

President's Message

The summer has gone quickly and been busier than expected. The impromptu dance in July was lovely with 25-30 people joining in the fun. The tea dances at Fred Douglas Place were new initiatives and went very well. We also participated in the UK pavilion and it was very successful. Thanks to Liz for acting as liaison with the organizers as well as being dem coordinator. The program was excellent and we have both video and stills thanks to Katherine's Mom. Thank you to the members who volunteered at the pavilion: Ann Friesen, Liz Goossen, Katherine Himelblau, Joan Stevenson, Mark McLearn, Mary Louise Chown, Molly Pind, Rod Thorleifson, Sandra Johnston, and Virginia Stevens. Special thanks to Greg Allan and Robert Butler. **If you volunteered but your name is not listed above PLEASE let Molly know.** This weekend many of us will enjoy the party at Mary Louise and Art's. What a lovely tradition this is becoming!!

The first dance class will be Sept 10 when we can dance, visit and plan for the opening dance a week later on Sept 17th. The opening dance (Sept 17th) is a chance to invite, friends, foes and strangers off the street. Doors will open at 7pm and dancing will begin at 7:30 with the Fine Companions playing.

Remember: On the 17th, Newcomers are free. VG members who complete their registration (see attached), pay membership and at least the first term fees will also be free. If you plan to pay fees in two segments please give the treasurer (Molly) a postdated cheque for the second half. THANK YOU

Look forward to seeing you soon. **Sue Stanton**

Executive:

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SEE THE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR ALL THE IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SEASON

<http://www.villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org/> - click on calendar

To get you started:	September 10 th	First general class: for previous members only
	September 17 th	Opening social
	September 21 st	First challenge class
	October 25 th	Morning workshop and dance evening
	December 13 th	Christmas dinner and dance

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., you do not 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 Liz 489-2752

The first class is September 21st at St. Mark's Lutheran on the corner of Cambridge and Corydon from 1:30 to 3:30. For the remainder of 2014, class will be the first and third Sunday of the Month. **In the New Year**, beginning Jan 18th, class is every 2nd week.

You can check the website (<http://www.villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org/>) **to confirm the dates.**



Our love and sympathy to Sue and family on the passing of her Mom in August.



Thank you for all the support and caring you have shown me – I feel surrounded by love. Sue

Throughout the mini-newsletter several references have been made to the Village Green website: **!!!!!! THE NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING !!!!!**

A huge thank you to all committee members who spent sooooo many hours working on this. A celebratory dinner was held in June with the committee from last year and this year.

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM

AND BRING IT ON

SEPTEMBER 10TH OR 17TH

with your membership and class fees:

Did you volunteer at the UK Pavilion? If yes, **please email Molly** ("Molly Pind" molly.dancingfool@gmail.com) as soon as possible with the hours you spent there. Thank you

Minnesota Country Dance Weekend: October 3-5, 2014

With

Kalia Kliban, Contra, Squares & English

Brochure will be on the board at class

VILLAGE GREEN ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCERS

REGISTRATION FORM 2014/2014

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	\$ _____	\$ _____
Please add my donation to Dance Camp Scholarship Fund	\$	\$ _____	\$ _____
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