

Leeds Branch, Dancers' Newsletter

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White Rose Festival 2015

Future Newsletters

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

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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.

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From the Chair...

Hello Everyone

It's time to start looking forward to the new season of dancing.

All classes will be in full swing from week commencing 7 September 2015. Do come along.

Our first event of the season is our Day School, taught this year by Di Rooney with music by Ian Slater. My application is in already. If you haven't completed yours yet a form is enclosed and I look forward to seeing you there. The date is 19 September 2015 and it will

be a great day followed by an evening dance to the Alan Ross Duo, also not to be missed.

Membership is now due, so while you're completing the Day School form perhaps you could complete this one too.

There's also an application form for the Highland and Scottish National Day School on 17 October 2015. This will be taught by Catherine Livsey. Please fill in the form if you are interested or if you prefer to, you can e-mail me at glyn.cup@virginmedia.com to register your interest. The usual participants

are quite wide ranging in skill, or lack of it, so don't be intimidated come along and give it a try.

A form is enclosed for a further series of Back to Basics Workshops. If you don't want to come yourself please pass the form on to someone who might find the course useful.

The evening dance on 17 October 2015 will be to Phill Jones. Come along and join us for the AGM at 7pm in the side hall and 7.30pm for the dance at St Margaret's Church Hall at Horsforth.

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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.

From the Chair continued

Then in November:

RSCDS York & North Humberside Branch
invite you to join them at their

40th Anniversary Ball

Luke Brady's Band
Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster, LS24 9JB

Saturday, November 21, 2015
7.30 - 11.00 pm

Price: £18 Spectators: £10
Admission by Ticket Only
Formal dress preferred

In the presence of the RSCDS
Chairman & Chairman-elect

I'll be there and hope to see you too. A programme appears later in the Newsletter.

Once again, sadly, I have to report two deaths. They are Brenda Morris and Ruth Cheney who both died suddenly.

Brenda was a staunch supporter of all our classes and dances and they will seem strange without her as will the Ilkley class without Ruth. Brenda and Ruth will both be missed by us all and our thoughts are with their families.

At our June dance we danced a dance written by Catherine Livsey in memory of Brenda. I think that



Brenda Morris

she would have liked it. It is lively and happy, as she was. If you would like a copy of the dance contact Catherine Livsey on 01484 515257 email catherine@cld-design.co.uk

In most of the pictures that I have seen of Ruth she had either a viola or a baby in her arms. That suggests to me that she also had a happy life.

Dancing adds happiness to most lives. Ruth and Brenda will be with us in spirit, I'm sure, at our classes and dances in the future.

Irene Dracup

September Day School

19th September

St Chad's Parish Centre

The teacher for our annual Day School is Di Rooney, who was a very popular teacher at one of our Malhamdale weekends and who teaches regularly at the RSCDS Summer School in St Andrews.

Our musician for the day is Ian Slater, so we can be sure of lively music to set our feet tapping.

Come along, catch up with dancing friends and enjoy a Day of Dance to get your new dancing season off to a great start.

Further details from Janet Brayson
Email: janetbrayson1@gmail.com
and on the Branch website
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

Saturday 19th September 2015, 7.30pm

SOCIAL DANCE

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

Music: Alan Ross Duo **MC:** Veronica Hughes
Admission: £9 Non-member £10, Full time Education £3,

Programme

Maxwell's Rant	8x32 R	Book 18
The Wild Geese	8x32 J	Book 24
Alison Rose	4x32 S	Imperial II
Tutor's Choice	Reel/Jig	
The Barmkin	4x32 R	Graded 2
Sugar Candie	8x32 S	Book 26
The Weathercock	4x32 J	Graded 2
The Montgomeries Rant	8x32 R	Book 10

INTERVAL

Major Ian Stewart	8x32 J	Book 35
The Miller of Sessnie	5x32 R	Goldring 15 Social Dances
Tutor's Choice	Strathspey	
Quarries' Jig	8x32 J	Book 36
Mrs Macpherson of Inveran	8x32 R	Collins A Guide to SCD
The Dream Catcher	1x96 S	Book 45
Seton's Ceilidh Band	4x64 J	Collins A Guide to SCD
Duke of Perth	8x32 R	Book 1

Extras

The Deil among the Tailors	8x32 R	Book 14
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	Book 46
Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	MMM II
Butterscotch and Honey	4X32 S	Attwood Alexander Leaflets

All dances will be recapped

Good news of Ivy Lawson



Many of you will remember the indomitable Ivy Lawson, our veteran dancer who finally hung up her shoes at the age of 90 years. Well, she is still indomitable. The following words are from a letter sent to me by her niece Diane.

