

Leeds Branch Dancers Newsletter

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The Children's Festival

Future Newsletters

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

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From the Chair ...

We are now in the last term of the season of the dancing year, even so there is still plenty of events to enjoy. On 28th May we have our Jubilee Tea Dance to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Branch Golden Jubilee. This should be a great afternoon so if you are free then come along and dance to the music of Ian Slater. Then celebrate with a faith tea afterwards. See page 6 for detail and programme.

We then have our 50th Anniversary dance on 16th June. This should be a great evening of celebration. We have Gordon Shand's Band playing for us, this is a 4 piece band. So come and help us celebrate. Tickets are £11 and available from Isabel Douglas 0113 250 2963.

On 7th July is the White Rose Festival, with music from George Meikle and

the Lothian band. If you have not signed one of the lists and would like to dance with Leeds Branch at the Festival please contact me asap, so I can fit you in one of the teams. If you don't want to dance in the afternoon, why not come and join us for the evening dance. Tickets are £12.50 and available from Brenda Burnell.

The second of our big celebrations will be a 50th Anniversary Ball at Leeds Grammar School on 17th November dancing to Sandy Nixon's Band. Tickets will be £20 and available from the June dance. See page 6 for more details and menu.

Enclosed in this newsletter is next years RSCDS Branch membership form. Please join, to help the society provide teachers and promote Scottish Country dancing world wide. Also support the branch, and enable us to

continue running classes and dances etc. As part of your membership you should receive four Branch newsletters and two Scottish Country Dancer magazines, if you have not received these, please contact Brenda Burnell. Please return your form and payment to Brenda Burnell asap, especially if you wish to purchase a class multi term ticket for the Autumn term, these can't be purchased unless you are a branch member.

Finally if you wish to continue dancing over the summer the Thursday evening will continue to run, for detail contact Brenda Burnell.

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Why not keep up-to- date with our latest news.

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.

Highland Day School

On Saturday 28th April it was back to our usual venue of Adel Methodist Church Hall for the Highland day school. We worked through the Highland dances which are to be danced at the White Rose Festival. These being the Highland Fling, Shepherds Crook, The Foursome Reel and Half Tulloch and Village Maid. The aim was tips on making these easier to dance. You may think you know the dance but there are always things that can help improve them. The next Highland Day School is on 27 October so why not come along to an interesting day. Highland helps your balance for Country dancing.

Back to Basics Workshop

Held in February along side the Musicians Day School. This was a very enjoyable afternoon. The aim was going back to basics and learning about some of the basic formations eg reels, making dancing easier through posture and balance and flow of moment. Catherine showed how to move from one formation to another.

The Branch hopes to hold another Back to Back Workshop next February, so why not give it a go.

Sat 16th June 2012 7.30pm 50th ANNIVERSARY DANCE West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Gordon Shand's Band MC: Catherine Livsey
Tickets: £11, Full time Education £3,
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

Programme

The Highland Fair	8x32 J	Graded Book
Maxwell's Rant	8x32 R	Book 18
Monymusk	8x32 S	Book 11
Muirland Willie	8x32 J	Book 21
Red House	8x40 R	Book 7
The Robertson Rant	1x80 S	Book 39
Miss Hadden's Reel	8x32 J	Book 23
The Axum Reel*	2x32 S	Book 18
The Montgomeries' Rant	8x32 R	Book 10

INTERVAL

The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32 J	Book 22
General Stuart's Reel	8x32 R	Book 10
The Braes of Breadalbane	8x32 S	Book 21
Bonnie Anne*	1x96 J	MacNab
The Sailor	8x32 R	Book 24
Jimmy's Fancy	8x32 S	Book 14
The Last of the Lairds	8x32 J	Book 22
Mairi's Wedding	8x40 R	Cosh

Extras

A Trip to Bavaria	4x32 R	Collins
Neidpath Castle	3x32 S	Book 22
The River Cree	8x32 J	Book 8
The White Heather Jig	4x40 J	Cosh

* These dances will not be recapped or walked

Congratulations

to Claire Johnson on passing RSCDS Teachers' Certificate. She has now completed all 5 units. Congratulations from the branch. We hope to see her teaching at our branch classes soon.

Best wishes go to Helen Begg on her marriage to Richard Nicholas on Sat 12 May. We wish them a happy future together.

Jean Waterhouse

Older members will be saddened to hear of Jean's recent death after a three year battle with cancer. She was one of our original members and kept up her annual membership each year including this one. I was hoping she would be with us in June to celebrate our 50th birthday but this was not to be. Many will remember it was Jean's car that was set on fire the very night we persuaded her to come and dance with us again at West Park. I never did win the lottery and was therefore not able to fulfil my promise to replace her car. Our condolences go to Denis and the family.

