

Leeds Branch Dancers' Newsletter



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From the Chair...



Dancing at the White Rose Festival 2017

Hello Dancers

I hope that you all have enjoyed your summer break. Classes start again from week commencing 4 September 2017 and I hope everyone is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. There are lots more things to look forward to too.

If you haven't already completed your membership form or your application for the Day School on 16 September 2017, now is the time to do it. We have Deb Lees as our teacher for the Day School with Ian Slater playing for us. Following the Day School we have the Susan MacFadyen Band playing for the evening dance. The dance and Day School are

at St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds, LS16 5JT.

Also please let me know if you wish to attend our Highland and Scottish National Workshop, taught by Catherine Livsey on 14 October 2017. This will be at St. Giles Church Hall, Church Hill, Bramhope, LS16 9BA. We always have fun.

Last year's AGM minutes are enclosed together with this year's agenda and a nomination form. The AGM will be on 21 October 2017 at 6.45pm at St Edmunds Parish Church, 15 North Park Avenue, Leeds, LS8 1EJ. Please come and support the committee. Tea and cakes will be available. The Dance will follow with Alan Ross playing for us.

Future Newsletters

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

Please send all copy for future newsletters to Irene Dracup
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Copy should be with her at least three weeks before publication for the November, February and May issues, and early July for the August issue.

If for some reason you don't receive a copy of the Branch newsletter please contact Brenda Burnell on 0113 267 6655.

November is the month of our joint ball with York and North Humberside. This year it's York's turn to organise it. Unfortunately they were unable to book the usual venue of The Riley Smith Hall at Tadcaster on our usual Saturday, or any suitable Saturday before Christmas. They have instead booked Stockton in the Forest Village Hall on 11 November 2017. The band is Scott Band. It should be a good night and I hope everyone will support it. The programme will be on our website as soon as it is available and cribs will be available at classes and dances.

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.

Scarborough Weekend Course 28th-30th April 2017

Our early arrival in Scarborough was timed to avoid road closures due to the Tour de Yorkshire which finishes in Scarborough. Several people had the same idea so we joined them for lunch at The Esplanade Hotel on the clifftops of the south bay

After lunch, a walk along the promenade was bracing and just long enough to try the ice cream or tea for some. A bit of excitement was whipped up by the race organisers handing out flags and sponsored products.

Back at the comfortable hotel room, we had a magnificent view of the South Bay and watched the final stages of the cyclists turning the corner for the final stretch to the finishing line.

After a drinks reception and hearty dinner, we were ready for the evening social dance in the ballroom. As first timers (our dance weekend years before at the opposite end of the Bay was long forgotten) it was pleasing to greet so many acquaintances from our dance groups around the Derbyshire area.

My favourite dance of the evening was Belle of Bon Accord and who could fail to be seduced by the music of George Meikle. Thank you to the crib set up people with words AND diagrams -makes life simpler.

On Saturday morning, after a breakfast of good Yorkshire fare, we were ready for the challenges that Janet Johnston set us. This she does with such good humour and fun



that we were soon dancing Bannockburn 700 and other Scottish dances. Being from Aberdeenshire, I enjoy the unique Scottish flavour of the dances Janet chose.

That afternoon, my companions and I explored another area of Scarborough. Time flew by and another lovely dinner was served by the friendly staff. A very elegant lady requested us all to join her for a glass of fizz before the ball to celebrate her 80th birthday. The Anniversary reel we danced later was dedicated to the lady. A wonderful programme was danced to the Meikle genius.

Then we were on our last day and Janet's dance programme included interesting dances from diverse sources such as a hornpipe inspired by Speirs canal and crabs in the Galapagos-who else but John Drewry. Votes of thanks were expressed to Janet Johnston, George Meikle, Yvonne, dance MC's, all who worked behind the scenes, the hotel staff and all the participants. We were urged to enrol for next year. What's not to like? We certainly will. "God willing" as my Granny used to say.

