print the names in Grapevine as a memory aid. If you have any useful ideas for remembering dance names please give your ideas to a member of the Committee.

Dances taught in FEBRUARY by JOHN were Pravo Trakijsko Horo, Fjaskern, Kutsaj kutsaj mome, Trgmala rumjana, Yugo epimeno, and Kutsata (Invanici) all from Bulgaria, Sirbq primaveri (Romania), Zhensko chamche (Macedonia), La Bastringue (Canada), Korobushka (Russia) and Salty Dog Rag (USA).

Dances taught in MARCH by PALENQUE included Yaylarlar and Iste Hendek (Turkey), Fado Blanquita (Portugal), Rustemul (Romania), Chukanoto (Bulgaria) and Kmo Tso Ani (Israel/America).

Teachers for the next three months are:-

APRIL Eve
MAY John
JUNE Sara

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS
Congratulations to long time members Janet Jackson and Glenn Huxtable who became the happy and proud parents of Samantha Dawn Jackson Huxtable on 8 March. Samantha is a beautiful placid baby who weighed 8lb 8oz at birth. Glenn has been editor of Grapevine since it's inception about six years ago. Parenthood, and moving to Parkerville, has caused Glenn to retire as editor so PIFDG would like to thank him for all the good work he did in producing such a good and useful newsletter. Thanks Glenn. The new editor is Joy Hill but don't try complaining to her as she won't listen to complaints but she may respond to gentle suggestions so please give any relevant tit-bits to her.

EASTER HOP BY THE RIVER

The Easter Hop will take place near the Matilda Bay Restaurant in Hackett Drive (near Australia II Drive) on Easter Sunday at 3.30pm. Come and folk dance on the grass and bring your dinner to eat afterwards.

CHANGE OF PLAN - FIFTH MONDAY

Due to the fact that Monday 6 May will be a special twentieth anniversary celebration, the normal fifth Monday in the month theme night will not be held on 29 April - and just when everyone was getting trained to the idea of the fifth Monday in the month being a special theme night, too.

TO LET

President Pam's TAFE hours are down again so if she can get someone into her house to cover mortgage costs she plans on escaping north for the winter.

If anyone knows anyone who'd like to rent a room for \$50 pweek or the entire 3 bedroom house complete with cat and furniture for \$125 pw in sunny downtown Cloverdale, please phone Pam on 277 4462.

