

# The Leeds Branch

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1996

Secretary- Chris McDonald Tel. 01943 874497

Dear Dancers

Welcome to the December issue of the RSCDS Leeds Branch Newsletter. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Branch to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

I still would like to bear from you with news, views, questions etc.... please contact me Catherine Livsey, 6 Woodlands Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD8 OHZ. Tel 01484 432270 day 01484 306637 evenings e3 weekends.

# RSCDS SOCIETY AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the weekend of 2nd November the venue this year was Dundee. George Lawson has now completed his term of office as Chairman and Bill Clements was inaugurated. Linda Gaul was elected to the position of Vice Chairman. On the whole the meeting was uneventful with no contentious issues debated. Scrolls were presented to Mr Harold and Mrs Sheila Barnes, Mr David Brandon, Mr Kevin Conally, Mr Leslie Cummings and Dr Alastair Mac Fadgen. The date of the next meeting is 1st November 1997 in Aberdeen.

# BASIC DAY DAY S 9th November

The three most important ingredients for a successful day school were present. Alice Murphy guided people through the steps formations with her usual thoroughness and sense of Slater Ian accompanied her and gave that essential "lift" necessary, especially towards the end of



the afternoon, when bodies if not spirits were beginning to flag: and Brenda Burnell (+ helpers) fortified everyone with an excellent lunch. It is amazing that although this is the third Basic Day Course we are still attracting new comers, over a third of the people attending were there for the first time, and all were asking when the next one is to be. Many thanks to all concerned.

This term the Branch has held several Highland events. In October Derek Haynes taught a Day School, with a beginners class in the morning and intermediate/advanced in the afternoon. It was enjoyed by all who attended, and some came from quite a distance. Derek, with Maureen assisting with music, taught a variety of steps, which looked easy when he did them, but rather challenging to some of us!

Two Highland classes were also held, taught by Avis Harrison. She concentrated on step-dancing, giving the experts a bit of practice and the rest of us an idea of how much we still have to learn. It was good to see so many of our junior members at one of the classes.

The next event in the Highland calendar is a Day School at St Mary's on 1st March. Catherine Livsey will be teaching this one. See you there!

BOOKING FORMS FOR THIS FROM YVONNE TREDGETT 17-AVIEMORE ROAD, WARMSWORTH, DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE DN4 9ND. TEL DON 01302 851174. YVONNE ALSO HAS FORMS FOR SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WEEKEND SCHOOLS AT MALHAMDALE 7TH-9TH MARCH AND SCARBOROUGH 4TH-6TH APRIL. BOOK NOW, GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT FOR THE NEW YEAR!

#### FUTURE ATTRACTIONS

#### Sat 18 January 1997 - 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC - Colin Dewar MC - Derek Kendal

#### Programme

J32	Luckenbooth Brooch	Foss
R32	Deil Amang the Tailors	Book 14
S32	Sugar Candie	Book 26
R32	John of Bon Accord	Book 33
J32	The Immigrant Lass	Book 39
S32	Gang the Same Gate	Book 36
R32	General Stuarts Reel	Book 10
S32	Belle of Bon Accord	Drewry
H32	The Sailor	Book 24
J 32	Jubilee Jig	RSCDS L/let
R32	Montgomerie's Rant	Book 10
S32	From Scotia's Shores we're Noo Awa	RSCDS LAet
J32	Scottish Reform	Book 3
R88	Round Reel of Eight	Book 27
S32	Miss Gibson's Strathspey	RSCDS L/let
R32	Falls of Rogie	Jean Attwood
S32	Dundee Whaler	Ormskirk 1
R32	Maxwell's Rant	Book 18
	Extras	
H32	West's Hornpipe	RSCDS 5/65
J32	Joe McDiarmid's Jig	RSCDS 5/82

#### Sat 15th February 1997 - 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

S32

Drumelzier

Lothian Lads

Neidpath Castle

S32

Blair

Drewry

Book 22

West Park CDC - Neil Barron MC Alan Harrison

	Programme	
J32	Machine Without Horses	Book 12
R32	Fraser's Favourite	RSCDS L/let
S32	Balmoral Strathspey	Book 22
J32	Mrs Stewart's Jig	Book 35
R32	Reel of the 51st Division	Book 13
S32	Adieu Mon Ami	Book 24
J32	Ladie's Fancy	Book 13
R48	Clutha	Book 31
J32	East of Yeadon	Goldring
R32	Saltire Society Reel	RSCDS LAet
S32	Staffin Harvest	RSCDS 4/78
J32	Miss Allie Anderson	RSCDS L/let
H32	West's Hornpipe	RSCDS 5/65
S32	Argyll Strathspey	RSCDS 35
J32	Tribute to the Borders	RSCDS L/let
R40	Johnnie's Welcome Hame Extras	Book 32
J32	Major Ian Stewart	Book 35
R32	Irish Rover	Cosh

