

# Leeds Branch Dancers Newsletter

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*Dancers at the September Branch Dance*

## Future Newsletters

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## From the Chair ...

Christmas seems to be creeping up too fast for me. But before we break for Christmas there are plenty of dancing treats in store.

Firstly we have the All welcome Christmas tea dance on Monday 12 December, 1.45- 3.30pm.  
Adel Methodist Church Hall,  
Gainsborough Avenue LS16 7PQ.  
With music from Ian Slater and MCs Don Andrews and Jane Walford (our new chair elect of the White Rose Festival Committee): see page 3 for further details of the tea dance.

Friday 2 to 4 December is the Malhamdale Weekend course. I hope all of you that have booked for this, have a great time.

Then on Saturday 17 December is our Christmas Dance. We have music from the Luke Brady's Band, and Luke

has asked Murial Johnstone to come and play with him so we are in for a real treat. Our MC is Terry Chater who has provided us with an exciting programme of dances.

January 21st 2012 is a walk through Social Dance with music from Phill Jones and MC Avis Harrison. This is a great way to encourage your friends who don't come to Branch dances to come along, as all the dances will be walked through.

On Saturday 18th February we have our Musicians' Day School led by Neil Barron. If you play an instrument, why not give it a go? Contact Brenda Burnell for details. We are also trying something new in the afternoon by running a Back to Basics dancing workshop. This is for new dancers and less

experienced dancers and those of you who would like to brush up on the basics. Forms will be available from December dance onwards. Please take forms and pass them on to people you think would be interested.

The Musicians' Day School and Back to Basics Workshop is followed by the Branch dance with music by Neil Barron and the musicians from the day school, a great sound. The MC is Betty Hagart. It should be a great night.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer advertising our classes. Please put it up in local shops or libraries or pass it on to some you think would be interested in joining our classes.

Look out for more details of our 50th Anniversary events. Please encourage your dancing friends from further a field to join us and make it a year to remember.

**Catherine Livsey**

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Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

The Branch web site is [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk) Why not give it a try.

## Branch Award



Don Andrews receiving his Branch Award at the September Dance. He also celebrated his 80th birthday on the Monday. I hope you will join with me to thank Don for all his work and continuing work for the branch.

## Obituaries



### Jack Judson

I have known Jack for very many years and was saddened to hear of his death earlier this month. He hadn't been in the best of health for quite a while and had had to give up playing for classes at Summer School in St Andrews.

Jack first came to Leeds dancing with a group from Harrogate and the Branch quickly realised his potential as a pianist for day and weekend schools. He continued to play for these for many years. His wealth of musical background allowed him to revive a flagging class by playing a well known tune outside the Scottish dance repertoire (mainly from Gilbert and Sullivan!).

He not only played the piano but also enjoyed playing the organ and wherever he found himself he always tried to play the local organ. The pinnacle of this was when he allotted time to play the organ in St Paul's in London. He was really excited about this and enjoyed every minute of his time there. At St Andrews he gave mini concerts in the Younger Hall playing the organ there. He was really practising but many people went to hear him.

His other great interest was in railways and this took him all over the world experiencing different rolling stock as well as sightseeing.. He was delighted when I gave him a photograph of a steam engine in Horsforth station on which someone had imposed Concorde. Both the train and plane had been in the area on the same day.

I will always remember Jack as a perfect gentleman and will particularly recall travelling back from St Andrews with him on a long summer evening. The journey was relaxed, the scenery spectacular in the evening sun and we stopped for a break and watched a local cricket match. I'm not sure where it was but it was one of those magical memories I have of Jack.

Jack moved up to Scotland a few years ago with John and they seemed very happy in their new home. I missed seeing Jack but we have kept in touch over the years. Our condolences now go to John at this time

### Patricia Hutchison

Those Branch members who have danced at the recent Malhamdale weekends will be sad to hear of the tragic fatal accident of Patricia who, initially, came from Norway to be with us.



