

Newsletter of the Bush Dance & Music Club of Bendigo Inc.

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Newsletter contribution deadline is Tuesday 5th August before the Friday Mail-out.



Next Bendigo East Hop – Saturday July 19th 8pm at Bendigo East Prog. Hall Lansell St.
Admission. Members \$5 Non-members \$8 and Children under 16 Free
A Plate of Supper to share is always appreciated and enjoyed.



It's our birthday gala night and the theme is International Folk.

So come in fancy dress national costume, plenty to think of and not hard to improvise. It should be a fun night, the Gay Charmers are playing, and the Eurofest Choir is attending to sing a few songs while you dance plus a couple of items. A guest musician from the VFMC is sitting in with the Charmers and one of the choir members has a special 50th birthday and bringing an extra 40 people along. Please make them welcome and mix around and partner visitors as much as possible in the dances. Carol Rowe is MC on the night.

Memberships Subscriptions are Now Over Due. Family \$30 and Single \$18 A few members have still not paid their membership also some members that get the newsletter by email haven't paid so please check with Mary or this will be your last Newsletter. Memberships were due in February it is now July.



Next General Meeting Wednesday July 23rd 7.30pm at Bendigo Neighbourhood House 21 Neale Street Kennington. Things are crook in Tallarook and again we didn't have a quorum at the last meeting, so much business has had to be carried over. Your country needs you, so please make a special effort & please let Mary know.



Birthdays July Dianne Pearse & Beverley Filbey 3rd, very quiet for this month, but warmest congratulations to birthday twins Bev and Dianne.



Wedding Anniversaries It's very bleak like the weather, no anniversaries.



Reports from the **June General Meeting** There was no Meeting some members turned up and waited for an hour just in case someone else was coming. As not enough people came to make up a **quorum**, they went home, but here are a few reminders.

A Dance classes from Thursday August 7th at Forest St Uniting Church Hall as an 8 week block which concludes the Thursday after the Dinki Di Ball. If successful and the interest is there it might then be continued on a weekly basis. It will be advertised as an Old Time Bush Dance Class 7.30 – 9.30. Cost will be \$30 per person for 8 weeks (no partners required). The Secretary will be the contact person and a month's notice in advertisements will be arranged. Red ribbons will be supplied for ladies dancing as men.

B Dinki Di Ball flyers were ready for June, people took some, but there will be more at the July dance.

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TSDAV functions coming up: - The **TSDAV** conducts a series of monthly dance workshops, under the name of - **“Dancing at the 11th Hour”** and continues for this year. Dates are the **1st Sunday of the Month:** - the next being **3rd August** at the Eleventh Hour Theatre Hall cnr Gore & Leicester Sts Fitzroy 2.00-5.00 pm. Enquiries Norm Ellis 9888 5332 or <http://tsdav.vicnet.net.au/> As Norm will be away, Don and I are heading down there to workshop and film Tommy's Quadrille, Highland Fling Schottische and Lincoln Plains Waltz Cotillion. Any interested Bendigo dancers would be welcome. **Please note**, as Norm will be away, the workshop will be held in a different venue TBA, not yet known. Contact Peter or Mary later if interested for venue details.

Retirement Village Dance Displays

Mirridong, McIvor Road - Thursday 17th July 1.30-2.30 pm.

St Laurence Court Kangaroo Flat Wednesday 13th August 1.30 - 2.30pm and Friday 14th November 1.30 - 2.30 pm

If you are interested in helping your support would be very welcome and appreciated, please contact Margaret Dean 5439 6246 or Julie Manypenny 5439 6317 for details.

Dinki Di Ball is looming up fast. Two of the dances Fitzroy Quadrille Colonial and Swedish Country Dance were on the June BE programme and finer details of one figure walked through. The other yet to be done is the Waltz Quadrille, but this is simply the First Set danced in waltz time and can be viewed on our website, follow the video link. The older Colonial Fitzroy Quadrille is also there, but we haven't yet located our footage of the Swedish Masquerade for 'You Tube'.

The Nuts & Bolts of organising the ball is still to be done and as our President Dianne and her husband Doug are away on holidays, (we hope they are enjoying themselves also the good weather) so no organising of supper has been done. If you are willing to help out with the supper see Dianne at the Birthday dance or ring her and leave a message.

VALE MARGARET LONG 26.6.1926 – 24.6. 2014

It is with sympathy we note the passing of Kevin's mother Margaret who had been a member and attended dances in her earlier days and then enjoyed receiving newsletters as she like to read them and keep up with club events. Margaret is survived by Kevin, Dorothy, Lorraine, Jeffrey and families. The Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Margaret was held at the William Farmer Victoria Street Chapel Eaglehawk on Monday 7th July and conducted by the Reverend Julianne Parker. A Committal Service for Margaret was held at the Tarnagulla Cemetery at 1.30p.m. There were some lovely family photographs in the power point presentation and the very last picture was of Margaret feeding a Magpie, really nice photo. Ed.





OLD TIME TEA DANCE



Saturday 23rd August 2014

Dancing 4.30 pm till around 9.30 pm

Music by

The Gay Charmers

MC: Robin Simpson With guest callers

St David's Uniting Church Hall

74 Melville Rd, Brunswick West

(between Victoria and Hope Sts, Melways 29C6)

Tea & coffee provided

Please bring tea-time goodies to share

Tickets: \$20 at door

\$15 pre-paid

**Presented by Folk Victoria &
Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria**

Information:

<http://tsdav.vicnet.net.au>

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Gay Charmers: Stu Simms 5457-9222

PROGRAMME

- 1 Circular Waltz (x1) - Maxina (x2)
- 2 Parma Waltz (x2)
- 3 Evening Three Step (x2) - Boston Two Step (x2)
- 4 Grand March *into* The First Set *(of Quadrilles)*
- 5 Modern Waltz (x3)
- 6 Virginia Reel
- 7 Waltz Cotillion
- 8 Fox Trot – Monte Carlo
- 9 Barn Dance (with prizes) - Progressive Jive
- 10 St Bernard's Waltz (x2) - Waltz Oxford (x2)
- 11 Eightsome Reel
- 12 Polka Medley: Varsoviana / Polka Mazurka / Plain Polka

Tea Time (~30 mins)

- 13 Gypsy Tap (x2) - Gay Gordons (x2)
- 14 Pride of Erin (x3) *(last round in 6/8)*
- 15 The Alberts Quadrille *(with 6th fig. in Polka time)*
- 16 Highland Schottische (x2)
- 17 Swing Waltz (x3)
- 18 The Lancers Quadrille
- 19 Tangoette (x2)
- 20 Charmaine (x3)
- 21 Waltz Country Dance *(40 bar tunes)*

Auld Lang Syne Advance Australia Fair

Please Note: - apparent typos on the next page of Digitised Newspaper references from Trove (National Library of Australia) are from the original newspaper sources and are quoted verbatim as this is a normal procedure.

*Bush Dance & Old Time Dance References via the National Library of Australia's
Trove & Digitised Newspapers*

The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW: 1803 - 1842)

Saturday 11th March 1826 page 4 Fashionable Misery' ... Quadrille

Having accepted an invitation to a stranger's ball, under the idea that would there meet your particular friend Mrs., and her charming daughter. Accordingly dandy-fying in the first style for the occasion, paying half a crown for organising or true fitting, four shillings for kid gloves, and three shillings for Jarvey etc. etc. Going there particularly early, finding the rooms badly lighted, merely a wretched thrummer of old quadrilles, ugly girls, posse of strangers, and old fogies, thawing ices, stale rout cakes, dried up sandwiches and corked port, at which, being disgusted, you have the satisfaction of learning from the lady of the house, that your charming friend *will not be there!* whom you relied upon bringing you back. And to end your misery, a tremendous wet night, no coach to be procured, and three miles in pumps to walk. With merely the satisfaction of wishing Mrs. and her ball at the devil. "Morgan and Truefit, two fashionable hair-cutters at the West end of the town.

Thursday 9th July 1829 Sydney Gazette 'Very well here we find ourselves alive and kicking, forty couples footing it on the green, and choosing according to our tastes, reels, jigs, minuets, or bumpkins. 'Spose then that I have landed you down at the bottom of a five and twenty couple country-dance, to the time of Sir Roger de Coverley, Morgiana in Ireland, Petronella or the Triumph; mid, notwithstanding our having sucked a couple of oranges a piece, we are both covered in a broth of perspiration. Very good-so says I to you, making a genteel bow' (Bumpkins are the Country Bumpkin also known as Ninesome Reel – Ed)

The Goulburn Herald and County of Argyle Advertiser (NSW: 1848 -1859 Saturday 1 June 1850 page 5

COLLECTOR. -QUEEN'S BIRTH DAY.-Yesterday sen'night being the anniversary of the birth of our Most Gracious Sovereign, the inhabitants paid all respect to the occasion. A very large concourse of people assembled to witness the sports of the day which are too numerous to particularise. There was plenty of jumping, foot-racing, climbing the pole, and a private match for a saddle, which was run for on the course. About six o'clock in the evening the principal part of the town was brilliantly illuminated. The two Inns, the Post Office, and several of the most respectable domiciles were emblazoned with transparencies and variegated lamps. A continuation of firing of guns, to imitate as it were a Royal Salute, accompanied with fire-works, bonfires, and a fire-balloon terminated the day's amusement, superior to anything we have as yet witnessed in Collector. Everything was conducted in the most orderly manner. At ten o'clock dancing commenced at the "Wheat Sheaf" Inn, when the goddess of the fantastic toe was successful in her inspirations. Reels, Waltzes, Country Dances, Quadrilles and Strathspeys were danced in true style. A prime band being in attendance, and more animating music was scarce ever heard. At three in the morning the company sat down to a magnificent supper; and it was bread daylight before they had made their congratulations to the Host and Hostess of the "Wheat Sheaf," and called for their horses and gigs.

