

# CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

## Winter 2015-16

### **Boston Playford Ball**

**Saturday, March 5, 2016 – Framingham, MA**

The English Dance Committee is pleased to present CDS-Boston's thirty-sixth annual Boston Playford Ball on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 in Nevins Hall, Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA. The ball will start at 7:30 p.m. led by Mistress of Ceremonies Barbara Finney and with music by members of Bare Necessities Kate Barnes, Mary Lea, and Jacqueline Schwab, joined by Naomi Morse. There will also be an afternoon workshop for ball attendees from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day in Nevins Hall, led by Rich Jackson and Miriam Newman with music by Jean Monroe and Catherine Miller.

The Playford Ball is an evening of challenging English Country Dancing, with talk-throughs only; there will be no teaching or walk-throughs at the ball. As such, it is best-suited for dancers well-familiar with both the figures and the dances on the program. Dances will be taught at the Wednesday night dances in the weeks leading up to the ball.

There will also be three pre-ball workshops, all from 1:30 – 4:30 pm: Sunday, February 7th at the Concord Scout House, and Sunday, February 21st and Sunday, February 28th at the Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington Heights. Rich Jackson will teach the February 7th workshop, accompanied by Karen Axelrod and Aldo Fabrizi; Miriam Newman will teach on February 21st, accompanied by Jacqueline Schwab; and Barbara Finney will teach the final pre-ball workshop on February 28th, accompanied by Jean Monroe. These workshops provide the opportunity to focus on learning the ball dances and are open to all; dancers unable to attend

the ball are also welcome. For more information on the workshops and the ball weekend, and to register for the ball, please see the ball flyer in this newsletter and online at [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org).

### **CDS-Boston Centre Gala Holiday Party**

What better way to ring in the New Year! Mark your calendar for CDS-Boston Centre's annual English Country Dance Gala Holiday Party to be held at the Scout House on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Joanna Reiner will lead the evening of dancing. Fabulous music will be provided by Mary Lea, Peter Barnes, and Karen Axelrod. Festive attire is encouraged, and we will be serving an elegant dessert buffet at the break. Admission is \$15.00 at the door for members of CDS-Boston, CDSS, and affiliates; \$17 for non-members; and \$8.00 for students with a valid ID. No advance ticket sales. For more information call Lynn Cornelius Jacobs at 978-505-5970.

**Saturday, January 2, 2016**

**7:30 – 11:00PM**

Concord Scout House,  
74 Walden Street, Concord, MA

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**Reader contributions enrich our newsletter, adding color and flavor. Please feel free to contribute.**

## Since 1915

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc. works to preserve and promote the knowledge and practice of the traditional and contemporary dance and dance music of England and New England. The Boston Centre sponsors and produces classes, dance parties, workshops, and residential and special events featuring the best performers and practitioners of English and New England country dancing. Events are open to all, and most feature teaching; no experience or partner is required for most events.

### Next CDS Boston Center Newsletter approximate submission deadline:

January 22, 2016

mailing is usually 10–14 days after the deadline

### To update the CDS Boston Web pages

General CDS Boston site,  
English Dance Committee pages,  
Special Events, Camp Sessions:  
Christine Robb [webmaster@cds-boston.org](mailto:webmaster@cds-boston.org)

CDS Boston ECD Collection recordings:  
Dan Pearl [daniel\\_pearl@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel_pearl@yahoo.com)

### Join the Country Dance Society of Boston Centre!

Benefits include reduced admission to dances and events, a newsletter, preferred admission to dance camp sessions, and more. Discounts available for students, seniors, and organizations.

Inquire via [membership@cds-boston.org](mailto:membership@cds-boston.org) or at [www.cds-boston.org/membership-form.html](http://www.cds-boston.org/membership-form.html)

### Need to look up a dance or venue?

Try one of these internet resources:

[www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org)  
[www.contradancelinks.com](http://www.contradancelinks.com)  
[www.facone.org/fdrb/home/](http://www.facone.org/fdrb/home/)  
[www.TheDanceGypsy.com](http://www.TheDanceGypsy.com)  
[www.dancedb.com/dancedb](http://www.dancedb.com/dancedb)

## Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc. Officers, Directors, and non-board offices

As of May 2015

Term Limits:

President: Two terms. Typically a four-year series of presidential offices: President Elect (1 year), President (2 years), Past President (1 year).

Other Board offices: Limit of three complete two-year terms.

\* denotes term-limited, and may not be re-elected to the same office. Year denotes term expiration.

