



CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Winter 2016-17

Boston Playford Ball

Saturday, March 4, 2017 – Framingham, MA

The English Dance Committee is pleased to present CDS-Boston's thirty-seventh annual Boston Playford Ball on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 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 Bare Necessities: Earl Gaddis, Kate Barnes, Mary Lea, and Jacqueline Schwab.

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 Christine Robb and Miriam Newman with music by Jean Monroe and Rebecca McCallum.

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 be three pre-ball workshops. The first on Sunday, February 5th, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, at the Concord Scout House, with teaching by Miriam Newman accompanied by Jean Monroe and Catherine Miller. Saturday, February 11th's workshop from 1:30 – 4:30 pm, is led by Barbara Finney and accompanied by Kate Barnes; and Sunday, February 26th, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, the workshop is taught by Christine Robb, accompanied by Jacqueline Schwab. These last two are held at the Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington Heights. 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.

Celebrating the Pat Shaw Centenary!

February 4, 2017

Pat Shaw – choreographer, musician, dancer, research, singer – was born on December 24, 1917. There are 150 dances listed on the Pat Shaw website, including familiar and favorite dances such as Miss de Jersey's Memorial, Long Live London, The Slop Galliard, Monica's Delight, and Levi Jackson Rag.

CDS Boston Centre joins in the celebration of the Pat Shaw Centenary year with a special pair of dances on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, at the Concord Scout House: an afternoon Experienced English Country Dance workshop and a Pat Shaw Celebration English Dance for all in the evening. Music for both dances will be by Alchemy: Karen

Axelrod, Eric Martin, and Rachel Bell.

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Photo by A. Ferguson: July 4th, 1984

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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:

October 23, 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

CDS Boston ECD Collection recordings:
Dan Pearl daniel_pearl@yahoo.com

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.

Board Meetings

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

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

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

As of May 2016

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) 2018 Florentina Corbescu - Term #2
- 7) 2018 Tom Roby - Term #1
- 8) 2018 Jean Monroe - Term #1
- 9) 2018 vacant
- 10) 2018 vacant

Board Officers

- 11) 2018 President: Ruth Reiner - Term #1
- 12) 2018 Vice Pres: Miriam Newman - Term #1
- 13) 2018 Treasurer: Diane Gonzales - Term #1
- 14) 2017 Clerk: Deborah Kruskal - Term #1
- 15) 2017 Past-President: Judy Erickson

Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

Nominating Committee

Member Elected, Board Nominates (three-year terms)

- 2) 2017 vacant
- 3) 2018 vacant
- 3) 2019 vacant

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

- 4) 2017 Judy Erickson
- 5) 2018 vacant

Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects

- 1) 2019 Eileen Callahan - Term #1* (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.

Pat Shaw, *continued from cover*

The afternoon Experienced workshop will be from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Barbara Finney and Rich Jackson will teach some of Pat Shaw's more challenging dances in the afternoon. Afternoon workshop attendance is limited; dancers should have complete familiarity with dance figures and be able to respond quickly to instructions. Preregistration is required for this workshop: \$15 for members, \$17 for nonmembers. Registrants will be notified by email regarding acceptance for the afternoon workshop.

The evening Celebration English Dance will be from 7:00 – 10:30 pm, with Barbara and Rich joined by fellow CDS-Boston teachers Linda Nelson, Christine Robb, and Miriam Newman leading us through an evening of Pat Shaw dances. Admission for this dance is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers, and may be paid at the door. This dance is open to all dancers with a basic understanding of English Country Dancing; preregistration is not required.

The first pre-ball workshop will be held at the Concord Scout House the following day, Sunday, February 5th, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Miriam Newman will teach the pre-ball workshop, accompanied by Jean Monroe and Catherine Miller. Come make a weekend of it!

For more information please see the flyer in this newsletter and online at www.cds-boston.org.

For a list of Pat Shaw's dances, see www.patshaw.info/dances.

2017 Pinewoods Camp dates

Here are the dates for Country Dance Society, Boston Centre sessions at Pinewoods Camp in Plymouth, MA. Some of these will be announced in the spring issue of this newsletter, and some have their own web sites with online registration.

For more information visit www.cds-boston.org.

Swing Into Summer
June 16 - June 18, 2017

Boston Centre July 4th Weekend
June 29 - July 3, 2017

English-Scottish-Contra Week
July 3 - 7, 2017

Labor Day Weekend
September 1 - 5, 2017

CDS-Boston Centre Gala Holiday Party

CDS-Boston Centre's annual English Country Dance Gala Holiday Party will be held at the Concord Scout House on Saturday, January 7, 2016. David Millstone will lead the evening of dancing. Music will be provided by Mary Lea, Kate Barnes, and Karen Axelrod. Festive attire is encouraged, and we will serve 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. For more information call Lynn Cornelius Jacobs at 978-505-5970.