After suffering a severe illness last February, Ivy has been recuperating in a care home near her family in Thornton Cleveleys, on the Fylde Coast. She has made a good recovery and is enjoying full time care and this is now going to be her permanent home.

As you may know, Ivy was diagnosed with Alzheimer's about 5 years ago and has been looked after by the Bramley Memory Services and carers for some time now. With the great support of friends and neighbours, she has been able to stay in her own home and, soon to celebrate her 95th birthday, has decided that the time is right to move nearer to her family.

All of her family live quite close; nephew Keith and Dorothy are in the process of buying a house nearby and niece Diane, her husband Bill, their daughters and grandchildren live just a few minutes away, so Ivy has lots of visitors.

She is making the most of all the activities available in the home, especially the day trips, a walk on the Cleveleys promenade and an ice cream is favourite! She is even teaching some of the carers how to dance!! She loves to play board games and is very competitive so that she is now undisputed queen of the cards and dominoes club.

Ivy sends her best wishes and would love to hear from you. Although she has no short term memory, she has fond recollections of her times with the Scottish Dancing team, Gerry Thrushel's birdwatching group, the Mother's Union and St. Peters Church at Bramley, The Bramley History Society (of which she was a founder member) and also her happy days out with Bramley Elderly Action.

Please keep in touch. Letters can be sent to:
Mrs I. Lawson, c/ Mrs D. Green, 15 Burns Avenue, Poets Corner, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 2SZ.

Ivy was my neighbour for 44 years. I have been privileged to know her and witness her zest for life and people. A very sociable lady, with friends who were all over the world, she was undaunted by what life threw at her. She was, and is, a great example of making the most of what she had and getting the best out of it. The three dances devised for her by Brenda really reflected the measure of "our Ivy". Although Ivy left it a bit late to start Scottish Country dancing (75 years of age) she didn't do half bad.

She had an inbuilt feeling for the music (which she truly loved) and had had a lot of experience of ceilidh dancing from her many visits to Scotland. She always got to the right place at the right time, even if sometimes she needed a teeny bit of steering in the latter part of her career. Her ability of ballroom dancing was quite unique for one of her age and certainly she amazed the congregation during a social evening in The Tarbet Hotel when on holiday in Scotland during her 90th year. In fact that evening, by example, she rekindled the love and ability to dance in someone who had been a prolific dancer, who had been struck with cancer - and beaten it, but had lost her confidence to dance. Ivy's presence encouraged this lady to take up the threads again. So when you dance the three cracking dances that Brenda devised - "A Dance for Ivy" (79th birthday), "All the Eights" (88th birthday) and the exhilarating "Nifty Ninety" (90th birthday), be sure that the spirit of Ivy will be dancing them with you.

Kathie D.

Saturday 17th October 2015, 7.00pm

**AGM followed by
SOCIAL DANCE**

**St Margaret's Church Hall,
Horsforth, LS18 5LQ**

Music: Phill Jones **MC:** Julie Harrison

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

Programme

Granville Market	8x32 J	2nd Graded Book SCDs
The Sailor	8x32 R	Book 24
Sugar Candie	8x32 S	Book 26
The Chequered Court	8x32 J	Book 42
The Piper and the Penguin	1x88 R	Scotia Suite
The Flower of Glasgow	3x32 S	Book 46
Reel of the 51st Division	8x32 R	Book 13
Gothenburg's Welcome	8x32 J	Book 37

INTERVAL

Gaelforce Wind	8x32 J	3rd Graded Book of SCDs
Miss Johnson of Ardrossan	5x32 R	14 Social Dances
The Trysting Place	8x32 S	Book 35
The Weathercock	4x32 J	Graded II
The Westminster Reel	8x32 R	Book 45
City of Belfast	3x32 S	Book 48
Follow Me Home	8x32 J	Book 38
Lothian Lads	8x32 R	Drewry Brodie Book

Extras

MacLeod's Fancy	4x32 J	Book 33
Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	Goldring RSCDS Leaflets
Neidpath Castle	3x32 S	Book 22

All dances will be recapped

The RSCDS Archive Is Now Available Online

As Branch secretary I recently received the information below from RSCDS headquarters. It may be of interest to those of you interested in the history of the Society. All members should be able to log in... enter your email address and you should then be able to set up a password (if you have not already done so) or use the temporary password "pass123". If this doesn't work please contact the Society and ask to speak to Mike Greenwood.

