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From the Chair...

We're off again with dancing in full swing from week commencing 5 September. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break and is looking forward to getting back to dancing. During week commencing 19 September all classes have a 'bring one, get two free' sale. Bring a new dancer to class and get free entry for you and the new dancer. Get your friends to join in with this wonderful hobby.

If you haven't completed your membership form yet now is the time to do it. A form is enclosed along with a September Day School form for anyone who

hasn't made their application yet. We have John Wilkinson to teach us and Ian Slater to play for us. In the evening we have the Susan MacFadyen Trio.

Also you will find last year's AGM minutes, this year's agenda and a nomination form. Please come along in October to the AGM. Our hard working committee would like your support, views and ideas and even more importantly there will be tea and cake. Afterwards we will be dancing to Phill Jones.

You will see on our events page that we are holding some 'Dancing Basics' events. These are

taught by Catherine Livsey and aimed not only at new dancers but also those who would like to improve their knowledge and understanding of formations. Dancers at all levels could benefit from the sessions. Our 'bring one, get two free' offer will apply to the first of these sessions too.

November will be our Joint Ball with York RSCDS at the Riley Smith Hall in Tadcaster with Nicol McLaren and his Band playing. Tickets will be available early in the season. Make sure you get yours in good time.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Irene Dracup

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Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

The Branch web site is www.rscdsleeds.org.uk Why not give it a try.

White Rose Festival 2016

White Rose Festival - The Children

It was a fantastic experience watching the Children and Macclesfield Adults and Leeds Friday Senior Dancers joining the Children to dance a full programme.

The proceedings started with the Grand March ably piped by Jonathan Watson who stood in for Alan Harrison, and then Julie Harrison took over as MC as Jean Dyson was unable to attend, due to her health. As usual with dancing indoors Ian Slater was the musician.

Everyone coped well in the Dining Hall, with lovely smiling faces and quite a buzz. Alison and her team had managed to put some of the decoration up. Then it was on with the dancing. When the Adults were Dancing we had either one or two teams from Macclesfield and the Leeds team dancing, we had five teams of junior dancers so they had to dance across the hall and coped very well.

Leeds Friday Senior Dancers danced one of the demonstration dances and six dancers danced the Shepherds Crook, you are a credit to Brenda for learning the highland steps. Macclesfield Adults danced all four Demonstration dances.

It was interesting to see the Mowden School dancers coping so well, when their teacher Joy Bradshaw disappeared because she was dancing with the Newcastle team in the Sports Hall, along came Nicola from Leeds or Anna from Richmond two former pupils willing to help out.

It was good to see that we had some boys dancing with both the Macclesfield and Darlington teams, I just hope that when they get older they carry on. Come on teachers spill the beans as to how you can get boys interested and keep them for a few years.

Our Leeds group of dancers have to work very hard as they have to help out with the younger dancers to make up their team as well, then find the energy to stay on for the evening dance.

Irene's Family Team is always a good group to see dancing, the group ranges from young girls through to their parents and Jo helping where necessary.

Well done everyone and a big thank you to all the teachers, you must have a lot of patience.

Lesley Enoch

Saturday 17 September 2016, 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

St Chad's Parish Centre, Leeds, LS16 5JT

Music: Susan MacFadyen MC: Gerry Yates

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

Programme

EH3 7AF	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 40
Maxwell's Rant	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 18
Sands of Morar	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 45
Teacher's Choice		
Nottingham Lace	1x96 R	Nottingham Lace Book
Far North Queensland	5x32 S	The Other Kangaroo Paw Book
South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10th Anniversary Book
Back to the Fireside	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 38

INTERVAL

The Sailor	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 24
The Cooper's Wife	8x40 J	RSCDS Book 16
Teacher's Choice		
The Nurseryman	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 37
None so Pretty	8x40 R	RSCDS Book 19
James Senior of St Andrews	4x32 S	RSCDS Book 42
John of Bon Accord	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 33
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 22