Have archival materials? Here's what to do.

The Milne Special Collections NH Library of Traditional Music and Dance is the depository for many dance-related collections, including organizational and historical files for CDS-Boston Centre, NEFFA, Pinewoods Camp Inc., Royal Scottish Country Dance-Boston Center and the CDSS. It also holds some private dance-related collections, such as those of George Fogg, Ted Sannela and Louise Winston.

If you're sorting through old boxes and find some dance-related materials or memorabilia which you think may be worthwhile additions to the archives, here's what to do:

--if the materials are specific to CDS-Boston, please send them to (or email) Terry Huffaker

--if the materials are specific to Pinewoods, NEFFA, or FAC, please contact those organizations

--if you think George may be interested in the materials, please don't mail them to George. You can take them with you when you visit George, and discuss them with him, but please don't leave the materials with George, as someone else will then need to gather them up and mail them to the archives.

You may mail materials for George's collection directly to:

The George Fogg Collection, c/o Milne Special Collections, University of New Hampshire, 18 Library Way, Durham, NH 03824

As a good friend of George's said, "It will be better for these materials to go directly to the archives, and thereby fulfill George's legacy for a long time to come."

Photos by Arthur Ferguson 1984–2009
Pinewoods Camp July 4 and Labor Day



Your contributions enrich our newsletter, adding color and flavor. Consider contributing.
How about a dance haiku? A sketch done at Pinewoods? A song or tune about, well, anything! – Editor

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

Experienced English Country Dance Series

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

Saturday, 10/1/2016, West Newton
Friday, 11/4/2016, Brookline
Saturday, 12/3/2016, Concord
Friday, 1/6/2017, Brookline
Saturday, 2/4/2017, Concord
Friday, 3/3/2017, Brookline
Saturday, 4/1/2017, West Newton
Saturday, 5/6/2017, West Newton

A more challenging evening of the English Country Dance tradition's beloved classics and exciting newer dances, with the same great callers and musicians. Dances will be taught, but attendees should be familiar with all basic figures and expect to learn dances quickly; some dances may be done after a talk-through only.

Admission is \$10 for CDS members, \$12 for nonmembers, and \$5 for students. For directions or more information, visit the Boston Centre website www.cds-boston.org or call Deb Karl at (617) 721-0600.

Don't Panic!

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre's web site is being redesigned and will be on the Wordpress platform. The new site will launch some time in January, 2017.

The familiar address you're accustomed to will redirect you to the new location.

If for some reason you experience an interruption in service, please stay tuned. These changes don't always go without a hitch. -- *Editor*

Save these dates:

Holiday Gala
January 7, 2017

February Experienced ECD Weekend,
February 4, 2017
www.patshaw.info

Twenty-seventh Annual Boston Playford Ball
March 4, 2017

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. Students \$5.
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. \$8-\$10, MIT & Wellesley students free,
other students \$5. Prospective callers & musicians, con-
tact fdc-request@mit.edu or (617) 354-0864.
Info: (617) 354-0864 <http://mit.edu/fdc/www/contra.html>

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/
Info: Janet (617) 522-2216 or John (617) 512-5554

Irish Sets

Tuesdays at the Can-Am Club in Watertown, so if you
think it's

useful, it's Tuesdays, Sept-May, <http://cceboston.org/> 7.30-9pm, \$7,

teaching by Sally Harney to recorded music.

Thursdays

New England Contrás & Squares.

Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM. \$10, \$5 students.
Info: NEFFA, (781) 662-6710;
Dan, (508) 229-2854;
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

2nd Fridays Sept – June

Contrás, 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

Renaissance Dance 3rd Fridays, Sept – May
7:30-10pm, First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St.
\$10, Music by Renaissonics. 617-460-4653
tysontsurantani@gmail.com,
<http://renaissonics.weebly.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,
<http://roaringjelly.org>

Saturdays

1st Saturday Oct - June

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. Sept - June, plus 4th Sat. July

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/
Info: Chris (617) 852-4042 or (781)-982-8042
jp-dance@lcfd.org

4th Saturday Sept – May

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

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

1st & 3rd Sunday - continues through summer

Contra Dance - Masonic Hall in Porter Square,
Cambridge, MA. 7:30-10:30
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

Mostly 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!
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,

* All South Amherst dances are at Munson Library*
Mondays

Robin Hayden with live music. sliding scale \$7-10.
Info: Robin at (413) 695-2024, 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

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

Rhode Island - Saturdays Sept.-July

Kingston English Country Dance, South Kingstown
Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Road,
South Kingstown, Rhode Island. Potluck at 6pm, danc-
ing 7:30 to 10:30pm. General admission: \$10; members
of CDS Boston Centre and South Kingstown Land Trust,
\$8. Directions and info: Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org
or call 401-539-3009.

Sept 17, caller TBD, Linda Pezzullo & Bill Ouimette

Oct 22, caller Joanna Reiner Wilkinson, Dawn Chung &
Bill Ouimette

Nov 19, caller Linda Nelson, Dawn Chung & Cindy Ladd

New Hampshire

Sunday afternoons English Country 2:30-4:30

RSCDS Scottish Country Dancing 4:30-6:30

69 Washington Street, Keene, NH, \$5.00
September 11 & 25, November 12, 20 & 27,
December 11 Christmas Party
Priscilla Borden and guest callers, Musicians TBA
Contact info: Priscilla Borden 508-451-9301
ArachneAS@aol.com

Second Sundays - Sept-June

Concord NH, West St Ward house
41 West St, Concord NH from 6-9 PM.
\$8, \$7 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 397-0042,
dave@NHECDS.org. Directions at www.nhecads.org

Connecticut

Fridays - Oct. - April

English Country Dance. New Haven CT.
All dances taught. Beginners welcome. Neighborhood
Music School, 100 Audubon St. New Haven 8:00 p.m.-
10:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 Teaching by Paul McGuire.
Music by Marshall Barron, Grace Feldman, Margaret
Ann Martin and Marshall's English Dance Band
Workshop Info: (203) 776-6929.
newhavenenglishdance.org

Contra Dance

Massachusetts

Amherst most Wednesdays (except 2nd)
7:30-10:30PM, lesson 7PM. *Bring your friends*
Masonic Lodge, 99 Main St. Amherst. \$10, Students \$8,
High School \$6. www.amherstcontra.org

Cape Cod, All Four Saturdays, 8-11 pm

Dancing continues through summer
Info at www.capecontra.org or contact shabam@ais.net
3rd Fridays, Sept. - June

Greenfield, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays
401 Chapman St. 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. - May

Munson Library, 1046 South East St. South Amherst.
7:30-10:30 Cost: \$5-10 (sliding scale)
For more information: (413) 256-0673;
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

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
[http://www.wordworthy2.org/Mill_City_Contra_Dance/
Home.html](http://www.wordworthy2.org/Mill_City_Contra_Dance/Home.html)

Kingston, 4th Saturdays, Kingston Town Hall, 163
Main St., 8-11 p.m. \$8. Refreshment Potluck at the
break. Bring snacks to share and water to drink. Please
bring clean soft-soled shoes to dance in. For direc-
tions or more information, call Glenn at 772-5355 or
glenncopp@rcn.com, Claire at 778-1514, Gale at 679-
5448, or Sarah at 659-5612.

Saturday, January 14, 7:30-10:30pm at 17 Matunuck
Beach Road, South Kingstown, with volunteer callers,
pianist Dawn Chung, flute Cindy Ladd

Sunday, Feb 26, 2:30-5:30pm at Narragansett Towers,
Ocean Road, Narragansett, with Martha Griffin calling,
pianist Dawn Chung, recorder Bill Ouimette
Saturday, Mar 18, 7:30-10:30 in SK, Barbara Finney call-
ing, with pianist Dawn Chung, Recorder Bill Ouimette

Vermont - Brattleboro, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Sept. - June

Contra Dancing 118 Elliot St., 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 part-
ner necessary. Info email ethan@ethanhw.com or
call 802-257-9234. <http://brattcontra.org/>

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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 or at www.cds-boston.org.

**Need to look up a dance or venue?
Try one of these internet resources:**

www.cds-boston.org
www.contradancelinks.com
www.facone.org/fdrb/home/
www.TheDanceGypsy.com
www.dancedb.com/dancedb

Thank you Volunteers!

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre could not operate without its many volunteers, and we would like to publicly thank the following individuals for their help with the running, set-up, and take down of the space used for the Friday Harvard Square Dance. These dancers help set-up the room and sound system, welcome dancers, and return the room to its original state following the dance. The dance could not go on without them, and on behalf of the membership, we thank you: Lise Foss, Victor Skowronski, Mary Gaffney, Kyla Mackay-Smith, Charles Liu, Jean Monroe, Corinne Holroyd, Sue Turner, and Roger Cleghorn.

Happy Birthday!

CDS-Boston Centre is following the lead of other centres and inaugurating a monthly birthday celebration. On the second Wednesday of each month we will bring a cake to the Wednesday dance, sing Happy Birthday to all of that month's birthday celebrants, and eat cake. Be sure to come to the second Wednesday dance in your birthday month so we can sing to you, too!

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