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From the Chair...



Dancing in the ballroom at Blair Castle, RSCDS Winter School

Hello Dancers

Easter has come and gone and we are back to dancing again. I hope you have enjoyed your break or your Scarborough weekend. I've heard it was great. No doubt a report will be provided in due course.

Since the last Newsletter we have had another successful Musicians Course with a wonderful stage full of musicians at the evening dance. We also had our 40th and final Children's Festival. It was nice to see some of the children joining us at the evening dance in March. Nicola Waugh and Heather Cooke made their debut as joint MCs and did an excellent job. Well done! The popular vote says that we will be asking them again.

Some reminders

It's a little bit confusing but membership renewal is actually due at the beginning of July, when we are just ending the season. A membership form is enclosed. I like to do mine early and get it out of the way.

A form to enrol for the September day of dance is enclosed too. Again I like to complete mine straight away; otherwise it languishes somewhere and gets forgotten about.

There is still time to sign up for the White Rose Festival. See your class teacher, a committee member, or sign up on line.

We now have the June dance and the White Rose Festival to look forward to. I hope to see you all there.

Irene Dracup

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.

Leeds Branch on the internet

The Leeds Branch provides several resources on the internet.

The main web site is at <http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk/>, everything is accessible from here. It has details of upcoming events and links to cribs, the new shop, the White Rose Festival, Facebook pages and Twitter.

The shop now has its own website at <http://rscdsleeds.uk>. It now provides online ordering and payments.

If you require any help accessing the above information speak to Adrian Dickin or email adrian.dickin@gmail.com

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.

Highland Day School



There's something about St Giles Church at Bramhope. It's always sunny when we go there. Perhaps I should book a holiday there! It was a good attendance and it was particularly nice to see Nicky who had travelled all the way from Leicester by train and cycle. I hope it wasn't too much of a culture shock to emerge into our busy city centre with its complicated loop system and bus gates.

In the morning Catherine Livsey taught the steps that we needed for the White Rose Festival Dances. The same steps work for the Highland Fling, Foursome and Shepherd's Crook so we completed the Fling and the Foursome before lunch.

Over lunch we enjoyed chatting and looking at Catherine's pictures of St Petersburg in Russia, where Catherine had recently been to teach. Hopefully she will write a bit about it for us, when she has time.

In the afternoon we completed Shepherd's Crook and learned a four step Scottish Lilt. We are now fully trained for the Highland Dances and looking forward to the Festival. Catherine will be continuing to teach the highland dances at the Monday evening class.

Irene Dracup

Musician's Workshop

More than thirty people attended our musicians workshop in February. There was a great deal of positive feedback from the course taught by Nicol MacLaren. The only criticisms were that the room was a little cold for static musicians. Otherwise they were happy with the teaching, food and hall, although some found there was a little echo which made it more difficult to hear. There are so many things to think about when booking venues and there often isn't a choice!

In the last few years we have alternated a course where the aim is to play for the evening dance with one which provides advice and information on music sets, playing for dancing and playing together. As always when a choice is given some want one thing and others prefer another thing but many of the musicians enjoy and attend both. We will continue to provide the variety. Last year the focus was on the violin and next year the concentration will be on playing for dancing and the course will be led by a pianist.

Another successful course this year earns thanks to all the day school team who worked on this, particularly Heather Foote, who leads the team for the musicians day.

Irene Dracup

Walking & Scottish Country Dancing in the Lake District 25th - 29th September 2017

Our autumn break for walkers and SC dancers is based at "Glaramara", a lovely guesthouse in the Borrowdale Valley which has been extensively re-furnished. All rooms have stunning views of the Lake District fells. The emphasis here is on friendliness, comfort and excellent cuisine.

The break is on a full board basis, including buffet breakfast, packed lunch, afternoon tea and evening meal.

There is led walking every day for all abilities and a programme of dancing each evening after dinner.

Non dancing partners are most welcome as there is a cosy bar and quiet area for relaxing in the evening.

**For further details email or phone
Heather Williams: mhcraven@talktalk.net
or Tel: 01943 461705**

Saturday 17 June 2017, 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

Corpus Christi Catholic College,
Neville Road, Halton Moor, Leeds, LS9 0TT

Music: David Oswald Trio MC: Helen Freer

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

Programme

Mairi's Wedding	8x40 R	Cosh, 22 Scottish Dances
The Singing Sands	3x32 S	Priddey, Silver Rose
Follow Me Home	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 38
John of Bon Accord	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 33
The Gentleman	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 35
Gothenburg's Welcome	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 37
The Cumbrae Reel	8x32 R	RSCDS Book 28
Birthday Girls	2x32S+2x32J	Will be walked (written for Helen and Friends)

