



# The Leeds Branch

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1996

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*Dear Dancers*

*Welcome to this my first production of the RSCDS Leeds Branch Newsletter, I hope you find it informative.*

*Remember this is your newsletter - so if any of you have any news, information, articles or questions on general subjects, dances, formations, steps, music, CD's, records and tapes or anything at all, then please share it. With your help I intend to have a letters to the editor column and questions column in future issues, so please feel free to share anything you wish with other dances - so please contact me Catherine Livsey 6 Woodlands Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD8 0HZ Tel 01484 432270 day 01484 306637 evenings & weekends, with your views and questions etc.....*

## DAY SCHOOL 21 September 1996



The 1996-7 dancing season began with a flourish on 21 September. Eighty dancers from near and far gathered at West Park for the Annual Day School. This year we had the new dancers in Book 39 to tackle (some of them turned out to be old favourites!). Dorothy Leurs came down from Edinburgh and put us gently but firmly through our paces: we managed to cover all nine dances in the book in the course of the day! Jack Judson played delightfully, and kept spirits up when bodies began to flag. At lunchtime Brenda Burnell and her assistants

provided us with a splendid spread, which did wonders for our dancing in the afternoon.

All in all, it was a great day, with a lovely atmosphere, and rounded off by a lively evening dancing to the Lothian Band. Many thanks to all who helped with the organisation and catering - efforts were much appreciated.



### FUTURE ATTRACTIONS

#### 9th November 1996 BASIC SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING DAY SCHOOL

St Mary's Hawkswood Avenue, Leeds 5  
Alice Murphy, Ian Slater

#### 16 November 1996 SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC - George Meikle

MC - Avis Harrison

##### Programme

R32	Cramond Bridge	London
J32	Follow me Home	Book 38
S32	My Friend Joe	Book 38
J32	The Frisky	Book 26
R40	Highland Rambler	Leeds 25
S32	Lady Lucy Ramsay	MMM 2
J32	Last of the Lairds	Book 22
R32	Reel of the Royal Scots	RSCDS L
J32	The Nurseryman	Book 37
R 32	Peggy Dewar	Book 38
S32	Royal Wedding	RSCDS 1982
R88	Summer Assembly	Book 35
J40	Waggle O'the Kilt	Cosh
S48	Moray Rant	Drewry
R32	Cumbræ Reel	Book 28
J32	Postie's Jig	R. Clowes

##### Extras

S32	Gang the Same Gate	Book 36
J32	St. Andrew's Fair	RSCDS 1982
J32	Kendall's Hornpipe	Graded
R32	College Hornpipe	Book 20

#### 21st December 1996 SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC - Robert Whitehead Band

MCs Alan and Sue Carr

##### Programme

J32	Hooper's Jig	MMM 2
R32	The Reverend John MacFarlane	37
S32	Wisp of Thistle	Book 37
J48	Argyll's Fancy	Graded
R32	Music Makars	Book 33
S32	Miss Catherine Allan	RSCDS L
J32	Miss Allie Anderson	RSCDS L
R88	Round Reel of Eight	Book 27
J32	Hollin Buss	Book 24
R40	Ladies of Dunse	Book 26
S32	Miss Gibson's Strathspey	RSCDS L
J32	Joie de Vivre	Book 39
R32	Mrs Macleod	Book 6
S32	The Minister on the Loch	R Goldring
J32	Postie's Jig	R. Clowes
R32	Reel of the Royal Scots	RSCDS L

##### Extras

J32	Miss Hadden's Reel	Book 23
R24	The Triumph	Book 1
S80	The Robertson Rant	Book 39
R48	The Christmas Tree	Newcastle



