

Leeds Branch, Dancers' Newsletter

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Joint Ball with York Branch at The Riley-Smith Hall, Tadcaster, 17th November 2018

News from the Committee

You may be wondering what work goes into organising and providing the dances, classes and special events the Branch organises. Here's a bit of what goes on behind the scenes.

Your new Branch Committee have now met twice since the AGM, having decided at the first planned meeting in November that we should meet every two months rather than every three months, especially as we have so many 'first timers' on the committee.

All now already have at least one special 'responsibility' and some jobs are still not allocated! **We are:**

Claire Johnson - Chair, Charity Commission Trustee

Alan Horsfall - Vice Chair, Weekend Schools, booking musicians for dances etc, class rep Thursday evening

Evelyn Davidson - Secretary, Charity Commission Trustee, venue bookings, MCs, Musicians' Day School rep, Tuesday evening class rep

Ray Williams - Treasurer, Charity Commission Trustee, book-keeper

John Pugh - Assistant Treasurer

Jill Woodman - Minute Secretary

Marion Walbank - Catering Co-ordinator, class rep Monday evening

Nicola Waugh - Day School Co-ordinator, Family Ceilidh

Elisabeth Pugh - Class rep Monday & Thursday afternoon

also two ex-officio non-voting members:

Christine Parker-Jones - Branch Shop Manager

Brenda Burnell - Membership Secretary, class teacher Thursday evening

We are also indebted to others, who continue with sterling specialist jobs, although no longer on the current Committee:

Irene Dracup - collator of items for the Newsletter, Tuesday evening class teacher

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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Email: glyn.cup@virginmedia.com

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.

Catherine Livsey - Newsletter editor and producer, Monday evening class, Highland Workshops and Sunday Afternoon class teacher

Adrian Dickin - Webmaster

Janet Brayson - producer of cribs and formatting of dance programmes

Don Andrews - Monday and Thursday afternoon class teacher, and organiser of Tea Dances

and of course all those who undertake catering and admin duties for classes.

Plans for the rest of the 'dancing year' include a publicity drive to encourage new dancers and new members, a survey of Branch members' and class members' opinions on venues and Social Dances, encouragement/training for budding MCs, and possibly teachers, a family ceilidh to encourage new dancers, especially families and young dancers, and (re-)creating a demo team.

Subscription to this Newsletter can be taken out at £6.00 for 4 issues for non Leeds Branch Members.

Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

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

Burns Night at the Chemic

A year or two ago, as a spin off from the Musicians' Day School, a group of enthusiasts instigated a Sunday, Scottish Music, night at The Chemic Tavern. For the second year running, on the 25th January 2019, they organised a Burns Night Supper with the Chemic and invited dancers to come along and enjoy the traditional entertainment of gey good music as they played jigs, reels and airs to set your feet tapping and a wee ceilidh with dramatic declamation of several Burns poems and humorous songs and tales. This year the regular group members were supported by session players from across Leeds. Once the haggis had been ceremonially addressed, delicious plates of haggis, neeps and tatties were served. The evening closed with the audience joining the musicians in singing some of Rabbie's best loved songs.

Missed out this year? Put Burns Night in your diary for 2020! And meanwhile, you are most warmly invited to come to the Adel Tuesday Evening class when the musicians come to play for us, once a month. Check the date with the teacher, Irene Dracup.

