



The Leeds Branch

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1997

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Dear Dancers

Welcome to the February issue of the RSCDS Leeds Branch Newsletter.

The Branch committee have a little request. If anyone has anything that belongs to the branch e.g. teapots records etc. whatever, could they please, please, return them. You can give them to any committee member. We need to make a list for when we apply for charity status. Thank you in anticipation.

The branch is due to start compiling a new undated constitution in April. If you have any views, feeling on this then please let a member of the committee know your thoughts as soon as possible.

I still would like to hear from you with news, views, questions etc.... please contact me Catherine Livsey, 6 Woodlands Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD8 0HZ. Tel 01484 432270 day 01484 306637 evenings & weekends.

NEWS & ROUND UP

Pictured dancers having fun at the last branch dance. Why not joins us and get the most out of the branch. The branch is pleased to announce that we now have the David Cunningham Band playing at our Branch Social Dance on 15th March 1997 at West Park CDC. They will also be playing in the afternoon at our Children's Festival also at West Park CDC. Put it in your diaries it is not a date to be missed! Talking about diary dates there are still places available on our Day and Weekend Schools. A reminder follows -

Saturday March 1st 1997 HIGHLAND DAY SCHOOL at St. Mary's, Hawkswood Avenue, Leeds 5. Teacher Catherine Livsey (MBATD Highland and Scottish National) 10.00am Registration & Coffee, 10.30am - 12.30pm Beginners/Intermediate, 2.00pm - 4pm Advanced. A fun day to try something different!



7th to 9th March 1997 BASIC SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WEEKEND SCHOOL, Malhamdale. Teacher Peter Clark, Music John Brown.

4th to 6th April WEEKEND SCHOOL, at University College, Scarborough. Teacher Bill Zobel, Music George Meikle.

CHARITY POEM

Mothercare

*I'm worried stiff about my son -
A quiet and pleasant lad,
I'm sure he has a secret life,
I'm hoping it's nothing bad.*

*He knows a girl called Bonnie Anne
And another one Alison Rose.
He says one's fast, the other's slow,
And I wonder how he knows!*

*He stands in strange positions
With a knife stuck down his sock.
He wears a skirt, with a handbag thing! -
It gave me a dreadful shock.*

*He has a book of funny signs,
He studies night and day -
I can't think it's Black Magic,
But the thought won't go away.*

*I heard him on the telephone -
"It's tea-pots and a knot".*

*Are you surprised I'm anxious? -
He's the only son I've got.*

*"Turn right and cross to corners and
That happens at Bar Six".
Now can this be a rendezvous
Where he can get a fix?.*

*I know I'll have to save him
From this cult he finds entrancing,
He needs some healthy exercise -
Like Scottish Country Dancing!*

This is a Poem, by Pat Batt 50 Fitzjohn Ave, Barnett EN5 2HW from her book, she asks if any one would like to give donations and that these should be sent to a Hospice. Pat as already donated over £2,000 to The North London Hospice through her poems. If anyone would like to made a donation then if you give it to Yvonne Tredgett, the branch committee will decide where they are to go.

FUTURE ATTRACTIONS

Sat 15th March 1997 - 7.30pm
SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC

David Cunningham Band

MC - Roy Goldring

Programme

J32	The Happy Meeting	Book 29
R32	The Sailor	Book 24
S32	The Braes of Mellinsh	Book 25
J32	Quarries' Jig	Book 36
J32	Jessie's Hornpipe	Book 8
S32	Auld Friends Meet	Leeds 21st Leaflet
J32	Jo MacDiarmid's Jig	RSCDS 5/82
R32	More Bees are Dancing	Goldring
J40	The Rakish Highlandman	Book 19
	Square Set	To be advised
S32	Miss Milligan's Strathspey	RSCDS L/let
J32	The Duke of Atholl's Reel	Book 16
R32	West's Hornpipe	RSCDS 5/65
S32	The Gentleman	Book 35
J32	The Jubilee Jig	RSCDS L/let
R32	The Montgomeries' Rant	Book 10

Extras

S72	Shepherd's Crook(Highland)	RSCDS L/let
R40	The Ladies of Dunse	Book 26
J32	Macleod's Fancy	Book 33

Sat 17th May 1997 - 7.30pm
SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC - Ian Slater

MC's Adrian & Chris McDonald

Programme

J32	St. Andrew's Fair	RSCDS 5/82
R32	The Lass O'Livingston	Book 8
S32	Fair Donald	Book 29
J32	Luckenbooth Brooch	Foss
R40	Highland Rambler	Leeds 25
S32	The Gentleman	Book 35
J32	Old Nick's Lumber Room	Book 26
R48	Clutha	Book 31
J48	Waverley (Fergus McIver)	Book 15
R32	John of Bon Accord	Book 33
S32	Bridge of Nairn	Book 13
J32	The Swilcan	Book 23
R32	Inverneill House	Book 35
S32	Monymusk	Book 11
J32	Follow Me Home	Book 38
R32	Maxwell's Rant	Book 18