## DIARY DATES

### Dances

#### BRANCH SOCIALS

Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm

at St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5

1st November 1996

6th December 1996

3rd January 1997

7th February 1997

4th April 1997

2nd May 1997

6th June 1997

Sat 18th January 1997 - 7.30pm

Social Dance, West Park CDC  
Colin Dewar

Sat 15th February 1997 - 7.30pm

Social Dance, West Park CDC  
Neil Barron

Sat 15th March 1997 - 7.30pm

Social Dance, West Park CDC  
Craig MacCallum Band

Sat 17th May 1997 - 7.30pm

Social Dance, West Park CDC  
Ian Slater

Sat 21st June 1997 - 7.30pm

Social Dance, West Park CDC  
John Brown

Sat 19th July 1997 - 7.30pm

Social Dance, West Park CDC  
Ian Slater

### Day and Weekend School

Sat 1st March 1997 - 10.00am

Highland School Day

St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5

7th - 9th March 1997

Basic Scottish Country Dance  
Weekend School, Malhamdale  
Peter Clark, John Brown

4th - 6th April

Weekend School,

University College, Scarborough  
Bill Zobel, George Meikle

### Festivals

Sat 15th March 1997 - 2.00pm

Children's Festival, West Park CDC

## RSCDS TEACHER COURSE

Richmond Branch are planning to hold a course for potential teachers this winter.

The classes will be held near Darlington just off the A1. Any dancer interested should telephone the tutor Fiona Turnbull on 01833 638449 for further details by the 8th November 1996.

## LEEDS UNIVERSITY SCOTTISH DANCE SOCIETY

Encouraged by the success of our dance last March we will be hosting a

### ST ANDREW'S EVE DANCE

on FRIDAY 29TH NOV 96

7.30PM to 11PM

at ST CHAD'S PARISH CENTRE,  
Headingley, Leeds

MUSIC by IAN SLATER

A Faith Supper will be provided  
during the interval

Contact Alan Smith for details

on

0113 271 5110

### "A BEGINNER'S PLEA"

Be kind, be considerate, be caring for the new ones on the scene

When a reel becomes a hazard and you feel you'd like to scream

Remember when you were learning and never thought you'd know

How long it took to allemande and that strathspeys much be slow

The feet, the hands, the eyes, the head must all do things in time

When just to find your partner is the major thing in mind!

We look the same in snow white frocks, in kilts and pumps and tartan socks

But some are old hands, some are new with lots to learn, so before you do -

Frown or growl, or push or pull, sneer or snarl, remember too

That once, perhaps, long, long ago you were new and didn't know

Your heart would thump, your brain would freeze

Your legs would knock about your knees

You knew you were the only one who'd mess the reels up one by one!

So be kind, be considerate, be caring for the new ones on the scene

Then clubs will grow in numbers which was Miss Milligan's Hope and dream!

## DEMONSTRATIONS



Member of the branch enjoying demonstrating at Pudsey.

Please don't be shy ... you could really help.

Demonstrations are fun, give great pleasure to others especially people who are unable to dance.

Remember this is the best way of promoting Scottish Country dancing.

We all enjoy and love dancing so why not let others see how enjoyable it can be and encourage them to come to classes. If people don't see Scottish dancing how can we expect them to come to our classes.

I really need your help (please) as I have said we will do a demonstration on Saturday 23rd November 1996 at The Masonic Lodge, Castle Grove, Headingley, Leeds at approximately 9.30pm for 20-30 minutes. All the dances we will demonstrate will be easy and familiar to you all. So if you can help (please!) then contact me Catherine Livsey (see front page for address and tel numbers). If you can't dance at this demonstration then please let me know if you would be interest in demonstrating in the future, may be we could arrange some practices.

## ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE

### Advanced Class

Mondays 7.45 - 9.45pm is now been held at St Columba's UR Church Hall, Headingley Lane, Leeds.

### Highland Class

The class on Friday 29th November 1996 HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to clash with Students Ball. the classes will restart in the new year.

### Lost Property

Left after dance 21st Sept - two pairs of men's ghillies, nestling together in a Sainbury's celery bag! I have then... Chris MacDonald.