

# Leeds Branch Dancers Newsletter

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*Dancers enjoying the evening dance at the Malhamdale Weekend*

## Future Newsletters

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

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## From the Chair ...

At last we are heading towards lighter nights and warmer weather.

We have some great events ahead of us. Firstly the Children's Festival with music from Ian Slater. This is a great afternoon so why not come along and support the children. It is lovely seeing them all enjoying themselves and having fun. This is followed by the Branch dance with music from Ian Slater and the MC for the evening will be Jean Dyson with a programme of old and new dances for us to enjoy.

On the 30 April we have the

Highland day school. We will be working on the Highland dances for the White Rose Festival. These are accessible for all. It is great fun, so why not give it a go.

We then have the May Social with music from David Hall and excellent programme from Helen Brown.

We will shortly be asking people if you wish to dance at the White Rose Festival on 9th July. If you would like to take part please sign one of the list's or let your class teacher know you wish to take part. If you don't attend one of the Branch classes and would like

to dance please let me know and I will fit you into a team.

Please continue to support the Branch classes. The best way to do this is by buying a multi-term ticket which allows you to attend as many classes in the week as you wish. Please note the Brackenwood class has moved to a new venue, details inside this newsletter.

Lastly for the 50th anniversary of the Branch in 2012 we would like to publish a book of dances. If you have any dances for consideration please submit them to me if possible with music by 1st November 2011.

Here's to some great dancing.  
**Catherine Livsey**

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Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

The Branch web site is [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk) Why not give it a try.

# Brackenwood class news

With an increase in rent and more and more potholes appearing in the approach road, the Brackenwood class decided to look for somewhere new to hold the class. There are lots of church halls in the area but all seemed well used. Lidgett Park Methodist Church was found with a lower rent, a well lit car park with a good surface and best of all a good floor. In fact there are two halls with good floors but usually the second one is being used. The heating is being upgraded in the buildings so once this is finished we should be very cosy and at home in our new venue. The Brackenwood class will now become the Thursday class.

Ironically the approach road to the Community Centre was re-surfaced within two weeks of us leaving there! However, the car park is still very uneven and a hazard for cars.

We held our Burns' supper on January 20th when most dancers could attend. Sadly Ian's address to the haggis was only celebrated with water as we are now in a Methodist hall! The supper was good and the dancing lively.

The group would like to congratulate Sou Moi in passing her Teacher's certificate. She put the class through their paces on many occasions and can now teach the class unobserved. Well done Sou Moi!

## Congratulations

The Branch would like to congratulate Sou Moi on passing her RSCDS teaches certificate. We look forward to her teaching classes for the branch.

## Thank You

Thanks to Catherine for your work towards the dancing at Rogerthorpe Manor and St Bartholomew's Church. Dancers at both events enjoyed themselves. A comment made is that Rogerthorpe Manor gets better every year!

*Lesley*

**Sat 19th March 2011 7.30pm**

### SOCIAL DANCE

**West Park Centre, Spen Lane**

**Music:** Ian Slater **MC:** Jean Dyson

**Admission:** £8, Non-member £9, Full time Education £3,  
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

#### Programme

The Happy Meeting	8x32 J	Book 29
The Cumbrae Reel	8x32 R	Book 28
The Rose of the North	8x32 S	Leeds 25th Anniv.
Muirland Willie	8x32 J	Book 21
Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32 R	Drewry - Collins
Monymusk	8x32 S	Book 11
Campbell's Frolic	8x32 J	Book 15
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 R	Goldring - 14 for 2000

#### INTERVAL

The Kelloholm Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet 32
The Ladies of Dunse	8x40 R	Book 26
Argyll Strathspey	8x32 S	Book 35
Old Nick's Lumber Room	8x32 J	Book 26
The Royal Deeside Railway	8x32 R	Book 40
The Minister on the Loch	3x32 S	RSCDS 2008 - Goldring
Mrs. Stuart's Jig	8x32 J	Book 35
Maxwell's Rant	8x32 R	Book 18

#### Extras

EH3 7AF	8 x 32 J	Book 40
The Rev. John MacFarlane	4 x 32 R	Book 37
S-Locomotion	4 x 32 S	Book 41

## Branch Shop

Visit your branch shop for lots of new offerings particularly books.

#### CDs

- All the RSCDS CDs are in stock including Book 7, 17 and 46 as well as:
- Special Requests Volume 8 - Colin Dewar - £13
- Ah 'm Askin' - Glencairn Scottish Dance Band - £12
- Highlander Scottish Dances Volume 14 - Craigievar Scottish Dance Band - £12
- Fisherman's Reel - Marian Anderson and her Band - £12

#### Books

Recent books include some new such as:

- The Kandahar Reel - £4
- Ayr Branch 75th Anniversary Book (and CD - £10)
- Ribble Valley Branch Book (and CD - £15)
- A Trip to Tasmania - by Frances Wallace - £8

And some old books from as far as the USA to Japan, John Drewry, Iain Boyd and Ian Barbour as well as many others.