Jeanette Kerr and Rita Lindsey - Chesterfield Caledonians

Saturday 16 September 2017, 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

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

Music: Susan MacFadyen Band MC: Helen Brown
Admission: £9, Non-members £11, Full time Education £3

Programme

Currie Mountain	8x32 R	New Brunswick Collection
Gaelforce Wind	8x32 J	RSCDS Graded Book 3
Belle of Bon Accord	4x32 S	Deeside Book 2
Blue Bonnets	6x32 R	RSCDS Book 3
Teacher's Choice	J/R	
Karin's Strathspey	8x32 S	RSCDS Graded Book 3
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 46
The Dandelion Picker	8x32 R	Barbour

INTERVAL

The Hazel Tree	8x32 J	Brodie Book
Glastonbury Tor	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 47
Teacher's Choice	S	
Midnight Oil	5x48 J	Bankhead 3
Golden Gateway Reel	8x32 R	Devil's Quandary
Dagmar's Fancy	3x32 S	Anselm Lignau
Rodney's Rant	8x32 J	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Book
Deil Amang the Tailors	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 14

Extras

Trip to Bavaria	4x32 R	Collins
Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 41
S-Locomotion	4x32 S	RSCDS Book 41

All dances will be recapped

White Rose Festival 2017



We were blessed with lovely weather for the Festival this year and it certainly helped the enjoyment of the day. Lots of favourable comments were received from the participants. Some said 'The best ever'. It was a good mix of dances we were told. The demonstration dance 'the Waterfall' was found to be challenging but many groups attempted it. The music, the food, the organisation, the decorations and the pitch layout were all praised. Ice Cream was welcome on such a hot day.

It seems that everyone was enjoyed themselves this year and the committee are grateful to all the helpers and participants who contributed to the success of the day.

Next year the date is 14 July 2017, planning is underway and we have Marian Anderson's Band to play for us. We look forward to seeing everyone again then

Irene Dracup





Saturday 21 October 2017, 7.30pm
SOCIAL DANCE

**St Edmund's Parish Church, 15 North Park
Avenue, Leeds, LS8 1EJ**

Music: Alan Ross Trio MC: Maureen Haynes
Admission: £9, Non-members £11, Full time Education £3

Programme

The Findlay's Jig	8x32 J	Goldring, 14 Social Dances
The Rutland Reel	8x40 R	RSCDS Book 48
Huntley Castle	8x32 S	Drewry, Canadian Book
Neil M Grant	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 49
The Ladies of Dunse	8x40 R	RSCDS Book 26
Neidpath Castle	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 22
Quarries Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 36
MacDonald of Keppoch	2x32 S	RSCDS Book 49
	+2x32 R	

INTERVAL

The Raven's Dance	8x32 J	Haynes, Carnforth Collection 5
The Tri-Mariner	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 48
Linnea's Strathspey	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 47
The Kelloholm Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
Ray Milbourne	4x32 R	Haynes, Carnforth Collection 1
There's Something About 30	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 50
Follow Me Home	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 38
Mrs MacPherson of Inveran	8x32 R	Drewry, Bon Accord Book

Extras

The Sailor	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 24
A Capital Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
The Minister on the Loch	3x32 S	RSCDS Leaflet

All dances will be recapped

Saturday 16 December 2017, 7.30pm

Joint Branch & Leeds Club

CHRISTMAS DANCE

**St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road,
Leeds LS16 5JT**

Music: George Meikle and the Lothian Band
MCs: Don Andrews and Catherine Livsey

Programme

EH3 7AF	8x32 J	Book 40
The Countess of Dunmore's Reel	8x32 R	Book 49
The Sands of Morar	8x32 S	Book 45
South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10
The Eightsome Reel	464 R	Book 2
The Glengarry Homestead	4x32 S	The Kangaroo Paw
The Starry Eyed Lassie	8x32 J	Book 23
The Spring Fling Reel	8x40 R	Book 50

INTERVAL

The Chequered Court	8x32 J	Book 42
Ezekiel's Wheel	88 R	J Mungall
The Bonnie Tree	8x32 S	Book 46
Bill Clement MBE	8x32 J	Book 47
Whigmaleeries	8x32 R	Imperial II
Jacqui Watson's Strathspey	3x32 S	Leeds Golden
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	Book 46
The Deil among the Tailors	8x32 R	Book 14

Extras

The First Rain of Spring	3x32 J	Book 49
The Sailor	8x32 R	Book 24
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	Magazine

All dances will be recapped

RSCDS Leeds Branch AGM

Saturday 21st October at 6.45pm

Leeds Branch Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Annual General Meeting will take place on **Saturday 21st October 2017 at 6.45pm** prompt, at St Edmund's Parish Church, 15 North Park Avenue, Leeds, LS8 1EJ

Please come along, support your committee and have your say. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Irene Dracup glyn.cup@virginmedia.com 0113 2631310 by 1 October.

