



# The Leeds Branch

NEWSLETTER September/October 1997

Secretary- Alistair Mason Tel. 01423 560684

*Dear Dancers*

*Welcome to the 97/98 dancing season. This year heralds the 75th Anniversary of the RSCDS and the 35th Anniversary of the Leeds Branch and promises to be an exciting one for us all. We can look forward to a full programme of events and classes with excellent musicians. I must give my apologies as I will be unable to attend the day School and the 35th Anniversary Dance due to prior commitments, however, I look forward to seeing you at other events during the season.*

*Julie Harrison - Chair*

## DIARY DATES TO NOTE

### 20th September 1997 - HALF DAY SCHOOL

This year's school will only be an afternoon school, at West Park CDC 1pm-4.45pm. The teacher is Bruce Fraser with music from Jack Judson.

This should prove to be an interesting afternoon of dancing, so get your applications in.

Application forms from Yvonne Tredgett, 17 Aviemore Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster, S. Yorks DN4 9ND. Tel 01302 851174.

**PLEASE NOTE: The evening Social will be at ST CHAD'S CHURCH HALL at 7.30pm to the music of the Jim Berry Band.**

### 11th October 1997 - HIGHLAND WORKSHOP

St Mary's, Hawkswood Avenue, Leeds 5.

Why not have a try at Highland, with guidance from Catherine Livsey (MBATD Highland and Scottish National). All welcome.

10am - Registration & Coffee,

10.30am - 12.30pm Beginners/Intermediate,

2pm - 4.00pm Advanced.

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### 31st October - 1st November 1997 - SOCIETY AGM - Aberdeen.

Any member of the RSCDS can attend, there are many social activities for you as well as the AGM. If you are interested our secretary Alistair Mason 13 East Park Road, Harrogate, HG1 1QS. Tel 01423 560684 has details.

### 8th November 1997 - BASIC SCD DAY SCHOOL

St Mary's, Hawkswood Avenue, Leeds 5.

Why not brush up your technique and have fun too! Teacher Peter Clark and music from Ian Slater.

Application forms from Yvonne Tredgett, 17 Aviemore Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster, S. Yorks DN4 9ND. Tel 01302 851174.

### 15th November 1997 - 35th CELEBRATION SOCIAL DANCE (Semi Formal)

A dance to Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Leeds Branch.

All welcome. Come and join in the fun, 7.30pm West Park CDC to the music of the David Cunningham Band.

## BRANCH SOCIAL EVENINGS

Sat 20th September 1997 - 7.30pm

### SOCIAL DANCE

St Chad's - Jim Berry Band

MC - Reg & Jean Dyson

#### Programme

J32	The Frisky	Book 26
R32	Black Mountain Reel	Hawes
S32	The Balmoral Strathspey	Book 22
J	Instructors Choice	
R32	The Reverend John MacFarlane	Book 37
S32	Margaret Parker's Strathspey	Book 31
J32	Major Ian Stewart	Book 35
R32	Fight about the Fireside	Book 1
J32	Hooper's Jig	MMM 2
R32	Fraser's Favourite	RSCDS Leaflet
S	Instructors Choice	
J32	Luckenbooth Brooch	Foss
R32	The College Hornpipe	Book 20
S32	MacDonald of the Isles	Hawes
J32	Joie de Vivre	Book 39
R32	The Reel of the Royal Scots	RSCDS L&et

#### Extras

R32	J.B. Milne	Clowes
S32	Dundee Whaler	Ormskirk 1
J32	Miss Allie Anderson	RSCDS L&et
R48	Clutha	Book 31

Sat 18th October 1997 - 7.30pm

### SOCIAL DANCE

West Park CDC - Neil Barron Solo

MC - Gerry Yates

#### Programme

R32	Maxwell's Rant	Book 18
J32	Espie McNabb	MMM 1
S32	Argyll Strathspey	Book 35
R32	Portnacraig	Book 36
J32	St Andrew's Fair	RSCDS 5/82
S32	Seann Triubhas Willichan	Book 27
R32	Swiss Lassie	Book 39
J40	South from Oban	Leeds 10th
J32	Miss Allie Anderson	RSCDS L&et
R40	The Highland Rambler	Leeds 25
S32	Drumelzier	Blair
R32	The Music Makars	Book 33
J32	Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	RSCDS 5/82
S32	Margaret Parker's Strathspey	Book 31
J32	Gothenburg's Welcome	Book 37
R32	Cramond Bridge	London

#### Extras

J32	MacLeod's Fancy	Book 33
R32	The Reel of the Royal Scots	RSCDS L&et
J32	The Weathercock	Leeds 25
S32	Minister on the Loch	Goldring



## WHITE ROSE FESTIVAL

A very successful event held on Sat 12th July 97 in York with excellent music from Muriel Johnstone's SCD Band. A great number of branch members attended, and I think I speak for everyone in saying we all had a very enjoyable day. Next year should prove to be an even bigger event. So watch this space for details.



Picture: Mass Shepherd's Crook at White Rose Festival.

## CLASSES

### Fees

**£1.50 per class,  
Advanced class £2.00  
(due to class having live music.)**

### General

**Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm**  
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Adel, Leeds 16  
Commencing 16th September 97  
Teachers: Alan & Susan Carr

### Advanced

**Tuesdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm**  
Mechanics Institute - Corner of  
Blackett St & Thornhill St, Calverley,  
Leeds. On street parking.  
Commencing 16th September 97  
Teachers: Avis Harrison

### General

**Thursdays, 7.45 - 9.45pm**  
Brackenwood Community Centre,  
New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds 8  
On-going  
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

### Children

**Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm**  
Hawkswood Wood Primary School,  
Broadway, Leeds 5  
Commencing 19th September 97  
Teachers: Brenda Burnell, Elizabeth Yates  
& Barbara Caldicott

### Intermediate Social Class

**Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm**  
at St Mary's Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5  
12, 19, 26 September 97, 10, 17, 24, 31 October 97,  
14, 21, 28 November 97, 12 December 97  
Teacher: Derek Kendall

### Branch Socials

**Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm**  
at St Mary's, Hawkswood Ave, Leeds 5  
5th September 97, 3 October 97, 7 November 97,  
5 December 97, 6 February 98, 6 March 98,  
1 May 98, 5 June 98.

## RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL 1997

The three lasses from Yorkshire (Jennifer Edmondson, Nicola Yeardley, and Amy Daniel) arrived in St Andrews for the second week of the first fortnight, on a fantastically hot and sunny Sunday afternoon. As this was our first visit to the RSCDS Summer school we were all the proud owners of gold star name badges. Everybody made us feel very welcome. We could soon see that making new friends was not going to be a problem. We were the youngest people staying in residence in the Lumsden Wing where we found ourselves on the top floor.



The time we had left on the Sunday was used to find our way round St Andrews. We managed to find the halls that we were to be dancing in, mainly Younger Hall for a large proportion of the week. We also had our first taste of meal times at St Andrews which was not quite as an ordeal as we thought it might be. As long as you turned up looking presentable in a long skirt you would be sure of been fed.

We attended the very advanced class in the morning where we started off with our usual warm up routine. Throughout the course of the week we were taught the dances out of the new leaflet, our steps were also critically analysed by Linda Gaul our teacher and we found out that even in the advanced class there is still room for improvement. This was followed by an hour of ladies step, with time to eat an ice cream in between.

In the afternoon we could do as we pleased which did not entail resting as there were plenty of other activities and interests to pursue. At the end of the week we also had the opportunity to stooze for the candidates taking their teaching certificates, which proved to be interesting.



Leeds Branch Members at St Andrews Summer School

Accurate, (I can't quite remember what the C stood for, Courteous possibly) and Elegant. Which Nicky definitely proved to be as she was picked to demonstrate at the Thursday night dance.

I think all in all we all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. We all made our mark in some way as everybody seemed to know exactly who we were by the end of the week. St Andrews was an awful lot of fun. I will certainly go again next year.

Nicola and I would like to thank the Leeds RSCDS Branch for our Scholarship. (All three were offered financial support from the branch as well as helping Jennifer and Nicola get their scholarship.)

*Jennifer Edmondson*

## A REEL NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Time to get next year's diary out and make a note in it. 18 April 1998 is the date, Doncaster Dome is the venue and the occasion is - a Ball - not just any old Ball, but the biggest Scottish Country Dancing do in Yorkshire for a long, long time. The reason - next year is the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Branches all over the world are getting together to organise the celebrations. The Yorkshire and adjacent Branches have booked a venue which can hold up to 400 dancers - just imagine! The music will be provided by Muriel Johnstone's Band - could be a six-piece if enough tickets are sold! A super programme has been devised, accessible to most dancers, and lots of fun too! Dress is 'as formal as you can manage' so don't be put off if you don't have a set of frilly cuffs, you won't be the only one. Cost of tickets is £12.00 if bought before the end of January, (£13.00 thereafter), and that includes supper. Students can go for £8.00 and spectators for £6.00. We hope to organise a coach (or two?) of Leeds members. Ring 01943 874497, (Chris McDonald) to reserve your tickets. See you all at the Ball!