



# The Leeds Branch Newsletter

## Southport Festival

Our young dancers set off on Feb 3rd for the 15th festival of Scottish Dancing for Young People organised by the Thistle Society of Wigan. The

Our intermediate group danced EH3 7AF, Miss Falconer's Fancy, Wild Geese, Flowers of Edinburgh and Good Hearted Glasgow. Our beginners group danced, A Reel for Jennie, Buckshaw Reel, Galloway House, The Highland Rambler and Simon's Dance. Simon Furse danced as 1st man in our set. He declared that Simon's Dance is his favourite dance! The festival was a new experience for Amy and Helen who thoroughly

enjoyed themselves. During the afternoon a young highland dancer, Duncan Leckie, demonstrated Barracks Johnnie and later The Highland Fling. Then the MC invited the children to come on to the floor and dance the Fling with Duncan. It was an astonishing sight, about a hundred youngsters all dancing the Highland Fling. Obviously most of them had never learned it, but they were willing to improvise and have a go. On the train going home, we had an impromptu lesson from the guard on how to drive a train, and

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another valuable lesson on railway safety. He was very keen to expound his great knowledge of the railways. There wasn't a question he could not answer! Eventually we arrived in Leeds, exhausted but happy after an eventful day. *Barbara Caldicott.*



venue was the Floral Hall in Southport, a beautiful, elegant venue for dancing.

We took the precaution of catching the train earlier than the one suggested by Rail Track, to meet our connection in Manchester. Even so, we were so late arriving in Manchester that we hurriedly found our platform and jumped on the Southport train with only seconds to spare before it set off.



*Some of the team with the major & dignitaries of Southport*

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# Leeds Branch AGM

The Committee have discussed the merits of the timing of the Branch AGM and have decided that for 2001, the AGM will be held on Monday July 2nd at St. Mary's Haworth commencing at 7.30pm.

At this meeting, a proposal will be put forward that in future years, the financial year will end on June 30th and the AGM will be held during the first

week in October. Old Committee members will be allowed to attend committee meetings until Christmas allowing a smooth change over for committee members.

This has the advantage that all income and expenditure from the season's activities will be accounted for and it will give more time for auditors to inspect the books.

*Jean Dyson Branch Secretary*

**Sat 17th March 2001 7.30pm**

## SOCIAL DANCE

**West Park Centre**

Music: Marion Anderson Band  
M.C : Terry Chater

**Admission:** RSCDS Members £5.00, Non Members £6.00,  
University Students £2, Children £1

### Programme

Campbell's Frolic	J8x32	Bk. 15
The Highland Lass	R8x32	Bk. 30
Invercauld's Reel	S8x32	Bk. 11
Monique's Jig	J4x40	Goldring
The Cumbrae Reel	R8x32	Bk. 28
Mrs Milne of Kineff	S4x32	Leaflet 32
The Hollin Buss	J8x32	Bk. 24
Sleepy Maggie	R8x32	Bk. 11
Well Done Jack	J8x32	Bk. 29
Broadford Bay	R8x32	Leaflet 32
Margaret Parker's Strathspey	S8x32	Bk. 31
Kendall's Hornpipe	J8x32	Bk.22
Glen Alva	R x32	Forbes
Fair Donald	S8x32	Bk. 29
The Express	J8x40	Bk.20
The Montgomeries Rant	R8x32	Bk. 10

### Extras

The Highland Rambler	R8x40	Leeds 25th
Neidpath Castle	S3x32	Bk. 22
Clutha	R4x48	Bk. 31
Cauld Kail	16S/16Rx8	Bk. 9

## Bulletins

Bulletins - apologies for the delay from Headquarters. They finally arrived on Tuesday February 14th and will be distributed with this Newsletter at our dance, our classes or by post if we have a large envelope from you.

## Darlington Appreciation Afternoon.

We would like to thank Brenda and Barbara, and the Leeds Juniors for again supporting our Junior Appreciation afternoon. They had to avoid the November floods, contend with none existing trains and useless timetables, and then were deserted by previously ordered taxis. Finally arriving 30 minutes later than planned they had to change quickly and dash out to immediately take part in their "set" dance without a warm up or reminder. Thanks also to Liza and Ellie for coming to support the beginners and intermediate teams, and joining in the general dancing.