### Board Members

- 1) 2017 Mark Ward - Term #3\*
- 2) 2017 John Hostage - Term #1
- 3) 2017 Hal Wagner - Term #2
- 4) 2017 vacant
- 5) 2017 vacant
- 6) 2016 Florentina Corbescu - Term #1
- 7) 2016 Mies Boet - Term #3\*
- 8) 2016 Deborah Kruskal - Term #1
- 9) 2016 Miriam Newman - Term #2
- 10) 2016 vacant

### Board Officers

- 11) 2016 President: Judy Erickson - Term #2
- 12) 2016 Vice Pres: Diane Gonzales - Term #1
- 13) 2016 Treasurer: Ruth Reiner - Term #3\*
- 14) 2017 Clerk: vacant - (board to appoint)
- 15) 2016 President-Elect: Ruth Reiner

### Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

#### Nominating Committee

*Member Elected, Board Nominates (three-year terms)*

- 2) 2016 vacant
- 3) 2017 vacant
- 3) 2018 vacant

*Board Elected, from the Board (two-year terms)*

- 4) 2016 Judy Erickson
- 5) 2017 vacant

### Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

*CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects*

- 1) 2016 Mark Ward - Term #3\* (three-year term)

### Call for Nominations to the CDS-Boston Board

Directors and officers serve two-year terms. The Board usually meets 6 or 7 times per year, 3 in the fall and 3 or 4 in the winter and spring. Board committees include Finance, Operations, Development, and Nominating. The board can appoint to vacant positions at any time.

If you would like to nominate someone interested in serving on the Board of Directors (you can nominate yourself, too), or would like information on serving on the Board, please contact any current Board member (listed above or on the website), or email [nominations@cds-boston.org](mailto:nominations@cds-boston.org).

## Special Advanced Workshop and Experienced English Dance

The English Dance Committee of CDS-Boston is pleased to present two special sessions at the Concord Scout House on Saturday, February 2nd, 2016: an afternoon English Country Dance workshop for advanced dancers and our monthly Experienced English Dance in the evening. Joanna Reiner will lead both events, with music by Karen Axelrod and Eric Martin.

The afternoon workshop will be from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and will be limited to forty-eight dancers. Preregistration is required for this workshop: \$15 for members, \$17 for nonmembers. Registrants will be notified by email regarding acceptance into the afternoon workshop.

The evening Experienced English Dance will be from 7:30 – 10:30 pm. Admission for this dance is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers, and may be paid at the door. Preregistration is not required.

Both dances are open to dancers who have complete familiarity with dance figures and are able to respond quickly to instructions.

For more information please see the flyer in this newsletter and online at [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org).



Scenes from CDS Boston Centre's 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration - photos by Carol Ansel

## Other Balls in the Northeast

Dancers who wish to attend more Balls, or who prefer Balls with walk-throughs and prompting in the evening, may enjoy travelling to some of the other Balls in the Northeast. Registration is generally required in advance. Flyers will be available at the Wednesday Arlington dances and on the websites listed below.

**Saturday, January 23, 2016 –**

### **Elm City Assembly,**

*New Haven, CT*

Graham Christian with music by Karen Axelrod, Kate Barnes, and Eric Martin

For information and the flyer:  
[newhavenenglishdance.org](http://newhavenenglishdance.org)

**Saturday, March 19, 2016 –**

### **Celebration of Spring Ball,**

*Mamaroneck, NY*

Judi Rivkin, Orly Krasner, Paul Ross with music by the Flying Romanos: Robin Russell, Marnen Laibow-Koser, and Norma Castle

For information: [sites.google.com/site/cdwestchester/dance-schedule](http://sites.google.com/site/cdwestchester/dance-schedule)

**Saturday, April 9, 2016 –**

### **New York Playford Ball,**

*Brooklyn Heights, NY*

Gene Murrow and Tom Amesse with music by Karen Axelrod, Daniel Beerbohm and Eric Martin

For information: [cdny.org](http://cdny.org)

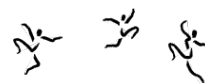
**Saturday, June 11, 2016 –**

### **Across the Lake Weekend,**

*Burlington, VT*

Scott Higgs and Melissa Running with music by Bare Necessities: Jacqueline Schwab, Mary Lea, Kate Barnes, and Earl Gaddis

For information: [burlingtoncountrydancers.org](http://burlingtoncountrydancers.org)





Park Avenue Congregational Church, Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, Arlington Heights  
 Church of Our Saviour, Carlton and Monmouth Sts., Brookline  
 First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA  
 Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA  
 Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA

## English Country Dance

### Wednesdays

September through June  
 Park Ave. Congregational Church,  
 7:30–10:30PM;

A mix of elegantly simple to challenging dances, ranging from traditional to contemporary. Most dances will be walked through, with teaching as needed. One or two may be prompted only, and not walked through.

