

# Leeds Branch Dancers Newsletter

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*The White Rose Festival July 2012*

## Future Newsletters

The Branch welcomes your news, stories, views, questions etc...

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## From the Chair ...

I hope you had a great Summer and are fully refreshed and ready to start dancing again

You will already have enjoyed the Day School and Branch dance.

The next event is the AGM and Branch dance on 20 October.

Please come along to the AGM and support your branch and make decisions that secure its future. You will find enclosed with this newsletter the agenda and nomination form and the minutes from last year's AGM. The reason the minutes have been enclosed is that the committee agreed not to read them out so we can save time and hopefully start dancing sooner. If you feel you would like to get involved more, then why not consider becoming a committee member. As well as needing new committee members we will need a new chairman as I will be standing

down this year. If you are interested please talk to myself or any of the committee. Following the AGM is the branch dance with a lovely programme from Veronica Hughes and music from Ian Slater.

Then on 27 October is the Highland and Ladies Step Day School taught by myself. This is always a fun day and a chance to learn something different. Why not come along and give it a try.

Then the second of our big 50th anniversary celebrations will be a Ball at Leeds Grammar School on 17th, November dancing to Sandy Nixon's Band. More details are listed in 'Dates, Dates, Dates' and the programme is on page 2 of this newsletter or on the website. Not to be missed, so get your tickets now from one of the committee or Lesley Enoch email: [l.enoch@btinternet.com](mailto:l.enoch@btinternet.com) or tel: 0113 277 7113.

Then there is still more the Christmas Dance on 15 December with music of George Meikle & The Lothian Band and an excellent festive programme by our MC Don Andrews. Get the tinsel out and join in the fun.

You will also find enclosed in this newsletter a leaflet about our classes. Please put it up in your local library doctors surgery etc, or give it to a friend that may be interested.

We are also running another Back to Basics workshop on 16 February 2013 so why not encourage your friends to come along to this and try Scottish dancing.

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Use this social media to keep up-to-date with our latest news.

**Catherine Livsey**

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# November Newsletter

Due to the Anniversary Ball this year's November Newsletter will be later. It will published for the December dance.

## Branch Scrap Book

We are looking for nice home for the Branch scrap books to be kept safely. If you can give them a home then please let me know. You will also be required to bring a few to some of the Branch dances from time to time.

I would like to thank Brenda Burnell for putting them together over our 50 years and providing us with a valuable history of the Branch

Catherine Livsey

### Sat 20th October 2012 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Ian Slater MC: Veronica Hughes

Admission: £9, Non-member £10, Full time Education £3,

#### Programme

The Machine Without Horses	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 12
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 5
Peggy Spouse MBE*	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 46
Guidman O' Balangigh	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 30
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	RSCDS Book 46
Cherrybank Gardens	3x32 S	Drewry
Torridon Lassies*	8x40 J	Brenchley (Kangaroo Paw)
Miss Johnston of Ardrossan	5x32 R	Goldring

#### INTERVAL

My Spouse Nancy	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Golden Pheasant	8x40 J	RSCDS Book 16
Sauchie Haugh	8x32 S	RSCDS Leaflet
Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich*	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Argyll's Fancy	4x48 J	RSCDS Graded I
Sugar Candie	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 26
Ladies Fancy	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 13
Mairi's Wedding	8x40 R	Cosh

#### Extras

The Piper and the Penguin	1x88 R	Scotia Suite
Postie's Jig	4x32 J	
The Sailor	8x32 H	RSCDS Book 24
Indian River Strathspey	3x32 S	Senyk

\* Will be walked through - All other dances 'recapped'

## Time for tea

After many years of making the teas and coffees at Branch dances, Val Hall and Sue Carr have decided to hang up their tea towels and retire from their duties. I would like to thank them enormously for all their help and dedication they have given to this job. Also thanks to others that have helped them out.

We therefore require people to help make teas and coffees at Branch dances. We intend to start a rota system. If you are willing to help please contact Lesley Enoch. In recompence you will receive free admittance into the Branch dance that evening.

Catherine Livsey and the Branch committee

### Saturday 17th November 2012 Wine Reception 7pm, Carriages 11.15pm 50th ANNIVERSARY BALL Leeds Grammar School, Leeds LS17 8GS

Music: Sandy Nixon Band MC: Catherine Livsey  
Tickets: £20 includes supper and wine

Formal Dress preferred

#### Programme

South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10
The Royal Deeside Railway	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 40
The Rose of the North	8x32 S	Leeds Silver Jubilee
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 46
Polharrow Burn	5x32 R	Foss, Glendarroch 18
Cape Town Wedding	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 39
Augus Macleod	2x64 R	Alex T Queen
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 35
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet

#### INTERVAL

Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 41
Swiss Lassie	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 39
The Dream Catcher	1x96 S	RSCDS Book 45
The Luckenbooth Brooch	8x32 J	Dickson, Glendarroch 28
Broadford Bay	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Glasgow Country Dance	8x32 M	RSCDS Book 23
Anniversary Reel	4x32 R	RSCDS Book 36
The Gentleman	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 35
Follow Me Home	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 38
The Deil amang the Tailors	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 14

#### Extras

The Jubilee Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
The Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32 R	Drewry, Deeside 2
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	RSCDS 3 dances 2006
Miss Allie Anderson	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet

\* These dances will not be recapped or walked

# White Rose Festival 2012: Leeds Branch Golden Jubilee Year



*Some of the dancers from Leeds Monday and Tuesday Classes*

To celebrate the golden jubilee, the theme for WRF 2012 was 'Leeds'.

The adult programme reflected the history of the Branch, its favourite dances in the early years like The Eightsome Reel, its devisers like Brenda Burnell, Christine Godwin, Roy Goldring, Derek Haynes, Shirley Shields, Yvonne Tredgett, and its 'characters' to whom dances have been inscribed, Avis Harrison and Audrey Hinchliffe.

The evening programme took a different tack, choosing dances from those most popular at Branch dances in the last ten years.

This year, the decision to run the festival indoors was easy to make. From early in the week there was no doubt at all, whatever happened on the day, the field would not be fit to dance on, and we more or less made the decision on the Tuesday.

The only question was, would the weather be sufficiently kind to us on the Saturday to allow those dancing in the PAC, the junior dancers and their supporters, to come into the Sports Hall for the Grand March, perform the first junior dance, and then process to the PAC for the rest of their programme?

In fact that was how it turned out, and all the adult groups enjoyed watching the juniors march round the hall behind the Saltire and piper Alan Harrison and then file into place to demonstrate their first dance, The Waratah Weaver from the new Graded Book, expertly danced of course. This made a delightful start to the proceedings for everybody.

With George Meikle's Lothian Band playing splendidly in the Sports Hall, and Ian Slater and his son Tamas, now a highly accomplished musician, doing the same in the PAC, and Alan Harrison piping for the Highland dances, the dancing was enjoyed by everybody.

The evening dance with the Lothian Band and popular dances brought the Festival to a close, and though we had a couple of vehicles parked on the field struggling to get out, the inclement weather had not defeated us, as it had so many events this year, including a music festival advertised at Harewood House on the same day.



# White Rose Festival continued

The Gateways School staff provided most helpful support in setting up, clearing away, and feeding the multitude for lunch, afternoon tea, high tea, and supper.

There was however one fly in the ointment. As a result of a substantial increase in the charge made by the school for giving us a free run of the place, considerable help in preparation for the event, and feeding us all, for the first time in the nine years that Leeds Branch has run the event, there was quite a substantial financial loss.

When we knew what the charges would be this year, we also knew that unless we increased prices very dramatically we would have to cover the shortfall out of our reserves, and this is what has happened. But clearly the Festival and Branch committees will have to look closely at financial management for 2013 and beyond.

