

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2011

Saturday 15 January

Walk through
Social Dance 7.30pm
West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Ian Muir

Saturday 19 February

Musicians Day School
Adel Methodist Church Hall,
Gainsborough Avenue, Adel,
Leeds 16
Teacher: Nicol McLaren

Saturday 19 February

Social Dance 7.30pm
West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Nicol McLaren & Day
School Musicians

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
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
where you will find
dance programmes
and dance reminders.**

Classes

Spring Term 2011
WC 10th January 2011
to WC 11th April 2011

Fees: £3.00 per class,
Single Class Term costs £33.00
Multi-Class Term costs £50.00

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
Teacher: Catherine Livsey,

Tuesday evening

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

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
Brackenwood Community Centre,
New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds LS17 6QP
Teacher: Brenda Burnell
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

9 January, 6 February, 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

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RSCDS AGM November 2010

From the Chair ...

I hope you all have a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

The new year starts with our walk through dance on Saturday 15 January with music from Ian Muir. The MC is Gerry Yates who will guide you through the dances. So please encourage your friends that haven't been to a branch dance before.

In February we have the Musicians Day School so if you are a budding musician or know someone who is, why not give this enjoyable day a go. You can then put into practice what you have learnt by accompanying Nicol McLaren to play at the evening's Branch dance.

This gives a wonderful sound not to be missed so come along to the branch dance and join our MC Alan Horsforth to enjoy dancing to this fine orchestra.

March brings the Children's Festival. This is a wonderful event. Why not come along and help and watch the children having great fun dancing to the music of Ian Slater.

In the evening we have the Branch dance also with Ian Slater. The MC will be Jean Dyson.

Perhaps you might like to set yourself a new year's resolution to try one of the other classes. Our general classes are Tuesdays at Adel and Thursday at Brackenwood. If

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.

you are fortunate enough not to work we have our afternoon classes on Monday at Adel and Thursday at Ilkley. If you want a bit more of a challenge then there is the Monday evening class at Calverley and the monthly Sunday classes for dancers that have a knowledge of basic formations. These classes aren't about doing demonstrations but are about doing something different, with some challenging dances and a bit of technique in a relaxed and fun environment. All classes are great fun and is a great way to meet new friends. Remember if you buy a multi term ticket you can go to as many Branch classes you wish in a week. This is great value for money. Full details of all classes are on the back page of this newsletter.

Here's to some great dancing in 2011. **Catherine Livsey**

Subscription to this Newsletter can be taken out at £5.00 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.

Basic Teaching Skills Course

The RSCDS has recently introduced a short teaching skills course to help people who give instruction to Scottish Dance groups. The syllabus includes such things as choice of music and producing a dance programme as well as how to teach steps, formations and dances. Each participant will receive a Record of Completion at the end of the course.

A two day course is being arranged by the York and North Humberside Branch on two Sundays in 2011: 20 March and 3 April, from 10.00-4.30. The tutor will be Helen Russell.

The sessions will be in the Dunnington Reading Room, just off the southern section of the York bypass. The cost will be £20.

Numbers are limited, so early application is advised.

For more details and /or applications, contact Malcolm Brown, 8 Copper Beech Close, Dunnington, York YO19 5PY. Tel 01904 488084 email mlbrown@supanet.com

Sat 15th January 2011 7.30pm WALK THROUGH SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Ian Muir MC: Gerry Yates

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

Programme

Cramond Bridge	8x32 R	London Jubilee Book
Follow Me Home	8x32 J	Book 38
Bedrule	8x32 S	Book 33
The Salmonfield Poacher	8x40 R	Leaflet (Ian Barbour)
The Wild Geese	8x32 J	Book 24
Culla Bay	4x32 S	Book 41
Polharrow Burn	5x32 R	RSCDS 3 Dances by Hugh Foss
South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10th Anniversary Book