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Secretary's Report
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



Sunday Afternoon Dancing

Dancers with a good knowledge of steps and figures and with ambitions to extend their repertoire in Scottish Country Dancing are warmly invited to join Leeds Branch members at their monthly Sunday afternoon classes.

Askwith Village Hall 1.45 - 3.45, £4.00 per session
Teacher Catherine Livsey

1 October, 12 November, 3 December 2017

**7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 8 April,
6 May, 3 June and 8 July 2018**

Askwith Village Hall is situated in a delightful rural location between Otley and Ilkley.

Further details from the Leeds Branch website
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

Leeds Branch Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 15th October 2016 Otley Methodist Church Hall, Otley

Present:

Irene Dracup - Chairman, Betty Hagart - Secretary,
Gerry Yates - Treasurer and the following Branch Members -

Christine Parker-Jones, Jane Walford, Catherine Livsey,
Adrian Dickin, Robin Walford, Kath Dosell, Isabel Douglas,
Betty Sumpton, Janet Brayson, Alan Horsfall, Aileen Gray,
Katie Husband, Hillary Allen, Ian Clark, Nicola Waugh,
Claire Johnson,

Irene welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brenda Burnell, Mairi Devlin,
Liz Nash, Don Andrews, Jean Weatherill, Heather Foote, Jo
Dracup

2. Summary of Minutes

Acceptance of the minutes of the last Annual General
Meeting was proposed by Claire Johnson and seconded by
Catherine Livsey.

3. Matters Arising

Creating electronic versions of our earlier dance
publications - Irene explained that this is still on-going.
Workload had prevented us completing the task this year.

4. Secretary's Report

We are a very busy Branch with a full programme of
classes and events and this year has been no exception.

We said farewell to St Margaret's at Horsforth last October
and since then our monthly dances have taken us to
St Chad's, to the Queens's Hall at the Church of the
Immaculate Heart and here to Otley Methodist. We have
the Ball next month, then we are at the Queens Hall again
in December and January. We hope that members will
continue to support us as we travel around. (Irene will
give an update on halls in her report)

We've enjoyed music from some of our regular bands and
musicians but also from bands new to the Branch such as
Alan Ross who had not been to Leeds for some time and
Susan MacFadyen who played for us last month and will
be returning next September.

We continue to run five weekly classes providing a range
of choices to suit all comers - a choice of teacher, time of
day, ability level and venue. Plus we have the children's
class and the monthly class.

For those seeking who are still a bit more agile and
seeking something a bit more energetic the two Highland
Workshops per year are popular.

The September Day School attracts a number of loyal followers who come to enjoy teaching from the visiting teacher who usually introduces some more unusual or less-frequently danced dances to our repertoire.

Our Musicians' Workshop is becoming an annual event. Heather has attracted new recruits to the day from within her own contacts. Last year Keith Smith led the day. The workshop took place on a non-Branch dance day so he was able to tailor the day differently to when there is an evening dance.

Our two residential weekends offer the opportunity to dance at Newfield Hall in beautiful Malhamdale in the Dales and/or to take in the bracing sea air at the Esplanade Hotel in Scarborough.

Our Children's Festival was another great success though with fewer numbers attending. Regrettably there are fewer children's groups in our area now and so numbers at the Festival have steadily declined in recent years. Next year will be the 40th and the last and Brenda is planning a "bit of a do"!

We also have the WRF and the Branch shop, which Jane and Christine respectively will report upon.

