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Dancing at the White Rose Festival July 2013

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.

If for some reason you don't receive a copy of the Branch newsletter please contact Brenda Burnell on 0113 267 6655.

Please note the next newsletter will be available at the December Dance.

From the Chair...

Hello Everyone. For once we have had a proper summer and I hope that everyone has taken full advantage of it and enjoyed themselves. Our White Rose Festival was superb, basking in glorious sunshine.

For all of you who are 'online', we have a Facebook page at RSCDS Leeds Branch. Thank you to Robin Walford for setting this up and dragging us into the 21st century. Until 200 individuals have clicked on the page, Robin's name, rather than RSCDS Leeds, will be attached to it. In order to 'free' Robin, if you are able to, please go to the page and click something. As we don't have 200 members you might ask your family and friends to visit the page too. Better still, you could bring some potential new members along to classes. The new season begins week commencing 9 September 2013. All welcome.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in beginners classes or workshops please let me know. A back to basics workshop is arranged for 15 February 2014 but we would be happy to arrange something earlier if there is enough interest.

The Scarborough weekend date has been changed because of difficulties with the hotel. It will now be 14 to 16 March 2014 at the Esplanade Hotel. This is an unfortunate clash with our Children's Festival but I am sure that those of you with Children's Groups will prioritise the Children's Festival. For others the Scarborough weekend is to be recommended. A good time is had by all. If you are not going to the Scarborough weekend, we have Neil Barron playing for us at the evening dance at St Margaret's Hall at Horsforth on 15 March 2014. Do join us there. It's sure to be a great evening.

One more reminder about the Newsletter! If you would like to receive yours by e-mail and haven't already let me know, please e-mail glyn.cup@virginmedia.com. If you have articles or just want to comment or express opinions about branch events feel free to e-mail me. I will be pleased to hear from you. If you don't have e-mail please speak to me at dances or classes.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon, refreshed after the summer and raring to go. Our first event is the Day School on 21st September with Janet Johnston as teacher and Ian Slater as musician at St Chad's Parish Centre. In the evening we have Nicol McLaren and the Glenraig Band. A wonderful start to the season! I'll be there and I hope you will be too.

Irene Dracup

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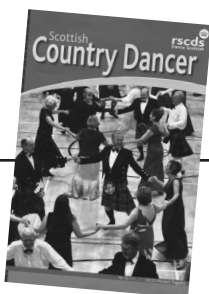
Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

The Branch web site is www.rscdsleeds.org.uk Why not give it a try.

Evaluation Class for Book 48

We have been invited by Richmond RSCDS to attend their evaluation class for dances for Book 48 on Sunday 15th September at Cleasby Village Hall, near Darlington from 2.00-4.30pm, Joy Bradshaw will be guiding us through the dances; this is a different set of dances to those we have been evaluating in classes. The cost is free to RSCDS members and £1.00 for non-members. If you are interested in going please phone: 0113 2777113 or email: l.enoch@btinternet.com, so that I can let Jan know how many Leeds dancers will be going. Lesley

Scottish Country Dancer Magazine



If you have not received any of your Scottish Country Dancer magazine, please contact Brenda Burnell on 0113 267 6655.

Sat 21st September 2013 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds

Music: Nicol McLaren & the Glencaig Band
MC: MC Betty Hagart

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

Programme

Good Hearted Glasgow	8x32 J	RSCDS Collins
Scotland's Gardens	8x32 R	R Goldring
The Cashmere Shawl	8x32 S	Strathray Album
All the Eights	8x32 J	Leeds 50th
Summer Assembly (sq)	1x88 R	Book 35
Teacher's Choice		
The Raven's Dance	8x32 J	Carnforth V
Portnacraig	8x32 R	Book 36

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Tribute to the Borders	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 R	14 SD R Goldring
Barbara's Strathspey	8x32 S	Book 46
Teacher's Choice		
Sleepy Maggie	8x32 R	Book 11
Neidpath Castle	3x32 S	Book 22
MacLeod's Fancy	4x32 J	Book 33
The Royal Deeside Railway	8x32 R	Book 40

Extras

Major Ian Stewart	8x32 J	Book 35
Granville Market	8x32 J	2nd Graded Book
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel	8x32 R	Book 5
The Byron Strathspey	3x32 S	Deeside 2

The Branch Shop

You might be interested in some of our recent acquisitions starting with our long awaited "Leeds Golden Collection", to celebrate 50 years of dancing with the Leeds Branch. Glasgow RSCDS has also celebrated an anniversary; this time it's 90th with the book and accompanying CD by Ian Muir Sound. Head Office published Book 47 with a CD by Gordon Shand. Rob Sargent brought out "The Tullich Collection", this time teaming up with Colin Dewar to produce a limited edition of the CD "Black Watch Edition - The Ruthven Collection", sold in aid of charity.

For those fans of Iain MacPhail there is the "From Scotland to Saitama" CD, with the book from Japan celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Saitama Branch. From the Pretoria Branch in South Africa we have "Forty Years On" and from Canada we have "Prairie Gold" and "Here We Go Again"

These are just some of our recently acquired stock. I hope you find something there that might whet the appetite. If there are other books or CDs to recommend, the shop would be happy to investigate purchasing them.

See www.rscdsleeds.org.uk for full details.

Sat 19th October 2013 7.00pm AGM & SOCIAL DANCE

Dancing will start at 7-30
or as soon after as the AGM is complete.

St Margaret's Church Hall,
Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: Andrew Lyon MC: Sou Moi Robertson

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

Programme

Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	MMM
Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32 R	Drewry, Deeside II
Argyll Strathspey	8x32 S	Book 35
Old Nick's Lumber Room	8x32 J	Book 26
Reel of the Gordon Highlanders	8x32 R	Boode, Delft SCD Book
Silver Tassie	8x32 S	RSCDS Leaflet
The Tattie Bogle	8x32 J	1st Carnforth Collection
Catch the Wind	8x32 H	Book 45

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Light and Airy	8x32 J	Book 4
Saltire Society Reel	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Neidpath Castle	3x32 S	Book 22
The Nurseryman	8x32 J	Book 37
John of Bon Accord	8x32 R	Book 33
Jimmy's Fancy	8x32 S	Book 14
Hopetoun House	8x32 J	M Duffield, Hopetoun Suite
Mrs MacLeod	8x32 R	Book 6

Extras

MacLeod's Fancy	4x32 J	Book 33
The Ladies of Dunse	8x40 R	Book 26
Balmoral Strathspey	4x32 S	Book 26

Unfamiliar Dances will be walked through on request.

Scarborough Week-end 2013

As our first time in joining the Leeds Branch weekend school at Scarborough, we were asked to write a few words on our experience. Two words spring to mind immediately **COLD AND WARM**

Cold, the weather could not have been worse. The snow and hazardous weather found us travelling by train rather than by car. Only one dancer did not make it, which proved how popular this weekend was. Apart from the weather and an old hotel that struggled to keep the east wind out, we found

a very, very WARM welcome on our arrival, which continued throughout the weekend, with lots of friendly company from old friends and new.

Not only WARM but also there was a lovely relaxed atmosphere among the dancers, which made the social dancing on the two evenings such enjoyable events.

As to the tuition by Jessie Stuart, she certainly shut the COLD out. Her teaching was stretching and exciting, and along with her firm personality, she left everyone feeling uplifted. Jessie's tuition gave us a wonderful sense of achievement, at mastering some rather complex dances, just wonderful.

We were also uplifted on many occasions, with the fantastic music played by George Meikle. George not only gave us those extra bars, much needed when learning a new dance, but provided us with such uplifting music, that you found you did have the strength to dance the last dance.

Our thanks, and we are sure those of others, go to Yvonne for all her hard work behind the scenes, in providing us all with such a memorable week end, thank you.

Phyllis Dickson and Gus Miller

Sat 16th November 2013 7.30pm YORK & NORTH HUMBERSIDE and LEEDS RSCDS BRANCHES

JOINT BALL

The Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster LS24 9JB

Music: The Ian Thomson's Band

Programme

Crammond Bridge	8x32 R	London 1979
Duke of Atholl's Reel	8x32 J	Book 14
Scarborough Castle	8x32 S	Leeds Golden Collection
Minard Castle	8x40 R	Book 22
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 R	Book 46
The Robertson Rant	1x80 S	Book 39
Kingussie Flower	8x40 R	Book 21
The Duchess Tree	8x32 S	Drewry, Brodie Book
Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	Book 41