English Dance Basics  
 are before the dance at 7:10.

Newcomers and students \$4  
 Members \$7, Non-members \$9  
 12–admission Dance Card \$75

The Dance Card is valid at all Wednesday dances for one year from the date of purchase and can be shared with friends and family.

Volunteers are always needed. Ask the door manager.

### Harvard Square English Dance, 2nd & 4th Fridays

7:30 - 9:30PM;  
 September through June

Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church  
 1555 Massachusetts Avenue,  
 Cambridge, MA

\$7 general, \$6 members,  
 \$4 students. View flyer for leaders and musicians.

[www.cds-boston.org/friday.html](http://www.cds-boston.org/friday.html)

### First Fridays for Experienced Dancers

Fridays and Saturdays October through May, 7:30–10:30 PM

Church of Our Saviour, Carlton and Monmouth Sts. Brookline, MA

First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA;

Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St. Concord, MA .

For dancers thoroughly familiar with basic English Country Dance figures. All dances taught. \$10; \$8 CDS members

See the Experienced Dance Series flyer or [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org) for leaders and musicians.

Info: Deb Karl 617-721-0600



### Experienced Dance Series Dates and Locations 2015-2016

All dances are from 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Saturday, 10/3/2015	First Saturday	West Newton
Friday, 11/6/2015	First Friday	Brookline
Friday, 12/4/2015	First Friday	Brookline
Friday, 1/1/2016	First Friday	Brookline
Saturday, 2/6/2016	First Saturday	Concord
Friday, 3/4/2016	First Friday	Brookline
Saturday, 4/2/2016	First Saturday	West Newton
Saturday, 5/7/2016	First Saturday	West Newton



# Other Regular Boston Area Dances and Events

## Mondays

Contras. Concord Scout House, 7:30-10:30 PM.  
Various callers and musicians. Adults \$8 (\$5 after  
9:30pm); Age 22 (and under) \$5  
Info: 978-369-1232 or 781-272-0396  
<http://mondaycontras.com/>

Scottish Country Dancing.  
Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington St, Watertown  
7:45-10:15 pm. Live music \$9. \$5.  
[cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org](mailto:cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org),  
<http://www.rscdsboston.org/>

## Tuesdays

### Frequent Tuesdays

Contra Dance for All @ MIT, Cambridge, MA. 8-10:30PM  
All welcome, no experience or partner needed. Band  
sit-ins welcome. \$6, MIT & Wellesley students free, oth-  
er students \$3. Prospective callers & musicians, contact  
[fdc-request@mit.edu](mailto:fdc-request@mit.edu) or (617) 354-0864.  
Info: (617) 354-0864  
MIT Folk Dance Club (617) 253-FOLK,  
<http://mit.edu/fdc/www/contra.html>

### Tuesdays - continued

#### 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays.

Boston Gender Free English Country Dance.  
(Experienced Dance on 5th Tuesday)  
First Church of Jamaica Plain UU, Centre & Eliot Sts.  
Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA  
7:30-10 PM. Come at 7:00 PM with a brown bag dinner  
& socialize! Various leaders. \$7. [www.lcfd.org/bgfe/](http://www.lcfd.org/bgfe/)  
Info: Janet (617) 522-2216 or John (617) 512-5554

## Thursdays

### New England Contrás & Squares.

Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM. \$8, \$5 students.  
Info: NEFFA, (781) 662-6710;  
Dan, (508) 229-2854;  
[www.neffa.org/Thurs.html](http://www.neffa.org/Thurs.html)

## Fridays

### 1st Fridays Oct – May.

Challenging Contrás at the Concord Scout House. 8-  
11PM. For experienced dancers. \$10, under 21 \$8.  
[www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html](http://www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html)

### 2nd Fridays Sept – June.

Contras, Squares, & Couple Dances. Unitarian Church,  
27 School St, Carlisle MA 8-10:00 PM, potluck at 6:30.  
Sue Rosen, Walter Lenk with the Carlisle Band. \$6. Info:  
(617) 547-7781 [www.configular.com](http://www.configular.com)

