



# The Leeds Branch

NEWSLETTER November/December 1997 Secretary- Alistair Mason Tel. 01423 560684

*Dear Dancers*

*Welcome to the November/December issue of the RSCDS Leeds Branch Newsletter.*

*I hope you are all enjoying the new season's dancing. If may be, you have a bit of spare time, I 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 or 01484 306637 evenings & weekends.*

*Catherine Livsey - Editor*

## YOUR CHANCE TO WRITE THAT DANCE!

As many of you will already be aware the Leeds Branch is currently celebrating its 35th year. We are holding an Anniversary Dance on 15th November to mark the occasion and the Committee has decided to publish an Anniversary Book of dances devised by Branch members.

The Leeds 25th Anniversary Book was a tremendous success with several reprints being ordered over the past ten years. The Leeds 10th Anniversary Book also contained some excellent dances. Let's all do our best to continue this fine tradition that we have in the Leeds Branch.

Please try and submit your dance together with music. Alternatively you may suggest a Traditional tune (but do send us a copy).

We are also looking into the possibility of producing a music cassette to accompany the book.

Dances are to be submitted, by 31st December 1997 please, to: Gerry Yates, 12 Heath Avenue, Manor Heath Road, Halifax, HX3 0EA. Tel 01422 360595 for any further information or guidance).

## BRANCH SYLLABUS CORRECTION PLEASE NOTE

**Correction to the Leeds Branch 1997-1998 Syllabus**

The Basic SCD Day School on the 8th November will be taught by Alice Murphy, and the Basic SCD Day on the 14th March will be taught by Peter Clark.

### BRANCH SOCIAL EVENINGS

Sat 15th November 1997 - 7.30pm  
**THE LEEDS BRANCH  
35th ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

West Park CDC  
**David Cunningham Band**  
MC - Derek Kendall

#### Programme

J32	Mrs Stewart's Jig	Book 35
R32	Maxwell's Rant	Book 18
S32	Miss Milligan's Strathspey	RSCDS L/let
J 32	Scottish Reform	Book 3
R32	De'il Amang the Tailors	Book 14
S32	Auld Friends Meet	Leeds 21st L/let
R32	Reel of the Royal Scots	RSCDS L/let
J32	The Weathercock	Leeds 25th
J32	Hooper's Jig	MMM 2
S96	Agnes and Bobby Crowe(Walk through)	Goldring

#### Presentation to Bobby Crowe

R64	Slainte Mhor (Walk through)	Moira Stacey
J32	MacLeod's Fancy	Book 33
S32	Neidpath Castle	Book 22
J32	Wild Geese	Book 24
R32	Anniversary Reel	Book 36
S32	Miss Gibson's Strathspey	RSCDS L/let
J40	South From Oban	Leeds 10th

#### Extras

J32	Machine Without Horses	Book 12
R88	Round Reel of Eight	Book 27

Sat 20th December 1997 - 7.30pm  
**SOCIAL DANCE - West Park CDC**  
**Muriel Johnstone's Band**

MC -Avis Harrison

#### Programme

R32	Cramond Bridge	London Jubilee
J40	Deuk's Dang Ow'er My Daddy	Book 19
S32	Miss Gibson's Strathspey	RSCDS L/let
J32	The Kelloholm Jig	RSCDS L/let 32
R32	College Hornpipe	Book 20
S32	Mrs Milne of Kinneff	RSCDS L/let 32
J48	Miss Mary Douglas	Book 10
R32	Peggy Dewar	Book 38
J32	Hooper's Jig	MMM 2
R96	Nottingham Lace	Bradley
S32	Miss Nancy Arnott	Book 32
R32	De'il Amang the Tailors	Book 14
J32	Gothenburg's Welcome	Book 37
S32	Sauchie Haugh	RSCDS L/let
J32	Laird of Milton's Daughter	Book 22
R32	Bratach Bana	Drewry (Bon Accord Bk)

#### Extras

S32	Silver Tassie	RSCDS L/let
J40	Barley Bree	Book 13
R64	Angus MacLeod	Queen
J96	Bonnie Anne	MacNab 2

## DO YOU HAVE THAT FRIDAY FEELING

Then why not relax and wind down at the branches Intermediate Social Class on Friday's or may be just come on the 1st Friday of the month when the evening is just an enjoyable social event (see classes listed below in this newsletter for details and dates of both the classes and branch socials).

## CLASSES

### Fees

£1.50 per class,  
Advanced class £2.00  
(due to class having live music.)