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The Zoologist	8x32 J	Book 46
Bratach Bana	8x32 R	Drewry, Bon Accord
Gang the Same Gate	8x32 S	Book 36
General Stuart's Reel	8x32 R	Book 10
Drumelzier	8x32 S	Leaflet
Ian Powrie's Farewell	1x128J	Hamilton
Wind on Loch Fyne	3x32 S	Dunedin I
The Irish Rover	8x32 R	Collins

Extras

Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 R	Goldring, 14 Social Dances
Bees of Maggiecknockater	4x32 J	Drewry, Canadian Book
Monymusk	8x32 S	Book 11

Sat 21st December 2013 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

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

Music: George Meikle and the Lothian Band

MC: Alan Horsfall

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

Programme

The Hollin Buss	8x32 J	Book 24
Back to the Fireside	8x32 R	Book 38
Cape Town Wedding	8x32 S	Book 39
Postie's Jig	4x32 J	Clowes, Ormskirk V
Johnnie's Welcome Home	8x40 R	Book 32
Sugar Candie	8x32 S	Book 26
The Leccamore Jig	8x32 J	Leeds Golden Collection
The Irish Rover	8x32 R	Collins

INTERVAL

The Fruitcake	8x32 J	Drewry, Glenburn 3
The Kissing Bridge	8x32 R	Book 47
The Bonnie Tree	8x32 S	Book 46
Charles Ogden's Jig	8x32 J	Leeds Golden Collection
Polharow Burn	5x32 R	RSCDS, Foss Dances
Dagmar's Fancy	3x32 S	Lignau, Manhattan Book
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	Book 35
De'il Amang the Tailors	8x32 R	Book 14

Extras

The Bees of Maggiecknockater	4x32 J	Drewry, Canadian Book
The Highland Rambler	8x40 R	Leeds Silver Jubilee
MacDonald of the Isles	3x32 S	Haynes, Carnforth II
The Lass of Richmond Hill	8x32 R	RSCDS Graded II

Unfamiliar Dances will be walked through on request.

White Rose Festival 2013

Saturday 13th July- a glorious sunny day found me redundant as MC for the children. It is much nicer when we can all be together as I know most of the adults like to see the children dance – and vice-versa. Piper Alan Harrison once again led the “Grand March” (does he feel like the Pied Piper?) There was a good number of teams this year and all danced extremely well. The children all danced well and with their usual enthusiasm, but where are all the boys? Only three dancing this year but I did see some “very tall” children. Alan piped for the Highland Dancing. It was nice to see men dancing the “Scottish

Lilt” also the ladies dancing the “Highland Fling”, not very often this is done. Lots of colour in the “Ladies” dresses, maybe I’m old fashioned but I still prefer white with a tartan sash.

Many thanks to the musicians who played extremely well, to MC Gerry Yates for his guidance, to all the White Rose Festival Committee for organizing a “Mammoth task”. Thanks also to anyone who helped on the day.

Looking forward to 2014

Jean Dyson



The day of the Festival this year was bright and sunny. “Too hot”, cried some. Well we are British and we do have to complain about the weather. It was lovely to be outside.

George Meikle’s band played superbly. One member had to go into hospital and was replaced by our own Ian Slater. I am full of admiration for their skill in being able to play together so well, without rehearsal. They kept our feet going to the last dance of the evening, despite the heat.

In the afternoon Alan Harrison provided the excellent piping, which is such a feature of our Festival. The programme was kept smoothly to time by our accomplished MC, Gerry Yates. In the evening we were guided through by Alan Horsfall and Don Andrews. The whole day was thoroughly enjoyable.

Here are the comments collected by our roving reporter Lesley Enoch:

Our VIPs – excellent events, we will be telling everyone when we get back home to the States, and encouraging anyone who is in the UK in July to come to Leeds for the Festival. When we are in the UK in July we would love to come again and join in with us. We were really surprised to meet so many people we already knew from our previous visits.

Derwent Scottish Country Dance Club – The festival is really enjoyable outside, especially with the children. Much better than last year when we were indoors, and missed seeing the children dancing.

The Thistle Dancers, Wigan – Its always very good, a really pleasant atmosphere.

York Scottish Country Dance Club – The team said we made some mistakes, however the festival is for enjoyment, and it’s a wonderful end to a season of dancing.

Alderley and District Caledonian Society – A comment from the team leader, the dancers were really pleased that he hadn’t pushed them to come to Leeds before they felt that they were ready for such an occasion, and they commented that they had really enjoyed their first time at the festival.