INTERVAL

Scott Meikle	4x32 R	RSCDS Book 46
The Cooper's Wife	8x40 J	Mitchell, Whetherly 16
Gang the Same Gate	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 36
Nottingham Lace	1x96 R	Bradley, Nottingham Lace
The Chequered Court	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 42
Alltshellach	8x32 S	SCDS Book 23
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflets
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32 J	RSCDS Book 22

Extras

Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32 R	Drewry: Deeside 2
The First Rain of Spring	3x32 J	RSCDS Book 49
May Yarker's Strathspey	8x32 S	RSCDS Book 42

All dances will be recapped

40th Childrens' Festival

This year's Children's Festival was our 40th and last as sadly there is insufficient support to continue. It was held at Grove Methodist Church in Horsforth. We had children from Darlington, Richmond, Gateshead and of course from Leeds. We are grateful for all their support over the years and flowers were presented to the teachers to show our appreciation.

It was a party atmosphere with general dancing for everyone and some excellent demonstrations from the groups. Ian Slater provided the music which was great as usual and Betty Hagart was our able MC.

Brenda Burnell has put a great deal into teaching children over the years and into organising the Festival. She was presented with a Digital photo frame on which we hope she will be able to display the many photographs, of children's events, taken over the years. Brenda designed a programme for the day containing a kaleidoscope of pictures from previous Festivals.

Of course we very much missed Jean Dyson who has contributed so much to children's dancing.

Louise MacDougall had written a dance called 'Pudsey Bear' for the occasion. Louise taught it for everyone to join in and it was very popular and great fun.

One of the Leeds dancers designed the badge which was given to everyone. Together with the programme it will be a lovely memento of our last Festival.

Yvonne Tredgett baked one of her famous cakes for us. It was delicious and I was pleased to see Yvonne and Derek again. There was also fruit and some shortbread made by Brenda Burnell and one of the mums. I'm told that was delicious too, some of you might have sampled the surplus at the evening dance.

A couple from Grove Methodist Church had heard about our Festival and asked if they could come. They enjoyed the day as all the participants did. *Irene Dracup*

Winter School 2017

Having set off for Pitlochry this February, we wondered if we would get there as the forecast was so poor. However after negotiating snowy central Scotland, we reached our destination to find it green and springlike. Some of those travelling by train weren't as lucky though, and experienced severe delays. We soon settled into our room at the Atholl Palace, which has very comfortable accommodation and does an excellent breakfast!

The week consisted of classes on four mornings, with a different teacher and musician each day. There was social dancing in the hotel on three evenings and a ceilidh on the fourth. The week culminates in a Ball in Blair Castle.

The teacher that stood out for us was Johan Maclean, whom we had not come across before. We liked her style of teaching, and her unique approach to dancing. Also new to us was Raphaelle Orgeret from Lyon, who warmed us up (with variable success) with steps from the Charleston. We enjoyed all the classes though. What was a revelation was how much we enjoyed the keyboard music for the classes, having rather thought it inferior to the accordion. Peter Shand was excellent on a real piano, and Luke Brady proved his musical knowledge on the keyboard.

The dances at the evening socials were mostly well known ones. Again there were different musicians each night, though for the dances we did prefer the music of the accordion. The programmes were all chosen by the musicians, and the MCs were different staff members.

Pitlochry is a pleasant town on the River Tummel, and not too busy in February. It is famous for its thriving theatre, and also for its salmon ladder. We enjoyed the walk down

to the town for classes each morning, and there were several good sandwich shops where we bought lunch. The afternoons were free, or there were organised trips, quizzes, and walk throughs for the evening if required.

The ceilidh was compered by the inimitable William Williamson, and consisted of various 'turns', and easy dances. The highlight of the week though was the ball, in the wonderful ballroom at Blair Castle, to the music of Jim Lindsay and his band. The programme was devised by Adam Brady, who did an excellent job - not for nothing is he a dancer as well as a musician.

All in all, this was a most enjoyable week, friendly and sociable. It was well organised and presented by Luke Brady. Anyone who fancies trying it next year should contact Moira Thomson at HQ and ask to be put on the advance list, as the event always sells out quickly.

Janet and Alan



DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2017

Saturday 17 June Social Dance 7.30pm

Corpus Christi Catholic College,
Neville Road, Leeds, LS9 0TT
Music: Donald Oswald Trio

Saturday 8 July White Rose Festival

Afternoon 1.30 - 5.00
Evening 7.00 - 10.30

Gateways School, Harewood,
Leeds, LS17 9LE

Music: Neil Hardie and his
Scottish dance Band

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

14th October 2017 Highland and Scottish National Workshop

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

1st - 3rd Dec 2017 Malhamdale Weekend

The cost of the weekend is £200, and
a deposit of £75 by the 1st of June will
secure your place. There is a limit on
places due to the size of the
dance floor.

