



The Leeds Branch Newsletter

From the Chairman

Give It A Whirl!

Welcome to the new season of the Leeds Branch. We have a very exciting programme of dancing lined up for you in the coming months. If you enjoyed the White Rose Festival, you can enjoy another dose of David Cunningham in September. You could even make a day of it by coming to our afternoon course and treating yourself to one of our well known high teas.

John Browne will play for us in October. We will welcome back Marion Anderson with her band in November and Colin Dewar in December. In the next century, George Meikle (January) and Neil Barron (February) set the ball rolling.

For the Children's Festival, Sandy Legget makes an early return after a excellent debut in June of this year. Anyone who missed dancing to his music should make our March dance an essential feature of their calendar.

The dancing will be brought to a close with John Browne in May and the Robert Whitehead Band (Danelaw) in June, with a "Strawberries and Cream" dance to celebrate the summer.

In addition, there are the usual classes, day courses and weekends throughout the year, which you are welcome to attend. Full details can be found in our Syllabus and the Newsletters. As you can see, we have a full and complete programme on offer for the whole year so please feel free to ask for further details for any of our events.

Why not make a new dancing resolution by marking the third Saturday of the month in your diary as **Branch Dance Day** and - "Give it a Whirl".

Alan Carr

The Branch welcomes your news, stories, views, questions etc..... please contact me, Catherine Livsey - Editor, 6 Woodlands Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD8 0HZ. Tel 01484 432270 day or 01484 306637 evenings.

If for some reason you don't receive any copy of the Branch newsletter please contact Alistair Mason on 01423 560684

Your New Committee

I would like to take this opportunity of introducing the three new committee members.

Adrian McDonald has been a member of the branch for several years and regularly attends branch socials. He has been to level two and three classes during the year.

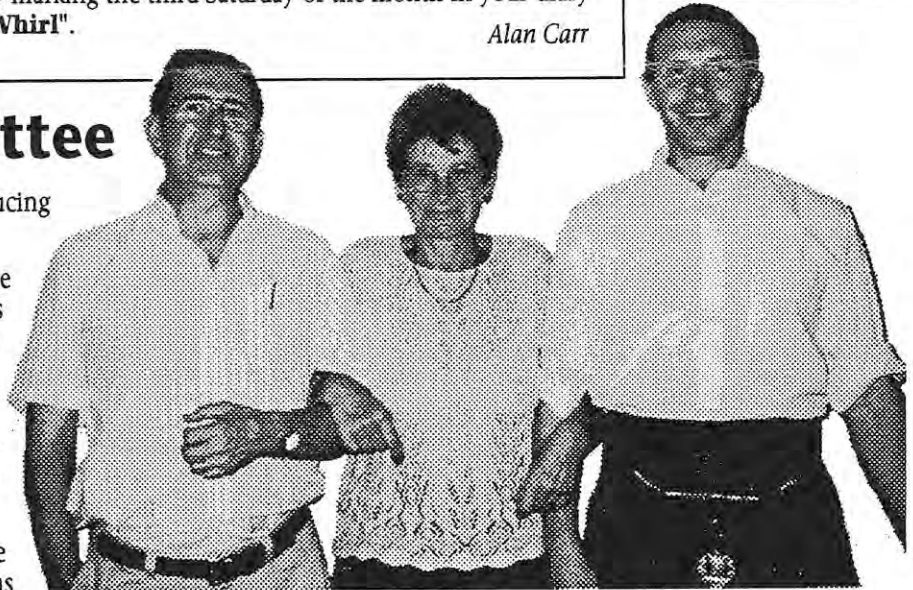
Val Hall has been a loyal supporter of the branch and has been a regular attender at the Adel and Brackenwood classes, socials and other functions.

Finally, there is Alan Smith. He first became involved with the branch five years ago and has been one of the driving forces of dancing at the University. He has encouraged the students to attend branch functions as well as entering teams in the White Rose Festival. I am sure that he will continue fostering co-operation between the Branch and the University, bringing some much needed younger people into dancing.

These people are joining Helga Pearson, Jennifer Edmondson, Catherine Livsey and Julie Harrison who are continuing their good work for a further year. With the present secretary, treasurer and president, there is a very good team working hard on your behalf.

Incidentally, we are still in urgent need of a secretary to replace Alistair Mason who goes on sabbatical leave in February. So if you want to join our team, do not hesitate to give me a call.

Alan Carr.



New Committee members Adrian McDonald, Val Hall, Alan Smith.

Come and help us start the New Season with a Fizz.

We are having a Wine reception before our first dance on September 18th at 7pm. All welcome, please join us and add a sparkle to your steps.

The New Branch web site is www.rscdsleeds.freemove.co.uk why not give it a try.

A Visit from Zimbabwe

When Brenda Burnell invited us to join one of her Leeds teams to dance at the York Festival we accepted but had no idea of what lay ahead! From our experience in Zimbabwe we expected there to be one or two teams and to do one or two dances.



Brenda posted the details of the programme to us and it was quite a shock to see the number of dances and dancers involved. We would never have coped without the tremendous support from the other dancers in the team.

To participate in the Festival was the most incredible experience for us. Firstly, the setting couldn't have been better, with the enormous green field, the beautiful old school building, the clear blue skies and the sun. The large

number of dancers, all attractively dressed, including so many young children and finally the live



Trish & Lynda enjoying dancing at the Adel Class get together.

band just completed the whole scene.

We don't have live bands for Scottish Country Dancing in Zim, so this was quite an experience and the whole atmosphere was pure magic.

Brenda couldn't have given us anything better. That afternoon will be something which we will treasure and never forget.

Wherever we have danced we have been made to feel so welcome and never left out. The camaraderie amongst Scottish Country Dancers is something very special and has definitely added to the enjoyment of our holiday.

Trish & Lynda

Sat 18th September 1999

7pm Wine Reception

7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre

Music - David Cunningham Band MC - Betty Fox

Admission: Leeds Members £4.50, Non Members £5.50, University Students £2, Children £1

Programme

Campbell's Frolic	8 x 32J	Book 15
Back to the Fireside	8 x 32R	Book 38
Jimmy's Fancy	8 x 32S	Book 14
Miss Mary Douglas	4 x 48J	Book 10
Society Piper	8 x 32R	10 Social Dances Roy Goldring
Lady Lucy Ramsay	8 x 32S	Misc II
Damaris Reel	2 x 48R	Leeds 35th
Starry-Eyed Lassie	8 x 32J	Book 23
Hooper's Jig	8 x 32J	Misc II
Flowers of Edinburgh	8 x 32R	Book 1
From Scotia's Shores We're noo awa	3 x 32S	RSCDS Leaflet
Kendall's Hornpipe	8 x 32J	Graded
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel	8 x 32R	Book 5
Wisp of Thistle	8 x 32S	Book 37
Diamond Jubilee	4 x 32J	Book 31
Montgomery's Rant	8 x 32R	Book 10

Plus an additional 2 dances "instruction choice".

Extras

Fife Ness	8 x 32R	RSCDS 1978
Cramond Bridge	8 x 32R	London Jubilee
Lea Rig	8 x 32S	Book 21
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8 x 32J	Book 35

CONGRATULATIONS !

To Branch members Isabel Douglas and Catherine Livsey on passing their RSCDS full teaching certificate and Ann Baranyi and Malcolm Frost on passing their RSCDS preliminary teaching certificate on 3rd & 4th July 1999. Also, congratulations to Fiona Timms who recently left us for Ayr in Scotland, and Walter Proven who was branch chairman before returning to live in Scotland, on passing their Preliminary certificates.

Thank you to all the people who helped on the day as stooges etc. your help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Brenda Burnell and Pat Clark for all their hard work throughout the course and on the day.

ARDEN LEA CHARITY DANCE

Many thanks to all those who helped raise over £350 in aid of Arden Lea/Marie Curie. For the second year running, all the dance tickets were sold. The date for next year is 1st July; Alastair Hunter has been booked to play.

Ilkley Class. This is moving to Ilkley Grammar School Gym as from 16 September. Doreen & Roy Goldring can give information, including details of access (01943 601373)

White Rose Festival

This year's White Rose Festival took place at St Peter's School, York, on Saturday 10 July. The setting was lovely, with distant views of the Minster, and the field was in perfect condition for dancing. The weather was if anything too good! The sun shone all afternoon and shady spots were at a premium. There was a very good attendance (Leeds Branch had four adult teams, plus the



Above: Branch children's team with Barbara Caldicott.

Right: Our children's and teenagers teams having fun together.