### 3rd Fridays Sept – June.

Roaring Jelly: Contrás and Squares. 1st Parish Church,  
7 Harrington Road, Lexington MA. Beginners 7:45,  
dance 8-11 PM. Susan Elberger with Debby Knight. \$7,  
Teens \$5, Children under 12 free with parent. \$20 family  
max. Info: (781) 944-3544,  
[RoaringJelly@comcast.net](mailto:RoaringJelly@comcast.net), <http://roaringjelly.org>

## Saturdays

### 1st Saturday

Contra Dance Berlin, MA 8-11 PM  
Admission: \$5 per person or \$12 max per family  
Berlin 1870 Town Hall, 2nd floor, 12 Woodward Ave.  
Info: 978-838-0044  
<http://webpages.charter.net/brlncountryorch/>

### 2nd & 4th Sat.

Gender Role-Free New England Contra & Square  
Dances. 1st Church of Jamaica Plain (Unitarian-  
Universalist), Corner of Centre & Eliot Sts. 7:30-11 PM  
unless noted. \$10, \$6 students. [www.lcfd.org/jp/](http://www.lcfd.org/jp/)  
Info: Chris (617) 852-4042 or (781)-982-8042  
[jp-dance@lcfd.org](mailto:jp-dance@lcfd.org)

### 4th Saturday Sept– June.

Walter Lenk with Debby Knight and Jack O'Connor.  
New England Contrás and Squares, 8-11 PM.  
Cambridge Friends School, 5 Cadbury Road,  
Cambridge, MA. \$8; \$6, 21 and under. (617) 547-7781 or  
(978) 369-1232  
[www.configular.com/dance](http://www.configular.com/dance)

## Sundays

Scottish Country Dance. Sept. – May, 6:30-8:30 PM  
The Parish House, Church of Our Saviour, 25 Monmouth  
Street, Brookline, MA (Evelyn Murray, 617-864-8945;  
Heather Day, 617-244-6914) \$5 donation.  
[www.rscdsboston.org/classes-listing.html](http://www.rscdsboston.org/classes-listing.html)

### 1st & 3rd Sunday Contra Dance.

Masonic Hall in Porter Square, Cambridge, MA.  
7:30-10:30 and cost \$5-\$10 (sliding scale).  
Introductory workshop at 7pm, first night is free  
if you come by 7PM.  
Boston Intergenerational Dance Advocates.  
[www.bidadance.org](http://www.bidadance.org)

### 2nd Sundays Nov – June

Mostly Waltz for Boston, Waltzes & other couple dances  
2-5:30 PM selected Sundays,  
Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA  
Admission \$12 • Folk Arts Center members \$10 • Young  
adults \$6.  
Your second time attending Mostly Waltz is FREE!  
Beginners, experienced dancers, singles, and  
couples are all welcome!  
<http://www.facone.org/programs/mostlywaltz.html>



# Outside the Boston Area - "check the web site or call before you travel"

## English Country Dance

### Massachusetts

#### South Amherst Mondays & Saturdays,

Munson Library

Mondays - Robin Hayden with live music. \$6. Info: Robin at (413) 695-2024, [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

2nd Saturdays. Second Saturday English Country Dance. A fun evening welcoming to all. Led by Graham Christian and Mary Jones with live music. 7:30 - 10:30, \$8. Info: [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

3rd Saturdays. Pleasures of the Town English Country Dance. 7:30-10:30 PM. Music, Joyce Crouch, piano, & Doug Creighton, flute & melodeon, with guest musicians. \$9, \$10 supporters, \$7 students. Info: (413) 549-4123 Joyce Crouch, [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

Sundays - 3:30-5:30 pm -\$8.00  
All Saints Episcopal Church,  
44 Park Ave., Whitman, MA.  
Info: Priscilla Borden, 508-451-9301  
[ArachneAS@aol.com](mailto:ArachneAS@aol.com)

### Rhode Island - Saturdays Sept.—June

Kingston English Country Dance, South Kingstown Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Road, South Kingstown, Rhode Island. 7:30 to 10:30 PM. General admission: \$10; members of CDS Boston Centre and South Kingstown Land Trust, \$8. Directions and info: [Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org](http://Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org) or call 401-539-3009.

