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*Some of the Leeds dances at the White Rose Festival with Ruth Beattie Chair of the RSCDS*

## Future Newsletters

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

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## From the Chair ...

I hope you had a great summer and are refreshed and ready to get back into dancing. Classes start week commencing 12th Sept.

Our first dance of the season is on the 17th September with music by Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band and our MC is Don Andrews. This follows our day school, application form enclosed with this newsletter. 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.

Then we have the AGM on 15th October at 7pm. Enclosed is the

nomination form and agenda. We need 4 new committee members so if you feel you could help the Branch in this way, please have a word with myself or a committee member. The Branch dance follows the AGM, with music from John Browne and our MC is Irene Dracup.

It is then time for you to try something different with a bit of Highland Dancing at the Highland Day School on 29th October at a new venue, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Memorial Drive, Leeds LS6 4LF. It is always a fun day. So why not give it a go.

Then a must date in your diaries, the 19th November, our joint ball with RSCDS York & North Humberside at 7.30pm at Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster with music by the Marian Anderson's Band. Tickets from Isabel Douglas Tel:

0113 250 2963. The programme is excellent so will be a great evening not to be missed.

### From the committee

Enclosed is the membership form. At our last committee meeting, which was after the last newsletter went out, we voted to put the membership fee up by £2, from £18 to £20. This gives the branch an extra £2 to run the branch and provide the 4 newsletters a year etc. If you didn't know £15 of the membership fee goes to head office, to provide teacher training, promotion of Scottish dancing worldwide, 2 magazines per year etc. Please support your hobby by joining the Branch, it is good value for money. If you would like more information on where your money goes then please don't hesitate to speak to me about it or visit the Societies website [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org).

Hope you have an enjoyable year of dancing. Especially next year when the branch celebrates 50 years.

**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.

# Obituaries

## Rhoda Shaw

I first met Rhoda when my friend I met at Brownies, Marjorie (Briggs formerly Stewart) and I arrived in the first form at High School. She was our 'form mother'. She was there to help our form teacher or to keep us quiet if our form teacher did not appear. During that year I developed a strong respect for Rhoda.

Life moved on and Rhoda trained and became a primary school teacher. Several years later I followed suit and also became a primary school teacher. During the time we were both teaching we each became involved in Scottish country dancing and met up on many occasions until the Leeds Branch was formed. Our meetings became more frequent then.

We both gained our Teacher's Certificate for teaching dancing and started children's classes. Rhoda's was run by the St Andrews Society in Bradford. I was really envious of her group as nearly all the dancing couples in the St Andrew's Society had both a son and a daughter and consequently she was able to rule that no girl could attend her class without a boy. In Leeds our dancing couples all produced girls! Rhoda's class flourished and she has produced some excellent dancers over the years and they are still dancing – Andrew Kellett who now edits 'The Country Dancer', Robin Lambie who recently came to lead a day school for the Leeds Branch and Julie Harrison who we see regularly in Leeds.



*Rhoda wearing President's Jewel of the RSCDS Leeds Branch*



*Rhoda in the centre wearing a hard hat ready to go round the steel works in Dortmund on an exchange visit.*

Rhoda became involved with the Branch and was our President when the President's Jewel was given to the Branch by Eric Kellett. She took part in several exchange visits and remained a loyal member of the Branch in so many ways. She set up the scrapbooks which provide an excellent record of the early years of the Branch.

Rhoda lived at home in Bradford with her mother until her death so when Rhoda retired she moved to Durisdeer in Dumfries and Galloway. Many members have visited her in her new surroundings where she acquired a faithful friend Jenny. Jenny was her dog and companion for many years. Rhoda's Christmas card was always from herself and Jenny. Now Rhoda has followed her faithful friend and we have but pleasant and happy memories of her.

I never lost my respect for Rhoda formed so long ago. She was a lovely dancer, excellent teacher and great ambassador for Scottish country dancing.