Sat 15th September 2012 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Neil Barron MC: Malcolm Brown
Admission: £9, Non-member £10, Full time Education £3,
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

Programme

The Happy Meeting	8x32 J	Book 29
Shiftin' Bobbins	8x32 R	Clowes - Ormskirk
Fair Donald	8x32 S	Book 29
Sgurr Alasdair	5x32 R	Leeds 40th
The Gentleman	8x32 S	Book 35
Teacher's Choice	R or J	
Golden Wedding Strathspey	4x40 S	Book 33
The Highland Rambler	8x40 R	Leeds 25th

INTERVAL

Anna Holden's Strathspey	6x32 S	Book 42
Quarries' Jig	8x32 J	Book 36
Teacher's Choice	S	
The Sailor	8x32 R	Book 24
Macleod's Fancy	4x32 J	Book 33
Flower of Glasgow	3x32 S	Book 46
South from Oban	8x40 J	Leeds 10th
Deil Amang the Tailors	8x32 R	Book 14

Extras

Chequered Court	3x32 J	Book 42
West's Hornpipe	4x32 H	RSCDS 1965
Neidpath Castle	3x32 S	Book 22

Musicians' Day School

This year the course seemed thwarted from the word go. We were first promised two visiting musicians from Australia as part of their tour but in the end it all fell through and we had to make other arrangements. Luckily we were able to book Neil Barron to come again.

All went well, for a while, but then Neil lost his job just before Christmas - a huge blow for him and his family. I was waiting for the music when he applied for another job (not many going these days) and was called for interview. I knew he was working hard on his presentation for this and did not matter him for the music. The outcome was good and Neil got the job, the music arrived and was duly despatched to the musicians. Everyone was very understanding about it being late when they knew the circumstances.

The day before the course we discovered that West Park had not been booked! The hall and foyer was being used by some religious sect all day so we were directed elsewhere in the school. Last minute e-mails and telephone calls were made on the Friday evening along with two incoming ones saying two people were ill and would not be able to make it.

With the food prepared as much as possible, we set off for West Park on the Saturday morning. Arrangements were changed again when we got there! We were to use one of the gyms for the musicians and a nearby classroom for lunch and tea. The caretaker was wonderful in organising tables and chairs in the classroom for us and with a nearby kitchen we were set to complete the arrangements for lunch.

The musicians had to lift their instruments up a flight of stairs to the gym and looked lost as a group in it. The gyms are each almost as big as the hall at West Park. Everyone helped each other and the group settled to their work. We missed hearing them play whilst preparing lunch but after all the hurdles we had jumped over, it was a small price to pay.

The day progressed as normal and after tea the musicians and Neil transferred to the hall and played for a very enjoyable dance.

My thanks go to all who worked so hard that day to make it a success.

Brenda



Children's Festival

Saturday 17th March saw our 35th Children's Festival at West Park and I was pleased to be back at the helm. Around 70-80 children arrived full of the usual enthusiasm and raring to go. The Friday Evening Class excelled with Summer Wooing and the Leeds United Scottish Dancers (not the footballers) danced The Waratah Weaver. Well done both teams and congratulations to their teacher Brenda Burnell. Demonstartions were performed by Nora Scotia Seniors - "The Earl of Errol" and Leeds Friday Class - "The Celtic Reel". There were some "wee" dancers aged about 4/5 years and their footwork was A1. Pointed toes,

three beat pas de basque - you name it, they did it. Congratulations to their teachers. Our adjudicator was Jessie Stuart who gave some good advice and was greatly impressed with the dancing of all teams. Our musician Luke Brady once again played brilliantly, a joy to listen to. My thanks go to all who helped on the day - too many to name. It would be nice to see more Branch members at this Festival, don't forget these children are our next adults. Another excellent day - looking forward to next year.

Jean Dyson



Scarborough "First Timers"



From the moment we arrived we were made to feel very welcome and 'included'.

This continued throughout the whole weekend and we had a very enjoyable break.

There was excellent dancing, both social and the classes; we met some lovely people, made some new friends and enjoyed good food (and wine!) in the hotel.

Throughout the weekend we never felt like "first timers" and we are already looking forward to March 2013! Thank you to everyone concerned.

June Coulson (Lancaster)

Pauline Broadley (Colchester)

Everyone on the course



Branch Shop Books & Cds

Auld Friends Meet - The Collected Leaflets of Roy Goldring includes 49 dances.

