

The Town Crier

VILLAGE GREEN ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCERS



August 2013

VILLAGE GREEN CALENDAR 2013/14

2013

Sep 11	First Class, Harrow United Church
Sep 18	Opening Dance, <i>Harrow United Church</i>
Sep 22	First Challenge Class, <i>St. Mark's Lutheran Church</i>
Oct 26	Saturday Workshop & Dance Evening
Nov 13	Tea Night – Please remember to bring your own MUG!
Dec 04	Last Class before Christmas
Dec 07	Christmas Dance, <i>Silver Heights United Church</i>

2014

Jan 08	First Class, <i>Harrow United Church</i>
Jan 19	First Challenge Class, <i>St. Mark's Lutheran Church</i>
Feb 19	Tea Night – Please remember to bring your own MUG!
Mar 08	John Trevenan Memorial Workshop & Dance Evening
April TBA	Weekend Workshop
April 30	Last Class
May 07	Annual General Meeting

Weekly Dancing Classes

Location: Harrow United Church, 955 Mulvey Avenue (corner of Harrow & Mulvey)
When: Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30, beginning Sep 11th, 2013.

CHALLENGE CLASS

Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church
(on the corner of Cambridge & Corydon)
Frequency: every 2nd Sunday afternoon

2013

Dates:	Sep 22	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	Oct 06	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	Oct 20	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm*
	Nov 3, 17	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	Dec 01	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	Dec 15	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm*

2014

Jan 19	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
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VILLAGE GREEN EXECUTIVE 2013 – 2014

President	Sandy McKenzie
Vice President	
Past President	Katherine Himelblau
Secretary	Marilyn Armstrong
Treasurer	Molly Pind
Social Conveners	Sandra Johnston
	Arlene Cutts
Publicist and	Dave Froese
Town Crier Editors	Doreen Froese
Member-at-large	Karen Burton
Teachers' Rep	Liz Goossen
<i>(non voting)</i>	

President's Ponderings



After a fine summer, we ease into the Fall and look forward to the upcoming English Dance year. Recreation, fitness and fun set to music; and all for such a reasonable cost!

- Recently we welcomed *Christine and Graham Smith of Hawk Green*; our twin ECD group in Cheshire UK. The potluck dance at Harrow on Aug. 13th was enthusiastically attended and our warm Winnipeg welcome was evident. A further taste of Manitoba hospitality happened on Aug. 17th at Art and Mary Louise's Farm with a "tent" dance and supper that truly rounded out the Smith's Canadian experience. Many thanks again to *Caroline McDowall* for initiating and eagerly continuing our friendship with Hawk Green and the Smith's.
- The Aug. 13th dance was also the perfect time to honor Caroline with a *Lifetime Membership* to Village Green for her dedication and promotion of English dance. Various members suggested the honor, while Frances wrote the submission highlighting Caroline's many accomplishments and Karen designed her certificate. A **huge round of applause** also goes out to those who organized, promoted, hosted, brought food, called the dances and provided musical accompaniment; ensuring a memorable experience for all.
- The Executive and helper's have been working diligently preparing for the Fall dance season and you may notice a number of new or revised "ways of doing things". We now have an *Organizational Facebook page* and ideas to revamp the Website are in the works.
- Our gifted *teachers* are ready to provide us with creative instruction to refresh, re-enforce and expand our English dance knowledge. We in turn will do our best to give them our utmost attention, thereby ensuring we all have a good time. Our talented *Fine Companions band* will accompany our dancing on numerous occasions as we challenge our feet and minds to stay mentally and physically active. As you know, dancing does it all!
- Several *demonstrations* will be taking place in September- one on the 14th am at the Forks during the Dragon Boat races; and on the evening of September 19th at the "Hitchin Post" for the Surveyors Convention. The Town Crier and Publicity/Communication folks have done an admirable job this summer. Promoting the enjoyment and ease of learning of English dance is the goal and we can all take part as "word of mouth" is still one of the best forms of advertising. So invite a friend or 2 and give them one of our "free night of dance" business cards to be used anytime this season. See you in September!