In our Branch we are used to this range of activities that I've just outlined being the norm, but I think if we step back and reflect for a minute we can begin to appreciate the wide-ranging opportunities the Branch provides, particularly for a Branch our size.

5. Treasurer's Report

(Gerry's report here expands on his spreadsheets available on requested from Irene Dracup)

The main reasons for Leeds Branch reporting a deficit for the last year are:

- Income from classes was down by £800 with the subsequent surplus down from £1796 to £968.
- Last year we had a £1000 legacy left to the Branch by former member Alec Green.
- Administration expenses went up from £619 to £1010.
- The very successful White Rose Festival reported a loss of £619.

- The Musician's Day School surplus dropped from £445 to just £22.

Some of the higher than usual expenses for the Children's Festival were retained as Branch expenses and further expenses were covered by the Designated Fund, as follows:

Children's Festival

Income	£84	
Expenses	£427	(Musician, room hire and adjudicator fee & expenses)

Designated Fund

Income	£405	
Expenses	£768	(Gateshead bus hire & entries to White Rose Festival)

[The 2017 Children's Festival will be the 40th such event and will sadly be the last.]

The Branch Shop continues to be a very successful venture, and even after writing down the stock by £2052 (as does the Head Office Shop), the Leeds Shop still reported a surplus of £1175. Very commendable indeed.

Overall RSCDS Leeds Branch remains financially solvent with the following main assets:

Unfortunately it has not yet been possible to create a Balance Sheet combining together the three sets of accounts for main Branch activities, the White Rose Festival and the Leeds Branch Shop.

Nonetheless we list here our main assets.

• Bank current a/c	£4717
• Leeds Building Society a/c	£15440
• White Rose Festival current a/c	£2566
• Branch Shop current a/c & Paypal a/c	£2771
• The Shop stock (after writing down £2052)	£6157

6. White Rose Festival Report

Jane reported that the Festival had been an enjoyable and successful day, despite some difficulties. Twenty-three adult teams and 5 children's teams had attended. Again teams had brought more dancers so numbers remain much as before.

Day School



Saturday 16 September 2017

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

This year we are pleased to say that our teacher will be Deb Lees, who has taught a variety of day and weekend schools in the UK and Europe. She is an experienced, busy and enthusiastic teacher involved in playing as well as dancing and teaching.

Teacher: Deb Lees Musician: Ian Slater

Diary date - Next year's Day School

Saturday 15 September 2018

Teacher: Rachel Shankland Musician: Ian Slater

For further details and/or to register initial interest please contact Mairi Devlin tel: 01943 463420 email: mairidevlin@btinternet.com www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

Musicians' Workshop



Saturday 24 February 2018

Adel Methodist Church,
Gainsborough Avenue, LS16 7PQ

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

The workshop sessions will be led by an experienced dance teacher and pianist **Jeremy Hill**.

Interested? Heather Foot tel: 0113 2550860
Email heather@feete.org

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

Our Leeds Branch teams had opened up to non-Leeds dancers. This offer had been taken up and worked well. This will be offered again. The Festival now has it's own website, thanks to Helen Nicholas. Help had been given by Christine Parker-Jones. The festival committee is trying to appeal to younger dances. Online booking was taken up by about half the teams. There had been some hiccups and a bit of tweaking was needed. Offering online feedback was very successful, more so than paper, and provided very positive and useful feedback.

It had been very wet, taking the Festival indoors where the adult teams danced under a lovely marquee. Unfortunately the Performing Arts Centre where the children dance had been double booked with no alternative available. Jane thanked all those who had transformed the dining room and Julie who had MCd. Pat Hynes, who coordinated setting out the field, is stepping down and was thanked for her contribution.

Jane reported that the Festival had made a small surplus of £78.12 though this was due to there being no charge for the Performing Arts Centre and a refund from Gateways of £424. Forthcoming meetings of the WRF committee will review the finances for next year's festival.

Neil Hardie and his band had played well and will be playing again next year. The date of next year's festival is Saturday 8th July 2017.

7. Leeds Branch Shop Report

Shop report Oct 2016

It is now 10 years since Roy Goldring persuaded us to take over the Leeds Branch Shop.