Extras

Miss Hadden's Reel	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 23
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	RSCDS Book 46
Portnacraig	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 36
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	RSCDS Three Dances 2006

All dances will be recapped

Saturday 15 October 2016 AGM 6.45pm followed by SOCIAL DANCE

Otley Methodist Church Hall

Music: Phill Jones MC: Catherine Livsey

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

Programme

Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	MMM
The Royal Yacht Britannia	8x40 R	RSCDS Book 43
Cape Town Wedding	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 39
The Last of the Lairds	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 22
Under African Skies	8x32 R	Many Happy Hours
Peggy Spouse MBE	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 46
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 46
Ezekiel's Wheel	1x88 R	James Mungall

INTERVAL

Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 35
Back to the Fireside	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 38
There's Something about Thirty	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 50
Aird of Coigach	4x48 J	Imperial Book of SCD Vol 1-3
The Ruby Rant	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 49
Peggy's Love	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 8
Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 41
The Deil Among the Tailors	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 14

Extras

City of Belfast	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 48
Lamb Skinnit	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 14
Chequered Court	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 42
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 R	Goldring 14 Social Dances for 2000

All dances will be recapped

White Rose Festival 2016

Harrogate's first experience of the White Rose Festival

It's probably Brenda Burnell's fault that Harrogate Saltire put in a team this year, for the first time in its history. One of our members had been dancing with her team for some years, two stalwarts from the Harrogate Strathspey and Reel Club were among Brenda's regulars, last year a new Harrogate dancer joined in, and Brenda and her class were so welcoming, and we had such fun on the day, that it seemed only natural that we should start thinking about getting together our own team.

This was actually the fairly easy part. We had come back last year waxing lyrical about the joys of dancing on grass at the beautiful Gateways School site, just ten miles down the road from Harrogate, amidst rolling countryside bounded by trees, on a sunny day with fluffy white clouds and just enough breeze to cool our fevered limbs, and with red kites cruising lazily overhead. We described the spectacle of teams from all over the UK, each sporting their own matching outfits, processing past the grandstand led by the RSCDS banner as each was announced and applauded. We told of the delight of watching the children's teams perform, of the displays of Highland dancing to the piper, and of the massed demonstrations. So this year, even though there were a few people who couldn't balance the demands of rehearsing and learning dances with actually having a life (and the fact that our president couldn't resist a last minute invitation from Harrogate hospital) we managed to press-gang just enough people to form a team, though without much spare capacity.

However, it was at this point that it got interesting. Harrogate's dancing year ends bizarrely early, so we had to find a practice venue, which was why we found ourselves dancing upstairs in a very strange warehouse in a light industrial estate on the edge of the town. The schedule presented us with a number of challenges, including the fact that rehearsals were never with the full group and a couple of the dancers were quite new, but the really hot topic was what the ladies should wear. The men stood around looking partly bemused, partly confident in their own assured splendour, while we discussed colours, T-shirts (eventually we found some for £3 from Sainsbury's), flesh-coloured tights as opposed to bare legs, how to tie the sash, how many safety pins were needed, and a whole lot more equally crucial matters.

And on top of all this, we had to get performance-ready, or at least somewhere between abject terror and just about able to get through the dances. Three days before the event, and on our last rehearsal, we all knew, for certain, that if we had another couple of weeks' practice, we'd be perfect.

The day itself, though, was an unqualified delight. Almost unqualified. We knew we were supposed to be disappointed that the weather meant we couldn't dance outside and wouldn't experience the beautiful countryside or the full processions, but actually we were really quite relieved. Dancing on grass is hard work, and we're not all in the first flush of youth. The hall looked stunning, and it



was interesting and fun to be closer to the other dancers (partly to compare clothes - there were some really good outfits). As well as this, the fact that the adults had to perform in two "sittings" gave the tyro Harrogate team breathing space to watch others the first time through before venturing onto the floor themselves.