Betty Hagart

We are pleased to announce that the RSCDS Archive is available online through our website for everyone to browse through and enjoy!

After years of hard work collecting, cataloguing and digitizing material, many great pictures, texts, pieces of music, cribs, etc. are accessible online. Though the Archive

is constantly expanding, we are extremely pleased at the material we have and have been waiting patiently to share it with the world.

In order to access the Archive, you must either be a Member of the Society, or a Registrant. If you are a Member, please log-in to the website with your Username and Password, and the link to the Archive will become available. If you are not a Member, please register with the RSCDS website by going to www.rscds.org and click on "Register" at the top right hand corner.

We could not have attempted this project without the help of many individuals and volunteers. Thanks must be given to our resident Archivist Orla O'Brien, Honorary Society Archivist Alan Macpherson, and of course previous Archivists who were a part of the journey; including Dr. Alastair MacFadyen, who recently passed away.

The Society would also like to thank The Heritage Lottery Fund for helping to fund this project and assist the Society in making all of this amazing content available to the public.

Last but certainly not least, we would like to thank our Members and all the Scottish Country Dancers out there. Without your contributions and sheer passion for dance, the Archive would not have been a success. Please accept our sincerest gratitude.

If you have any questions about the Archive please get in touch with Orla O'Brien and she will be happy to help.

Keep dancing and keep contributing!

Leeds Branch AGM

Leeds Branch Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Annual General Meeting will take place on 17th October 2015 at 7.00 pm prompt, at St Margaret's Church Hall, Horsforth LS18 5LQ.

The meeting will take place in the side room. This will allow the musician, non-members, and members unable to attend the meeting to come into the main hall ready for the dance without fear of disturbing the meeting.

Please come along and have your say. The agenda is below and a nomination form is enclosed.

Last years minutes were in the November newsletter. Spare copies will be available at the meeting.

AGENDA

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| 1. Apologies | 6. White Rose Festival Report |
| 2. Minutes of the last AGM | 7. Chairman's Report |
| 3. Matters Arising | 8. Election of Officers and Committee |
| 4. Secretary's Report | 9. Any Other Business |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | 10. Date of next AGM |

21st November 2015, 7.30pm RSCDS York & North Humberside Branch 40th Anniversary Ball Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster, LS24 9JB

Music: Luke Brady's Band

Price: £ 18 Spectators: £ 10

(Admission by Ticket Only - Formal dress preferred)

Programme

Maxwell's Rant	R	32 x 8	Book 18
Quarries Jig	J	32 x 8	Book 36
Monymusk	S	32 x 8	Book 11
Round Reel of Eight	R	88 x 1	Book 27
Links with St Petersburg	J	32 x 8	Book 46
Rougemont Castle	S	32 x 3	Book 48
Knights Heys	R	32 x 8	7 Year Itch
Midnight Oil	J	32 x 5	Bankhead 3
Sands of Morar	S	32 x 8	Book 45
Montgomeries Rant	R	32 x 8	Book 10

INTERVAL

Anniversary Reel	R	32 x 4	Book 36
Barbara's Strathspey	S	32 x 8	Book 47
Chequered Court	J	32 x 8	Book 42
The Countess of Dunmore's Reel	R	32 x 8	Book 49
Staffin Harvest	S	32 x 4	Book 5/82
Pelorus Jack	J	32 x 8	Book 42
City of Belfast	S	32 x 3	Book 48
Follow me Home	J	32 x 8	Book 38
Reel of the Royal Scots	R	32 x 8	RSCDS Leaflet

Extras

The Sailor	R	32 x 8	Book 24
Kendall's Hornpipe	J	32 x 6	Graded 1

All dances will be recapped

White Rose Festival 2015



The most important ingredient for a good dancing festival is a number of like-minded people ready to dance with zest. We had those in spades at the White Rose Festival this year. The piping and the Grand March got us all in the mood. Jim Healy the RSCDS Chair opened the Festival and made a presentation of a Branch Award to our

piper Alan Harrison. This was a much deserved award. Alan has performed the piping for the Festival for many years. It is that traditional element that is so important to the atmosphere of the Festival. Alan has also taught both dancing and piping as well as displaying his own elegant dancing and excellent piping in demonstration teams at home and abroad. Congratulations and thanks to Alan.

The music is another essential ingredient and Neil Barron and his Band kept our feet tapping throughout the afternoon and evening.

I could go on but I'm sure that you would rather see what others have to say. Here are a few of the comments we have received:

"Yesterday's festival was brilliant! Well done and thank you to all the organisers!" Katy Ellerton

"Great Day at the White Rose Festival on Saturday. Thank you to my teams for dancing so well, I was really proud of you all, especially in the demo dances. Thank you all." Catherine Livsey

"We from Alderley Caledonian thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and want to come again next year. Some of us stayed for the excellent evening dance, too, what great music from Neil Barron. Thanks for all your organisation."

"Thank you for a wonderful day of dancing. The music was fantastic & your meticulous planning (including the weather) made it a day to remember. Roll on next year." Louise MacDougall

"Congratulations upon a great day; even the weather was about perfect - fine but not hot. The programme of dances - demonstration, massed and evening - was the best for years. All good dances with interesting points, but not overly difficult. You could concentrate upon the dancing, not the dance!" Richmond

Thank you to all the participants and to those who have added photographs and videos to our Facebook page. I have enjoyed looking at them.

Next year the date is 9 July 2016. I look forward to seeing you all again. Please tell your friends how much fun it is and bring them along.

Irene Dracup



Musicians' Workshop

Saturday 30th January 2016

Adel Methodist Hall, Gainsborough Avenue,
Adel, Leeds, LS16 7PQ

The workshop sessions will be led by Scottish fiddler Keith Smith from Ardnamurchan. He is best known for his interpretation of Scottish Fiddle music, both modern and traditional. He is an accomplished performer and recording artist, notably of Scottish Country Dance music with pianist Muriel Johnstone with whom he has played since 1994.

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



For further details and/or to
register initial interest please
contact Heather Foote
Tel: 0113 255 0860
email: heather@feete.org

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2015

Saturday 19 September Day School

Registration & coffee 10.00am
Morning session 10.30am - 12.45pm
Afternoon session 2.00pm - 4.15pm
St Chad's Parish Centre,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Teacher: Di Rooney.
Music: Ian Slater

Saturday 19 September Social Dance, 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Alan Ross Trio

Saturday 3, 10, 24 and 31 October 2015

Back to Basics Workshops 2.30pm - 4.45pm

Adel Methodist Church Hall,
Gainborough Avenue, Adel,
Leeds LS16 7PQ
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Saturday 17 October Highland & Scottish National Day School

Registration & coffee 10.00am
Morning session 10.30am - 12.30pm
Afternoon session 1.30pm - 3.30pm
St Giles Church Hall,
Bramhope, LS16 9BA.
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Saturday 17 October AGM 7.00pm followed by Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,
Horsforth LS18 5LQ
Music: Phill Jones

Saturday 21 November York & North Humberside 40th Anniversary Ball

Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster, LS24 9JB
Music: Luke Brady Band

Monday 14th December Adel Tea Dance, 1.45 - 3.45pm

Adel Methodist Church, LS16 9PQ
Music: Ian Slater

Saturday 19 December Joint Christmas Dance with Leeds SCDC, 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: George Meikle & Lothian Band

2016

Saturday 16 January Social Dance 7.30pm

Venue TBC 7.30pm
Music: Ian Muir

Thursday 28th January Burns Celebration Dance 2.00 - 4.00pm

Ilkley St Margaret's, Queen's Rd,
LS29 9QL
Music: Ian Slater

Saturday 20 February Social Dance 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre,
Leeds, LS16 5JT
Music: Ian Slater

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 stock a wide ranging selection of items for Scottish Country Dancers including books, cds and shoes.

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

See www.rscdsleeds.uk for full details.
or email: sales@rscdsleeds.uk @RSCDSLeeds

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Classes

Autumn Term 2015

W/C 7 September 2015 to
W/C 14 December 2015

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, Julie Harrison

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
Teachers: Brenda Burnell, Stella Summers
If the door is locked please ring:
07932 486340 to gain entry

Friday Evening (Children)

5-15 to 6-45pm
Hawthorn Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds, LS5 3QE
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Sunday Afternoon

4 October, 1 November, 6 December 2015
10 January, 7 February, 13 March, 3 April,
8 May 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

Contact Betty Hagart - Branch Secretary,
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forms, dance cribs and the Branch shop etc.

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