### General

Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16  
Commencing 16th September 97  
Teachers: Alan & Susan Carr

### Advanced

Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm  
Mechanics Institute - Corner of  
Blackett St & Thornhill St, Calverley,  
Leeds. On street parking.  
25th November 1997  
at Queen's Hall Suite, Pudsey,  
No Class on 2nd December 1997.  
Commencing 16th September 97  
Teacher: Avis Harrison

### General

Thursdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm  
Brackenwood Community Centre,  
New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8  
On-going  
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

### Children

Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm  
Hawkswood Wood Primary School,  
Broadway, Leeds 5  
Commencing 19th September 97  
Teachers: Brenda Burnell, Elizabeth Yates  
& Barbara Caldicott

### Intermediate Social Class

Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm  
at St Mary's Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5  
24, 31 October 97  
14, 21, 28 November 97, 12 December 97  
Teacher: Derek Kendall

### Branch Socials

Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm  
at St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5  
7 November 97, 5 December 97, 6 February 98,  
6 March 98, 1 May 98, 5 June 98.

## DIARY DATES TO NOTE

31st October - 1st November 1997 - SOCIETY AGM - Aberdeen. Any member of the RSCDS can attend, there are many social activities for you as well as the AGM. If you are interested our secretary Alistair Mason 13 East Park Road, Harrogate, HG1 1QS. Tel 01423 560684 has details.

8th November 1997 - BASIC SCD DAY SCHOOL - St Mary's, Hawkswood Avenue, Leeds 5. Why not brush up your technique and have fun too! Teacher Alice Murphy and music from Ian Slater. Application forms from Yvonne Tredgett, 17 Avimore Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster, S. Yorks DN4 9ND. Tel 01302 851174.

15th November 1997 - 35th CELEBRATION SOCIAL DANCE (Semi Formal)

A dance to Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Leeds Branch. All welcome. Come and join in the fun, 7.30pm West Park CDC to the music of the David Cunningham Band.

17th January 1998 - SOCIAL DANCE - 7.30pm West Park CDC to the Music of Colin Dewar (Solo). Just turn up and enjoy a social evening of dancing. The dance is open to everyone, you don't even have to be a member of the RSCDS. Of course if you are you get in at a reduced cost.

21st February 1998 - SOCIAL DANCE - 7.30pm West Park CDC to the Music of George Meikle (Solo) Once again open to all. Just turn up and dance!

REMEMBER 18th April 1998 - Yorkshire's RSCDS 75TH ANNIVERSARY BALL at Doncaster Dome, music by Muriel Johnstone's Band. Be there and be seen! The event of the year Dress 'as formal as you can manage' Cost of tickets £12 if bought before the end of January, (£13 thereafter), and that includes supper. Students can go for £8.00 and spectators for £6.00. Ring 01943 874497, (Chris McDonald) for more information and to reserve your tickets. See you all at the ball!

## RSCDS BRANCH DAY SCHOOL

The Half Day School was held at West Park CDC on 20th September 1997. As you can see from the picture dancers enjoyed themselves at the excellent day school taught by Bruce Fraser with great music as usual from Jack Judson.



The day finished off with a well attended dance at St Chad's and with very enjoyable music from the Jim Berry Band. This was shown by the big applause given to them.

## HIGHLAND WORKSHOP

The Highland Workshop was held on 11 October, again in the capable hands of Catherine Livsey.

In the morning after our initial warm up we went on to learn Barracks Johnnie and Flora.

After a pleasant lunch break we spent the afternoon mastering the Jacobite Sword Dance. The fun began when having grasped the steps we were put into pairs and asked to perform then sharing the same swords.

We all gained a lot from the day and enjoyed the informal relaxed atmosphere. The next workshop will be on the 9th May 1998, we look forward to seeing you there. Don't be frightened, Highland is not that difficult, and the morning session will be for beginners.

## ARE YOU ADVANCING

### Advanced Class

The class is held at the Mechanics Institute - at the corner of Blackett St & Thornhill St, Calverley, Leeds. On street parking. The teacher is Avis Harrison.

If you would like a bit more challenge to your dancing, then contact a member of the branch committee or Avis about joining the class, don't be shy.

### PLEASE NOTE ALL ADVANCED CLASS DANCERS

The Advanced class on 25th November 1997 will be in Queen's Hall Suite, Pudsey.

There will be no class at neither hall on 2nd December 1997.

The last class of the term will be on 16th December 1997.