Sandy McKenzie

Photos courtesy of Iris Moehring



Christine Smith, Caroline w/Lifetime Membership Certificate, Graham Smith



Summer Dance Event with Graham & Christine Smith of Hawk Green

Opening Dance Event

Welcome back to previous members
Special Welcome to Visitors

Date: Wednesday, **September 18, 2013**
Location: Harrow United Church Hall
Registration: 7:00 pm
Dancing: 7:30pm – 10:00 pm
Cost: \$5.00 at the door (*waived if registration
and payment received by Sep 18th*)

October 26/13

Workshop & Dance

Location: TBA
Workshop Instructor: Liz Goossen
Workshop Registration: 9:30 am – 10:00 am
Workshop: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Dance Evening: Doors Open at 7:00 pm
*Dancing: Starts at 7:30 pm
* Invite Friends & Family.
First half of dance open to everyone

NEW ITEMS

- NEW **Drop-In Fee** has been *increased* to \$7.00 per class. Only active members with a current (2013/14) paid-up membership will be able to “drop-in” to class on occasion. Members using this option will be required to sign-in each time and pay the drop-in fee .
- NEW **Display Board** will be setup at weekly Wednesday dance classes to promote members interests & involvements outside of VG. Please insure the materials you display include the posted date and a contact name.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SOCIAL CONVENERS

The success of teas and socials depends upon members of VGECD volunteering to help with set up, clean up, decorating, and providing ready-to-serve food items (whenever required). The social committee is greatly appreciative of any and all assistance. We thank everyone in advance for their help and support.

Sandra & Arlene

CHALLENGE CLASS

Attendance at the Challenge class is made on the basis of self-selection. Every year, the teachers ask that members who would like to attend this class *reflect on the following criteria.*

DO YOU

- 1) feel comfortable and confident dancing a straightforward dance (3 or 4 basic figures) with only a talk through or one walk through? (i.e. don't need to walk such a dance through from each position)
- 2) enjoy working on the technical aspects of a dance (phrasing, handing, covering, dynamic of dance, awareness of others in the set)
- 3) feel confident dancing an intricate, complex dance after working through it from each position and are you able to recall such a dance in a subsequent class after a briefing.
- 4) hear the music and are you able to move in a manner which suits the music.
- 5) have a desire to grow in your dancing; to be a better dancer.

IF YOU ANSWER YES to the above questions then challenge class would be an enjoyable experience for you this year. If you have questions about this class please call Maureen 783-1488 or Liz 489-2752

Photos of summer dance event with Smith's of Hawk Green:



Photos courtesy of Iris Moehring



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REGISTRATION FORM 2013/2014

Name (1)

Please PRINT!

Name (2)

(if a couple)

Contact Information on file verified: Yes No If No, please complete contact info below.

Address: _____ **Postal Code** _____

Phone #'s: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ If no email access please check here:

- The Town Crier and events notification will be emailed to save paper and postage costs. If a hard copy is still required check here: If phone notification of events is also needed check here:
- Please check if you would like to volunteer to help various committees as needed.

Waiver

I understand that English Country dancing requires a reasonable level of health and fitness. Participation in this form of physical activity has a potential of injury and I will not hold Village Green English Country Dancers responsible should any occur.

Member's Signature: _____

Village Green English Country Dancers Privacy Policy

To keep you informed of activities during the year, the Executive requires some personal information. Please indicate what info we may **NOT** include in the Membership list. i.e. name, address, phone #, email _____

Photos are taken at various events to promote VGEC dancing. They may be used on the picture gallery of our Web site. Please indicate if you object to being photographed. _____

Village Green Fees

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Name #1</u>	<u>Name #2</u>
Membership (required & includes "Town Crier")	\$30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
General Class Fees: Fall Term (Sept – Dec)	\$50.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
General Class Fees: Winter Term (Jan – Apr)	\$50.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Challenge Class (Annual Fee)	\$50.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Town Crier Only	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
<i>Please add my donation to Dance Camp Scholarship Fund</i>	\$	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL		=====	=====

Make cheques payable to: Village Green English Country Dancers

Mail to: Molly Pind, VG Treasurer, 771 Fleet Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3M 1K1
OR pay Molly at 1st class by cheque or cash.

To request more information, please email: info@villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org

PAYMENT: Fees may be paid in one lump sum or in 2 installments, one for each term (winter term as a post dated cheque at time of registration).

COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE INCLUDED AT TIME OF PAYMENT