The first time she came she was amazed at the fuss we made about a couple of inches of snow. She had left Oslo airport in a blizzard and the snow there was already feet deep. She may be remembered for her ability to dance even in trainers although she didn't always wear these. Her enthusiasm for dancing took her to Summer School where she met Iain Hutchison. Last year they married and settled in Glasgow.

Sadly this year while out walking Patricia fell and fatally banged her head. Our condolences go to Iain after this tragedy.

**Brenda**



# A Trip to Glasgow: 4-6 November 2011

This was the first dance on the Friday night Ball programme at this year's Society AGM, appropriately chosen as it was the first time in recent years that Glasgow has hosted the meeting.

Also, they told us, this dance, from the Leaflet book, was the last dance the Dr Jean Callander Milligan taught to the Glasgow Branch, of which she was a member for over 50 years.

It was a very convenient venue. The hotels were good and handy for the Kelvin Hall where we assembled, and the hall itself, though a little 'run down' and in need of a lick of paint, provided all the necessary facilities.



The AGM itself, on the Saturday afternoon, was smoothly conducted by the Society chairman Ruth Beattie, who many will remember danced with us at this year's White Rose Festival.

- No increase in fees, no significant changes to the constitution.
- Five Scrolls of Honour were presented, including Moira Stacey, formerly of Doncaster, and Rachel Wilton who has taught at Branch week-end schools.
- Helen Russell from York and Humberside joined the Management Board with five other newcomers.

Really it was the ancillary activities that provided the fun and games.

There were 488 dancers at the Ball on the Friday night, music by The Ian Muir Sound. That increased to 542 on the Saturday night with George Meikle and the Lothian Band. Both were thoroughly enjoyable

Margi Stevenson ran a class for 106 dancers on the Saturday morning including such rare jewels as Miss Murray of Ochtertyre from Book 11, while on the Sunday morning Margot Priestley entertained 108 with her theme of 'The Music Will Tell You'. Identify the first eight bars of a tune played by George Meikle – and then dance it! For the final fling George played four tunes, and each couple in a four couple set danced 'their' tune, twice.

For the more serious minded, there were talks and discussion groups.

As you will gather from the numbers dancing, the event is not only for the 212 official delegates. In fact, though one must not deny the importance of the business done at the meeting, the 'AGM' is the highlight of the Society's social calendar, all welcome, and not to be missed. November 2012? Certainly, in Aberdeen.

## All Welcome Christmas Tea Dance 2011

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough  
Avenue LS16 7PQ

**Monday 12th December 1.45-3.30,  
followed by Faith Tea**

Music: Ian Slater

MCs: Don Andrews and Jane Walford

**£4.50 at the door**

**All dances will be walked through**

### Programme

1	The Happy Meeting	J 8x32	Book 29
2	The Sailor	R 8x32	Book 24
3	The Rose of the North	S 8x32	Leeds 25
4	Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	R 5x32	Goldring 2000
5	Autumn Breeze	J 8x32	Leaflet/Jennings
6	The Dream Catcher	S 96	Book 45
7	Catch the Wind	R 8x32	Book 45
8	Welcome to Ayr	J 8x32	Ayr 75th
9	Jean Martin of Aberdeen	S 3x32	3 for 2006
10	The Highland Rambler	R 8x40	Leeds 25

### Extras

A	The Christmas Tree	R 4(?)x48	Another Newcastle
B	MacDonald of the Isles	S 3x32	Carnforth 2

# Highland Day School

This years October Highland Day school was held at was held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Leeds LS6. Catherine Livsey was once again the teacher.

In the morning after a good warm up, we revisited the Sword Dance. We had worked on the Sword last year, it was great to do it again. This time we mastered the 1st steps, Addressing and the pointing Step, and started looking at the quick step, so hopefully next year we will master the quick step as well.

New dancers joined us for the the afternoon. The dance Catherine had chosen for this session was the Over the Water to Charlie. This was a tricky dance that was both challeging and interesting to do. It was nice to do something a bit different.

