

# English Country Dance



English country dance consists primarily of the dances and music from England in the 1600's and 1700's. Also included are some early American dances from the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras. It is one of the dance forms from which modern contra and square dance are descended. If you've seen any of the recent Jane Austen movies then you've seen examples of English country dancing. The **Central Illinois English Country Dancers** hold monthly dances. We also hold a Ball twice a year, in December and June. All dances are taught and then danced to live music. Partners, costumes and experience are not required. **To protect the dance floor we ask that everyone bring a pair of clean leather soled dance shoes or tennis shoes to change into.** Newcomers and all lovers of English country dance and music are welcome.

## Spring 2012 Schedule:

Most dances are held at the **Phillips Recreation Center, 505 W. Stoughton in Urbana.** We ask for a \$2.00 donation at these dances to pay for the use of the facility. Some dances will be held at the Illini Student Union, 1401 W. Green, Urbana. There may be an extra admission charge for special events.

**Sunday, January 22:** Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Friday-Sunday, February 10-12: Febfest Traditional Dance & Music Weekend** at the Illini Student Union.  
See separate flier for details.

**Sunday, February 26:** Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, March 24:** Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, April 21:** Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, April 28:** Unity Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Illini Student Union, Room 314

**Friday, May 11:** Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, May 19:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Festival of the English May** at the Anderson's barn. Watch for further details.

**Saturday, June 9:** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Playford Ball** from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center. See separate flier for details.

## For further information:

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The Central Illinois English Country Dancers are affiliated with the Urbana Park District and the Country Dance and Song Society