Mairi Devlin (née Burns)

Saturday 16 March 2019, 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

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

Music: Ian Muir & Musicians' Day Workshop Band
MC: Don Andrews

Admission: £9, Non-members £11, Full time Education £3

Programme

Roaring Jelly	8x32 J	Foss: Glendarroch Sheet 6
The Luckenbooth Brooch	8x32 J	Dickson: Glendarroch Sheet 28
City of Belfast	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 48
The Aviator	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 52
J. B. Milne	8x32 R	Foss: Angus Fitchet
Ysobel Stewart of Fish Hoek	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 52
The Jubilee Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflets
The Bon Viveur	2x32S + 2x32R	RSCDS Book 52

INTERVAL

Joie de Vivre	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 39
Polharrow Burn	5x32 R	RSCDS Magazine Dances
The Birks of Invermay	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 16
Torridon Lassies	8x40 J	Brenchley: Kangaroo Paw
Sleepy Maggie	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 11
MacDonald of the Isles	3x32 S	Haynes: Carnforth 2
The Brudenell Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Graded 2
The Reel of the 51st Division	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 13

All dances will be recapped

Ann Millmore

It is with great sadness I report the death of Ann Millmore. She and her late husband Royston were always ready to broadcast the delights of Scottish Country Dancing. They hosted dancing parties at home and dancing in the garden in the summer. They came to Scarborough Weekends and Club Dances at St. Chad's. She died peacefully at home 19th January aged 99 years.

Barbara Ryan

Joins us for the Sunday Afternoon Workshops

**Sundays 1.30 to 4pm with juice break
Askwith Village Hall, Askwith, LS21 2JB**

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Tel: 01484 515257

email: info@dancingscottish.com

A series of short workshops on tricks and tips to enhance dancing skills. Yes there will be some work on technique and a little step practice, but the main aim is to enable you to dance more effectively, so dancing becomes easier and therefore more enjoyable. It will be about ease of movement, arm and hand movements that can help you get into place and freeing up space so you can move within the set. I also guarantee we will have a lot of fun in the process. So come and give it a go. If there is anything, eg a formation you would like me to cover please come and chat to me or email or call me.

7th April 2019

Will be for experienced dancers with a good knowledge of formations and technique. We will work on Demonstration dances, eg Lord of Gondor by Iain Boyd.

5th May 2019

Will be for experienced dancers with a good knowledge of formations and technique. We will work on Demonstration dances eg The Border Reiver's Reel by Roy Clowes.

2nd June & July 7th 2019

Massed dances for White Rose Festival, but we may cover some of the demonstration, highland and evening dances, time allowing. It is not just for Leeds team dancers or dancers taking part in the White Rose Festival, all dancers welcome with a good knowledge of basic formations.

Malhamdale 2018

Great teaching, stunning location, extremely welcoming co-dancers, enjoyable and stimulating evening dances and a huge amount of food, what more could anyone want from a weekend away? (apart from good value, which it really was) As a 'newbie', I was a bit wary of attending a whole weekend of Scottish dancing in Malhamdale, but my trepidation quickly disappeared almost as soon as I walked through the door as everyone was so helpful and lovely. The dance teacher Sue Porter was excellent, and I learned a lot, not to say improved my technique, my goodness did I know each 'learning dance' extraordinarily well by the time the workshops finished. As a vegan I was well catered for and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. The musician, Ian Robertson, was fab too. Thanks everyone.

Lynne Kentish



Sue Porter (teacher) and Ian Robertson (musician)

2020
SPRING FLING IS
SPREADING ITS WING...
 the Scottish Country Dance festival
 for 12 - 35 year olds!

SPRING FLING
 Saint Petersburg

1st - 3rd May 2020,
 preceded by Russian Spring School
 (starts 28th April 2020)

springfling.scottishdance.ru

SPRING FLING
 Toronto

15th - 17th May 2020,
 the first Spring Fling outside of Europe!

springfling2020.com

SPRING FRINGE
2020

OVER 35? Spring Fringe will be
 running over the same weekends,
 and has lots of activities on offer!

Email ysc@rscds.org for more information or
 connect with us on Facebook
 @RSCDSYoungDancers.

