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From the Chair...

Hello Everyone

We are heading towards the end of the season but still have the June dance and of course the White Rose Festival to look forward to on 9th July. If you haven't put your name down yet, speak to a class teacher or committee member. We are able to accommodate individuals as well as teams this year. It's a great day out, not to be missed! If you can only make the evening dance, ask a teacher or committee member about a ticket or order on line through our website.

On 18th June we are back at St Chad's Parish Centre with the popular Robert Whitehead Trio playing for us and the equally popular Don Andrews as Master of Ceremonies (MC).

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Another date for your diary is 17th September when we have our day course. The teacher will be John Wilkinson and musician Ian Slater. An application form is enclosed. Fill it in now before you forget! Everyone is welcome. It is always an enjoyable and productive day.

We have the Susan MacFadyen Band in the evening and Gerry Yates for our MC. I'm definitely looking forward to that. That's opening the new season in style.

Also included is a membership form. Again why not complete it now while you're thinking about it. Then it's done and out of the way.

Classes finish on week commencing 4 July for the summer break, except for our 'we never close' class at Lidgett Park Methodist Church at Roundhay on Thursday evening. Keep your feet in with a weekly visit there.

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.

David Little - 1938 to 2016

When I heard recently that David had passed away I was very saddened. David was a very likeable man with a great sense of humour, known for being very methodical and had a liking for plain food. David was husband to Jean and father to Susan and Fiona who were dancers in their early years. Many of you will remember him.

I first met David in the late 70's and we got on very well right from the start. We shared a common interest in piping. David was a long serving member of the City of Leeds Pipe Band which at that time used to play at the Leeds Club Festival at Beckett Park in Leeds. He also accompanied the RSCDS Leeds Branch demonstration and exchange visits teams and was a member of the Glenlee dance group.

Jean was very active in the Branch, serving on the committee, dancing in the demonstration teams, travelling on the exchange trips and was President from 1984 to 1987. Some years after Jean's premature death, David remarried.

I have very happy memories of times spent with David, particularly on the Branch exchange visits to Holland and Sweden. I remember one particular time in Sweden on a very hot day. The group had some free time and were out by a lake enjoying time with our hosts. Before long, the pipes were out and David and I were playing. We hadn't realised it but, it being so hot we were in swimming shorts and stood in the lake playing our pipes which raised a laugh from everybody. I have a photo somewhere.

Saturday 18 June 2016, 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

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

Music: Robert Whitehead Trio MC: Don Andrews

Admission: £9, Non-member £10, Full time Education £3

Programme

Lady C. Bruce's Reel	8x32 R	MMM
The Nurseryman	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 37
The Flower of Glasgow	3x32 S	RSCDS Book 46
Ladies' Fancy	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 13
Penannular	8x32 R	Hughes/Clifton
Cape Town Wedding	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 39
The First Rain of Spring	3x32 J	RSCDS Book 49
The Lea Rig	6x32 S	RSCDS Book 21
Angus MacLeod	2x64 R	Alex T Queen

INTERVAL

Campbell's Frolic	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 15
The Clansman	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 32
Kilkenny Castle	8x32 S	Forbes/Craigievar 2
Monica's Way	4x32 J	RSCDS Book 48
The Whistling Wind	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 36
The Moray Rant	3x48 S	Drewry/Silver City
The Snake Pass	8x32 J	Churnside/Newcastle 40
The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh	8x40 R	RSCDS Book 39

Extras

The Sailor	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 24
The Dream Catcher	1x96 S	RSCDS Book 45
The Jubilee Jig	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet

All dances will be recapped

As I mentioned, after a few years David married Maggie who, unlike David, enjoyed continental holidays and a variety of foods. Much to the surprise of Maggie and his family David agreed to go on holidays to Australia and the continent and to eat "foreign" food which they both enjoyed.

Unfortunately in latter years David suffered from cancer. Through his determination and strength of character he fought it for three years, which surprised even the specialists.