## Brenda Burnell

### Rhoda Shaw and Nancy Brooksbank (now Taylor)

My earliest memories of Rhoda was as my class teacher, I'd just returned to dancing after a number of year out, and she encouraged some of the less experienced dancers to dance in the club festival, this was 1972. I also remember her encouraging her own young dancers to come through to Leeds dances, some may remember Andrew Kellett and Nancy Brooksbank, there were many others as well; Julie Harrison was one of her dancers and still dances here in Leeds. Even though I never stayed in contact with Rhoda, I did keep up to date through Nancy, more recently Julie. Julie told me that she had a photograph on her mantle shelf in her home of when she was branch president, she was very proud of this. I know when she moved away she was greatly missed.

Sadly a couple of days after hearing about Rhoda, I heard that Nancy had passed away. Even though Nancy stopped dancing when she married in the 1980s, I kept in touch with her through phone calls, till I retired, then we met up regularly, often reminiscing about dancers, the earlier festivals at Becketts Park, even though she had stopped dancing she was still interested in what both the Branch and Club were doing.

She also spoke of her happy memories of one of the exchange visits to Sweden, she was one of a group of young adults taking part that year, as well a number of dancers had taken their children with them, who were dancers. Our last phone call a couple of days after the festival, was all about this years festival, she was really pleased that it had been a nice day and that everyone was enjoying the wonderful site, also that the festivals are back in Leeds.

## Obituaries continued

If anyone would like to send a donation in memory of either Rhoda or Nancy, please send to:

**Rhoda: The Alexandra Unit, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4AS.**

**Nancy: Manorlands Hospice, Hebden Road, Oxenhope, Keighley BD22 9HJ,**

### Isabel Watts

At the same time as hearing about both Rhoda and Nancy, I heard that Isabel Watts passed away: Isabel only came through to our May and June dances along with her granddaughter from Manchester, however she had taken her teachers certificate with Don in St Andrews, and she had attended the Leeds Scarborough weekend in 2010.

To all their families our sincere condolences.

**Lesley Enoch**

## Sat 17th September 2011 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

**West Park Centre, Spenn 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

## Branch 50th Anniversary Book

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, Catherine Livsey, 11A Hill Top Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD5 9LX. Tel 01484 515257 Email [catherine@cld-design.co.uk](mailto:catherine@cld-design.co.uk) if possible with music by 1st November 2011.

## Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club 60th Anniversary

Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary on 10 September 2011 with a dance at at Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road Leeds. Music by Marian Anderson, MC Avis Harrison. It is also Gerry Yate's ??th birthday (A little older than the club) and there will be cake and wine. Price £8 for club members and £9 for non members, start 7-30pm. Do come along and join in the celebration.

Full programme details are available on the website.

[www.rscdsleeds.org.uk](http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk)

## Sat 15th October 2011 AGM 7.00pm followed by SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre, Spenn Lane

**Music:** John Browne Solo **MC:** Irene Dracup

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

### Programme

EH3 7AF	8x32 J	Book 40
The Sailor	8x32 H	Book 24
Argyll Strathspey	8x32 S	Book 35
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	Book 35
The Earl of Mansfield	4x48 R	RSCDS Leaflet
The Golden Wedding Strathspey	4x40 S	Book 33
Muirland Willie	8x32 J	Book 21
Round Reel of Eight	1x88 R	Book 27

### INTERVAL

South from Oban	8x32 J	Leeds 10th
General Stuart's Reel	8x32 R	Book 10
Barbara's Strathspey	8x32 S	Book 46
Baldovan Reel	4x32 R	Baldovan Dances
Joie de Vivre	8x32 J	Book 39
The Flower of Glasgow	3x32 S	Book 46
The Zoologist	8x32 J	Book 46
The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh	8x40 R	Book 39

### Extras

The Dream Catcher	1x96 S	Book 45
The Highland Rambler	8x40 R	Leeds Silver Jubilee (25th)

# Children's Bus Fund

Leeds Branch of the RSCDS has recently established a bus fund to help with the high cost of the hire of buses to take children to Festivals. The fund is to be used to give grants for buses for children from our Branch going to Festivals, and for other groups attending our Children's Festival, or children attending the White Rose Festival. If we are to continue making useful grants we need to give the fund a boost with some fund raising. At the September and October dances there will be a plant and produce table. The idea is that members bring along any surplus plants or cuttings or extra fruits from their apple or other produce harvest and leave them on the table. Members are then invited to take away these goods in return for a donation of their own choosing into the bus fund box which will be provided. Please take some cuttings now and remember when you do that Autumn plant split, to save a bit for the bus fund.

Your help will be appreciated.

**Irene Dracup**

# Branch Shop

Visit our branch shop for lots of new offerings. We will be at the September and December dances but not the October or November dances. If there is something thing you want, let us know and we will bring it.

## CDs

- All the RSCDS CDs
- Special Requests Volume 8 - Colin Dewar - £13
- Ah 'm Askin' - Glencairn Scottish Dance Band - £12
- Highlander Scottish Dances Volume 14 - Craigevar Scottish Dance Band - £12
- Fisherman's Reel - Marian Anderson and her Band - £12

## Books

Recent books include some new such as:

- The Vienna Book of Scottish Country Dances - £5
- Three Hands Across from the Border Branch (and CD - £12)
- The Geordie Diamond - from Newcastle Branch - £6
- Ribble Valley Branch Book (and CD - £15)
- The Dookie Bookie - book from Melbourne & District Branch

And some old books from as far as the USA to Japan, including works by John Drewry, Iain Boyd and Ian Barbour and 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!**

# Children's Classes

Children's Scottish Country Dance classes are a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and make lots of life long friends.

Since joining a dance class we have had many opportunities to visit a variety of places in northern England to partake in dancing with other young people. These festivals allow us to interact with other young dancers and demonstrate our dancing ability in team solos.

There is also the opportunity to take recognisable qualifications to show your standard of dancing.

As Scottish Country Dancing is very much a team activity you learn to co-operate with many people of different ages and ability. Their people soon become your friends, your team and your dancing family.

Scottish Country Dancing is sociable, cheerful and dynamic.

**Helen Wilson, Rachel Norwood and Lucy Hawkins.**

If you know any children that would like to start dancing then please have a word with Brenda Burnell

**Sat 19th November 2011 7.30pm**

## JOINT BALL

with RSCDS York & North Humberside Branch  
**Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster**

Music: Marian Anderson's Band

Tickets: from Isabel Douglas Tel: 0113 250 2963

### Programme

Happy Meeting	8x32 J	Book 29
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	Book 46
Sands of Morar	8x32 S	Book 45
The Zoologist	8x32 J	Book 46
Plantation Reel	5x32 R	Pinewoods 2
Branches Together	4x32 S	Graded & Social 3
Locomotion No 1	8x32 J	Leaflet
The Valentine	8x32 S	5 for 2009
Broadford Bay	8x32 R	RSCDS Lflt 32

### INTERVAL

Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	Book 41
Tambourine	8x32 R	East Ivanhoe
Rose of the North	8x32 S	Leeds 25
Nottingham Lace	4x32 R	Nottingham Lace
Links with St Petersburg	32x8 J	Book 46
Cashmere Shawl	8x32 S	Strathtay Album
South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	3x32 S	3 for 2006
Montgomerie's Rant	8x32 R	Book 10

### Extras

Dundee Whaler	4x32 S	Ormskirk Memorial
Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	RSCDS Lflt
Wild Geese	8x32 J	Book 24

# White Rose Festival



After 2 days of heavy rain everyone thought the Festival would be indoors so I had prepared myself for acting as MC for the children.

Saturday morning - no rain - but the weather still looked "iffy". Come lunchtime things seemed much brighter and when I arrived at Harewood I was delighted to see that the Festival could be held outdoors. As I was "redundant" I settled myself down to watch the dancing from the sidelines.

