

THE TOWN CRIER

March 2016



English Country Dancing is friendship set to music

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

Executive for the upcoming season:

President:	Sue Stanton
Secretary	Frances Harris
Treasurer	Karen Burton
Publicity	Dave Froese
Social Convenors	Anne Morton; Linda Clark; Marion Tetrault
Teachers' Rep	Virginia Stevens
Town Crier Editor	Elizabeth Goossen
Member at large	Iris Moehring

Dates for the remainder of the dance season

General Class at Harrow United Church 7:30 to 9:30
March 23rd to April 13th Ball preparation
May 4th Last Class

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

Tea Dances: at Fred Douglas Place 1:30 to 3:00
Mar 11th
Apr 8th

Extra Ball rehearsal April 15th 1:30 Fred Douglas Place

Functions:
40th Anniversary Celebrations April 16th & 17th Various locations
AGM May 11th St. Mark's Lutheran

President's Message

What an exciting year 2016 has been – and we have only just begun. The Ball, auction and teachers' committees met and worked hard during the month of January. On Jan 30 the executive met - one member joined us from Wales. Oh the wonders of modern technology!

Our modification to class structure has been well received. Most nights we have had more than 20 dancers for the techniques portion from 7:15 to 8.

The month of February was extremely busy: On the 6th Bruce Marshall ran another "Old Time Dance" which included jive, country 2 step, English and Scottish. Greg held a contra night on the 13th which many of our group attended. The VG auction was held the following weekend on February 20th. It was a most successful event!! Thanks to all who organized, donated, and spent money. We made more than expected and had lots of fun too! The John Trevenen Memorial Dance which followed immediately after the auction was a great way to finish the afternoon. I think we should consider another afternoon dance!! Finally on the 27th a Family Dance was attended and enjoyed by six families. There was a special presentation by a guest harpist, Iona Rowat and a guest story teller, "Cap Bach", who popped in just to entertain and inform us about St. David's Day (celebrated on March 1st).

With February behind us we are now building toward the Ruby Ball on April 16. The room has been secured, the food tasting enjoyed and the menu chosen, and the advertising begun. This is a very special event and I encourage all of you to mark your calendars and plan on attending. Think about hosting a practice session. They are great fun and add immensely to the enjoyment of the Ball. As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations we are gathering memories. Please share yours with us.

Finally, the VG board needs people to take on some positions. A nominating committee will be seeking to fill VP, Publicity and President. Please consider if this is the year for you to serve on the executive.

Sue Stanton

Auction report

On behalf of the Village Green 2016 Auction Committee, I would like to send out a big thank you to all the Village Green members, friends and family that helped make the auction a huge success. We had 50 people donate items and services to the auction and a similar number come to the auction to bid, buy and win. We are still hoping to sell a few more spots for our sign up events, but at this time I am proud to say that the auction has raised \$4,605.

Special thanks go to the auction committee, Sue Stanton, Lisa Grabowski and Valerie Morrow for all their hard work. We'd also like to thank our wonderful and entertaining auctioneers, Conrad Davis and Bill Johnston. We would have been lost without our volunteers. Karen Burton headed our financial team of Molly Pind, Iris Moehring and Liz Goossen. Helping out with set up and running things on the day were Marilyn Armstrong, Bruce Berry, Katherine Himelblau, Deb Scott, Rachael Thorleifson and Jackie Soble. Thank you so much for your time and effort.

Thanks also to the Social Committee representatives Anne Morton and Marion Tetrault for making coffee and tea and manning the refreshment station, and to the anonymous donors of all the delicious dainties that just kept coming.

Finally a special big thank you to the Fine Companions for providing music for the exhilarating dance after the auction was over.

I feel very privileged to be part of such a hardworking, generous and fun loving group of people!

Ann Friesen

P.S. We have tried to make sure that everyone who donated a service and those who bought services have been connected with each other. If you offered a service and don't know who bought it or if you bought a service and don't know how to get it please contact a member of the auction committee.

A New English Country Dancing Initiative:

720 Henderson Hwy (Henderson and Bronx) [\(204\) 669-1710](tel:2046691710)

Sue and Liz will be leading this hour long session at the Good Neighbours Active Living Centre (GNALC) on Tuesdays from 11:15 to 12:15 beginning March 15th and running to May 3rd.

Thank you to Mark McLearn who began the process with the planning committee at GNALC over a year ago.

The first session on March 15th will be an open demo session. SO any VG members who would like to attend are most welcome. (no charge to attend this one session) If you would like to dance every Tuesday register at the information desk as you enter the building.

FANFARE FOR OUR RUBY YEAR

40 YEARS OF DANCING



The registration form for attending the weekend activities are available at class on Wednesday evenings. As well it is included in this newsletter as an attachment. Beginning March 23rd, Wednesday evenings will focus on the dances which are on the Ball program. Dance instructions and CDs will be available so you can become very familiar with the dances and the music and increase your enjoyment of the dancing at the Ruby Ball on April 16th. There will be a sign-up sheet at class if you are interested in obtaining instructions and CD.

Memories of Village Green

Whether you are a newcomer to Village Green or a long time member please consider sharing a memory or two..... Your recollections or impressions of your first Christmas dinner and dance, a most memorable Ball or workshop, what you most love about the dancing or the music, what drew you to the group, etc... We envision these memories creating a collage of the history of Village Green

Every week we would like to send via email a few of the memories you would like to share. Please email to Liz elizago@shaw.ca