Richmond RSCDS – Some of our dancers have been coming to the festival since the 1980s. We have noticed that the Festival has evolved over the years, but is always well organised.

Leeds – Just recently the festivals have been one extreme or the other (very hot, alternatively, rained off before the day and the field was very wet).

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year on 12 July 2014.



One of the Leeds Teams with our VIPs from America

Dancing at Christ Church URC, Ilkley

Just before the Spring Bank Holiday, I had a phone call from one of the very active members of Christ Church URC Ilkley: could the Ilkley class come and dance at the church on Wednesday 3rd July, a 20-30 minute show. The church was putting on a 'Visit Bonnie Scotland' day, piper, haggis, singing, and dancing, under the banner 'Holidays at Home'.

I asked if the holiday-makers would expect to participate. 'Oh no', was the reply, 'they are all retired people!'

As it happens, the Ilkley class closes at Spring Bank as many of them trot off immediately to exotic places, but I was able to rustle together a team of 12, 8 ladies and 4 men, who would be available.

The church arranged for us to have a room to practise in, so we put together a programme of eight short dances, and set to work.

Almost inevitably one of our men had to pull out, having torn his hamstring playing rugby with his grandson (he once played for Otley, more than two years ago), so a reserve had to be called in. Other team members were warned that if they too had grandchildren, they must ignore them for at least the next three weeks.

After a quick walk-through and a costume inspection before the event, and with nerves jangling audibly, we paraded into the church and were ably introduced by our MC Robin, also a class member. We danced through the programme and then joined in the community singing, with Auld Lang Syne of course, and much enjoyed the tea and Dundee cake which followed.

The programme: Jig to the Music, Minister on the Loch (all dancing);

The Post Chaise (mixed set); The Shepherd's Crook; The Barmkin, The Dream Catcher (ladies set); The Triumph (mixed set); The Dashing White Sergeant, three times through leading into the last eight bars of Major Ian Stewart for the dance off.

Don Andrews

Photography and stage manager: Pat Cowles



DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2013

Saturday 21st September

Day School 10am

St Chad's Parish Centre, Leeds LS16 5JT

Teacher: Janet Johnston

Musician: Ian Slater

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Chad's Parish Centre, Leeds LS16 5JT

Music: Nicol McLaren and the

Glencraig Band

Saturday 19th October

AGM 7pm followed by

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: Andrew Lyon

Saturday 26th October

Highland and Ladies Step

Day School 10am

Adel Methodist Church Hall,

Leeds LS 16 7PQ

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Saturday 16th November

Joint Ball - York & North Humberside

Hosts 7.30pm

The Riley Smith Hall,

Tadcaster LS24 9JB

Music: Ian Thomson's Band

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th December

Malhamdale Weekend Course

Newfield Hall, Malhamdale

Teacher: Dianne Rooney

Musician: Phill Jones

Saturday 21st December

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: George Meikle and

the Lothian Band

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.

2014

Saturday 18th January

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: Phill Jones

Saturday 15th February

Back to Basics Workshop 2.00pm

Adel Methodist Church Hall,

Leeds LS 16 7PQ

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Musician: Ian Slater

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th March

Scarborough Weekend

Esplanade Hotel

Teacher: Bill Zobel

Musician: George Meikle

Saturday 15th March

Children's Festival

The Grove Centre, Horsforth LS18 4BH

Music: Neil Barron

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: Neil Barron

Saturday 26th April

Highland and Ladies Step Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Leeds

LS16 7PQ

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Saturday 17th May

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: Adam Brady

Saturday 21st June

Social Dance 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church Hall,

Horsforth LS18 5LQ

Music: Marian Anderson Duo

Saturday 12th July

White Rose Festival

Afternoon 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Evening 7.00pm - 10.30pm

Gateways School, Harewood,

Leeds LS17 9LE

Music: Luke Brady's Band

Classes

Autumn Term 2013

WC 9th September

to WC 16th December 2013

Fees: £4.00 per class

Single Class Ticket £52.00

Multi Class Ticket £95.00

Classes

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

Teachers: Irene Dracup, Sou Robertson

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

October 13th, November 10th and
December 15th 2013

January 12th, February 2nd,

March 2nd, April 6th, May 11th,

June 8th, July 6th 2014

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

All welcome.

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

For more information see
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

