



# The Leeds Branch

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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 hear from you with news, views, questions etc.... please contact me Catherine Livsey, 6 Woodlands Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD8 0HZ. Tel 01484 432270 day 01484 306637 evenings & 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 Fadden. The date of the next meeting is 1st November 1997 in Aberdeen.

Julie Harrison

## BASIC DAY DAY SCHOOL 9th November 1996

The three most important ingredients for a successful day school were present. Alice Murphy guided people through the steps and formations with her usual thoroughness and sense of humour; Ian Slater 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.



Yvonne Tredgett

## HIGHLAND EVENTS

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!

Chris McDonald

BOOKING FORMS FOR THIS FROM YVONNE TREDGETT 17-AVIEMORE ROAD, WARMSWORTH, DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE DN4 9ND. TEL DON 01502 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/et
R32	Montgomerie's Rant	Book 10
S32	From Scotia's Shores we're Noo Awa	RSCDS L/et
J32	Scottish Reform	Book 3
R88	Round Reel of Eight	Book 27
S32	Miss Gibson's Strathspey	RSCDS L/et
R32	Falls of Rogie	Jean Attwood
S32	Dundee Whaler	Ormskirik 1
R32	Maxwell's Rant	Book 18

### Extras

H32	West's Hornpipe	RSCDS 5/65
J32	Joe McDiarmid's Jig	RSCDS 5/82
S32	Drumzelier	Blair

Sat 15th February 1997 - 7.30pm  
SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC - Neil Barron

MC Alan Harrison

### Programme

J32	Machine Without Horses	Book 12
R32	Fraser's Favourite	RSCDS L/et
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 L/et
S32	Staffin Harvest	RSCDS 4/78
J32	Miss Allie Anderson	RSCDS L/et
H32	West's Hornpipe	RSCDS 5/65
S32	Argyll Strathspey	RSCDS 35
J32	Tribute to the Borders	RSCDS L/et
R40	Johnnie's Welcome Hame	Book 32

### Extras

J32	Major Ian Stewart	Book 35
R32	Irish Rover	Cosh
R32	Lothian Lads	Drewry
S32	Neidpath Castle	Book 22



## 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, 7.15 - 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  
Teachers: Brenda Burnell & Elizabeth Yates

#### Intermediate 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 (MBATD Highland & Scottish National)

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



Above - The team performing their solo dance 'Prince Charles of Edinburgh'  
Right - The Successful Team

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.



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.

Our solo was 'Prince Charles of Edinburgh', we walked it through several times before hand, but never got to the end without a mistake. The programme continued and eventually it was our turn. They were very nervous but they held their heads high, they started to dance. They were brilliant!, no one forgot and they made the dance look easy. When they 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.

Brenda Burnell

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 we have the best in Leeds.

Catherine Livsey

28th December 1996

### 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

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

### 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.