Although we used the internet alongside the stall at Branch Dances we have just

completed our first year of processing everything through the online shop at rscdsleeds.uk.

So this feels like a good time to give a brief report.

Sales

We actually launched the online shop December 2014 and since then we have taken over £22,000 through the shop!

Last year our sales were

- 660 CDs - £6,664
- 687 Books - £3,985
- 80 Shoes - £2,079
- 35 Accessories - £508

Our biggest order was £266, who was also our best customer who spent £309 last year.

(Plenty of room for catching up). 10 people spent more than £100.

In March last year we set up a shop PayPal account. This makes it easier for customers to

pay by credit card. Since then 294 orders have been paid for by PayPal, 192 of them in

the last year. That is out of a total of 764 orders of which 491 were in the last year.

Products

Currently List 567 products

- 261 CD titles
- 292 Book titles
- 10 categories of shoes

Our biggest supplier was, understandably, Head office with purchases totalling £2,561.

Top Ten Best sellers for 2015 - 2016

Product Number Sold Income

- Duchess [James Senior] x20 £560.83
- Book 50 x53 £521.00
- Leeds Golden Collection CD x45 = £450.00
- Take Your Partners for ... Vol 5 x41 = £410.00
- Book 50 CD x35 = £379.17
- Third Sheaf Collection of Scottish Dances CD x29 = £314.17
- 9 for 90 - Aberdeen Branch Anniversary CD x27 = £261.67
- Tullich Collection x21 = £245.00
- Lomond [SDSC] x15 = £239.58
- Book 49 CD x21 = £227.50

Total £3,608.92

Customers

436 individual customers most of these are from the UK but also have customers from

Germany, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Japan, Netherlands, United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Jersey. Most UK customers are not in fact Branch members.

87 customers subscribe to the shop newsletter which we started earlier this year. When we moved to Prestashop and dancers registered themselves, there was the option to receive newsletters. After one year we thought it time to produce a newsletter to help keep customers up to date (and boost sales). The 5th issue went out this week.

I would like to finish with a thank you to all those of you who have supported the shop and hope you will continue to support us in the future. A big thank you to those who have donated items to the shop to sell and in this last group I would like to give a special mention to Avis Harrison and Pat Hynes.

Over the years we have managed to provide a steady profit from the shop to the branch coffers, We have given some of this back this year with the £5 shop voucher.

Leeds Branch Shop

Largest collection of SCD Books and CDs in the UK including:-



CDs

- RSCDS CDs including the new Book 51
- Full Circle by Ian Robertson and Muriel Johnstone to accompany Roy Goldring's Book A Reel for Alice
- Spark O'Water from Nova Scotia (CD and Book)
- The Magic of Summer School by Reel of Seven

Books

- 6 new books published by Francis Walduck
- 2 from Germany Borderland Dances and Riverside Dances.
- Paris Book of Scottish Country Dances Vol I
- Corberry Collection Vol II from Pat Clark

We are delighted to offer many of these books as eBooks to download.

Shoes

Full range of ghillies, ballet shoes, pumps, including coloured ones, plus others to order.

Can't find what you are looking for?
Get in touch and we will try and help..
Visit www.rscdsleeds.uk for full details.

Although there will always be a continuing discussion of how any surplus should be spent it would be satisfying for us to see some of it directed towards recruitment particularly of young people on whom the future of the Branch ultimately depends.

8. Chairman's Report

Chair report to AGM 2016

1. Thanks

First of all I wish to record thanks to retiring committee members who have served their term (or more):

Janet Brayson Vice Chair, day schools and weekends
Betty Hagart: Secretary (we all know about that workload)
Heather Foote: musicians day school
Pat Cowles: class publicity

All have done a great deal of hard work and contributed to a successful Branch over a number of years. We are very grateful to them.

In addition I want to thank Gerry for all his hard work as treasurer and particularly for presenting figures to the committee in a way that we can understand and use in our decision making.

Other committee members who will continue on committee in their valuable roles are Catherine newsletter and other printing (a great deal of it), Adrian (web), Mairi (day schools and cheerful positivity) and Ian (band bookings) along with Alan Horsfall, not currently on committee but still working to help.