## DIARY DATES

## Classes next year

General

Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16 Commencing 7th January 1997 Teachers: Roy and Doreen Goldring

Thursdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm
Brackenwood Community Centre, New Building,
Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8
Commencing 2nd January 1997
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

#### Advanced

Mondays, 7.45 - 9.45pm St Columba's UR Church Hall, Headingley Lane, Leeds. Commencing 13th January 1997 Teachers: Avis Harrison

#### Children

Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm Hawkswood Wood Primary School, Broadway, Leeds 5 Commencing 10th January 1997

Commencing 10th January 1997 Teachers: Brenda Burnell & Elizabeth Yates

Interme∂iate Social Class
Friday 7.45 - 9.45pm
at St Mary's Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5
Commencing 10th January 1997(other dates to be advised)
Teacher: Derek Kendall

#### Dances BRANCH SOCIALS

Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm at St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5 3rd January 1997, 7th February 1997, 4th April 1997, 2nd May 1997, 6th June 1997

> 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

#### Festivals

Sat 15th March 1997 - 2.00pm Children's Festival, West Park CDC

# Day and Weekend School

#### BOOKING FORMS

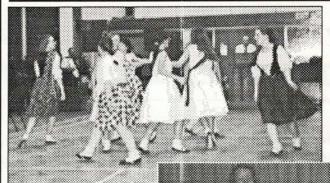
From Yvonne Tredgett, 17 Aviemore Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster, S. Yorks DN4 9ND. Tel 01302 851174 Why not Book now!

Sat 1st March 1997 - 10.00am Highland School Day St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5 Teacher - Catherine Livsey (MARTO Highland R Scorell Name)

7th - 9th March 1997
Basic Scottish Country Dance
Weekend School, Malhamdale
Teacher - Peter Clark, Music - John Brown

4th - 6th April Weekend School, University College, Scarborough Teacher - Bill Zobel, Music - George Meikle

# SUCCESS FOR YOUNGER BRANCH MEMBERS TEAM AT DARLINGTON APPRECIATION DAY



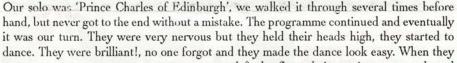
On Saturday November 23rd, 9 children, Jean Tiffany and I set off to Darlington. It was their 25th Appreciation Day. The celebration cake was cut by Ian MacKenzie (adjudicator) and Ruth Tindale.

Above-The team preforming their solo dance "Prince Charles of Edinburgh Right-The Successful Team

The afternoon is similar to our Children's Festival except that the social dancing often has an easy dance at one side of the room and a more difficult one on the other side. It works well.

This year the set dance for the seniors was 'Portnacraig' which the team of 7 girls and Timothy, performed

very well. Later 5 of our girls joined 4 from Darlington to dance Shepherds Crook.



left the floor their tensions were released and they all enjoyed their success.

It was soon time to return to Leeds. When we received our adjudication one dancer commented "He hasn't said anything was wrong" and that's exactly how it was.

On reading the adjudication I think the last

line sums things up. A well trained team, a

credit to the teacher. Congratulation to all

concerned from the Branch, it just proves

Brenda Burnell

ST COLUMBA'S DANCE
7.30 -11pm,
•Music Ian Slater •Faith Supper
at St Columba's UR Church Hall,
Headingley, Leeds
Tickets from Avis Harrison
Tel 0113 278 2300

Fri 3rd January 1997
Walk Through
SOCIAL
7.45pm - 9.45pm

28th December 1996

7.45pm - 9.45pm at St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5.

Sat 11th January 1997

BARN DANCE

7.30 -11pm
Proceeds in aid of St Columba's
restoration fund

at Abbey Grange School MC Avis Harrison

Tickets £3 and £1.50 from Avis Harrison 0113 278 2300

# ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE

we have the best in Leeds.

# Subscriptions

Because of the new regulations governing subscriptions there has been much confusion over the annual subscription rate this year (£7.00).

In consequence many members have overpaid. If you have overpaid please mention it when we next meet at a Branch Dance. When I should be able to reimburse you. If you wish to make the over payment a donation to Branch Funds that would be very acceptable.

Derek Kendall- Hon. Treasurer.