Below: Branch teenagers team.



children and the teenagers.) David Cunningham and his band played with verve and vigour and Gerry Yates as MC kept everything moving along to schedule. The Branch fielded a team of sixteen dancers to perform a solo medley

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Right: Branch Brackenwood and teenagers teams dancing at the festival.



devised by Catherine Livsey from some of the dances in our new book "The Silver Thistle". We were last on, which meant that we could practice in the interval - the first time all sixteen had managed to get together! All went well and many appreciative comments were received.



Above: Branch solo team.

Right: Branch teams taking part in the mass dancing.



In the evening we again danced to David Cunningham. An attempt to switch on the fans in the hall at the interval caused the lights to fuse and meant we had an extra long rest and a chance to enjoy the cool of the evening out in the grounds. All in all a super day. Congratulations and thanks to Lesley Digby and her team who organised it. See you all there next year!

Chris McDonald



Branch Brackenwood class with Trish and Lynda from Zimbabwe.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

At the Branch AGM it was agreed that the annual membership fee should be increased to £10 and the long Term membership to £100.

Annual members will not be asked for postage this year. The four Newsletters will be posted automatically if they are not collected from the Branch dance or classes.

Long Term members will likewise

not be asked for postage and the arrangements will be as above providing your form has been returned.

Life members will be asked for postage and if we have not heard from you by the time the next Newsletter is ready we shall assume you do not wish to receive your copy.

Annual members who have not renewed their membership and Long Term members who have not returned their forms, can do so by post or at the September dance. The subscription copy - Book 40 - has arrived and can be collected at the September dance unless other arrangements have been made.

Brenda Burnell

The Teacher's Day School

Back in May, we had a really wonderful Teachers' Workshop. Scottish Country Dancing teachers came from miles around, and at the end all said we must run another soon.

It was very well planned and useful. Helen Russell didn't give us a talk about teaching, nor did she simply teach us. Instead she did a class with a running commentary on what she was doing. I have never seen such a skillful walking warm-up as the one she began with. If anyone wrote it all down, I would like a copy.



Then we had Pat Clark showing us how to use a musician. In Leeds we are used either to canned music or to very experienced musicians, like Pat herself. But the Society rightly hopes in the future to bring on new musicians, and they may be kittens on the keys, but they are almost certain not to be dancers, or brought up on Scottish music. So we must be aware, and ready

to help them on tempo and types of tunes and easy substitutes for unplayable tunes. Pat demonstrated, very comically and effectively, all the ways an inexperienced pianist can go wrong. In the afternoon we had Stella Summers, who is a professional physiotherapist, and who spoke lots of really encouraging sense about how creaking old dancers like us can by intelligent warm-up (and cool-down) not only avoid injury but actually dance better. Some of her exercises I don't think I'll try on my class yet - you need a willing wall and a certain suppleness - but we'll see.

I haven't mentioned the lunch, which was perfect.

Alistair Mason

Sat 16th October 1999 7.30pm

SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre

Music - John Browne MC - Chris & Adrian McDonald

Admission: Leeds Members £4.00, Non Members £5.00, University Students £2, Children £1

Programme

St Andrews Fair	8 x 32J	RSCDS 1982
Peggy Dewar	8 x 32R	Book 38
Dalkeith's Strathspey	8 x 32S	Book 9
Spring Chicken	8 x 40J	Leeds 35th
Reel of the Royal Scots	8 x 32R	RSCDS Leaflet
Lea Rig	8 x 32S	Book 21
Follow me Home	8 x 32J	Book 38
Clutha	4 x 48R	Book 31
Laird of Milton's Daughter	8 x 32J	Book 22
None so Pretty	8 x 40R	Book 19
John McAlpin	8 x 32S	Foss: Galloway Album
Swilcan	4 x 32J	Book 23
Blooms of Bon Accord	4 x 32R	Drewry-Deeside 2
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8 x 32S	RSCDS Leaflet
Luckenbooth Brooch	8 x 32J	Dickson: Glendaroch Lft 28
Mairi's Wedding	8 x 40R	Cosh: 22 SCD

Extras

Wind on Loch Fyne	3 x 32S	Dunedin Bk 1
Shifftin' Bobbins	8 x 32R	Clowes: Ormskirk Bk 6
Quarries' Jig	8 x 32J	Book 36

Sat 20th November 1999 7.30pm

SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre

Music - Marion Anderson Band MC - Derek Kendall

Admission: Leeds Members £4.50, Non Members £5.50, University Students £2, Children £1