Thursday 16 May 2019 2.30 - 4.00pm

TEA DANCE

A SPRING FLING FOR ILKLEY 2019

A celebration of heritage dances

St Margaret's Church Hall, Queens Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL

Music: Ian Slater- Accordion MC: Don Andrews

Admission: £5 pay at door (£1 Loyalty Card holder)

FAITH TEA

(finger food please)

Programme

Maxwell's Rant	Reel 8x32	MMM	1752
Light and Airy	Jig 8x32	RSCDS Book 4	1790
The Merry Lads of Ayr	Reel 8x32	RSCDS Book 1	1827
The Birks of Invermay	Strathspey 8x32	RSCDS Book 16	1776
Major Ian Stewart	Jig 8x32	RSCDS Book 35	1988
The White Cockade	Reel 8x32	RSCDS Book 5	1797
The Findlay's Jig	Jig 8x32	Goldring	2000
Neidpath Castle	Strathspey 3x32	RSCDS Book 22	1963
Jim's Haberdashery	Jig 8x40	MacPherson	1990
The Reel of the 51st Division	Reel 8x32	RSCDS Book 13	1945

Extra

The Triumph	Reel 6/8x32	RSCDS Book 1	1808
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All Dances will be walked

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2019

Saturday 16 March Musicians' Workshop 10.00am-4.15pm

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Rd,
Leeds LS16 5JT
Teacher/Musician Ian Muir

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley
Road, Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Ian Muir & Musicians' Day
Workshop

Saturday 27th April Highland Workshop (White Rose Festival Highland Dances)

Strathspey and Half Reel of Tulloch
The Shepherd's Crook Blue Bonnets
(Mrs West Version)
The Highland Fling
plus other dances if time

Morning Session

10am-12.30pm (Beginners &
Improvers) Complete beginners
welcome.

Afternoon Session

1.30-3.30 (Intermediate &
Advanced)
St Giles Church Hall, Church Hill,
Bramhope, LS16 9BA
Teacher: Catherine Livsey
Music: Recorded

Thursday 16 May Tea Dance, A spring fling for Ilkley 2019 (Faith Tea)

2:30pm - 4:00pm
St Margaret's Church Hall, Queen's
Rd, Ilkley LS29 9QL
Music: Ian Slater
MC: Don Andrews

Saturday 18 May

Social Dance 7.30pm
Corpus Christi Catholic College
Neville Rd, Halton Moor,
Leeds LS9 0TT
Music: Ian Robertson

Saturday 15 June

Social Dance 7.30pm
Corpus Christi Catholic College
Neville Rd, Halton Moor,
Leeds LS9 0TT
Music: Robert Whitehead Trio

Saturday 13 July

White Rose Festival 1.30-5pm
Gateways School, Harewood,
Leeds LS17 9LE

Music: Marian Anderson & her
Scottish Country Dance Band

Social Dance 7-10.30pm

Gateways School, Harewood,
Leeds LS17 9LE
Music: Marian Anderson & her
Scottish Country Dance Band

Saturday 21 September Day School 10.00am-4.15pm

Queen's Hall 294 Harrogate Rd
Leeds LS17 6LE
Music: Ian Slater
Teacher: Heather Cowan

Social Dance 7.30pm

Queen's Hall 294 Harrogate Rd
Leeds LS17 6LE
Music: Colin Dewar

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

2019

W/C 7 Jan to W/C 8 Apr 2019
W/C 29 April to W/C 20 May
W/C 3 June to W/C 8 July

Fees: £4.00 per class
or ten class ticket **£35** for *members only*
(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
New venue from 29 April:
West Park URC, Spen Lane, LS16 5BD
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 Hall, 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 9.30pm General/Beginners
Lidgett Park Methodist Church Hall,
Lidgett Place, LS8 1HG
Teacher: Brenda Burnell
If the door is locked please ring:
07932 486340 to gain entry

Sunday Afternoon Workshops

1.30 to 4pm
Askwith Village Hall, Askwith, LS21 2JB
Series of short workshops of tricks and tips
to enhance dancing skills. See website for
details.

Dates

7th April 2019
5th May 2019
2nd June 2019
7th July 2019

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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The Branch Shop

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individuals from around the world.

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