The 2012 Festival was my ninth and last as chairman of the organising committee. I shall continue to be involved for the 2013 Festival, but I am very pleased to be able to pass the chairmanship into the very capable hands of Jane Walford, and of course to thank all past and present committee members and other workers who have helped to make the Festival, now close to its sixtieth year, such an important and well-loved fixture in the Scottish Country Dance calendar. **Don Andrews**

Once again the weather conspired against the festival, raining on and off for days beforehand, this resulted in the field becoming a quagmire. Fortunately with Plan B as an option we were able to go ahead as planned not like other events over the same weekend, which had to be cancelled.

As in previous years when bad weather has prevailed, we woke to a fine and sunny morning, however the weather forecast for the day was for showers and sure enough the heavens opened, thank goodness we weren't outside and have to make a dash inside.

Everyone crammed into the Sports Hall for the opening ceremony, which was followed by the Junior Dancers doing a Grand March led by Alan Harrison our piper, with Alan Horsfall with the Scottish Saltire. They did one of their dances for the adults before going over to the Performing Arts Centre to dance a modified Plan A, with some additions at the end to add to the fun.

When I went over they were all enjoying themselves with Ian Slater and Tamas playing for them and Jean Dyson as MC. At the end of the dancing the children collected the balloons, which had been part of the decorations, I hope we can attract some more children's teams in future years.

The adults danced Plan B with George Meikle and the Lothian Band with Gerry Yates. They looked as though they were having a great time dancing; it's a pity they have to miss seeing the children do all their dances.

After some sustenance and quick change we were ready for a fantastic evening of dancing with Alan Horsfall and Don Andrews MCing a popular programme of dances.

Our thanks to George and his musicians for superb music during the afternoon and evening; and Ian and Tamas for playing for the children. A big thank you to all our teachers; the decorating team who make the Sports Hall and Performing Arts Centre look welcoming; and finally the hard working Festival Committee. **Lesley Enoch**



# 50th Anniversary Dance 15th June 2012

How nice to see so many people celebrating our anniversary. It was lovely to see so many dancers from previous year, who are no longer able to dance with us for various reasons.

It was great to have a new band on stage with Gordon Shand and his band; Peter Clark and Catherine Livsey were our MCs. Catherine had devised a programme of dances, which had been popular in the early years of the branch.

Our thanks to Brenda and helpers in the kitchen area; Alan for looking after the wine. Finally Yvonne for all her time and effort in making and decorating all the small cakes, which she managed to design to make 50; Mair Pinnell and Peter Clark, the last of the founder members cut the cake.

And finally to all members past and present and visitors for making a fantastic evening such a success.

Lesley Enoch



I am sure I speak for everyone in thanking Brenda Burnell for providing us all with a book of the history of the Branch. It has given us all some fascinating reading, so once again thank you.

Catherine Livsey

## Branch Shop

### Books & Cds

**Auld Friends Meet** - The Collected Leaflets of Roy Goldring includes 49 dances.

**Dancing On Air** - 12 new dances devised by Bill Zobel & Muriel Johnstone with music composed by Muriel Johnstone and played by her on the accompanying CD

**Berkhamsted Diamond collection** contains 17 dances with the CD by Sandy Nixon and his Scottish Dance Band.

**The Geordie Diamond** is not a new book but Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band have now produced the CD to accompany it.

**6 x Through the Dance by Muriel Johnstone** is a compilation of tracks with "6x32" in Jig, Reel and S/S time. It is intended for smaller class sizes where you have only 3 cpl sets. Some tracks are "3x32": once through, a pause to allow that couple to step to the foot of the set, then a 4-bar intro and another 32 bars, as well as some "6x40" tracks in Jig and Reel rhythms.

**The Scotia Suite by Roy Goldring** and **The Dookie Bookie**, published by the 30th Australian Winter School, Melbourne & District Branch are back in print after being out of print for a couple of years. If you missed them first time round, now's your chance.

