

**Eileen and Peter Sinden**  
**Citation for the the Bill Ranscombe award 2012**

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Eileen and Peter met at a dance occasion in Verulamium Park in 1951. This was a Hertfordshire District event....part of a dancing, cycling and YHA weekend. At that time they were members of the Society for International Dancing.

In 1960 they joined the Circassian Circle Folk dance Club and were regular members until it closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009.

In 1961 Peter joined Woodside Morris Men; he was Bagman for several years and keeper of the Archive. He left in 1995 but has continued to follow their activities ever since.

During the 1970's the whole family joined Nonsuch, a demonstration team run by Terry Summers. The practices were held in the Teahouse at Hampstead Garden Suburb and shows were given for PTA's and garden fetes etc. The team attended Broadstairs Folk Festival for two consecutive years and a trip to Denmark provided life-long friendships.

During Peter's membership of the Hertfordshire District Committee (subsequently Hertfordshire Folk Association) he wrote to eight local young people's groups, offering to arrange a folk dance evening for their club but, unfortunately, he received no replies. He also suggested that music workshops could take place here.....at this church hall in Homewood Road. Several of these sessions were run by Roger Nichols and proved a great success with Eileen and Peter organising refreshments.

Eileen began calling at Circassian Circle Club with Denis Searls and over the years has derived much pleasure, as well as gaining many friends, by calling for up to ten clubs in both Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. She also likes encouraging others to "have a go" and willingly provides both instruction and music.

In 1992 Eileen and Peter moved to St. Albans and St. Albans Abbey Folk Dance Club. It was not very long before Eileen was calling there and then, until recently, was also their Club Secretary .

It is clearly obvious that while, over the last 50 years or more, Eileen and Peter's folk involvement has ensured they have both had a great time....their commitment, participation and enthusiasm has also brought considerable enjoyment to many others, so it is with great pleasure that:-

Hertfordshire Folk Association are proud to present you both with The Bill  
Ranscombe Award 2012.

**Hilary Vare.** HFA Chairman