Teacher: William Williamson
Music: Màrtainn Skene

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

Summer Term 2017

W/C 5 June till W/C 3 July

Fees: £4.00 per class

Multi Class term ticket £30 for a short
term to 22 May or £60 to 3 July

Members 10 week ticket £35

(all fees half price for those in full time education)

Autumn Term 2017

W/C 4 September

till W/C 11 December

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 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
Hawsworth Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds, LS5 3QE
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Sunday Afternoon

1.45- 3.45pm
Askwith Village Hall, Askwith, LS21 2JB
June 4th, July 2nd 2017.

For dancers with a good knowledge of
steps and figures and with ambition to
extend their repertoire. All welcome.

Further Information

www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

For further information and details, application
forms, dance cribs and the Branch shop etc.

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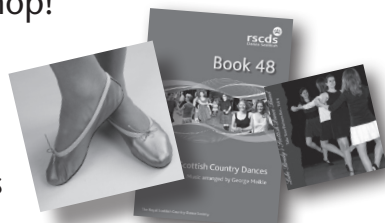
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

2017-2018 Membership Form

Please Return the Completed Form

Name/s

Address

Postcode

Tel No

E Mail

If you do **not** wish us to use this e-mail address to send you newsletters or information on Leeds Branch events please tick here
Hard copy newsletters will be available for collection at classes and Leeds Branch dances.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Please tick appropriate **New Annual** **Annual Renewal**

Please tick one box only		Please tick one box only	
Adult 25+	£25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Youth aged 12-17	£12.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
plus £4 if newsletters require posting	£29.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	plus £4 if newsletters require posting	£16.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Joint <i>Two people residing at the same address</i>	£38.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Subscription	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
plus £4 if newsletters require posting	£42.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>for non Leeds Branch Members & Life Members</i>	
Young Adult aged 18-24	£19.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose Cheque/Cash for	£ <input type="text"/>
plus £4 if newsletters require posting	£23.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	(Cheques payable to RSCDS Leeds Branch)	

Gift Aid: The Society are putting together a Gift Aid scheme whereby they are able to obtain a refund of Income Tax paid by members on our Branch annual subscriptions. Leeds Branch Committee have agreed that we will allow the Society to claim this refund on our Branch membership income in addition to the Society fees. This will provide approximately £100 per annum for the Society from Leeds Branch membership fees.

Please indicate below if your Membership Fees are being paid out of income which was subject to UK Income Tax (including earned income and pensions). Please enter 'Y' or 'N' in both boxes.

2017-18 subs: **2016-17 subs:** **Signed:**

Your subscription includes:- 2 issues of the Scottish Country Dancer Magazine, posted directly to your home address, 4 issues of the Branch newsletter and discount on entry to branch dances.

You should have already received issues of the Scottish Country Dancer Magazine.

If you have not received any of these please tick this box.

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**Please send the completed form with payment (Cheques payable to RSCDS Leeds Branch) to:
Brenda Burnell, 208 Moseley Wood Gardens, Leeds LS16 7JE. Tel 0113 267 6655**

RSCDS LEEDS BRANCH DAY SCHOOL SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER 2017



VENUE St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds LS16 5JT
TEACHER Deb Lees
MUSICIAN Ian Slater

This year we are delighted to have Deb Lees with us. She began dancing as an 18 year old student at Newcastle University and has never stopped since. She brings a wealth of experience from teaching at home and abroad. Come and enjoy the pleasure of Deb's enthusiastic teaching and Ian Slater's sublime music, in the company of old friends and new.

10.00am - 10.30am Reception and Coffee
10.30am - 12.45pm **Morning Session**
12.45pm - 2.00pm Lunch. Please make your own provision for lunch, drinks provided.
2.00pm - 4.15pm **Afternoon Session**
7.30pm Social dancing at St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds LS16 5JT to the **Susan MacFaydyen Band**

Please fill in the form and send it with your remittance and a S.A.E. if you require a paper receipt or provide an email address if you would prefer an electronic receipt to:

Mrs Mairi Devlin, 15 Grange View, Otley LS21 2SE. Tel: 07745 552839
email: mairidevlin@btinternet.com



APPLICATION FORM

RSCDS LEEDS BRANCH - DAY SCHOOL 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Name	Morning Session Adults £10 Students £5 Under 16s £3 £
Address	Afternoon Session Adults £10 Students £5 Under 16s £3 £
.....	Evening Dance £8 for RSDCS members, £9 for non-members £
.....	(Evening dance prices include a £1 reduction for those attending during the day)
.....	Amount enclosed £
.....	(Please make cheques payable to 'Leeds Branch RSCDS', and enclose a SAE)
Post Code	Signature
Tel. No.	Would you like a map? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address	Would you like a list of places to eat? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
	(Tick as appropriate)