**A Dancing Tour**, with 10 dances devised by Jim Rae was published in 1999. We have not stocked this before but the dances came recommended.

**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 15th December 2012 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: George Meikle and the Lothian Band

MC: Don Andrews

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

### Programme

Granville Market	8x32 J	RSCDS Graded II
Back to the Fireside	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 38
Sands of Morar	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 45
The Starry Eyed Lassie	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 23
The Earl of Mansfield	4x48 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Barbara's Strathspey	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 46
Links with St Petersburg	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 46
The Grumpy Gentleman*	8x32 R	Birmingham 60th
The Powder Monkey	64S/64R	Exeter 40th

### INTERVAL

Welcome to Ayr	8x32 J	Ayr 75th
The Dancing Man	8x32 R	RSCDS Graded II
Foxhill Court	8x32 S	Drewry Bankhead 5
Muirland Willie	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 21
The Royal Yacht Britannia	8x40 R	RSCDS Book 43
Jacqui Watson's Strathspey	3x32 S	Watson
The Last of the Lairds	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 22
The Christmas Tree	4x48 R	Another Newcastle Collection

### Extras

12 Coates Crescent	4x32 S	RSCDS Book 40
Cumrae Reel	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 28
The Machine Without Horses	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 12

\* Will be walked through - All other dances 'recapped'

# DATES, DATES, DATES

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

## 2012 Leeds Branch 50th Anniversary Year

### Saturday 20 October

AGM 7pm followed by Social Dance about 7.45pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Ian Slater

### Saturday 27 October

Highland and Ladies

Step Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall,  
Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds  
LS16 7PQ

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

### Saturday 17 November

50th Anniversary Ball 7pm

Leeds Grammar School, Leeds LS17 8GS  
Music: Sandy Nixon's Band

Tickets available from committee members or Lesley Enoch 0113 277 7113 at a cost of £20 (this includes supper and wine).

Your meal option will be required when you purchase the ticket.

**Menu:** Poached Salmon Salad or Ham Salad or Chicken Salad  
Vegetarian Option Goat's Cheese and Tomato Salad, all with New Potatoes  
Fresh Raspberries and Whisky Cream  
Lemon Tart served with Fresh Cream

### Friday 30 November to Sunday 2 December

Malhamdale Weekend

Teacher: Maureen Haynes and  
Musician: John Browne  
Contact Yvonne Tredgett  
Tel: 01302 851 174

### Saturday 15 December

Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: George Meikle & the Lothian  
Band

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.

## 2013

### Saturday 19 January

Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Ian Muir

### Saturday 16 February

Musicians Day School

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Teacher: George Meikle

### Back to Basics Dancing Workshop 2pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: George Meikle & Day School  
Musicians

### Saturday 16 March

Children's Festival

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Luke Brady

### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Luke Brady's Band

### Friday 22 March - Sunday 24 March

Scarborough Weekend

Clifton Hotel, Scarborough  
Teacher: Jessie Stuart  
Musician: George Meikle  
Contact Yvonne Tredgett  
Tel: 01302 851 174

### Saturday 27 April

Highland and Ladies Step  
Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall,  
Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds  
LS16 7PQ  
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

### Saturday 18 May

Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE  
Music: Neil Barron

## Classes

### Autumn Term 2012

WC 10th September  
to WC 10th December 2012

**Fees:** £3.50 per class  
Single Class Ticket £45.00  
Multi-Class Ticket £75.00

## 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 19, 26 November and  
3, 10 December

### Tuesday evening

7.45 - 9.45 Intermediate/Beginner  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough  
Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ  
Teacher: 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  
**Class continues until WC 28th May 2012**

### 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  
Hawthorn Wood Primary School,  
Broadway, Leeds LS5 3QE  
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

### Sunday afternoon

7 Oct, 4 Nov & 2 Dec 2012, 6 Jan, 3 Feb,  
3 March, 7 April, 5 May & 2 June 2013  
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)