Overall, we felt we did pretty well for a first time. We got through most of the dances very respectably, although the big exception was The Glengarry Homestead. We started to get worried when we realised we were turning the wrong person into the target, and it was rapidly downhill into chaos from there. One of our members, very sensibly, took control, made us stop and collect ourselves. We kept smiling throughout, as our teacher Betty had instructed, though the smiles became perhaps a little fixed, and we managed to sort ourselves out in time to finish the last time through. It was very, very reassuring to see that more experienced teams had similar moments. Our last dance of the day was Ezekiel's Wheel, we danced this, twice, better than we ever had before, and ended the afternoon completely over-excited and pretty short of breath.

After the event e-mails went flying (some asking, anxiously, "Was I the one who went wrong?") but all agreeing we'd had an exceptionally good time, and with good luck and a following wind we hope to be there again next year.

Valerie Mount and Toni Brisby

Dancing Basics Classes



**Saturday
8th and 22th October 2016**

2.30pm to 4.45pm

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

An opportunity for your newer and less-experienced dancers to learn steps and figures in a supportive setting. The aim is to help dancers integrate into classes and clubs.

Interested? Email e.hagart@talktalk.net

**Further details on our website soon
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk**

RSCDS Leeds Branch AGM

6.45pm - Saturday 15th October 2016

Leeds Branch Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Annual General Meeting will take place on Sat 15th October 2016 at 6.45pm prompt, at Otley Methodist Church Hall (in a side room). Tea and cake will be available from 6.30pm.

This earlier start will enable us to complete the meeting and be ready to start dancing at 7.30pm. Using the side room will allow the musician, non-members and those members unable to attend the meeting to come into the main hall ready for the dance without being concerned about disturbing the meeting.

Please come along, support your committee and have your say. Items for the agenda should be sent to the secretary Betty Hagart -secretary@rscdsleeds.org.uk - by 1st October.

The agenda is below and a nomination form and last year's minutes are enclosed in this newsletter.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Secretary's Report
- to include an update on dance venues
5. Treasurer's Report
- to include class/dance fees
6. White Rose Festival Report
7. Chairman's Report
8. Publicity and Website
9. Election of Officers and Committee
10. Any Other Business
11. Date of next AGM

Leeds Branch on the internet

The Leeds Branch provides several resources on the internet.

The main web site is at <http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk/>, everything is accessible from here. It has details of upcoming events and links to cribs, the new shop, the White Rose Festival, Facebook pages and Twitter.

Highland and Scottish National Workshop

Saturday 29th October 2016

St Giles Church Hall, Church Hill,
Bramhope, LS16 9BA

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

10.00am Registration and coffee

10.30am - 12.30pm Beginners & Intermediate

In this session we will be working on dances that are similar to Shepherds Crook in format, dances that contain basic highland steps and moves interspersed within Scottish dance figures.

1.30pm - 3.30pm Intermediate and Advanced

This session we will be similar in format to the morning session, but with the dances being more challenging. One of dances we will be working on is The Lord of Gondor by Iain Boyd from the Lord of the Rings Collection.

COST: Workshops £6 per session (includes tuition and liquid refreshment - you are welcome to bring packed lunch to eat at the Hall after/before your class).

For those wishing to attend both sessions the fee for the day is £10. Students £5 per session or £8 for the full day.

www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

Musicians' Workshop



Saturday February 18th 2017

St Edmund's Church Hall, Lidgett Park Road,
Roundhay, Leeds, LS8 1JN

The workshop is open to all musicians who wish to develop their confidence and expertise playing in a style that is enjoyable for Scottish Country Dancing.

The workshop sessions will be led by noted accordionist and prolific composer Nicol MacLaren.