*T.C. Darlington*

## Congratulations

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FROM JULIA KENDALL

Eleanor Katy Elizabeth was born in Halifax General Hospital on Sunday 12th November at 1.25pm to Julia and Jonathon.  
Weight at birth: 7lb 4oz and at 3 months: 14lb 7oz!

## For Sale

KILT- McNaughton Tartan by Gordons of Glasgow.  
Heavy Weight 8 yds Dress Kilt  
Almost New 30-32" Waist 21 1/2" Length  
£125.00

### KILT JACKETS

1 x Lovat Green Tweed 36-38" Chest  
1 x Brown Irish Tweed 36-38" Chest  
£25.00 each

### HIGHLAND DOUBLET

Black 36" Chest  
£25.00

### LACE JABOT & CUFFS

for above  
£10.00  
For above contact Noel Watson 01943 600441.

### KILT (blue).

22 inches long. To fit waist 34-36 inches.  
Please phone 0113 2866295

# A Different Sort of Dem

The Branch was asked, at very short notice, to dance at a Burns Night at St Peter and St Paul, Yeadon. Ten of us went, without any rehearsal, and we had a very pleasant evening. We began by getting then up to dance the Gay Gordons and then alternated demonstrations with audience participation. There wasn't much dancing space, so we'd show a dance, get our men to ask up ladies and then our ladies to ask up men. Catherine did Swords and a Hornpipe, to add a touch of class, and I read a few verses of Burns, when there was a song to go with the dance. Some of them, we could see, had done Irish dancing, and there were a couple of pipers,



who deafened us at the interval. We all enjoyed ourselves, and would welcome more such evenings. There was a donation to Branch funds too. Let the committee know if you might be available if we are asked for similar events. *Alistair Mason*



## Entertainment Group

In order to publicise Scottish Country Dancing, the Branch Committee has decided to set up an Entertainment Group to visit social functions, garden parties, charity events and such like. The Programme will vary according to the occasion and the dancers available at any one time. There will be demonstrations of well-known dances, possibly some highland dancing and also a number of audience participation dances

where appropriate. The aim of the Group is to show that Scottish Country Dancing is a fun activity suitable for everyone and the Branch hopes to recruit a pool of interested dancers to take part. You do not have to be expert, but you do need to be experienced enough to dance well-known dances without practice. For more information phone; Alan Carr 01943 466 702

### Sat 19th May 2001 at 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre

Music: Colin Dewar (Solo)  
M.C : To be announced

Admission: RSCDS Members £5.00, Non Members £6.00,  
University Students £2, Children £1

#### Programme

Hooper's Jig	J	MMMII
Cumbræ Reel	R	BK. 28, 8
Silver Tassie	S	RSCDS Lft
Kenora Reel	R	Drewry
Laird of Milton's Daughter	J	BK. 22, 10
Braes of Breadalbane	S	BK. 21, 7
Immigrant Lass	J	BK. 39, 5
Axum Reel	S	BK. 18, 12
Fisherman's Reel	R	Dunblane Holiday
Hollin Buss	J	BK. 24, 8
College Hornpipe	R	BK. 20, 12
S-Locomotion	S	BK. 41, 8
Flowers of Edinburgh	R	BK. 1, 6
Falconer Hall	J	Archives
Fair Donald	S	BK. 29, 4
Quarries Jig	J	BK. 36, 3
Reel of the Royal Scots	R	Lft
<b>Extras</b>		
West's Hornpipe	R	5 Trad
De'il amang the Tailors	R	BK. 14, 7
Neidpath Castle	S	BK. 22, 9
Joie de Vivre	J	BK. 39, 2

# Certificate Class

The Branch are hoping to run a class for the RSCDS Preliminary and Full Certificate this year. If you are interested in this then please contact Brenda Burnell Tel 0113 267 6655 for more details.

