

THE TOWN CRIER

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English Country Dancing is friendship set to music

<http://www.villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org/>

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Dates for the upcoming dance season

General Class at Harrow United Church 7:30 to 9:30
Dec 9th Last class
Jan 6th First class for 2016
May 4th Last Class

Challenge Class at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 1:30 to 3:30
Dec 20th (windup 6 to 9) Jan 10th; 24th
Feb 7th; 20th Mar 6th; 20th
Apr 3rd; 24th (windup 6 to 9)

Functions:

Christmas Dinner and Dance	Dec 12	Silver Heights United
Longways Progression	Dec 16	St. Mark's Lutheran 7:30-9:30
presentation by Greg with dancing		
Auction and John Trevenen	Feb 20	Silver Heights United
Memorial Dance		1:00 – 5:00
40 th Anniversary Celebrations	April 15,16,17	Various locations
AGM	May 11 th	St. Mark's Lutheran

President's Report – Dec. 2015

What a busy and exciting fall we have enjoyed!! Classes have been well attended with new comers joining us throughout the fall. Welcome all. Thank you Jeannie and Elizabeth for so capably navigating us through a variety of dances and for running the 7-7:30 prep time. Our weekend workshop on **Oct 24th** – The Dancing English - was fun and informative. The potluck was delicious – once again I was impressed by the fact that without any pre-arrangements all the food groups were present. We do have wonderful cooks in this group! Elizabeth, thank you for leading both the workshop and evening dance.

The first of 2 family dances happened on Oct.17 with guest musicians – Susan and Paul Hammer, Mary Robinson and Greg Allan. The callers were Dave Edwards and Elizabeth Goossen. We had the best attendance since we began these 3 years ago and the place was hopping. Thank you, Liz, for organizing this event. The second family dance was held on **Nov. 21** with Elizabeth and Dave calling. Our musicians were Joan Stevenson, Sandy Mackenzie, Cathy Hornshaw and Mark McLearen. It is so energizing to dance with these young families and we hope that this is setting the foundation for the next generation of English dancers.

November was particularly busy with 3 more outreach events. Bruce Marshall ran a 3part old time dance. He started with waltz and fox trot, Elizabeth continued with the English portion and Giselle Himbault finished the evening with French style old time dances. I look forward to being able to attend the next one. Our tea night on **Nov. 25** followed a different format with tea and delicious desserts served at 7:15. We invited many former members and it was lovely to see a number join us. The room was pleasantly full with over 40 dancers on the floor. Liz started teaching at 8 with dances suitable for everyone to enjoy. On **Nov 28** a contra dance was sponsored by VG. Greg Allan took the lead and taught the dances. JP called when Greg joined David Strang and Cathy Rayner to play the lively toe tapping music. Elizabeth called a couple English dances meeting the requirement that all outreach events include some English dancing. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event so successful. Thank you, Greg for bringing your passion for contra to Winnipeg.

I am delighted to announce that we are moving along in a major initiative undertaken as part of our celebration of CDSS's 100th – the videoing of a number of Elizabeth Goossen's dances for exposure on Youtube and other websites. This project started in early June and special thanks are in order for: Liz for creation and production, Roddy Thorleifson for taping and editing, Dan and Maureen for organizing a space, and for the many dancers. Our next project is the recording of more of Elizabeth's original musical compositions. The Board has decided that this is an ideal project to celebrate VG's 40th and the auction is to help raise funds for the equipment and expertise needed to give it a professional sound

We are now looking forward to the Christmas dinner/dance on Dec.12 and to Greg's presentation on **Dec. 16** at St. Mark's church. This draws to a close our celebration of CDSS's 100th anniversary. Thank you to the social committee for organizing the refreshments for our fall activities.

In January we begin celebrating VG's 40th anniversary. More info on some of the events can be found in this newsletter. Behind the scenes many people have been working. Both the board and auction committee have met and are active. In addition Katherine Himelblau has been making and changing booking with various venues. With these outreach and special events the job her job has certainly grown. Thank you, Katherine for being such a good liaison with the churches. Finally thank you to everyone for your ongoing willingness to share your time and talents and make VG flourish.

Sue Stanton

Village Green Outreach activities

Old Time Dance (organized by Bruce Marshall)	February 6 th	Silver Heights United
Family Dance	February 27 th	St. Mark's Lutheran

CDSS Celebrating 100 years

We have joined the 100 year celebration of CDSS with great enthusiasm. You can check out our local heroes at <http://cdss100.org/community100/local-heroes>. Four of our members are recognized as heroes in the English dance community and you can read about it by going to the above link.

Auction and John Trevenen Memorial Dance February 20th, 2016 NOTE: the change of date

The auction will open at 1 and the live auction will begin at 1:30. The dance will begin about 2:45. Some silent auctions and the draw items will be pulled between dances and at the end of the dance (4:45).

Village Green auctions are wonderful and wild events. Over the Christmas break put on your thinking cap... what can you contribute to the auction.... It can be a physical item or a service. As well, what type of items or services would you like to bid on. It will be a fabulous afternoon of fun, music, dancing, food and laughter.

Welcome and a big thank you to Cathy Hornshaw who is joining us for the evening on December 12th. Mike, our usual flute player is recuperating well from his surgery but will not be playing with us for the rest of the dance season. Mike, we look forward to your return.

Spread the Joy!

The Village Green English Country Dancers Christmas Potluck Dinner and Dance

This year, we acknowledge and celebrate the Country Dance and Song Society's 100th Anniversary, and look forward to their next 100 years. Their "Spread the Joy" centennial slogan is a fitting theme for our holiday celebration.

Saturday, December 12, 2015

**Silver Heights United Church
199 Garrioch Avenue**

Wassail	5:30
Potluck Dinner	6:00
Dancing & Dessert	7:30 - 10:30

Carol Singing

Live Music provided by The Fine Companions

Admission: Dinner & Dance \$15 **plus** a potluck contribution
Dancing Only \$10 (Pay at the door from 7:15)

Tickets available until Wednesday, December 9th from Iris Moehring at class, or at 204-669-0963 or email irismoehring@gmail.com

In the spirit of "Spread the Joy" through dance, \$1.00 from each ticket sold will be donated to the **John Trevenen Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This is the program for the evening. All the dances have been danced in the last few weeks on Wednesday evening. If you bring this list to the class on Dec 9th, you can mark which dances you a comfortable dancing and which you would like to watch.

Christmas Dinner and Dance

Spread the Joy

December 12th, 2015--Silver Heights United

Dancing with Friends	duple minor	for all
La Nouvelle Figure	duple minor	for all
Elizabeth	duple minor	intermediate
Nonesuch	4 couple longways	intermediate
A health to all Honest Men	duple minor	for all
Jack's Health	duple minor	advanced beginner

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I Care not for these Ladies	circle	for all
The female Sayler	duple minor	intermediate
Indian Summer	duple minor	for all
Epping Forest	3 cpl longways	intermediate
Jubilation	duple minor	intermediate
Well Hall	duple minor	for all

