

# Dancers' Newsletter

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# News from the Chair

#### Hello everyone!

This time of year always brings mixed feelings, it's lovely to be able to get back into the garden with the spring flowers or out walking with the better weather (sorry, yes I am a fair weather walker!) but it's also a reminder that our dancing season is drawing to a close.

However.. we have plenty of dancing still to enjoy before that time arrives. We have two evening Branch dances in May and June as well as an afternoon "Spring Fling for Ilkley" in May. Depending on when you are reading this you may have already found our new venue for the May and June evening dances - Holy Trinity Church Hall, Meanwood - or you may not have had the opportunity to attend the dances yet. The committee members who have seen the hall report that it's a lovely venue, though we will still be using St Chad's and other halls when we need slightly more space. We hope that you like the new venue so it would be fantastic to see you at either of the Branch dances

- feedback on the venue to committee members is always welcome.

Our Sunday workshops continue through to July with the focus for June and July being the White Rose Festival open to anyone - more details on the workshops can be found on the Branch website: www.rscdsleeds.org. uk - these are great fun with a very relaxed atmosphere so if you are free on either of the Sundays feel free to pop along and join us.

Which brings me neatly onto the White Rose Festival on 13th July 2019 - our final event of the season and one which I know everyone looks forward to with a mixture of nerves for the afternoon dancing (will I remember the dances?) and joy for the evening dance, a chance to forget the nerves and enjoy a superb dance. Look out for the sign-up sheets at classes or join us as a spectator - on sunny afternoons there is no better place to be.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerry Yates for his superb MC skills over the past years at the festival,

#### **Future Newsletters**

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

Please send all copy for future newsletters to Irene Dracup 21 Lawns Drive, Leeds LS12 5RJ Tel:0113 2631310 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.

he became the voice of the festival and will be a tough act to follow.

Sadly this year our Scarborough weekend drew to a close, it has been a fantastic weekend over the years but for unknown reasons the numbers have dropped off. The committee and I would like to express our deep gratitude and thanks to Yvonne Tredgett and Derek Kendall for their skills in organising and running the Scarborough weekend so successfully over the years.

Looking forward to next season - we start on 21st September at Queen's Hall with our day school, forms available soon, dancing in the evening to Colin Dewar - what better way to start a season? If you haven't been for a while we would love to see you again, why not come and join us in September for a fantastic day with Heather Cowan and a superb evening with Colin Dewar?

**Happy Dancing** Claire

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?

# Articles for Newsletter

I know you're out there somewhere and I know you aren't really shy; so why am I not receiving more articles for the Newsletter? There is always plenty of chatter on Facebook so please tell us about the dances and events that you have been to, incidents during travelling, funny moments, favourite dances etc. We are not just interested; we are downright nosy so come on, spill the beans.

Irene Dracup

### Joins us for the

Sunday Afternoon White Rose Dances Workshops

**ALL WELCOME** 

# 2nd June & July 7th 2019 Sundays 1.30 to 4pm with juice break Askwith Village Hall, Askwith, LS21 2JB

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.

#### **Teacher: Catherine Livsey**

Tel: 01484 515257

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# Social Dance Social Dance

Holy Trinity Community Hall, Memorial Drive, Meanwood, Leeds, LS6 4LF

Music: Robert Whitehead Trio MC: Jan & Geoff Robinson

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

#### **Programme**

Good Hearted Glasgow 8x32 J Collins SCD
Orpington Caledonians 8x32 R RSCDS Book 49
Castle Douglas 8x32 S Goldring 22 Social Dances
Welcome to Ayr 8x32 J RSCDS Book 47
The Morrison Measure 5x32 R Goldring: A Reel for Alice
The Glengarry Homestead 4x32 S The Kangaroo Paw

Liquid Assets 8x32 J Drewry, Stoneywood Collection

Dancing in the Street 4x32 R RSCDS Book 42

#### **INTERVAL**

MacDonald of Keppoch 128 M RSCDS Book 49 8x32 | RSCDS Book 52 The Aviator Findlater Castle 8x32 R Forbes, Jubilee Book Fair Donald 8x32 S RSCDS Book29 The Wandering Wallaby 4x32 | RSCDS Book 50 The Glenalmond 8x40 R Drewry, Bankhead Book 6 Gamekeeper George Senyk, scd in Indian River Strathspey 3x32 S diagrams Follow Me Home 8x32 | RSCDS Book 38

#### **EXTRAS**

St Andrew's Fair 8x32 J Goldring 5 SCDs 1962
The College Hornpipe 8x32 R RSCDS Book 20
The Minister on the Loch 3x32 S Goldring Magazine Dances 2005-2009

All dances will be recapped



# **Highland Day School**

Disappointingly I wasn't able to go to the Highland Day School this year. So far I haven't heard how it went or received anything for the Newsletter so this leaves a number of cliff hangers.

Did everyone master 'Blue Bonnets' and 'The Fling'?

What was the discussion over lunch?

How many ladies did Adrian go out to dinner with and how does his reputation stand now?

Answers from someone in the next Newsletter, please!

Irene Dracup

# A few answers to start the ball rolling-

We mastered the Fling and Shepherd's Crook and got a good grasp of Blue Bonnets to enable us to go away and practice.

I can't really remember the discussions over lunch but many subjects were covered with much hilarity.

Adrian only attended the morning session, so in the afternoon he went off to have his hair cut. He found the below barber's in a local garden centre. I did wonder if he would come back with a topiary style cut.



After the day school Adrian and five ladies went off for tea at a lovely Greek resautant the Amalthea Café Bistro & Deli, located in Adel. So Adrian's reputation was intact, but not the record.

A great deal of fun is had so way not give the next Highland workshop a go on 5th October 2019.



Blue Bonnets -Highland Day School

# **2020**SPRING FLING IS SPREADING ITS WING...

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.

# DATES, DATES, DATES

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

#### 2019

#### **Saturday 15 June** Social Dance 7.30pm **VENUE CHANGE!**

Holy Trinity Community Church Hall, Memorial Drive, Meanwood, Leeds LS6 4LF

Music: Robert Whitehead Trio MCs: Jan & Geoff Robinson

## **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

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#### Saturday 21 September

**Day School 10am-4.15pm** Queen's Hall 294 Harrogate Rd Leeds LS17 6LE

Music: Ian Slater Teacher: Heather Cowan

## Social Dance 7pm-10pm Note new start time!

Queen's Hall 294 Harrogate Rd Leeds LS17 6LE

Music: Colin Dewar MC: Debbie Crossley

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.

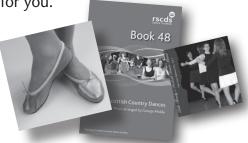
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If you would like anything else we don't stock we are happy to try and get it for you.

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#### **Classes**

#### 2019

#### Summer Term

W/C 29 April to W/C 20 May W/C 3 June to W/C 8 July

**Autumn Term** 

W/C 9 September to W/C 16 December

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 **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

No class after Spring Bank holiday 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**

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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