## DATES, DATES, DATES

### MARCH 2001

**17th Children's Festival**  
2pm West Park CDC  
Marion Anderson Band

**17th Social Dance**  
7.30pm West Park CDC  
Marion Anderson Band

**30th - 1st April**  
**Weekend School**  
Clifton Hotel,  
Scarborough  
Ann Dix, George Meikle

### APRIL 2001

**Wk. Beginning 2nd Classes Finish**

**Wk. Beginning 23rd Classes Start**

### MAY 2001

**12th Highland Workshop**  
10.00am St Mary's,  
Hawkwood Ave, Leeds 5.  
Catherine Livsey

Total beginners welcome. Dances to be covered, Axum (for May Branch Programme), Shepherd's Crook, Village Maid, Highland Fling & Foursome Reel and 1/2 Tulloch (for White Rose Festival) Plus something different if time.

Form with this newsletter or contact Yvonne Tredgett for booking.

**19th Social Dance**  
7.30pm West Park CDC  
Colin Dewar Solo

### JUNE 2001

**2nd Summer Dance**  
Dolphin Centre, Darlington  
7.30 to 11.30pm

**16th Teacher's Workshop**  
St Mary's, Hawkwood Ave,  
Leeds 5.

**16th Social Dance**  
7.30pm West Park CDC  
Gordon Shand

### JULY 2001

**7th Ardenlea Dance**  
Alastair Hunter  
Details & tickets from Roy  
Goldring 01943 601373

### 13th & 14th

#### White Rose Festival

St. Peter's School, Clifton, York.

**Fri 13th 8pm -11pm**

Dance to records in the Memorial Hall at St. Peter's School. Faith Supper. Tickets £2.50 per head.

**Sat 14th 2pm -5pm**  
Massed dancing for both adult and children's teams, plus booked group demonstrations and Highland Displays to George Meikle and his Lothian Band.

If you would like to take part in a Leeds branch team contact Catherine Livsey 01484 432270 or fill the form in this newsletter.

**7.30pm -11pm**  
Evening Dance to George Meikle and his Lothian Band. Admission £5 by ticket only, which includes refreshments.

Catherine Livsey will be sending for a block of tickets for both Fri & Sat dances for Leeds Branch members, if you would like her to get you a ticket then let her know by the end of March. Otherwise contact Mr M.G East on 01904 489799.

# Classes

## Fees and Levels

**Level 1, 2 & 3** - £2 per class, £3 (if the class as live music).

**Level 1** - Beginners.

**Level 2** - General.

**Level 3** - Experienced Dancers.

## All Levels

**Monday, 1.45 - 3.45pm**

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16

Teacher: Brenda Burnell,  
Barbara Caldicott, Susan Carr

The class is a social class for all levels and we are hoping to attract some new dancers.

If you have any friends who would like to try Scottish dancing, bring them along. The cost will be £2.00 including refreshments.

## Level 2

**Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm**

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16

Teacher: Alan Carr

## Level 3

**Wednesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm**

Mechanics Institute, Calverley

Teacher:

March 7th, 14th Roy Goldring

21st & 28th *Focus on his own dances*

People attending the level three classes should have sound technique and knowledge of figures and half figures found in Scottish dancing.

## Note Level 2/3 Classes will be combined for the Summer Term

There will be a Level 2/3 class on Tuesday evenings, starting **Tuesday 24th April**, at Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsboro Avenue from 7.45 to 9.45. The teacher will be Susan Carr.

After Spring Bank Holiday, the Massed Dances for the White Rose Festival and the Evening Programme will be taught at this class.

Catherine Livsey will organise the Demonstration Dances and practices will be announced nearer the time.

## Level 1

**Wednesdays** except the

4th Wednesday of each month,

**7.30 - 10.00pm**

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Knaresborough

## Level 2

**Thursdays, 7.45 - 10.00pm**

Brackenwood Community Centre,  
New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8

Teacher: Brenda Burnell

## Children

**Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm**

Hawksworth Wood Primary School,  
Broadway, Leeds 5

Teachers: Brenda Burnell,  
Barbara Caldicott