



The Leeds Branch Newsletter

A Day at Nostell Priory

On Saturday 3rd August, members of the branch put on a display of Scottish Country and Highland Dancing at Nostell Priory. The demonstrations were very well received with very responsive audiences.



A very enjoyable day was had by all. If you would like to take part in future demonstrations that the branch are asked to do then contact Catherine Livsey Tel 01484 432270.



Afternoon Tea Dance

On Monday 27th May the beginners class at Adel held another Afternoon Tea dance to mark the end of term. Quite a number of visitors from other classes went along and enjoyed a super afternoon of dancing plus tea, cakes and biscuits and were warmly welcomed by the class members.

Thanks you Barbara for inviting me and congratulations on the help and encouragement you have given to these "newer" dancers they most certainly enjoy there dancing.

Jean Dyson

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. Email catherine@cld-design.co.uk

If for some reason you don't receive any copy of the Branch newsletter please contact Alan Carr on 01943 466702.

Your Branch needs you!

AGM 19th October, West Park 7.00pm

This past season the Branch has run on a rather depleted Committee and we desperately need your help. Nominations are required for Committee members - I assure you it is not too ominous a task - so please do consider this and send your nominations to the Secretary - Mrs Jean Dyson, 19 Pegholme Drive, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 3NZ as soon as possible.

Membership Fees 2002-03

Membership fees were due on July 1st so if you have not already paid please complete your forms and return them to Brenda Burnell with a cheque for £12 made payable to RSCDS Leeds Branch, asap.

Thank you.

Subscription to this Newsletter can be taken out at £3.00 for 4 issues for non Leeds Branch Members.

Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

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

White Rose Festival

Once again the branch had a number of adult teams and a children's team taking part in the White Rose Festival at York on 5th & 6th July. This year we were blessed with good weather. I very good day was had by all with excellent music, dancing and friendship. Congratulations to the organising committee on organising a super event. Hope to see you all next year.



Sat 21st September 2002 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Ian Muir Trio M.C : Derek Kendall
Admission: RSCDS Members £5.00, Non Members £6.00,
Students £2, Children £1

Programme

Machine Without Horses	J	Book 12
Cramond Bridge	R	London
Staffin Harvest	S	4/78
Instructor's Choice		
Milton's Welcome	R	Book 33
Seann Truibas Willichan	S	Book 27
Follow Me Home	J	Book 38
Summer Assembly	R	Book 35
Joe McDairmid's Jig	J	5/82
Glasgow Country Dance	M	Book 23
Peat Fire Flame	R	Drewry
Instructors Choice	S	
Diamond Jubilee	J	Book 31
Cape Town Wedding	S	Book 39
Luckenbooth Brooch	J	Dickson
John of Bon Accord	R	Book 33

Extras

Quarries' Jig	J	Book 36
Baldovan Reel	R	Henderson
Lammermuir Hills	S	Goldring
West's Hornpipe	R	5/65

A Night to Remember



On June 21st 2002 Leeds Branch became 40 years old and we held a celebration dance on June 15th in our 'home' hall at West Park (or whatever its name is now) School. Many members, both old and new, along with many friends danced to the music of Kenny Thomson's Band after a sherry reception where there was much chatter! The strawberries and cream refreshed everyone for the second half which was longer than usual and it was good to see the hall remain full to the end. The evening was ably timed and guided through

by M.C. Jerry Yates.

Two of our founder members, Shirley Shields and Mair Pinnell, were present to cut the beautiful celebration cake (the second one this year made by Yvonne Tredgett!). They were joined by a group of original members for a memorable photograph for our scrapbook.

Many things have changed over the forty years but



The cake was piped in by Alan Harrison - L to R Christine Mair, Don Andrews, Jean Dyson, Alan Mair, Alan Carr & Alan Harrison

the enthusiasm with which the Branch was started has remained and dancers still gather on the third Saturdays of the month to dance at West Park, the place we consider 'home'. Our very first dances were held at Braim Wood but we soon found West Park, then a girls' school, with a good sprung oak floor. With a succession of helpful caretakers we had many years of Saturday dancing there. Then an

40th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CLOTHING

with
embroidered
Leeds RSCDS
logo
in old gold

POLO SHIRTS £15

(available in white, blue, bottle green, red, in sizes Ladies 10, Small, Medium, Large)

LAMBSWOOL V-NECK SWEATERS £25

(available in blue or bottle green, sizes 36" to 48")

LADIES CARDIGANS, WOOL/ACRYLIC (sizes 34" - 48" in a range of colours) £30

or in white acrylic
at **£25**

Yvonne Tredgett
01302 851174
or at Branch dances



Original Members

unhelpful caretaker arrived and we had to move the children's class and also our Branch dances. For several years we led a nomadic existence trying to find a perfect hall but then luck was on our side. The buildings were not to be pulled down for College accommodation (as we had been told at one time), the said caretaker left and we were allowed to return to West Park then to be known as the Curriculum

Development Centre (many other names followed later). Armed with cleaning equipment before each dance we were back on the best dancing floor in Leeds! We've had hiccups along the way with vandalism to a car but now we have a patrolled car park. The rain of autumn 2000 nearly wrecked the floor but that has to a large extent recovered and we are still able to dance on it.

Other good things have taken place over the years. Many exchange visits have been made to various European countries for the fit and able Branch dancers and the rest of us have been able to enjoy the return visits of the groups to Leeds. How many of you remember the fun we

had raising money for these visits in producing our own 'Breath of Scotland' shows? Many teachers have been trained in Leeds over the years and have spread their enthusiasm for Scottish Country dancing in the area and further afield.

Programmes and dancing have changed very much over the forty years. The number of Society dance books has almost doubled and formations have been halved and quartered to create new dances. It is not quite so easy now to watch a dance through while being the standing couple and then dance it with ease. The influx of three, four and five couple dances has made it essential to learn these dances when everyone is involved and usually all the time! Some dances have

Invitation ...

Rhoda Shaw (former member of the Branch) is now living in the Dumfries area and has said that she would welcome any members travelling that way to call and see her. Please phone Rhoda on 01848 500273 to arrange a suitable time.

Thank You ...

Charity Dance

Many thanks to all the kind people who bought tickets for the Marie Curie dance at the end of June. With the aid of generous donations, we raised over £300. Next year's dance is planned for Friday 27th June at Otley.

Sat 19th October 2002 8.00pm
(following the Annual General Meeting at 7pm)

SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spen Lane

Music: Andrew Lyon & David Queen M.C : Donald Andrews

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

Programme

Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	MMM II
Cramond Bridge	8x32R	London
Minister on the Loch	3x32S	Goldring 24 Graded
Muirland Willie	8x32 J	Book 21
Polharrow Burn	5x32R	Foss
The Robertson Rant	80 S	Book 39
It's Just for Fun	8x32J	Book 33
Summer Assembly	88R	Book 35

Mairi's Wedding	8x40R	Cosh
Diamond Jubilee	8x32J	Book 31
Macdonald of the Isles	3x32S	Carnforth
Clutha	4x48R	Book 31
Leeds 40th Anniversary Jig	8x32J	In this Branch Newsletter
The Gentleman	8x32S	Book 35
Inverneill House	8x32R	Book 35
Roaring Jelly	8x32J	Foss

Extras

S-locomotion	8x32S	Book 41
West's Hornpipe	8x32H	RSCDS 1965
Back to the Fireside	8x32R	Book 38
Campbell's Frolic	8x32J	Book 15

stood the test of time and still remain firm favourites. Montgomerie's Rant is perhaps the dance for all times followed closely by General Stuart's Reel. The number of dances on our programmes has been reduced over the years with more time now to talk with friends or bury our heads in 'the little green book' (originally from Leeds) and for joints to stiffen up.

Roy Goldring devised a dance specially for the occasion which was demonstrated to us by a team from the advanced class. And this was a dance we could all watch and then do! Thank you, Roy, for a simple jig that at the moment of going to press still has no name.

Many people helped to make our 40th celebration dance a night to



remember and many more have helped throughout the first forty years of the Leeds Branch. A very big thank you to them all and to everyone else who supports the Branch in all its activities.

Here's to the next forty years!
Brenda Burnell

Roy's Dance, demonstrated by Advance Class Members

Sat 16th November 2002
7.30pm to 11pm
ANNUAL BALL
Leeds University Great Hall

Music: The Lothian Band **M.Cs:** Chris & Adrian McDonald
Tickets: £7 available from Jean Dyson 01943 461 022

Programme

St Andrews Fair	8x32J	RSCDS 5 for 82
Flowers of Edinburgh	8x32R	Book 1
The Lea Rig	6x32S	Book 21
Kelloholm Jig	8x32J	RSCDS Leaflet
Montgomerie's Rant	8x32R	Book 10
Gang the Same Gate	8x32S	Book 36
South From Oban	8x40J	Leeds 10th
Reel of the Royal Scots	8X32R	RSCDS Leaflet

Pelorus Jack	8x32J	Book 41
Inverneill House	8x32R	Book 35
Ladykirk Bridge	8x32S	Leeds 35th
C'est L'amour	8x32J	Book 34
Black Mountain Reel	5x32R	Haynes
Mrs Milne of Kineff	4x32S	RSCDS Leaflet
Follow Me Home	8x32J	Book 38
Highland Rambler	8x40R	Leeds

Extras

Muirland Willie
Dundee Whaler
General Stuart's Reel
Mrs Stuart's Jig

LEEDS 40th

A Dance for Leeds RSCDS Branch
40th Anniversary JIG 8 x 32

Bars

1- 8 1st couple, followed by 2nd and 3rd couples, dance down between 4th couple divide and cast up the sidelines.

On bar 8, 1st couple dance down to finish in 2nd place in the centre, facing down (2nd couple finish in top place; 3rd couple finish in own place) ready for: -

9-16 3 hands across and back on the sides.

2nd, 1st and 3rd women dance left hands across and right hands across while 2nd, 1st and 3rd men dance right hands across and left hands across.

2nd couple finish at the top facing out: 1st couple finish in 2nd place in the centre, facing up.

17-24 Reel of 3 across the dance. To begin, 1st couple, in promenade hold, pass 2nd woman by the right shoulder.

1st couple finish as bar 16

25-28 1st couple lead up to the top, cast to 3rd place and dance in slightly.

3rd couple step up on bars 27-28.

29-32 1st and 4th women turn approx. 1½ times with left hands while 1st and 4th men turn approx. 1½ times with right hands.

Repeat from new positions.

Tune Belfast Almanac - Trad
Devised by Roy Goldring 2002©

TIME YOU DID THE ADVANCED CLASS?

Your Questions Answered!

Is it really advanced?

If you are reasonably familiar with the basic figures described in the RSCDS Manual, you'll be fine. People join the advanced class to progress to an 'advanced' standard, not because they are there already. Examples of figures that may come up in the class but would be taught if they did are the espagnol, the targe, the capstan.

Will I be criticised?

The aim of the advanced classes is to develop and improve the standard of performance in order to make dancing more enjoyable for everybody. So technique will be worked on and faults will be ironed out, but in the group.

Who will be teaching?

Various teachers will take a number of weeks each. The first ten week block starting in September 2002 will be Avis Harrison, who as all readers will know is a regular member of the teaching team at the St Andrew's Summer School and is invited all round the world as a teacher. Other teachers during the season will include Catherine Livsey and Roy Goldring, each offering a slightly different approach.

Is there anything special on the agenda?

As Avis has been asked to teach the ten dances from the 'new book', Book 42, at St Andrew's this year, she has agreed to include those in her syllabus this September. She says 'one or two of them are quite tricky', so that could be exciting!

Will there be live music?

If enough dancers join in, then we'll see what can be done. So there's an incentive for you!

Where, when, and how much?

The classes will be on Monday evenings, starting on 9th September at 7.45. The venue, at least until Christmas, will be the Calverley Conservative Club, Victoria St, Calverley. It is on the south side of Victoria Park, and there is good street parking. Nice floor. The charge will be the usual £2, and the class can be included in the £30 termly ticket, but £3 if live music is arranged.

What else do you need to know?

Ring me on 01535 605065, or e-mail at donald@hbandrews.fsnet.co.uk

Classes

Fees and Levels

Level 1, 2 & 3 - £2 per class,
£3 (if the class has live music).

Term Ticket - £30.00 this allows you to attend as many Branch Classes as you wish.

Level 1 - Beginners.

Level 2 - General.

Level 3 - Experienced Dancers.

Classes for September to December 2002

All Classes start in the week beginning September 9th

All Levels - Social Class

Monday's, 1.45 - 3.45pm

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough Avenue, Adel, Leeds 16

Teachers: Barbara Caldicott, Alan Carr

Level 3

Monday's, 7.45 - 9.45pm

Calverley Conservative Club

Teacher: Avis Harrison (until Nov 11th)

Level 2

Tuesday's, 7.45 - 9.45pm

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16

Teacher: Susan Carr

Level 2

Wednesday's except the

4th Wednesday of each month,

7.30 - 10.00pm

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Knaresborough

Teachers: Ann Baranyai & Malcolm Frost

Level 2

Thursday's, 7.45 - 10.00pm

Brackenwood Community Centre,

New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8

Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Children

Friday's 7.15 - 8.45pm

Hawksworth Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds 5

Teacher: Brenda Burnell

DATES, DATES, DATES

SEPTEMBER 2002

9th Branch Classes commence

13th Walkthru' Dance

7.30 - 10pm, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Knaresborough also Fri 11th Oct, 8th Nov & 13th Dec

Further details Malcolm Frost
Tel 01423 872686

21st Half Day School

West Park CDC
Teacher John Wilkinson
Music Jack Judson

21st Social Dance

7.30pm West Park CDC
Music Ian Muir Trio
MC Derek Kendall

OCTOBER 2002

11th Alastair Hunter

& 12th Alastair has been booked to play at Ilkley on the Friday and at St Chads on the Saturday Further details etc from Roy Goldring 01943 601373

12th Highland Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16.
This day school will take a slightly different form and will include dancers mixing Country dancing and Highland Steps together. (see enclosed form).
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

19th AGM/Social Dance

7.00pm West Park CDC
Music: Andrew Lyon & David Queen
MC Donald Andrews

NOVEMBER 2002

16th Charity Ball

Great Hall, University of Leeds
Music Lothian Band
Mc's Chris & Adrian McDonald
Further details & tickets £7 from Jean Dyson 01943 461022

NOVEMBER/DEC 2002

29th Malhamdale Weekend

/1st Teacher Alice Murphy
Music John Browne

DECEMBER 2002

21st Christmas Dance

7.30pm West Park CDC
Music David Cunningham Trio

JANUARY 2003

18th Social Dance

7.30pm West Park CDC
Music Robert Whitehead Band

For further information & bookings for all branch events please contact Yvonne Tredgett 01302 851174 unless other wise stated.