

Leeds Branch Dancers Newsletter

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Dancers enjoying the Scarborough Weekend

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 ...

I can't believe it is the last term of the season. My, doesn't time fly. But before we break up for the summer there are still a number of things left to enjoy.

Firstly we have The Strawberries & Cream Social on 18th June, the last dance of the season. We have a new young band coming to play for us so come along and support them. The MC is Betty Hagart with a programme that should be fun, giving us a good finish to the season.

Then we have the White Rose Festival so if you would like to be involved, help, dance or (have dietary requirement for the meals)

please see page 5 for more details.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a form for our day school on 17th September. We welcome Pat Houghton as our teacher, and the musician for the day, Ian Slater. This should be a great day, so spread the word to your dancing friends in other areas of the country. We are also running a workshop in the morning for less experienced dancers and beginners so if you have any friends that want to 'have a go' please let them know.

The last classes of the season are WC 4th July. If you wish to dance over the summer the Thursday

evening class continues. Contact Brenda Burnell for more details.

From the committee

At the last committee meeting we agreed to increase class fees to £3.50 per class from September. This is due to the rising costs of halls and an increase to teachers' expenses from £10 to £15. They have been £10 for over 10 years and due to rising petrol prices we felt it necessary to do this.

I think you would all agreed that Scottish dancing is still good value for money. I go to ballroom classes which are £6 which seems to be the standard price for most other types of dance class.

Hope you enjoy the rest of the season and have a great summer.

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.

Branch Award



I was delighted to present Alan and Susan Carr with their Branch Award at the February dance in recognition of all their hard work, teaching and work on Branch committee. It was so nice to see so many of the people they taught at the dance. It is a really credit to Alan and Susan that so may are still enjoying Scottish country dancing.

Catherine Livsey

Sat 18th June 2011 7.30pm STRAWBERRIES & CREAM SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Lindsay Weir Trio MC: Betty Hagart

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

Programme

St Andrew's Fair	8x32 J	RSCDS 1982
Lothian Lads	8x32 R	Drewry
Donald Bane	8x32 S	Book 17
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	Book 46
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	Book 35
St Columba's Strathspey	5x32 S	V Sproule & S Gillan
Rodney's Rant	8x32 J	Ann Dix
Sleepy Maggie	8x32 R	Book 11

INTERVAL

The Starry-eyed Lassie	8x32 J	Book 23
Portnacraig	8x32 R	Book 36
The Gentleman	8x32 S	Book 35
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	Book 46
The Reverend John MacFarlane	4x32 R	Book 37
The Moray Rant	3x48 S	Drewry
The Wild Geese	8x32 J	Book 24
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	RSCDS leaflet

Extras

None so Pretty	8x40 R	Book 19
EH3 7AF	8x32 J	Book 40
Clatterin' Brig	8x32 R	R Goldr'g Graded & Social 2
Sands of Morar	8x32 S	Book 45

Highland Day School

The Highland day School took place on Saturday 30th April at Adel Methodist Church Hall. The aim of the day school was to go through the highland dances for the White Rose Festival. In the morning we worked on fling steps and then danced the fling then look at The Shepherd's Crook. After an enjoyable chat over lunch we worked on the Strathspey, Reel and 1/2 Tulloch and Village Maid.

An enjoyable day was had by all. Somenew comers discovering that Highland is not has hard as it seems. So why not join us for the next Highland day school in October? Detail available soon.



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 'Im 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!

Scarborough Weekend

Last year one member of our Scottish Country Dance group attended the Scarborough Weekend School and, on her recommendation, three more of us accompanied her this year.

We were not disappointed. From our greeting on arrival, our introduction to the rest of the dancers during the evening meal, the enjoyment of the evening social dances and the challenge of the morning classes, it was a most enjoyable weekend. The atmosphere was friendly, the teaching brilliant, the music excellent, the hotel was good with very helpful staff and we look forward very much to returning next year for the 40th anniversary weekend.

Catherine Rowe, Colchester



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

Autumn in the Lake District

- Walking and Scottish Country Dancing

Once again Heather, Pat and Gerry are organising an autumn walking and dancing break at 'Glamara' 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)

Children's Festival



As I was in hospital prior to this event a hurried plea went out to Terry Chater asking him if he could do the honours and MC the Festival and the evening dance - thank goodness he said yes and my sincere thanks go to him for a job well done.

It was completely different sitting on the sidelines (my feet and brain were itching to go).

All the children from the different teams danced very well and seemed to have a wonderful time.

The adjudicated teams danced extremely well from the tinies to the not so tinies.

Many thanks to Graham Donald the adjudicator for his helpful remarks and to Kath Dosell who acted as scribe.