Yackandandah Times, 7 December, 1923 page 4 - Observer's Notes 'Eh, Mon.' we are to have an old-time dance, a reunion of old folks on New Year's Eve. Mollie and I have made up our minds to avail ourselves of the opportunity to disport our portly figures in the good old Manchester Gallop, Circassian Circle, Polka Mazurka, and Highland Schottische not forgetting the good old Royal Irish Quadrille, Lancers and the Majestic Waltz and Sir Roger de Coverley where all can meet and shake hands in that spirit of friendliness that so rarely occurs now a days for we elders. By the way an age limit of 21 years to attend has been fixed. Why? Because it is an old folks re-union. The promoters are parents of estimable young folk and hope they will accept it in the spirit it is intended, as they have divers opportunities of tripping the light fantastic when Ma and Pa must remain at home.

Examiner (Launceston Tas.) Sat. 10th Aug. 1935 ISLAND WHERE TIME STANDS STILL

I have just come back from Britain's strangest holiday island (writes a London journalist), from Berwick-on-Tweed. The fact that there is no electricity or gas on the island does not worry the islanders, for they dance the old time dances, the quadrille, the polka, and the Sir Roger de Coverley in the church hall under the light of oil lamps and to the music of a piano.

Cairns Post Thurs. 13th June 1935 A Waltz Demonstration.

A demonstration, of the Dorothea waltz will be given by Mr. Les Hoey and his partner at the dance organised by Mr. C. Love, for the Wanderers 'Soccer Club' at the Trocadero on Monday night. The floor is now in first class order. Ward's popular dance band will supply the music and Mr. Chas. Love will be m.c. This week, in addition to the demonstration, the popular new dances, the tango and parma waltzes, and the gypsy tap will be put on the programme. The winners of the novelty dances will receive valuable prizes, and patrons will be catered for by a full card of old time dances from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Advertiser (Hurtsbridge Vic.) Fri. 12th July 1935 MERNDA

The old-time dance at Mernda on Saturday night in aid of the Queen of Mernda (Mrs V. Taylor) was a success, financially, and also for the number of people who came along to enjoy themselves in the old time dances. The Monte Carlo (barn dance) was won by Miss Robson (Morang) and T. Benson (Mernda). The evening wound up with the Royal Irish, and then the dancers sat down to an enjoyable supper. It is proposed to run another of these old time dances in the near future.

Alexandra and Yea standard etc. Frid. 25th Oct. 1935 Thornton.

Visitors were present from every part of the district at the Old Time Ball to assist the funds of the Church of England, held on Friday night. Miss Isobel Baynes, and her assistants, had spent considerable time on the decorating of the hall, and a charming result had been achieved. Multicolored paper festoons of imitation foliage in geometrical designs were looped across the ceiling, and festooned about the walls, which were decorated with pastel colours hung from the windows, which carried boxes of foliage. Chinese lanterns completed the kaleidoscopic effect. In the supper room, paper streamers and curtains created a carnival atmosphere, which was heightened by lovely flowers, and daintily arranged bowls of food. The Woodfield orchestra arrived late but played the program of old time music delightfully. Mr. H. Gardner was in his element as M.C. The district cannot furnish a more capable exponent of the old fashioned form of entertainment. It was fortunate for the judges that all the sets in the Alberts competition, except one, made mistakes. Individual dancers can be judged, but a method of adjudicating between sets without breaking some body's heart has yet to be found. Mr. and Mrs. Daly, the leaders of the winning set, set an example of correct ballroom deportment, which was not followed very closely by the colleagues, but which might be copied very advantageously by ninety per cent of habitues of the modern ballroom. They gave this old dance a meaning, and made of it, a thing of grace and beauty. Mr. Hyett and Miss Pope well deserved their win in the waltzing competition. Messrs. Stillman, Nicholas and Gorman acted as judges. By some super-human effort they restrained themselves, when the polka was danced on the flat of the foot, and the barn dancers held their partners in a bunny hug. The old time dances are not being resurrected, - only replaced by cheap Imitations. The old time atmosphere was captured best when Mrs. Taylor generously played the extras - the tunes played when Edward, the peacemaker, sat on the throne, in just the style of those far-off days. Besides paying for the organ the proceeds will enable the committee to carry out several schemes they have in hand. The official opening of the Tennis courts will take place on Saturday, when a mixed doubles tournament will be held. The season is proving an exceptionally good one; there is a prolific growth of grass across the flat.