Interested? Email heather@feete.org

Further details on our website soon
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

Leeds Branch Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

17th October 2015
St Margaret's Church Hall, Horsforth

Present: Irene Dracup - Chairman, Betty Hagart - Secretary, Gerry Yates - Treasurer and the following Branch Members - Don Andrews, Claire Johnson, Robin Walford, Jane Walford, Christine Parker-Jones, Ian Ashton, Janet Brayson, Alan Horsfall, Adrian Dickin, Catherine Livsey, Betty Sumpton, Jo Dracup, David Tompkins, Lesley Tomkins, Kathie Dosell, Alan Harrison

Irene welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brenda Burnell, Pat Cowles, Isabel Douglas, Pat Hynes, Jacqui Watson, Mairi Devlin (who took Gerry's position on the door)

2. Summary of Minutes

Acceptance of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting was proposed by Robin Walford and seconded by Christine Parker-Jones.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Secretary's Report

Available on request

5. Treasurer's Report

Available on request

6. White Rose Festival Report

Jane reported that the festival had run smoothly and had been a successful day. Neil Barron and his band did a splendid job. Twenty-three adult teams and 5 children's teams had attended. Though this was two adult teams fewer than previous year, the teams brought more dancers. Jane reported the following figures - Outgoings: £4,407.61, Income: £3,576.00, Net outgoings: £831.61. There had been an increase in printing costs, plus Jane feels that Gateways School may have overcharged for wine and expects the deficit to be reduced. Jane feels there is a need to increase income. From January the Festival will have its own website, which will have an online payment system. The WRF committee want to appeal to younger dancers, and want to open Leeds teams to guests who come along alone. It is hoped costs can be reduced by sending out information electronically.

7. Chairman's Report

Available on request

8. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were proposed and seconded

Chairman - Irene Dracup
Secretary - Betty Hagart
Treasurer - Gerry Yates

Committee: Pat Cowles, Ian Clark.

Janet Brayson, Heather Foote, Mairi Devlin, Catherine Livsey, Adrian Dickin, have one year left to serve of their current term. There is one vacancy on the committee. Members present gave the Chair permission to co-opt a Branch member at a later date.

9. Any Other Business

Christine Parker-Jones felt that, in the light of the success of the WRF and the credit it brings to the Branch and in the light of the strong position of Branch funds, the WRF

committee should not feel too concerned about this year's deficit. There were several nods and murmurs of agreement. Robin Walford commented that we are a very active Branch and proposed a vote of gratitude to the committee. This was seconded by Don Andrews

A query was made about our older publications. Several older Branch publications are no longer in print. Electronic versions are not available. Irene plans to ask Committee members to type up the dances. Catherine will prepare the books. Christine will arrange to have copies produced by lulu.com as now happens with our Golden Collection.

Further to earlier comments about venues (see Secretary's report) Irene asked those present about their willingness to travel to a hall in Otley. Possible bad winter weather was a concern.

10. Date of next AGM

The next AGM will be Sat 15th October 2016 at 6.45pm prompt, at Otley Methodist Church Hall (in a side room).

Saturday 19 November 2016, 7.30pm

Leeds and York and North Humberside RSCDS

JOINT BALL

Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster, LS24 9JB

Music: Nicole McLaren and his Band

Price £19 Spectators £10

(Admission by Ticket Only - Formal Dress preferred)

Programme

South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10th Anniversary
The Montgomeries Rant	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 10
Scarborough Castle	8x32 S	Leeds Golden Collection
Forty and Counting	8x40 R	Forty and Counting
The Zoologist	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 46
Branches Together	1x96 S	Goldring Graded & Social Dances 3
Dancing for May	3x32 J	Forty and Counting
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	RSCDS Book 46

INTERVAL

Gaelforce Wind	8x32 J	3rd Book of Graded Country Dances
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 R	Goldring 14 Social Dances for 2000
Midsummer Common	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 49
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	6x32 J	RSCDS Book 16
Orpington Caledonians	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 49
Miss Eleanor	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 49
Luckenbooth Brooch	8x32 J	John Bowie Dickson Reels & Wheels
The Highland Rambler	8x40 R	Goldring A Guide to SCD

Extras

S-Loconation	4x32 S	RSCDS Book 41
A Trip to Bavaria	8x32 R	James MacGregor-Brown A Guide to SCD
The Cranberry Tart	8x32 J	The seven Year Itch

All dances will be recapped

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2016

Saturday 17 September Day School

Morning session 10.30am - 12.45pm
Afternoon session 2.00pm - 4.15pm
St Chad's Parish Centre,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Ian Slater
Teacher: John Wilkinson

Saturday 17 September Social Dance 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Susan MacFadyen Band

Saturday 15 October AGM 6.45pm followed by Social Dance

Otley Methodist Church Hall, Otley
Music: Phill Jones

Saturday 29th October Highland and Scottish National Workshop (We will be trying something different see p4 for more details)

St Giles Church Hall, Church Hill,
Bramhope, LS16 9BA.
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Saturday 19th November Leeds and York/North Humberside Joint Ball 7.30pm

The Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster LS24 9JB
Music: Nicol McLaren Glencraig Band

2-4 December 2016 Malhamdale

Teacher: Diane Rooney
Music: Phill Jones

Saturday 17th December Joint Christmas Dance with Leeds SCDC 7.30pm

Queen's Hall, Immaculate Heart
Church, 294 Harrogate Road, LS17 6LE
Music: George Meikle
and 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
where you will find dance
programmes, dance
reminders and application
forms.

The Branch Shop

We now sell James Senior shoes, including colourful pumps and ghillies.

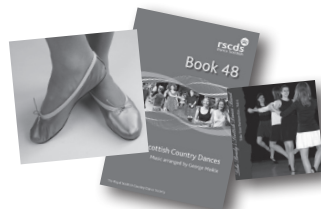
New for Summer 2016 from RSCDS - Book 50, the accompanying CD by Scott Band and his Scottish Country Dance Band and a new Miss Milligan Miscellany CD by Luke Brady's Scottish Dance Band. Originally Ours Vol II will be reissued.

Visit www.rscdsleeds.uk for full details of these and lots of other goodies or email: sales@rscdsleeds.uk

If you would like anything else we don't stock we are happy to try and get it for you.

Please support your Branch shop!

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Classes

Autumn Term 2016

w/c 5th Sept till w/c 12th Dec
(15 weeks)

Fees: £4.00 per class
Multi Class term ticket £90
(1/2 price for dancers in full time education)

Monday Afternoon

1-45 to 3-45pm General/Beginners
Adel Methodist Church, Gainsborough
Avenue, Adel, Leeds, LS16 7PQ
Teacher: Don Andrews

Monday Evening

7-45 to 9-45pm Experienced
Calverley Conservative Club,
Victoria Street, Calverley, LS28 5PT
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Tuesday Evening

7-45 to 9-45pm General/Beginners
Adel Methodist Church, Gainsborough
Avenue, Adel, Leeds, LS16 7PQ
Teacher: Irene Dracup

Thursday Afternoon

2-00 to 4-00pm General/Beginners
(2-30 start on third Thursday
of each month)
St Margaret's Church Hall, Ilkley, LS29 9QL
Teacher: Don Andrews

Thursday Evening

7-30 to 10pm General/Beginners
Lidgett Park Methodist church,
Lidgett Place, LS8 1HG
Teacher: Brenda Burnell
If the door is locked please ring:
07932 486340 to gain entry

Friday Evening (Children)

5-15 to 6-45pm
Hawsworth Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds, LS5 3QE
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Sunday Afternoon

1.45- 3.45pm
Askwith Village Hall, Askwith, LS21 2JB
Sept 25th, November 13th, December
11th 2016. January 8th, February 5th,
March 12th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th,
July 2nd 2017.

For dancers with a good knowledge of
steps and figures and with ambition to
extend their repertoire. All welcome.
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Dancing Basics

2.30pm to 4-45pm
Saturday 8th and 22th October 2016
Adel Methodist Church, Gainsborough
Avenue, Adel, Leeds, LS16 7PQ
The aim is to help dancers integrate into
classes and clubs. See the website for details
or contact Betty Hagart, Tel: 01423 521241
Email: e.hagart@talktalk.net
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Further Information

Contact Betty Hagart - Branch Secretary,
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For further information and details, application
forms, dance cribs and the Branch shop etc.

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