Programme

Machine without Horses	8 x 32J	Book 12
Maxwell's Rant	8 x 32R	Book 18
The Minister on the Loch	3 x 32S	Goldring 24 Graded
John of Bon Accord	8 x 32R	Book 33
De'il Amang the Tailors	8 x 32R	Book 14
Ladykirk Bridge	8 x 32S	Leeds 35th
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	4 x 32J	RSCDS 1982
The Falls of Rogie	4 x 32R	Attwood, Alexander Bk 1
Jubilee Jig	8 x 32J	RSCDS Leaflet
From Scotia's Shores We're noo awa	3 x 32S	RSCDS Leaflet
Reel of the 51st Division	8 x 32R	Book 13
The Maryland Strathspey	6 x 32S	Johnstone, Loreburn Bk 3
Milton's Welcome	8 x 32R	Book 33
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8 x 32S	RSCDS Leaflet
Angus MacLeod	2 x 64R	Queen Leaflet
Montgomeryes' Rant	8 x 32R	Book 10

Extras

Drumelzier	4 x 32S	Blair Leaflet
The Sailor	8 x 32R	Book 24
Tribute to the Borders	8 x 32J	RSCDS Leaflet

Classes

Fees

- Level 1 and 2 - £2.00 per class.
Level 3 class - £3.00 (due to this class having live music).

Level

- Level 1 - Beginners.
Level 2 - General.
Level 3 - Experienced Dancers.

Level 2

Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16
Teachers: Alan & Susan Carr (Until Christmas)
Commencing: 14th Sept 1999

Level 3

Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm
Mechanics Institute - Corner of Blakett St & Thornhill St, Calverley, Leeds. On street parking.
Teacher: Avis Harrison (Until Christmas)
Commencing: 14th Sept 1999

Level 1

1st Three Wednesdays of month, 7.30 - 10.00pm
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Knaresborough
Teacher: Eric Wallace, Brenda Burnell
Commencing: 8th Sept 1999

Level 2

Thursdays, 7.45 - 10.00pm
Brackenwood Community Centre, New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8
Teacher: Brenda Burnell
Commencing: On going.

Children

Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm
Hawsworth Wood Primary School, Broadway, Leeds 5
Teachers: Brenda Burnell, Barbara Caldicott
Commencing: 10th Sept 1999

DATES, DATES, DATES

SEPTEMBER 1999

Saturday 18th September 1999
HALF DAY SCHOOL
1pm - 5.00, High Tea 5.00pm
West Park Centre
Bill Little, Pat Clark
Book Now!
Forms from Yvonne Tredgett, 17 Aviemore Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster DN4 9ND
Tel 01302 851174

Saturday 18th September

SOCIAL DANCE
7.00pm WINE RECEPTION
7.30pm West Park Centre
David Cunningham's Band

OCTOBER 1999

Saturday 9th October 1999
HIGHLAND WORKSHOP
St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5.
Teacher: Catherine Livsey
10.00am - Reception, 10.30-12.30pm
Class - Beginners and those wishing to improve on basic movements/steps. No experience necessary. 1.30pm
3.30pm - Intermediate and Advanced.
Classes £3 per session, £5 the day.
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Form with this newsletter.

Saturday 16th October 1999

SOCIAL DANCE
7.30pm West Park Centre
John Browne Solo

NOVEMBER 1999

Saturday 20th November 1999
SOCIAL DANCE
7.30pm West Park CDC
Marion Anderson Band

DECEMBER 1999

10-12th December 1999
BASIC SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WEEKEND SCHOOL
Malhamdale,
Teacher: Alice Murphy,
Music: John Browne
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Saturday 18th December 1999
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DANCE
7.30pm West Park CDC
Colin Dewar Solo

JANUARY 2000

Saturday 15th January 2000
SOCIAL DANCE
7.30pm West Park CDC
George Meikle Solo

FEBRUARY 2000

Saturday 19th February 1999
Musician's Day School
St. Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5.
Teacher: Neil Barron

THE SILVER THISTLE COLLECTION

Twelve more Leeds Dances to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Leeds Branch of RSCDS

Books £2.50 plus postage

CD's £12.00 plus postage containing music for dances in this book and played by

David Cunningham and his Band.

If bought together
Book and CD may be purchased for just £13.50 plus postage.

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RSCDS Winter School

24-29th February 2000

Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry
Costs £220.00. Completed forms should be returned to Head Office by 20th September 1999. Forms are available from Head Office or ask Alistair Mason. He may have some.