What a spectacle as the teams marched round to the sound of bagpipes. Alan looked like the Pied Piper of Hamelin. The children were outnumbered by the adults but their enthusiasm shone through. The dancing was a delight to watch and my congratulations go to all the teams from far and wide. The adult teams were great and did their "leaders" proud. I'm just glad I didn't have to judge any of them.

The children danced extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Some of the "tinies" on the sidelines tried their hardest to dance "The Fling". One little girl said she was going to practice for when she is big enough to join in - good luck to her. The music from Marian Anderson's Band was a joy to listen to and I'm sure all the dancers will agree with me.

Thank you to Ruth Beattie - Chairman of the RSCDS for opening the event.

Special thanks must go to the MC Gerry, he really does a superb job at keeping the afternoon flowing smoothly.

Thanks also to Don and his committee for organisation (a mammoth task). Another successful Festival. Looking forward to 2012.

**Jean Dyson**

## Thanks from the White Rose Festival Committee .....

To all those colleagues who responded to the appeal for helpers to set up, run, and clear away this year's Festival.

There was strong support on the Thursday, the Friday, the Saturday, and the following Monday, and as a result the committee knew it was 'ready for anything' that conditions might throw at us, and in spite of a discouraging forecast was able to take the risk of going ahead with outdoor arrangements.

It paid off: the afternoon was splendid, the evening social dance just as good.

It would be invidious to pick out individuals, but I should mention the superb playing of Marian Anderson's Scottish Country Dance Band, the encouragement and support of the RSCDS chairman Ruth Beattie who danced both the afternoon and evening programme, and Gerry Yates who performed his 25th stint as Festival MC this year.

**Put the date of the 58th Festival in your diaries: 7th July 2012.**

# DATES, DATES, DATES

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

## 2011

### Saturday 17 September

#### Day School for 10am

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE

Teachers:

Patricia Houghton - General classes

Catherine Livsey - Technique for

beginners and less experienced

morning only (recorded music)

Musician: Ian Slater

### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: Robert Whitehead and the

Danelaw Band

### Saturday 15 October

#### AGM 7pm followed by Social

#### Dance at approx 7.45pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: John Browne

### Saturday 29 October

#### Highland Day School from 10am

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Memorial  
Drive, Leeds LS6 4LF

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

### Saturday 19 November

#### Joint Ball with RSCDS York &

#### North Humberside 7.30pm

Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster

Music: Marian Anderson's Band

Tickets from Isabel Douglas

Tel: 0113 250 2963

### 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

### Saturday 17 December

#### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre,

Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: Luke Brady's 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, dance reminders and application forms.**

## 2012

### Leeds Branch 50th Anniversary Year

### Saturday 21 January

#### Walk through dance

#### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: Phill Jones

### Saturday 18 February

#### Musicians' Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall,

Gainsborough Avenue,

Adel, Leeds 16

Teacher: Neil Barron

### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: Neil Barron & Day School

Musicians'

### Saturday 17 March

#### Children's Festival

West Park Centre,

Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: Luke Brady

### Saturday 17 March

#### Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE

Music: Luke Brady's Band

### Friday 30 March to

### Sunday 1 April

#### Scarborough Weekend

Clifton Hotel, Scarborough

Teacher: Mervyn Short

Musician: George Meikle

Contact Yvonne Tredgett

Tel: 01302 851 174

### Saturday 28 April

#### Highland Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall,

Gainsborough Avenue,

Adel, Leeds 16

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

## Classes

### Autumn Term 2011

WC 12th September 2011

to WC 12th December 2011

**Fees:** £3.50 per class,

### Single Class Ticket

costs £42.00

### Multi-Class Ticket

costs £60.00

## 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 24, 31 October & 14,

21 & 28 November

### 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

2 October, 13 November, 4 December

2011 and 8th January, 5 February,

4 March, 15 April, 6 May, 3 June &

1 July 2012

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

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