#### Shoes

Full range of ghillies, ballet shoes, pumps plus others to order. Our insoles are great for softening the impact of hard floors on your feet.

**If you would like any thing else we are happy to try and get it for you. See [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk) for full details.**

**Please support your Branch shop!**

# Newcastle Festival

Once again we danced at the Newcastle Festival. No prizes this year but the teams danced well. We got some lovely comments "beautifully phased and danced" "Good covering in right hand turns." The dances we performed were Gothenburg's Welcome and Sands of Morar

I would like to thank all members of the team Joyce, Pat, Geoff, Hugh, Isabel, Don, Heather, Adrian, Kathie, Clare and Nicola for their hard work and time.

The Festival was well attended this year with teams from all over the world and the dancing standard was high. It is well worth a day out to watch.



## Autumn in the Lake District - Walking and Scottish Country Dancing



### SCOTTISH DANCING WEEKEND IN WEYMOUTH

13th - 16th January 2012,

Teacher: Mervyn Short,  
Musician: Robert Mackay. Price  
£165pp; open to non dancing  
partners at £135pp. Staying at  
the Prince Regent Hotel,  
139 The Esplanade, Weymouth  
DT4 7NR.

The weekend is suitable for  
experienced dancers with  
classes on Saturday and Sunday  
mornings, dances on Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday evenings  
to recorded music. For an  
application form please contact  
Lesley Enoch on 0113  
2777113, or email:  
l.enoch@btinternet.com

Once again Heather, Pat and Gerry are organising an autumn walking and dancing break at 'Glaramara' in the Lake District. This will run from Sunday, 16th to Thursday, 20th October. Last year's event was a great success and we are anticipating a good response this year. We aim to attract dancers with a love of the outdoors from other areas as well as Leeds so that you can meet new friends as well as get to know the existing ones a little better. We all know there is nothing better than a good walk for getting to know people.

The house itself is comfortable and welcoming with excellent food, the walking is wonderful and the dancing, organised by Gerry, is of course superb! Application forms will be available at dances and classes from now on. Why not come along, we would love to see you there.

Heather Craven (01943 461705)

Pat Hynes (01132 691791)

Gerry Yates (01422 356446)

# Junior News

We are already half way through the dancing year! We have had our ups and downs so far but with plenty of dancing and practising. With careful planning of dance combinations for various festivals, the younger dancers should already know half of the dances for the rest of the year!

Last October the three Leeds groups arrived at Cookridge School to take their Medal Tests. Fiona Turnbull again came as our examiner and the results were good. It is always amazing to see who rises to the occasion and dances better than ever before.

Three Branch girls took their Grade 5 and now Courtney, Lucy and Sarah have a full set of medals for their plaques. Eden took her Grade 4 and Emma her Grade 1. All the girls were ably helped by Rachel and Helen throughout all the grades.

After half term we were into preparing for our annual trip to Darlington but the weather stopped us in our tracks. The Saturday we should have travelled north it was snowing a blizzard when the decision was made to cancel the trip. We were travelling into the snowy area and the prospect of getting stuck with a coach load of tired children was not appealing. It was disappointing but the Gateshead dancers also could not get to Darlington so the whole event was cancelled.

Many classes were cancelled because of the weather but the Friday class was lucky as we had a break in December when everyone gets involved with Christmas activities. However our first class this year had to be cancelled when more snow fell that day. Since then we have been luckier and our practices for Southport went well and have been uninterrupted. Last Saturday we were off to Southport. There were serious doubts on the Friday again about the weather. A ferocious wind blew but calmed down on Saturday, only to return on Sunday. We were very lucky. The three groups travelled together and helped to make up teams for each other. Hannah managed 15 dances and Carla 14 plus 5 round the room dances!



*Southport*

In order to keep using Hawksworth Wood School free of charge we have taken in some local dancers. So we now go in earlier and have time with them. The numbers of new girls is low but those that are coming are showing great promise and we hope they will be able to enjoy at least half the programme at our own Children's Festival in March. Do come and join us on that day to dance or help, we will be pleased to see you.



*Southport, Bonnie Annie solo*

# Roaring Fires, a Winter Wonderland and, of course, the Dancing

As we anticipated our first Malhamdale weekend at Newfield Hall we harboured some uncertainties. Would we get there through the thick snow? Would we fit in with the established regulars? Would we be up to the necessary standard of dancing?

One by one our anxieties were eased. Not only did it stop snowing, but the staff at Newfield Hall had cleared the long driveway up to the Hall and so, without difficulty, we made it to our destination. We were soon put at ease by friendly and familiar faces who helped us to find our room and showed us how to do important tasks like order our sandwiches for the next day. We were soon comfortably seated in armchairs in front of a roaring fire eating delicious scones and chatting to friends old and new.

To complete our enjoyment of the first day we danced a lively programme of dances after dinner to the uplifting music of Phill Jones. Our enjoyment continued throughout the weekend with excellent teaching by Rachel Wilton, accompanied by some great tunes by Phill. The theme for the weekend was 'Circles' and Rachel's clear teaching style and encouragement helped us all to improve our technique, and she taught us new dances in a way that was immediately accessible and enabled us to learn them easily.