Extras

J32	Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	RSCDS 5/82
R40	Argyll's Farewell to Stirling	
S32	Neidpath Castle	Book 22

DIARY DATES

Classes

General

Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16
Teachers: Roy and Doreen Goldring

Thursdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm

Brackenwood Community Centre, New
Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Advanced

Mondays, 7.45 - 9.45pm

St Columba's UR Church Hall,
Headingley Lane, Leeds.
Teachers: Avis Harrison

Children

Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm

Hawkswood Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds 5
Teachers: Brenda Burnell & Elizabeth Yates

Intermediate Social Class

Every Friday except
the 1st Friday of each month
7.45 - 9.45pm

at St Mary's Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5
Teacher: Derek Kendall

Dances

BRANCH SOCIALS

Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm

at St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5
4th April 1997, 2nd May 1997, 6th June
1997

Sat 21st June 1997 - 7.30pm
Social Dance, West Park CDC
John Brown

Sat 19th July 1997 - 7.30pm
Social Dance, West Park CDC
Ian Slater

Festivals

Sat 15th March 1997 - 2.00pm
Children's Festival, West Park CDC

Day and Weekend School

BOOKING FORMS

From Yvonne Tredgett, 17 Aviemore Road,
Warmsworth, Doncaster, S. Yorks DN4 9ND.
Tel 01302 851174 Why not Book now!

Sat 1st March 1997 - 10.00am

Highland School Day

St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5

Teacher - Catherine Livsey (MBATD Highland & Scottish National)

7th - 9th March 1997

Basic Scottish Country Dance

Weekend School, Malhamdale

Teacher - Peter Clark, Music - John Brown

4th - 6th April

Weekend School,

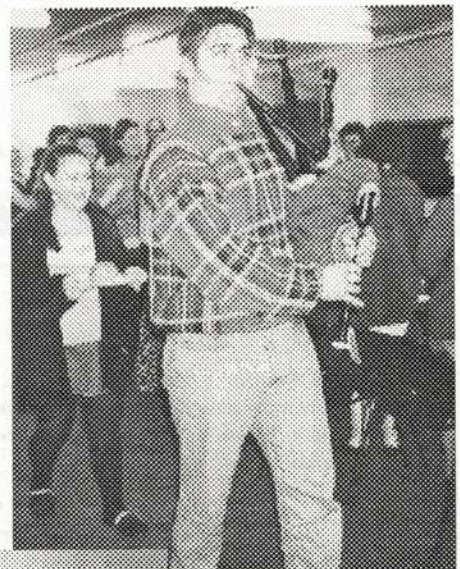
University College, Scarborough

Teacher - Bill Zobel, Music - George Meikle

A HAGGIS HUNT

Burn's Night was approaching. The haggis was ordered at the usual shop in Ilkley. The day to collect the haggis came but no haggis had arrived from Galloway. I was surprised to discover they were sent by Parcel Force, but perhaps that explained their non-arrival!

Brackenwood's celebration day arrived and still no haggis. I was confined to the house with a grand-daughter with chickenpox, so my daughter's mission was to find some haggis before she came to collect her daughter. She arrived with four very small ones, each suitable to serve two to three. "Panic set in". I rang the supermarket I passed on the way to class and was assured they had plenty, so I relaxed. When I arrived



BRACKENWOOD
class members enjoying
their Burns night celebrations



there, there wasn't a haggis in sight. 'We'll have some at 9am in the morning'. When I explained I wanted them that evening they were helpful and suggested I should try two more

supermarkets beyond Brackenwood. So I did but the replies were 'We don't sell them' and 'We'll have some more in the morning'. I was already a little late, so I abandoned my haggis hunt and arrived at our Portacabin to everyone's relief.

The dancing went fine and the haggis was prepared along with the neeps and tatties in time for supper. It (rather one of them) was piped in, duly addressed and the vital incision made. We had a lovely supper but I shall never understand how we had enough haggis-maybe they grew in the pan!

The following morning a haggis arrived in Ilkley.

Brenda Burnell

ATTENTION NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE

We have a few copies of the January 97 Newsbrief from head office if you would like a copy then please ask Chris McDonald for one. I will try and summarise elements in future issues of this newsletter. We think head office are cutting costs has there haven't sent one for everyone this time.

from the newsbrief...

NEW AND FORTHCOMING RELEASES FROM HEAD OFFICE

Scottish Notelets, from original drawings by DAN BLACKWOOD. These lovely pack of 10 notelets incorporate drawings from some of the popular Country Dances including: Hamilton House, Cuillins of Skye, Holyrood House, St Andrews (Fair) etc. A bargain at £2.00.

"Scottish Reflections" and "Tweedside" Two new compilations CDs. Including music from a variety of Scottish Country Dance Bands.

Recordings of Books 21 and 22. These recordings are due to take place in Spring 1997 and therefore the cassettes will be available by July. Place your advance orders now!

Saturday 5th July 1997

ANNUAL CHARITY DANCE

AT OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE
• Music George Meikle

Further information and tickets
from Roy Goldring
Tel 01943 360 1373