At both the morning and afternoon sessions we finished the class by learning a few step of a basic Sailors Hornpipe. The next Highland day school is on Saturday 28th April 2012, Adel Meodist Church Hall, Please come and join us!

# Day School 17 September

This year we welcomed Patricia Houghton from Scotland as our teacher. A total of over 30 dancers from various parts of the north of England joined us during the morning and afternoon, two dancers from Norfolk having travelled to Leeds the previous day, also three of Brenda's teenagers came along.

The morning session included technique; this was put into practice in a number of dances, always worthwhile as a different teacher puts alternative perspectives into your dancing. The afternoon was based on the more unusual social dances, and sometimes, this can cause some initial confusion and take more time in understanding what is happening. Two of the dances were on the evening dance. I wish more members would support us at this day school. Next year we have Alasdair Brown from Glasgow, and look forward to welcoming him.

Lesley Enoch

## Branch Shop

Visit our branch shop for lots of new offerings. We will be at the September and December dances but not the October or November dances. If there is something thing you want, let us know and we will bring it.

### CDs

- All the RSCDS CDs
- Special Requests Volume 8 - Colin Dewar - £13
- Ah 'm Askin' - Glencraig Scottish Dance Band - £12
- Highlander Scottish Dances Volume 14 - Craigievar Scottish Dance Band - £12
- Fisherman's Reel - Marian Anderson and her Band - £12

### Books

Recent books include some new such as:

- The Vienna Book of Scottish Country Dances - £5
- Three Hands Across from the Border Branch (and CD - £12)
- The Geordie Diamond - from Newcastle Branch - £6
- Ribble Valley Branch Book (and CD - £15)
- The Dookie Bookie - book from Melbourne & District Branch

And some old books from as far as the USA to Japan, including works by John Drewry, Iain Boyd and Ian Barbour and many others.

### Shoes

Full range of ghillies, ballet shoes, pumps plus others to order. Our insoles are great for softening the impact of hard floors on your feet.

**If you would like any thing else we are happy to try and get it for you. See [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk) for full details.**

**Please support your Branch shop!**

## Sat 17th December 2011 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Luke Brady and Muriel Johnstone  
MC: Terry Chater

Admission: £9, Non-member £10, Full time Education £3,  
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

### Programme

The Hollin Buss	8x32 J	Book 24
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 H	Goldring, 14 Social dances
Scottish Ramble	8x32 S	Book 5
Alan J Smith	8x32 J	Book 45
The Westminster Reel	8x32 R	Book 45
Jimmy's Fancy	8x32 S	Book 14
A Tribute to Talent*	1x96 J	Goldring
Portnacraig	8x32 R	Book 36

### INTERVAL

The Highland Rambler	8x40 R	Leeds 25th
The Kelloholm Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
Jacqui Watson's Strathspey	3x32 S	Leaflet
The 51st Travellers	8x32 J	Book 44
J B Milne	8x32 R	Foss
Oriel Strathspey	4x32 S	Book 32
Todden Hame	8x32 J	Book 16
The Montgomeries' Rant	8x32 R	Book 10

### Extras

MacLeod's Fancy	4x32 J	BookS 33
The Christmas Tree	4x48 R	Another Newcastle Col.
The Minister on the Loch	3x32 S	RSCDS 4 for 2008
Highland Diamonds*	8x40 R	Leaflet

\* Will be walked through

# Spring Fling

Back in March I travelled from Leeds to attend Spring Fling (RSCDS's youth weekend for 16 -35 years old) in Edinburgh. After a Friday evening ceilidh, and a late night catching up with old friends, and making new ones, it felt like an early start for classes the next day. However, the classes were good fun, with good teachers, live music and interesting dances (Hooper's Jig starting at the top and bottom of the set, for example!). After lunch was the opportunity to try something a different, highland, ladies step, or hard sole step. I attempted hard sole step, which was a small class, and a wide range of abilities - and I enjoyed the challenge, although I was rather envious of those in the group who were more skilful than I. The Saturday evening dance was a great opportunity to dance with both fellow Spring Flingers, and the local (and not so local) dancers who joined us there. The music, the callers, the programme, and the supper combined to make it a fantastic event.

After an even later night, the Sunday morning "dance challenge" promised to be interesting. Being handed an Edinburgh based theme (Burke and Hare, JK Rowling writing Harry Potter, Greyfriars Bobby) and asked to prepare both a dance, and a costume, was indeed challenging, followed by great enjoyment watching (and laughing) at the different dances. There were other quizzes, followed by something advertised as "Musical Consequences", whereby after only 8 bars of music (and a moment of panicked discussion), we were expected to dance the dance! This was a real test, and proved that none of the participants could recognise the tune of Miss Allie Anderson. After lunch provided by Edinburgh branch, it was time to collect our bags and say our goodbyes - until next year!

**Spring Fling 2012** is being held in Dundee from 23 - 25th March. If you, or anyone you know, will be aged 16 - 35 next March, and is interested in attending, more details can be found on the RSCDS website. I find it a great weekend, the chance to make new friends, dance unusual dances, and be taught by different teachers.

**Sat 21st January 2012 7.30pm**

## A Walk-Through Dance SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spens Lane

Music: Phill Jone MC: Avis Harrison

Admission: £9, Non-member £10, Full time Education £3,  
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

### Programme

Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	MMM
Sueno's Stone	8x32 R	RSCDS 2008
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8x32 S	RSCDS Leaflet
Miss Hadden's Reel	8x32 J	Book 23
The Cumbrae Reel	8x32 R	Book 28
Glasgow Highlanders	8x32 S	Book 2
The Barmkin	1x88 R	Goldring, 24 G & S dances
Old Nick's Lumber Room	8x32 J	Book 26

### INTERVAL

Maxwell's Rant	8x32 R	Book 18
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	Book 35
The Dream Catcher	1x96 S	Book 45
Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	Book 41
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	Book 46
The Moray Rant	3x48 S	Drewry, Silver City Book
Under African Skies	8x32 R	Goldring, Pretoria 35th Anniv.
The Hazel Tree	8x32 J	Drewry, Brodie Book

### Extras

Cape Town Wedding	8x32 S	Book 35
The Black Bear	8x32 R	Berkhamsted Gold Jubilee
The Machine without Horses	8x32 J	Book 12
General Stuart	8x32 R	Book 10

**Sat 18th February 2012 7.30pm**

## SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spens Lane

Music: Neil Baron & Musicians from the Day School

MC: Betty Hagart

Admission: £9, Non-member £10, Full time Education £3,  
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

### Programme

Jubilee Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
Kingussie Flower	8x40 R	Book 21
Gang the Same Gate	8x32 S	Book 36
Saltire Society Reel	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Watson's Reel	8x24 J	Graded Book
Auld Friends Meet	8x32 S	R Goldring
Fife Ness	8x32 R	RSCDS 4 SCD 1978
Johnnie Walker	64 S/64 J	N & H Robson, Whiskey Coll.

### INTERVAL

Royal Deeside Railway	8x32 R	Book 40
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	Book 46
The Dundee Whaler	4x32 S	R Clowes Ormskirk SDs
The Kelloholm Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet 32
Hamilton Rant	8x48 R	Book 22
Moment of Truth	8x32 S	Book 37
The Cranberry Tart	8x32 J	Glasspool, 7 Year Itch
Back to the Fireside	8x32 R	Book 38

# DATES, DATES, DATES

The many dances arranged locally are listed in the  
Yorks & North East Scottish Country Dance Diary.

## 2011

**Friday 2 to  
Sunday 4 December**  
Malhamdale Weekend Course

Newfield Hall, Malhamdale  
Teacher: Christine MacDonald  
Musician: Phill Jones  
Contact Yvonne Tredgett  
Tel: 01302 851 174

**Monday 12 December**  
Christmas Tea Dance  
1.45- 3.30pm All welcome  
Adel Methodist Church Hall,  
Gainsborough Avenue LS16 7PQ  
Music: Ian Slater  
Further details on page 3

**Saturday 17 December**  
Social Dance 7.30pm  
West Park Centre,  
Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Luke Brady's Band  
& Muriel Johnstone

## 2012

### Leeds Branch 50th Anniversary Tear

**Saturday 21 January**  
Walk through dance  
Social Dance 7.30pm  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Phill Jones

**Saturday 18 February**  
Back to Basics Workshop  
2.00-4.15pm  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

**Musicians' Day School**  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Teacher: Neil Barron  
Further details from Brenda Burnell

**Social Dance 7.30pm**  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Neil Barron & Day School  
Musicians'

**Saturday 17 March**  
Children's Festival  
West Park Centre,  
Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Luke Brady

Full details of these events will be circulated at Branch dances  
and posted on the Branch web site [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk) where  
you will find dance programmes, dance reminders and  
application forms.

**Saturday 17 March**  
Social Dance 7.30pm  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Luke Brady's Band

**Friday 30 March to  
Sunday 1 April**  
Scarborough Weekend  
Clifton Hotel, Scarborough  
Teacher: Mervyn Short  
Musician: George Meikle  
Contact Yvonne Tredgett  
Tel: 01302 851 174

**Saturday 28 April**  
Highland Day School  
Adel Methodist Church Hall,  
Gainsborough Avenue,  
Adel, Leeds 16  
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

**Saturday 19 May**  
Social Dance 7.30pm  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: TBC

**Saturday 16 June**  
50th Anniversary Dance 7.30pm  
(tickets required)  
West Park Centre, Leeds  
Music: Gordon Stand's Band

**Saturday 7 July**  
White Rose Festival  
Afternoon 2-5pm,  
Evening Dance 7-10.30pm  
Gateways School, Harewood,  
Leeds LS17 8GS  
Music: George Meikle and the  
Lothian Band

**Saturday 15 September**  
Day School  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Teacher: Alasdair Brown

**Social Dance 7.30pm**  
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Marian Anderson and her  
Scottish Dance Band

**Saturday 17 November**  
50th Anniversary Ball  
(tickets required)  
Leeds Grammar School, Leeds  
LS17 8GS  
Music: Sandy Nixon's Band

## Classes

Winter Term 2011  
WC 9th January 2012  
to WC 26th March 2012

**Fees:** £3.50 per class,

**Single Class Ticket and Multi-Class  
Ticket available ask your class  
teacher for details and prices.**

## Classes

### Monday Afternoon

1.45 - 3.45 - General/Beginner  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough  
Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ  
Teacher: Don Andrews

### Monday Evening

7.45 - 9.45pm - Experienced  
Calverley Conservative Club,  
Victoria Street, Calverley LS28 5PT  
Teachers: Catherine Livsey  
Malcolm Brown To be confirmed

### Tuesday evening

7.45 - 9.45 Intermediate/Beginner  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough  
Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ  
Teachers: Irene Dracup

### Thursday Afternoon

2.00 - 4.00 - General/Beginner  
(2.30 start 3rd Thursday of the month)  
St Margaret's Church Hall, Ilkley LS29 9QL  
Teacher: Don Andrews

### Thursday evening

7.30 - 10.00 - General/beginner  
Lidgett Park Methodist Church, Lidgett  
Place, Leeds LS8 1HG  
Teachers: Brenda Burnell,  
**This class continues all year round**

### Friday evening - children

5.30 - 7.00  
Hawksworth Wood Primary School,  
Broadway, Leeds LS5 3QE  
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

### Sunday afternoon

2 October, 13 November, 4 December  
2011 and 8th January, 5 February,  
4 March, 15 April, 6 May, 3 June &  
1 July 2012

1.45 - 3.45 Askwith Village Hall, Askwith  
Dancers with a good knowledge of steps  
and figures and with ambitions to extend  
their repertoire. All Welcome  
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

For more information see  
[www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk)