Dancing On Air - 12 new dances devised by Bill Zobel & Muriel Johnstone with music composed by Muriel Johnstone and played by her on the accompanying CD

Berkhamsted Diamond collection contains 17 dances with the CD by Sandy Nixon and his Scottish Dance Band.

The Gordie Diamond is not a new book but Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band have now produced the CD to accompany it.

6 x Through the Dance by Muriel Johnstone is a compilation of tracks with "6x32" in Jig, Reel and S/S time. It is intended for smaller class sizes where you have only 3 cpl sets. Some tracks are "3x32": once through, a pause to allow that couple to step to the foot of the set, then a 4-bar intro and another 32 bars, as well as some "6x40" tracks in Jig and Reel rhythms.

The Scotia Suite by Roy Goldring and the Dookie Bookie, published by the 30th Australian Winter School, Melbourne & District Branch are back in print after being out of print for a couple of years. If you missed them first time round, now's your chance.

A Dancing Tour, with 10 dances devised by Jim Rae was published in 1999. We have not stocked this before but the dances came recommended.

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!

DATES, DATES, DATES

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

2012

Leeds Branch 50th Anniversary Year

Monday 28 May

The Jubilee Celebration
Tea Dance 1.45-3.30pm
Adel Methodist Church Hall,
Gainsborough Avenue,
Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ
Music: Ian Slater
See programme below

Saturday 16 June

50th Anniversary Dance 7.30pm
(tickets required cost £11, Full time
Education £3, Children under 11 £2,
Spectators £1) includes Strawberries
and Cream, cake and glass of wine.
West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Gordon Shand's Band
(4 piece band)

Saturday 7 July

White Rose Festival
Afternoon 2-5pm,
Evening Dance 7-10.30pm
Gateways School, Harewood, Leeds
LS17 8GS
Music: George Meikle
and the Lothian Band

Saturday 15 September Day School

West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE
Teacher: Alasdair Brown
Forms enclosed in this newsletter.

Saturday 15 September

Social Dance 7.30pm
West Park Centre, Leeds LS16 5BE
Music: Neil Barron

Saturday 17 November

50th Anniversary Ball
Leeds Grammar School, Leeds LS17 8GS
Music: Sandy Nixon's Band
(tickets available from the June dance
at a cost of £20 this includes
supper and wine).

Your meal option will be required
when you purchase the ticket.

Menu Poached Salmon Salad or
Ham Salad or Chicken Salad
Vegetarian Option Goat's Cheese
and Tomato Salad
with New Potatoes
Fresh Raspberries and Whisky Cream
Lemon Tart served with Fresh Cream

Friday 30 November to Sunday 2 December

Malhamdale Weekend
Teacher: Maureen Haynes and
Musician: John Browne
Contact Yvonne Tredgett
Tel: 01302 851 174

2013

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 March 2013 Scarborough Weekend

Clifton Hotel, Scarborough
Teacher: Mervyn Short
Musician: George Meikle
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, dance reminders and application forms.

Monday 28th May 2012

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION TEA DANCE

Adel Methodist Church Hall Gainsborough Avenue LS16 7PQ
1.45-3.30 followed by FAITH TEA. £4.50 or £1 for term ticket holders
Music: Ian Slater MC: Don Andrews

PROGRAMME

The Royal Deeside Railway	8x32	R	Book 40
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32	J	Book 35
The Golden Wedding Strathspey	4x40	S	Book 33
The Jubilee Jig	8x32	J	Leaflet (Golden Jubilee or 11)
The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh	8x40	R	Book 39
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8x32	S	Leaflet (Golden Jubilee or 19)
Vintage '62	4x32	J	Leeds 40th: Goldring
The Royal Yacht Britannia	8x40	R	Book 43
The Dream Catcher	96	S	Book 45
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32	R	Leaflet (27)

EXTRAS

Miss Hadden's Reel	8x32	J	Book 23
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8x32	S	Leaflet (18)

The jubilees we celebrate with this tea dance are the Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and Leeds Branch Golden Jubilee

Classes

Summer Terms 2012

Finishes WC 2nd July 2012

Autumn Term 2012

WC 10th September
to WC 10th December 2012

Fees: £3.50 per class
Single Class Ticket £45.00
Multi-Class Ticket £75.00

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
Class continues until WC 28th May 2012

Thursday evening

7.30 - 10.00 - General/beginner
Lidgett Park Methodist Church, Lidgett
Place, Leeds LS8 1HG
Teachers: 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

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

For more information see
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk

