



Kuckucksnest

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING 2010

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MARCH COURSE I: 4.-7. March. Language German

Arrival after 17:00 for supper at 19:00. Departure after lunch.

Beginners with some experience and intermediate dancers

Teacher Sjoerd van Leersum, music Wolfgang Müller/Silke Grosholz. Fees €165 (students 140)

MARCH COURSE II: 4.-7. March. Language English (Parallel to March Course I)

Higher Intermediate level.

Teacher Carola Fischer, music Silke Grosholz/Wolfgang Müller. Fees €165 (students 140)

EASTER COURSE: 1.-5. April. Language English

Arrival after 17:00 for supper at 19:00. Departure after a late breakfast.

For advanced dancers.

Teacher: Janet Johnstone, music: Anselm Lingnau. Fees: €200/175 (guests €150)

SHORT HOLIDAY IN COMBINATION WITH THE HIGHLAND COURSE: 5.-8. April.

Participants are welcome to stay on and have a holiday between the Easter and Highland courses. The costs for the 3 nights including breakfast plus one supper will be €50, or €20 for participants of BOTH courses. There are restaurants nearby for other meals, and we have lovely countryside for hiking or just relaxing in.

HIGHLAND AND LADIES' STEP: 8.-11. April. Language English

Arrival after 17:00 for supper at 19:00. Departure after Lunch.

For beginners/advanced dancers (two separate courses) One evening of social dancing

Teacher: Janet Johnstone. Fees: €165/140 (guests €120).

SUMMER COURSE AND BALL: 30. June to 4. July. Language English

Arrival after 17:00 for supper at 19:00. Departure after a late breakfast.

For intermediate and advanced dancers.

Teacher: Eric Finlay. Fees including the ball: €200/175

WORKSHOP FOR MUSICIANS: 30. June to 4. July. Language English.

Teacher: Keith Smith.

Fees including the ball: €200/175. The workshop will be in our "small house" parallel to the summer course (see above). Further infos under "Workshop for musicians" below..

SUMMER BALL: 3. July in the Community Hall in Sterbfritz.

Fairly informal ball with buffet €20 (price included in course fee for participants). Live Music.
The dance programme will be available on our website in May.

HOLIDAY WEEK IN THE KUCKUCKSNEST: 9.-15. August.

A great mixture of Scottish dancing, Singing, Music, Hiking, Nordic Walking, Eating, Lazing around and simply enjoying being here together...

Arrival after 17:00 for supper at 19:00. Departure after breakfast.

Teachers/Organisers: Dancing: Carola Fischer and Martin McWilliam, Singing and Music: Janneke Mitschke, Hiking and Nordic Walking: Gisela McWilliam and Michael Fischer.

Fees: €270/240. More information below under "Holiday Week".

AUTUMN COURSE I: 14.-17. October. Language German.

Arrival after 17:00 for supper at 19:00. Departure after lunch.

Beginners with experience + intermediate dancers.

Teacher Anika Lange, music Silke Grosholz/Stefan Schatz. Fees: €165/140

AUTUMN COURSE II: 14.-17. October. Language English. Parallel to Autumn Course I.

Higher Intermediate level.

Teacher: Carola Fischer, music: Stefan Schatz/Silke Grosholz. Fees: €165/140

The classes take place in separate groups in the two houses. Everyone is together for all meals and the evening dancing in the main house.

NOVEMBER COURSE: 17.-21. November. Language English

Arrival after 17:00 for supper (19:00). Departure after a late breakfast.

For advanced dancers.

Teacher: David Queen, music: Stefan Schatz. Fees: €200/175 (guests 150)

Guests / Non-dancers

If bedrooms are free you are also welcome to bring non-dancing family members who would like to accompany you for a holiday and join in with meals. See special price for guests.

Course language

Although some courses are taught in German, the names of steps and figures naturally remain in English. These are then taught as part of the course so that everybody understands them. Everyone with a basic knowledge of German is welcome to these courses.

Workshop for musicians

This is held in our new house and is open to anybody with a reasonable command of their instrument. Lessons will take place in the mornings and afternoons with enough time to practice or just relax. In the evenings, including the evening of the ball, participants can decide for themselves if they would like to play for some dances or join in the dancing themselves, or do some of each! Arrival and departure times are the same as for the Summer Course.

Holiday Week

Owing to the great success of our combined days of Scottish dancing and nordic walking in spring, and the many requests for more plus a holiday, we are combining the following:

Scottish Country Dancing: On some mornings classes for less experienced dancers, to include a practice of the evenings' programmes, and classes with unusual dances for experienced dancers. On several evenings there will be social dancing.

Singing: Janneke has proved it: Under her instruction anyone can sing, and the unusual and amusing songs in her repertoire make it extremely entertaining!

Music: There are quite a few people play an instrument "just for fun" but not well enough to join in the musicians' workshop. With Janneke's help we will play simple tunes and sets, and just enjoy making music together on our various instruments.

Hiking and nordic walking: At last you have the chance to explore our beautiful countryside and enjoy the wonders of nature. Gisela is an expert on nordic walking and will provide walking poles for everybody. Under her professional tuition you can learn the proper technique for training arm and back muscles. Of course you can walk without poles if you prefer, and Michael and Gisela have chosen tracks through lovely and varied scenery.

Lazing around and Eating: No assistance needed here, and anyone who prefers it is welcome to just lie in the garden and do nothing! Our programme includes possibilities, but no obligations! There are sometimes special cultural highlights on summer evenings in the area, but we will only know about these couple of months before the course starts.

A more detailed programme will be mailed to participants nearer the time. Please let us know your preferences since some classes/events will run parallel.

Application and cancellation:

Please ring us or send us an e-mail to find out whether there are still free places, and if so transfer a deposit of **€80** per person within three weeks of confirmation to our bank account (No. 8356, Kreissparkasse Schlüchtern, bank code 530 513 96, International Bank Account No. DE74 5305 1396 0000 008356, SWIFT-BIC: HELADEF1SLU). The remainder of the fee is to be paid in Euros during the course. Participants from non-euro countries can pay the whole sum on arrival to avoid high bank charges. The fees cover full board and lodging plus tuition. Bed linen can be brought, or hired for €5 per set. We offer a reduction for students, but there is no reduction for people who arrive late or leave early. Beer, wine, soft drinks and mineral water are available at all times at very reasonable prices.

Since cancellations always involve work and expense these should be avoided if possible. Should you have to cancel up to 8 weeks before the course starts we offer to transfer the deposit to another course of your choice within the next 2 years, or to refund it minus €10 charges. Should you cancel within 8 weeks of the course starting we keep the entire deposit to help cover the loss unless we are able to fill the place, in which case the above applies. If you aren't sure, you are welcome to ring us shortly before a course begins: it may be full, but places often become available at short notice.

If you have any questions, or aren't sure which course would best suit your dancing ability, please don't hesitate to ring us! Information about the house and facilities, travelling here, other events, etc. can be found under <http://www.kuckucksnest.com>.

So now ... we're looking forward to greeting you at the Kuckucksnest!