Jan 16, volunteer callers, Dawn Chung & Cindy Ladd

Feb 20, caller TBD, Jean Munroe & Bill Ouimette

Mar 19, caller Mary Jones, Dawn Chung & Cindy Ladd

April 23, caller Tom Amesse, Linda Pezzullo & Bill Ouimette

### New Hampshire — First Saturdays

First Saturdays. Deerfield, NH in the historic Town Hall on Church Street through June 2014, 8-11pm, \$8, Info: Rickey 603-679-1915

Second Sundays — Sept.-June

Concord NH Presidential Oaks (Odd Fellows Home), Minot St. off Pleasant. 5:30-7:45 PM. \$8, \$7 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 397-0042, [dave@NHECDS.org](mailto:dave@NHECDS.org) directions at [www.nhecads.org](http://www.nhecads.org)

### Connecticut - Fridays

English Country Dance. New Haven CT. Neighborhood Music School Recital Hall, 100 Auburn St. 8:00-10:30 PM. \$8. Info: (203) 776-6929 <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~bfr4/NH.English.html>

## Contra Dance

### Massachusetts

#### Amherst most Wednesdays (except 2nd)

Bring your friends

7:30–10:30PM, lesson 7PM.

Masonic Lodge, 99 Main St. Amherst. \$10, Students \$8, High School \$6. [www.amherstcontra.org](http://www.amherstcontra.org)

#### Cape Cod, Saturdays

General information for Cape Cod dances at [www.capecontra.org](http://www.capecontra.org) or contact [shabam@ais.net](mailto:shabam@ais.net)

1st Saturday. Contra Dance. Woods Hole Community Hall, Main St., Woods Hole. (508) 548-6229 or 548-6661

2nd Saturday. Contra Dance. Freedom Hall, 976 Main St., Cotuit. Info: (508) 563-6750

3rd Saturday. Contra Dance. East Sandwich Grange, Old County Rd., Sandwich. Info: (508) 563-6934

Greenfield, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays  
401 Chapman St. [www.guidingstargrange.org](http://www.guidingstargrange.org)

#### Rehoboth, 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays

8–11PM, \$8; \$5 ages 16 and under; \$18 families with children under 16.

<http://www.contradancelinks.com/rehoboth.html>

#### South Amherst, 4th Saturday Sept. — June

Munson Library, 1046 South East St. South Amherst. 7:15PM; Cost: \$5-10 (sliding scale)  
For more information: (413) 256-0673; [lindapiano@gmail.com](mailto:lindapiano@gmail.com)

#### Worcester, 2nd Saturdays Sept. — June

8PM. Wesley Methodist Church, 114 Main St. Worcester. \$8. \$6 students, \$18 family maximum, under 12 free [www.worcesterdance.org](http://www.worcesterdance.org)

#### New Hampshire - Manchester, 3rd Fridays

Mill City Contra Dance. Various callers and musicians. Beginners Workshop 7:30PM. Dance 8-11PM \$8, \$5 young people, under 12 free. 250 Commercial St. Manchester, NH; Info: Paul Lizotte 603.595.4484

#### Vermont - Brattleboro, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Contra Dancing Stone Church, Brattleboro. 7:15 beginners' workshop, dancing for all 7:30–10:30PM. Admission is \$10 (\$7 students/seniors/low income). Beginners are welcome; all dances are taught. No partner necessary. Info email [ethan@ethanhw.com](mailto:ethan@ethanhw.com) or call 802-257-9234. <http://brattcontra.org/>

There are many local dances in New England. For comprehensive listings of folk dances in the region visit [www.facone.org/calendars/folk-dance-in-new-england-new-hampshire.html](http://www.facone.org/calendars/folk-dance-in-new-england-new-hampshire.html) or [www.contradancelinks.com](http://www.contradancelinks.com)

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



*Got an idea you think the readership might enjoy? Write it up! Do you have photographs to share? No item is too small, and all submissions will be considered. The deadline for the next issue is printed twice in this newsletter, on page 2 and on the bottom right here.*

“The song and dance didn’t stop us dying. It just stopped the fear of death swallowing us up while we were still alive.”

- Jackie French, “Lady Dance”

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#### Board Meetings

All meetings are open, and CDS-BC members are welcome. Please ask a committee member or officer (see p. 2) for date, time, and place or call the office.

#### Communicating with the Board

If you are planning an event or some other matter requiring consideration by the CDS Boston Centre Board, please send a brief summary to:

**president@cds-boston.org**

or by mail to the address in the above left corner.

#### To Contact the Editor

If you are planning an event, write it up! Send articles, poems, listings and photos by e-mail to:

**editor@cds-boston.org**

No item is too small! Humor is also appreciated.

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Boston Centre’s website: **www.cds-boston.org** Office telephone: **781-591-2372**