David passed away on the 7th April and the funeral was on the 21st April at Rawdon Crematorium. It was very well attended by family and friends, members of the City of Leeds Pipe Band, Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club, the Glenlee Dancers and RSCDS Leeds Branch.

Our thoughts are with Maggie, Susan, Fiona and family.

Alan Harrison

Highland Workshop

We met at St Giles, Bramhope on a sunny Saturday for a Highland workshop to prepare for the White Rose Festival.

Catherine Livsey started us with some arm movements and then some steps for 'The Highland Fling'. It is fine doing one but not both! That's asking too much, but amidst much laughter and with more practice we made a fair stab at it and then moved on to 'The Shepherd's Crook'. That took us through the morning. After a friendly gathering over a cup of tea and sandwich lunch we continued with 'The Lilt' followed by 'The Foursome Reel'.

By the end of the day we were all flagging but had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and felt that we had achieved some progress.

Thank you to Catherine for her patient teaching.

Adrian went off with his usual harem of ladies for a meal but I heard there was a bit of a disaster and the puddings were not tempting, perhaps a disappointing end to a lovely day. For myself I was enjoying Neil Barron's music at a Leeds Club dance and was not at all disappointed.

Irene Dracup

The Dancing Night

I'm driving through a howling gale
Through icy roads and showers o' hail
You might jalouse my arm I'm chancing
Going thirteen miles to Scottish Dancing
But when the hall hoves into sight
And aa' inside is warm and bright
Wi' fiddle and piano dirling
And ilka dancer blithely birling
When layers o' winter clothes we're shedding
As we form sets for "Mairi's Wedding"
Or glide into "Kendoon Strathspey"
Or jig the cantie hours away
Uplifted by the music's beat
Our hearts as lightsome as oor feet
An' faces wreathed in friendly smiles
For nights like this –
What's thirteen miles!!?

By Elspeth P Vincent (Provided by Mary Platt)

Scarborough Weekend

With excitement and some trepidation we approached this year's "Scarborough Weekend". As 'first-timers' we were not exactly sure what to expect, but trusted in the recommendations of others and our positive experiences in Harrogate earlier in the year. Getting a parking space right outside the hotel and then finding our room had a spectacular view across the bay certainly started things off well. Then seeing familiar faces as we gathered, gave us another boost.

We had both been practising the dances, but really appreciated the walk through/talk through approach before the dances each evening. Both programmes gave us all a lovely variety and we were never short of partners so we were able to dance almost every dance. The dance floor may have had its limitations but that in no way detracted from our enjoyment and we retired a little weary but happy both evenings.

We both thoroughly enjoyed the two morning classes, learning new things and trying to improve our style and technique. The choice of teacher for the weekend was superb, a man with knowledge, warmth and humour. How lovely to be able to chat to him informally too and find him just as engaging off the dance floor. The music was delightful throughout the weekend, as we knew it would be.



All in all it was a brilliant weekend and money well spent. Well done and thank you to all those who were involved in planning and delivery.

Carole Castle and Su Chapra

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Programme

EH3 7AF	8x32	J	RSCDS Book 40
Maxwell's Rant	8x32	R	RSCDS Book 18
Sands of Morar	8x32	S	RSCDS Book 45
Teacher's Choice			
Nottingham Lace	1x96	R	Nottingham Lace Book
Far North Queensland	5x32	S	The Other Kangaroo Paw Book
South from Oban	8x40	J	Leeds 10th Anniversary Book
Back to the Fireside	8x32	R	RSCDS Book 38

INTERVAL

The Sailor	8x32	R	RSCDS Book 24
The Cooper's Wife	8x40	J	RSCDS Book 16
Teacher's Choice			
The Nurseryman	8x32	J	RSCDS Book 37
None so Pretty	8x40	R	RSCDS Book 19
James Senior of St Andrews	4x32	S	RSCDS Book 42
John of Bon Accord	8x32	R	RSCDS Book 33
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32	J	RSCDS Book 22

Extras

Miss Hadden's Reel	8x32	J	RSCDS Book 23
Scott Meikle	4x32	R	RSCDS Book 46
Portnacraig	8x32	R	RSCDS Book 36
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32	S	RSCDS Three Dances 2006

All dances will be recapped

Askwith Thistle Club Turns 60



Founded in 1955, the Askwith Thistle Scottish Country Dance Club celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on the first Saturday in March this year.

Based at Askwith Village Hall, conveniently close to The Askwith Arms (formerly The Black Horse), the club hosts one dance per month on the first Saturday of each of the six months from October to April.

For the club's celebration dance on the 5th March, Julie Harrison presented a feast of popular dances, including The Diamond Jubilee and Anniversary Reel. Because of the number of dancers, many of the dances had to be encores so that all present could enjoy them. The village hall comfortably accommodates three sets, four at a squeeze, but beyond that special arrangements are required. It makes for a terrific atmosphere.

To enliven the evening, and to give it a bit of the flavour of a ceilidh, various 'party pieces' were included in the programme. Alan brought his pipes and played for the last dance, for Auld Lang Syne, and a brisk winding-up polka. Midge wrote and recited a poem in honour of the Thistle Club. Anne and Roger, just as Robert Burns confessed, also 'committed the crime of Poesy'. Heather ensured that everybody joined in a busy grown-up version of pass-the-parcel.

A buffet supper, in the Thistle Club tradition, was laid out for the interval, including an impressive celebratory cake by Anne.

Dancing continued beyond 11.00.

Although the usual price of an Askwith dance, including supper, is £3, on this special occasion the dance was charged at the Yorkshireman's favourite price. Unbeatable. Now!

Those interested in joining club activities in 2016-17 could get more information from Heather Williams on mhcraven@talktalk.net or Midge Leather on 01943 608109

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2016

Saturday 18 June Social Dance 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Robert Whitehead Trio

Saturday 9 July White Rose Festival

Afternoon 1.45pm
(assembling at 1.30pm) - 5.00pm
Evening 7.00pm - 10.30pm
Gateways School, Harewood,
Leeds LS17 9LE
Music: Neil Hardie and his Scottish
Dance Band

Saturday 17 September Day School

Morning session 10.30am - 12.45pm
Afternoon session 2.00pm - 4.15pm
St Chad's Parish Centre,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Ian Slater
Teacher: John Wilkinson

Saturday 17 September Social Dance 7.30pm

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

Saturday 15 October Social Dance 7.30pm

Otley Methodist Church Hall, Otley
Music: Phill Jones

2-4 December 2016 Malhamdale

Teacher: Diane Rooney
Music: Phill Jones

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.

The Branch Shop

We now sell James Senior shoes, including colourful pumps and ghillies.

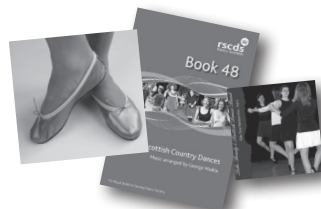
New for Summer 2016 from RSCDS - Book 50, the accompanying CD by Scott Band and his Scottish Country Dance Band and a new Miss Milligan Miscellany CD by Luke Brady's Scottish Dance Band. Originally Ours Vol II will be reissued.

Visit www.rscdsleeds.uk for full details of these and lots of other goodies or email: sales@rscdsleeds.uk

If you would like anything else we don't stock we are happy to try and get it for you.

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Classes

Summer Term 2016

Second half w/c 6 June to w/c 4 July
(except Thursday afternoon class which finishes at half term)

Autumn Term 2016

w/c 5th Sept till w/c 12th Dec
(15 weeks)

Fees: £4.00 per class
Multi Class term ticket £90
(1/2 price for dancers 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

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 10pm 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

5 June, 3 July 2016
Teacher: Catherine Livsey
For dancers with a good knowledge of
steps and figures and with ambition to
extend their repertoire. All welcome.

Further Information

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