INTERVAL

Miss Allie Anderson	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
The Earl of Mansfield	4x48 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Mrs Garthland's Strathspey	8x32 S	RSCDS Five Dances 1965
The Cranberry Tart	8x32 J	The Seven Year Itch (Glasspool)
Sueno's Stone	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet 2008
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	RSCDS 3 Dances 2006
Tribute to the Borders	8x32 J	RSCDS Leaflet
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet

Extras

Round Reel of Eight	88 R	Book 27
John of Bon Accord	8x32 R	Book 33
The Saltire Society Reel	8x32 R	RSCDS Leaflet
Anna Holden's Strathspey	6x32 S	Book 42

All dances will be walked through

Thank You

Valerie Morris and family would like to thank all our friends at the Leeds Branch and Club for all their kind words of comfort and support at the sad loss of John who will be sadly missed. Kind regards **Valerie**

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' - Glencraig 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 for full details. Please support your Branch shop!

Perth 800

800 what? You ask. The fair city of Perth is 800 years old, the chosen venue for this, the 81st annual general meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Now this is not any old boring AGM. It's a really fun week-end, and cannot be recommended too highly to any member.

This year the week-end started, for the first time, with a meeting of 80 members of Teachers' Associations. In the past, the opening event has always been the Friday evening Ball. Formal dress, best behaviour, jackets on, no recaps. 524 dancers attended this time, in the huge Bell's sports hall, with splendid music provided by Neil Copland's Band. Bed by 1.00am.

Saturday commenced with a number of optional meetings, or a class splendidly taught, I am assured, by David Queen with Mo Rutherford at the piano.

In the evening there was another dance, this time with 570 dancers inspired by pacey music from Colin Dewar and his band. A wonderful atmosphere, most enjoyable. An early night: bed by 12.30!

There was yet more dancing on the Sunday morning, with Eric Findley, ably supported by Robert H MacKay, teaching a number of the dances from Roy Goldring's Scotia Book.

A fine finish to a great week-end, sore feet notwithstanding.

But what of the real business? The AGM itself, with 232 delegates attending including three from Leeds, and many

more 'observing', listened attentively to the business. Eight scrolls were presented, including Malcolm Brown from York and John Cass from Newcastle. Elections to committees took place, Malcolm Brown and our former colleague Philip Whitley taking places on the Management Board.

For the full list see rscds.org

There was a contest for the position of 'chair-elect', a position which guarantees automatic promotion to the chairmanship in two years time. John Wilkinson took precedence over Helen Russell. Ruth Beattie was confirmed as chairman.

The rest of the meeting was pretty routine, and a more detailed summary can be found on the Society web site.

Financially the Society's position is now sound, so the membership subscription (to HQ) was retained at £15. The retiring treasurer, William Whyte, gloated a little: 'the Society is richer than it has ever been'.

An interesting quote came during the Ball in a brief address from the Provost of Perth & Kinross: 'I note how, in the first half of the last century, the Society has been very important in rescuing Scottish culture from the tide of anglicisations that was sweeping across the land'. Some legacy.



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MC: Alan Horsforth

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Programme

Machine without Horses	8x32 J	Book 12
The Deil Amang the Tailors	8x32 R	Book 14
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8x32 S	Leaflet
A Capital Jig	8x32 J	RSCDS T Mackay 2009
Nottingham Lace	96 R	Bradley
The Gardeners' Fantasia	3x32 S	Book 46
The Leccamore Jig*	8x32 J	Brayson Unpublished
The Powder Monkey*	64S/64R	Exeter Branch 40th Anniv

INTERVAL

Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	MMM
Flowers of Edinburgh	8x32 R	Book 1
Bonnie Stronshiray	8x32 S	Campbell Glasgow Assembly
The Chequered Court	8x32 J	Book 42
The Earl of Mansfield	4x48 R	Leaflet
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	RSCDS M Johnstone 2006
Major Ian Stuart	8x32 J	Book 35
Mairi's Wedding	8x40 R	Cosh 22 SCD

Extras

There are no extras
* Will be walked through

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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