

# 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 June and December. 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 2017 Schedule:

**Most dances are held at the Phillips Recreation Center, 505 W. Stoughton in Urbana.** We ask for a \$3.00 donation at these dances to pay for the use of the facility. Some dances may be held at alternate locations. There may be an extra admission charge for special events.

**Sunday, January 22: New Year's Ball** from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Phillips Center. We'll be doing the dances we had planned for the Christmas Ball that was cancelled.  
Admission \$5 (\$4 with a snack to share at the break).

**Sunday, February 19:** English Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, March 18:** English Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, April 15:** English Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, May 6:** English Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center

**Saturday, May 20:** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Festival of the English May** at the Anderson's barn. Watch for further details.

**Saturday, June 10:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Playford Ball** from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center. Watch for further details.

## For further information:

**The CIECD web page: <http://www.CentralIllinoisECD.org/>  
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The Central Illinois English Country Dancers are affiliated with the Urbana Park District and the Country Dance and Song Society