Terry's seniors danced a near perfect Portnacraig - well done to them. Leeds Friday Class under the guidance of Brenda performed Bonnie Anne - a quite difficult dance but they triumphed. The Fraser Dancers taught by Yvonne Tredgett danced a favourite of mine - The Reel of the Royal Scots. Derby Scottish Assn. & Burns Club children had

produced a book of 4 dances for Dance Scottish Week and their teacher Gus Miller asked if it was possible to dance one of them - "Why not" I said so Emily's dance (devised by Emily Peake aged 9) was performed by them as a demonstration. Well done Emily, a budding deviser of Scottish Country Dances in the making???. Well done to all dancers in the afternoon.

As per usual the Festival finished with The Flying Scotsman - and from the enthusiasm of the "train" hooting it seemed that everyone enjoyed the day.

My grateful thanks to all who helped on the day. See you all again next year on March 17th.

Jean Dyson

Thank You

What a start I've had to 2011 - her's hoping it will improve - but I thank you all for your cards, flowers, good wishes and kindness.

Jean Dyson

Willing to help at the White Rose Festival?

This year's Festival is on Saturday the 9th July at Gateways School, Harewood.

On the principle that one volunteer is worth three pressed men, the committee is asking for volunteers to set up, run, and clear away this year's event which, it is anticipated, will attract about 500 dancers and spectators.

The programme goes something like this:-

Thursday 7th July, pm	Mark out the field
Friday 8th July, pm	Pitch some of the tents
	Put up a lot of the signs
	Set up the stage in the Sports Hall
	Decorate the Sports Hall
	Put the line markers out on the field
	Put the line markers on the walls in the Sports Hall
Saturday 9th July, 9.30am	Complete the tent pitching
	Complete the signs
	Set out the assembly area
	Decorate the Performing Arts Centre
	Staff the car park
	Staff the reception tent etc
	Look after the band (Marian Anderson Trio)
	Look after the special guests, eg Ruth Beattie, chairman of the RSCDS
Saturday 9th July, 1.45pm	Marshal the dance teams into place
	Dance
Saturday 9th July, 5.00pm	Tidy up the field area
	Prepare the Sports Hall for the evening dance
Saturday 9th July, 10.30pm	Tidy up the Hall
	Make sure all is locked up and visitors are off the site
Monday 11th July, pm	Final tidy up and clear away.

Any names and phone numbers for volunteers for any of the above to the contact below please, and the message will be forwarded to the colleague who takes care of each activity.

Looking further ahead, volunteers would be welcome to serve on the planning committee for 2012 and beyond. For example, the current chairman, having done the job for the last six years, and is more than 'getting on a bit', is

anxious to hand this very enjoyable and rewarding job to somebody else.

For all the above, please contact Don Andrews on 01535 605065, 0791 489 2360, or best of all e-mail donald@hbandrews.fsnet.co.uk

If you have a special dietary requirement for the plated supper, please telephone Lesley Enoch on 0113 2777113, there is an answer phone, alternatively email l.enoch@btinternet.com, so that we can contact Gateways.

If you wish to dance in the afternoon and are not already on one of the lists or in a team then please contact Catherine Livsey 01484 515257 email catherine@cld-design.co.uk

Sat 17th September 2011 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spens Lane

Music: Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band

MC: Don Andrews

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

Programme

Nice to See You	5x32 R	Book 40
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	Book 35
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8x32 S	Leaflet
It's Just for Fun	8x32 J	Book 33
Instructor's Choice	R	
Cape Town Wedding	8x32 S	Book 39
Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder	128 J	Hamilton Leaflet
The Machine Without Horses	8x32 R	Book 12

INTERVAL

Welcome to Ayr*	8x32 J	Ayr 75
The Royal Yacht Britannia	8x40 R	Book 43
Instructor's Choice	S	
Quarries' Jig	8x32 J	Book 36
Under African Skies*	8x32 R	Goldring/Pretoria
The Dream Catcher	96 S	Book 45
Seton's Ceilidh Band	4x64 J	Collins
The Reel of the 51st Division	8x32 R	Book 13

Extras

Johnnie Walker M	S64/J64	Robson/Whisky
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	Book 46
The Hazel Tree	8x32 J	Drewry Brodie
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	3 for 2006

* 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 18 June

Strawberries & Cream Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Lindsay Weir Trio

Saturday 17 September

Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Robert Whitehead and Danelaw Band

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

If you would like to dance in the afternoon at the Festival please contact Catherine Livsey.

If you require a ticket for the evening dance then contact Brenda Burnell

Friday 2 to

Sunday 4 December

Malhamdale Weekend Course

Newfield Hall, Malhamdale

Teacher: Christine MacDonald

Musician: Phill Jones

Contact Yvonne Tredgett

Tel: 01302 851 174

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.

DAY SCHOOL

Advance Notice:

Our annual Day School will be held on **Saturday 17th September** at West Park Centre, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16. 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 inserted in this newsletter or from your class teacher or at branch dances.

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

Tuesday evening

7.45 - 9.45 Intermediate/Beginner
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ
Teachers: Don Andrews,
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

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