Janet and Heather have also agreed to continue to help with their expertise while not on committee and Betty has agreed to give guidance and information to a new secretary.

Thank you to Brenda for her work as membership secretary.

Thank you to Jane and her team for all the work on the White Rose Festival.

We should also thank our teachers, Don, Brenda, Catherine and Julie for all their work and also all of you who support the classes.

2. Consultation on Mission Statement.

During the year we have been consulted on the RSCDS Mission and Strategic Aims. I have it here for anyone to see. It was nice to be asked what we think at branch level and there was much of the statement that we could agree with wholeheartedly but it needs to be translated into action and some of that depends on us. I will quote two particular things in the aims that I would like to be able to take forward:

The RSCDS portrays itself as a fun, sociable, healthy, inclusive and family friendly organisation, in collaboration with its branches.

There will be an increase in cooperation and mutual support between branches, affiliated groups and other dance organisations. (we already do some of this but perhaps we can do more).

The consultation period has ended and we have sent a response but I would be interested to hear any member's views and ideas to achieve the aims. I can e-mail the document to anyone who wants to take a closer look.

3. Children's Festival

Sadly next year will see our last Children's Festival, support having declined gradually over the years. It will be our 40th and there will be a party to help us go out with a bang. There is always the hope that one day there will be a reawakening of interest and we can start it up again. Thank you to Brenda Burnell and Jean Dyson who have kept this going for so many years.

4. Halls

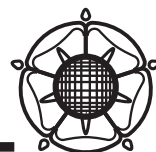
Finding a venue as a regular home continues to be a thorn in our side. We thought we had found a 'West Park' replacement at Corpus Christi School in East Leeds but now there is some doubt about the signing of a contract. If that does not work out would the membership agree to us seeking a regular hall outside Leeds, perhaps Otley Methodist Church?

5. Music Playing Equipment

We (as in Adrian) are seeking some more modern equipment for use by teachers who do not have their own or to use in an emergency if a band has a problem getting to a dance.

The 64th annual

WHITE ROSE FESTIVAL



... of Scottish Country Dancing

**Saturday 14th July 2018, 1.30pm,
Gateways School, Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LE**

Massed General Dancing, Demonstration Groups,
Highland & Ladies' Step Dancing, Children's Groups, Evening Dance

Music throughout by Marian Anderson & her Scottish Dance Band

We welcome full teams of 8-10, but can make arrangements for smaller groups or individuals

Full details from Irene Dracup tel 0113 263 1310
or from the website whiterosefestival.uk

We have already purchased a head set microphone which can be used by our teachers leading day schools elsewhere or teachers visiting us for day schools.

6. Going Forward

I would like to network more with other groups and I see more joint activities as part of the answer to our difficulties in recruiting more members or a full committee.

At this point I should thank Christine and Ian for all the hard work done in the shop.

Christine in her shop report has said that she would like to see some of the money earned in the shop being used to encourage younger dancers. I agree with this and would like to hear any ideas about how to do this, particularly from younger members. Spring Fling grants is something that comes to mind.

We have been asked whether at some time in the future we would be able to hold the Spring Fling in Leeds. In view of all our difficulties in finding venues the problems are obvious but I feel that it is shameful that a big city like Leeds should have to say 'no' to an International event for young people so I have said that I will look into it and will be venting my feelings on the subject to the council at the same time as trying to find a way to do it. Any suggestions will be welcome.

7. Help

As we do not have a full committee would members who are not on committee be willing to volunteer to do small jobs such as:

- Making a band supper
- Photographing a scrapbook to make into a digital record that can later be displayed on a digital photo frame.
- Assisting with pouring tea in the interval of a dance and clearing up afterwards (for this you receive half price entry to the dance because you might miss a couple of dances)
- Purchasing the supplies of tea/coffee/biscuits

Please let any committee member know if you can help. Thank you for all your support during the past year.

Betty thanked Irene for all her hard work as our Chair.

9. Publicity and web

Adrian Dickin now runs our website. He and Irene would be pleased to receive feedback.

10. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were proposed and seconded

Chairman - Irene Dracup

Secretary - no nomination

Treasurer - Gerry Yates

Committee: Alan Horsfall, Evelyn Davidson, Aileen Gray were elected to committee.

Mairi Devlin, Catherine Livsey, Adrian Dickin, begin their second two year term. Ian Clark has one year left to serve of his second term.

Robin Walford proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for all their work over the past year.

11. Any Other Business

Christine Parker-Jones suggested we might try to promote our classes on Facebook with something along the lines

of "After Festive eating Come and get fit with Scottish Dancing". She suggested that online banking might increase participation in our activities, particularly with younger dancers.

12. Date of next AGM

The next AGM will be Saturday October 16th 2017 at 6.45pm. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

Leeds Branch

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Minutes of the extraordinary general meeting of 20 May 2017

Present:

Irene Dracup (Chair), Gerry Yates (Treasurer), Jane Walford, Isobel Douglas, Betty Hagart, Catherine Livsey, Adrian Dickin, Hillary Allen, Evelyn Davidson, Duncan Sheehan, Don Andrews, Robin Walford, Ian Ashton, Christine Parker-Jones and Mairi Devlin

The meeting was called to make an amendment to the constitution to clarify the role of the White Rose Festival treasurer. At section VII subsection 4 the constitution reads:

Honorary Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive bank and account for all moneys collected by whatever agency from members of the Local Association or from other sources. This was read out. The amendment to be inserted was:

The exception to this is the White Rose Festival bank account, which will be operated by members of the White Rose Festival subcommittee. There will be at least two signatories of the White Rose Festival account, including the treasurer and chair of the White Rose Festival subcommittee and any two of the authorised signatories will be able to countersign payments out of that account.

The amendment was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer presented a revised set of accounts for the year ended 31 July 2016. The last page of the White Rose Festival accounts had listed 14 transactions of late income, ie income received after the year end. Although he had correctly put these into the Balance Sheet he had omitted them from the Income and Expenditure Account. These amounted to additional income of £747.50 and changed the overall deficit for the year from £550 to a surplus of £220, including an accounts balancing sundry entry of £22.79.

He apologised for the previous omission and confirmed that the revised version of the Annual Accounts would be sent to the Charity Commission immediately and would be shown on the Branch website in the near future.

Highland and Scottish National Workshop

14th October 2017 - 10am to 3.30pm

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

A fun day for all. No experience needed.

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2017

Saturday 16 September Day School

Morning session
10.30am - 12.45pm

Afternoon session
2.00pm - 4.15pm

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

Teacher: Deb Lees
Music: Ian Slater

Saturday 16 September Social Dance 7.30pm

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

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

Saturday 21 October Social Dance 7.30pm

St Edmund's Parish Church,
15 North Park Avenue, Leeds, LS8 1EJ
Music: Alan Ross

Saturday 11 November Joint Ball with York 7.30pm

Stockton on the Forest Village Hall
Sandy Lane, Stockton On The Forest,
York YO32 9UT
Music: Scott Band

1st - 3rd Dec 2017 Malhamdale Weekend

The cost of the weekend is £200.
There is a limit on places due to the
size of the dance floor.
Teacher: William Williamson
Music: Màrtainn Skene

Saturday 16 December Joint Ball Christmas Dance with Leeds Club 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: George Meilke 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.

Classes

Autumn Term 2017

W/C 4 September
till W/C 11 December

Fees: £4.00 per class
Multi Class term ticket £80
Branch Members 10 week ticket £35
(all fees half price for those 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

(finishes at spring bank until September)
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 9.30pm 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
Hawksworth Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds, LS5 3QE
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Sunday Afternoon

1.45- 3.45pm
Askwith Village Hall, Askwith, LS21 2JB
1 Oct, 12 Nov, 3 Dec 2017,
7 Jan, 4 Feb, 4 March, 8 April, 6 May,
3 June and 8 July 2018
For dancers with a good knowledge of
steps and figures and with ambition to
extend their repertoire. All welcome.
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Further Information

www.rscdsleeds.org.uk
For further information and details, application
forms, dance cribs and the Branch shop etc.

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