On the free Saturday afternoon some walked, others pottered, some rested and others explored the delights of the Dales. The dance on Saturday evening was slightly more challenging, but even more enjoyable. As we packed our belongings and departed after lunch on the Sunday we felt extremely satisfied having experienced two social dances, two excellent half day classes, fantastic music and, of course, the warmth and friendship of Scottish Country dancers. Yvonne did a superb organisational job and Derek was a very patient MC for our dances. A big thank you goes to both of them, Rachel and Phill, and most of all to our fellow dances for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.



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### **Programme**

Kendall's Hornpipe	6x32 J	Graded Book
The Rev John Macfarlane	4x32 R	Book 37
From Scotia's Shores We're Noo Awa'	8x32 S	RSCDS Leaflet
Friends for Reel	8x32 R	Many Happy Hours (Pretoria 35th Anniv.)
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	6x32 J	Book 16
The Dunnington Strathspey*	3x32 S	Dunnington Collection Vol.1
Spiffin'	5x32 J	Chicago 25th
The Sailor	8x32 H	Book 24

### **INTERVAL**

The Machine Without Horses	8x32 J	Book 12
Broadford Bay	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
John McAlpin	8x32 S	RSCDS Leaflet
Links with St Petersburg*	8x32 J	Book 46
The Summer Assembly	1x88 R	Book 35
The Flower of Glasgow	3x32 S	Book 46
Liquid Assets	8x32 J	Stoneywood Collection Vol.2 (Drewry)
Swiss Lassie	8x32 R	Book 39

### **Extras**

Back to the Fireside	8x32 R	Book 38
The Robertson Rant	1x80 S	Book 39
The Chequered Court	8x32 J	Book 42
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	Book 46

\* Will be walked through

# DATES, DATES, DATES

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

## 2011

### Saturday 19 March

#### Childrens Festival

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds

Music: Ian Slater

#### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds

Music: Ian Slater

### Friday 25 -

### Sunday 27 March

#### Scarborough Weekend

Clifton Hotel, Scarborough

Teacher: Andrew McConnell

Musician: George Meikle

Contact Yvonne Tredgett

Tel: 01302 851 174

### Saturday 30 April

#### Highland Day School

This day will look at the Highland Dances for the White Rose Festival

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds 16

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

### Saturday 21 May

#### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds

Music: David Hall

### Saturday 18 June

#### Strawberries & Cream Social

#### Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds

Music: Lindsay Weir Trio

### Saturday 9 July

#### White Rose Festival

#### Afternoon 2-5pm

#### Evening Dance 7-10.30pm

Gateways School, Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LE

Music: Marian Anderson and her Scottish Dance Band

**Full details of these events will be circulated at Branch dances and posted on the Branch web site [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk) where you will find dance programmes and dance reminders.**

## DAY SCHOOL

### Advance Notice:

Our annual Day School will be held on **Saturday 17th September**. The teacher will be Patricia Houghton, with music by Ian Slater. During the morning there will be two sessions: one for dancers with a reasonable amount of experience and a second for less experienced dancers taught by Catherine Livsey to recorded music. The afternoon session will be for everyone.

**Application forms will be available shortly.**

## Classes

### Summer Short Term 2011

WC 2nd May 2011  
to WC 23rd May 2011

### Summer Long Term 2011

WC 2nd May 2011  
to WC 4th July 2011  
No classes WC 30th May Spring Bank

**Fees:** £3.00 per class,

#### Single Class Ticket

Short term costs £12.00

Long term costs £24.00

#### Multi-Class Ticket

Short term costs £20.00

Long term costs £40.00

## Classes

### Monday Afternoon

1.45 - 3.45 - General/Beginner  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ  
Teacher: Don Andrews

### Monday Evening

7.45 - 9.45pm - Experienced  
Calverley Conservative Club,  
Victoria Street, Calverley LS28 5PT  
Teachers: Catherine Livsey, Malcolm Brown

### Tuesday evening

7.45 - 9.45 Intermediate/Beginner  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ  
Teachers: Irene Dracup, Sou Moi Robertson

### Thursday Afternoon

2.00 - 4.00 - General/Beginner  
(2.30 start 3rd Thursday of the month)  
St Margaret's Church Hall, Ilkley LS29 9QL  
Teacher: Don Andrews

### Thursday evening

7.45 - 10.00 - General/beginner  
Lidgett Park Methodist Church, Lidgett Place, Leeds LS8 1HG  
Teachers: Brenda Burnell,  
Sou Moi Robertson

**This class continues all year round**

### Friday evening - children

5.30 - 7.00  
Hawthorn Wood Primary School,  
Broadway, Leeds LS5 3QE  
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

### Sunday afternoon

6 March, 10 April, 8 May,  
12 June & 3 July 2011  
1.45 - 3.45 Askwith Village Hall, Askwith  
Dancers with a good knowledge of steps and figures and with ambitions to extend their repertoire. All Welcome  
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

For more information see [www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk)