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Annual Report

It is certainly "wi' lightsome heart" that we take up our pen for the Annual Report for 1983-84 - and why not? Things are going well for the Society as a whole with further expansion in all aspects of our work and an increase in the Society's influence world-wide. Long may it continue!

Membership

The Jubilee effort last year to increase membership had obviously carried forward to the current year. The total membership at 30th June stood at 26,156, composed of 17,933 Annual (17,498 last year), 3,565 Long Term (3,041 last year) and 4,658 Life (4,972 last year) members. This is a net increase after transferring 89 members from the "lost" to the "resigned" register of 645 - an increase which is most gratifying. Again, the number of members with whom we are out of touch and who are included in current membership was decreased to 648 (888 last year) which is a more satisfactory state of affairs.

Branches

Anniversary greetings this (calendar) year went out to New York, Nottingham, North West Craven and Stranraer Branches all of whom celebrate their Silver Jubilees in 1984.

We welcome three new Branches this year - the Paris Branch, formed on 3rd March, the Florida Branch, formed on 19th May 1984, and the Tokyo Branch, formed on 24th June. We warmly welcome these new Branches to the "family" and hope to see their representatives and delegates at our meetings in due course. These additions now bring our Branches up to 88 in the UK and 57 overseas, a total of 145. We also have one Teachers' Association in Canada, which continues to thrive.

However, in the midst of the general satisfaction at the continued expansion of the Society, concern must still be expressed in regard to the few Branches where membership is falling to an unacceptably low figure.

Affiliated Groups

During the year approval was given to 52 applications for affiliation. One Group (The Tartan Plaidie) became Paris Branch and six Groups discontinued affiliation (generally due to disbandment) giving us a total of 457 Affiliated Groups - a net increase of 45 over last year, which must be the largest increase ever. We welcome these newly affiliated groups and hope we can be of mutual assistance to each other.

Examinations

The Examinations Committee met three times in the year 1983-84 (September, December and May) under the Convenership of Miss Margaret Anderson. During this period "Notes for Tutors Conducting Examination Classes" were prepared and are now available. As is their wont from time to time, the Examinations Committee reviewed the Examiners List and accepted with regret the resignations of Miss Adams, Mrs Lesslie and Miss McLaren. Consideration was given to potential replacements - a matter still under review at time of going to press.

An important task which this Committee has undertaken in the last few years at the request of the General Purposes Committee has been the selection of teachers/examiners to undertake overseas tours. This year's project under the auspices of the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund was teaching tours in Europe. Already two have been completed with Mrs Johan MacLean teaching in Scandinavia and Miss Lesley Martin covering Switzerland and the Iberian Peninsula (reported under the "Jean Milligan Memorial Fund" elsewhere in the Bulletin). Mrs Corson and Mrs Holden will carry out teaching tours in other parts of Europe in the autumn. The Committee have also selected the examiners for North America in 1985.

An Examiners' Seminar has been planned for 22nd September 1984, when matters relating to examinations generally will be discussed.

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During the year examinations were held at centres in Birmingham, Castle Douglas, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Galashiels, Inverness, Manchester, New Zealand, North West Ayrshire, St Andrews (Summer School), South East Queensland, South Wales and Western Australia. In the Preliminary Test 104 candidates passed and 26 failed and in the Teacher's Certificate Examination 68 passed and 10 failed. It may be pertinent to mention here that records of teachers are held at Headquarters and we should appreciate notification from teachers (both at Teacher's Certificate and Preliminary Test levels) of any change in address or name.

Publication

Under the Convenership of Mr Duncan Macleod the committee met seven times (October, December, January, February, March (two days), April and June (two days)) with, additionally, two recording sessions which subcommittees attended.

Throughout the year the Committee continued to battle with an abnormally large number of recently devised dances submitted for their consideration. By January new dances were selected for publication in 1984. This year, following usual practice, the subscription copy was the Pocket Edition (Books 30, 31, Five Dances for 1982, and the Children's Book). The Committee decided, in response to members' demands, that the new dances should not be published as leaflets - as had been done previously when another publication was the subscription copy - but in a book which could be retained more easily. Again in response to demands, it was decided to give the book a number for convenience in making-up programmes for dances. It was thus that Book 32 came to be published this year and not as the subscription copy. However, it soon became apparent in May that the Executive Council was none too happy with the situation and summed up their feelings with a resolution "that there should never be published in the same year a book of new dances and a Pocket Edition".

By June 1984 the dances for the 1985 publication had been selected with music still to be decided on later in the year. After completing what had been somewhat of a marathon the Committee decided that no more recently devised dances would be accepted for consideration until 1986. The publication in 1986, being the centenary of the birth of Dr Milligan, would be one of traditional dances if possible; further, there would be no publication of new dances in 1987 (recently devised or traditional).

In the course of the year the following books were scrutinised prior to being reprinted and amended where necessary: Books with Music 16, 18, and 27 and Pocket Editions 16-18 and 22 and Graded. The Committee also gave rulings in response to queries raised on various dances. (Amendments to publications and replies to queries are published further on in this Bulletin.)

At the request from the Executive Council, the Committee have considered the present Teacher's Certificate and how to make it more attractive in appearance and, with the help of Mr Iain S. Robertson, it is hoped to have a new design in the not too distant future.

The lack of publicity material has exercised the minds of the Committee and they have had under consideration a new design which will include brief details of the Society and illustrations of dancing. The Committee also plan as a long-term project to provide "packs" on Scottish Country Dancing and its historical background - the Society today (with maps and photographs) and a history of the Society in forms suitable for exhibitions, publicity and recruiting campaigns and also for serious students. While the packs will take some considerable time to prepare it is hoped to have the new publicity leaflet before the end of the year.

The Publications Committee initiated the approach to Paterson's Publications regarding the right to print Books 1-5 and "Won't You Join The Dance?" being transferred to the Society. This matter is now being handled by the Finance Committee.

Two records were produced this year - one for Book 3 dances and one of twelve of the dances from the Graded Book selected to provide a variety of types of dances, of formations, and of lengths of dances. The bands making the recordings were Bobby Crowe's and Rob Gordon's.

The Saltire Society, established to preserve what is best in Scottish tradition and to encourage new development which could enrich the country's cultural life, will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 1986 and has approached this Society to introduce a reel for the occasion. The Publications Committee have therefore invited various devisers to submit suitable reels by 31st October this year when the selection process will start.

General Purposes

The Committee met three times during the year (January, April and October) under the Convenership of the Society Chairman, with an additional subcommittee meeting on 3rd March which prepared the Scroll nominations for the consideration of the full committee. While it was originally anticipated that there would be no more than two or three awards a year, starting so far on in the Society's existence and with so many worthy claimants, there are again this year more than that number, eight recommendations being accepted for the award of the Society's Scroll in 1984 (one in Africa, one in Canada, two in Scotland, one in Ireland, and three in England).

This Committee has devolved responsibility from the Executive Council for consideration and approval of Branch Constitutions and amendments thereto, for Branch formations and for the affiliations of independent groups and Societies who wish a link with the RSCDS. This constituted a fair portion of the Committee's routine work this year. One of the more important decisions taken by the Committee was that of producing a Model Branch Constitution which all Branches formed from now on will be required to accept. It is hoped that this will help to simplify matters and standardise terminology and be of assistance to new Branches generally while not preventing any necessary individual idiosyncracies. In this respect the Committee record their gratitude to Mr James Brown (Edinburgh) for his help in drawing up the model constitution.

This year's project to be financed from the interest from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund was teaching tours in Europe. Unfortunately one or two groups in Germany and Austria had to be omitted but it is hoped to include them eventually. As reported under the "Jean Milligan Memorial Fund" these visits are proving very worthwhile.

As requested by the Executive Council the tours of duty of the Director of Summer School and of the Honorary Archivist were examined and the Committee decided to recommend to Council that both should be appointed in the first instance for four years with the possibility of a further consecutive tour of three years, with no more than two consecutive tours. The Executive Council accepted this recommendation but disagreed that these appointments be made by the Annual General Meeting, deciding that they should continue to be made by the Council. A motion, recommended by the Committee and ratified by Council on the Agenda this year, is to add the Honorary Archivist to the Executive Council and to the Publications and Research Committee.

Publicity visits to Argyll, Inverness-shire, Ross-shire and Sutherland, undertaken by Miss Anderson and Mrs Corson (teachers) accompanied by Miss Kinghorn and Miss Mann (pianists) were highly successful resulting in an increase of affiliations.

Offers to host the Annual General Meetings were accepted with appreciation from Dunbartonshire West Branch (2nd November 1985 - Helensburgh); Dundee Branch (1st November 1986 - Dundee); Edinburgh Branch (31st October 1987 - Edinburgh).

With the Society's expansion all Committees have more work to do and this in turn is reflected in the Executive Council. To help save time at the November Meeting of the Council it was decided that the General Purposes Committee should consider alternative means of electing members to its various committees. This matter is currently under consideration and it is hoped that a more streamlined method may be available for the 1986 meeting.

An interesting decision taken by the Committee was that of acquiring a Society tartan so that members who had no clan affiliation could rightly wear the selected tartan as kilt, skirt or sash; even those with a clan tartan might like to have the Society tartan for a change. We have been helped in investigating this possibility by the Tartans Society in Comrie; it has become obvious that to acquire an absolutely brand new tartan would be extremely costly and probably take for ever but the Tartans Society has come up with a very happy solution. Firstly, the Society may "adopt" a tartan already in existence and the Tartans Society suggested one which is not a clan tartan and one whose designation is most apposite for this Society - the "Strathspey" tartan. This is a very attractive blue/green sett and is described in more detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

At present the General Purposes Committee is still considering suitable ways of marking the centenary of the birth of our Co-Founder, Dr Jean Milligan.

Finance

The financial report will, as usual, be presented by the Finance Convener at the Annual General Meeting but it may be relevant to mention in this report some of the work of the Finance Committee. The Committee meets quarterly throughout the year, their main preoccupation being the regulating of the Society's financial affairs, maintaining checks on spending, investments, etc. Responsibility for staffing Headquarters lies with this Committee and for the provision and maintenance of stocks, books, recorded music and accessories. In the last category two new items have been introduced - an eraser with the Society dancer motif in blue, and pens with the Society's crown motif and name in gold on red, blue, green and brown. Also provided this year are videos of the film "Take Your Partners" (VHS).

At the request of the Publications Committee, the Finance Committee this year considered the possibility of the Society's acquiring publishing rights of "Won't You Join The Dance?" and of taking over publication of Books 1-5, these titles being published at present by Paterson's Publications.

For the information of more recent members it may be useful to recall that Paterson's Publications (then situated in Glasgow) were involved in the founding of the Society undertaking to publish the first book of dances and then the following four books after which the society took over the publication of the Scottish Country Dance Books. When Dr Milligan wrote "Won't You Join The Dance?" Paterson's (by now established in London) were given the publishing rights by her.

Tentative endeavours in the past to have the publishing rights transferred have not met with success but now the Finance Committee has Paterson's verbal agreement that they are prepared to relinquish publishing rights and it is now only a question of having another agreement drawn up and accepted by Paterson's and this Society to have the matter finalised.

The Finance Committee have also the responsibility for the Porter Bequest which is a sum of money left specifically for a scholarship for members in a particular area of Canada to enable attendance at our Summer School in St Andrews. The Society in this instance is merely "administering" the fund and does not gain in any way other than receipt of fees for the students in the normal way.

Summer School

Under the Convenership of the Director of Summer School, the Committee met in August and November, 1983, and in March, 1984. The changes made by the Committee for last year's Summer School proved in practice to work well and smoothly and the Committee decided to make little change in 1984 and to retain the dispersal of all courses after breakfast on Mondays. The Committee gave its recommendations, ultimately adopted by the Executive Council, for the Director's tour of duty.

This year the Committee introduced a booklet for Summer School joining instructions together with other information regarding staffing and social dancing. It has already proved more popular than the sheets of instructions and notices on the boards and will be adopted permanently. An addition to this year's programme was the talk by the Hon. Archivist, Dr MacFadyen, during the first week of each course and for future courses the Committee has in mind talks on Scottish music, the purchase and use of record players, cassettes, and music centres, etc.

Mrs Anna Holden and Mr Bill Ireland were again appointed Depute Director for the first and second courses respectively and the Committee, in their deliberations decided on certain specific duties for Depute Directors.

Recipients of the Jean Milligan Scholarships were selected - a Preliminary Test candidate from England and a Teacher's Certificate candidate from Canada.

This year's Summer School again saw the residence almost completely full and ultimately there was no waiting list at all. From the administrative point of view, far too many members had to be reminded about the payment of deposits (225) and balances of fees (97). This involved additional postage, stationery and staff time all of which could be put to better use. These figures are considerably higher than last year and it is obvious that some members are becoming very casual and unmindful of the inconvenience their tardiness causes. At time of writing there were 94 cancellations.

Attendance at the 1984 Summer School was 848, of whom 221 were non-resident. 393 members completed the full course and 455 attended for one week only, averaging 310 students per week. Places were allotted to members from the following countries of residence:

Australia	16	The Netherlands	5
Belgium	5	Norway	1
Canada	36	New Zealand	5
Denmark	10	Saudi Arabia	1
France	36	South Africa	7
The Gambia	1	Spain	1
Germany	39	Sweden	12
Indonesia	5	Switzerland	13
Italy	2	Tanzania	1
Japan	9	UK	578
Kenya	4	USA	61

Staff consisted of seventeen teachers, eleven pianists and five administrative staff for the first week and four for the remaining weeks.

We record our thanks once more, and as sincerely as ever, to Miss Lorna Walker (Warden), and Miss Anna Ross (Domestic Bursar), for their untiring efforts to ensure our comfort and well-being while in University Hall.

Headquarters

We have again seen changes in staff with Miss Downie joining us in July last year only to leave us in January this year and Miss Dryburgh leaving after being with us for three and a half years – both going to larger firms with better prospects. The staff currently employed are:

- Miss M. M. Gibson, *Secretary* (full-time)
- Mrs S. Wallace, *Assistant Secretary* (part-time)
- Miss K. Rose, *Office Assistant* (full-time)
- Miss J. Watt, *Office Assistant* (full-time)
- Miss T. Cairns, *Office Assistant* (full-time)
- Mrs Docherty, *Cleaner* (part-time)
- Mrs M. A. Jeffcoat, *Treasurer*.

As usual Headquarters will be closed between Christmas and New year, during the period of Summer School, on some of the Edinburgh public holidays and on St Andrew's Day.

The co-operation of Branch Secretaries and Treasurers is greatly appreciated, especially at the time of preparing the Bulletin when information is required by a deadline. It seems, in May, to be a long time till the Bulletin is printed but we have to get the contents to the printer by the end of June since HQ staff are at Summer School for a month and the printer, too, closes for holidays; then there is proof-reading and we must have the Bulletin printed by September. This may explain our urgent pleas for Branch details, etc. at the end of May.

We enjoy corresponding with Secretaries and Treasurers and often feel we know them quite well even though we may not have met; please let us know if we can help in any way to make things go smoothly in the work you have so willingly undertaken on behalf of the Society.

Annual General Meeting

The 1984 Annual General Meeting will take place on 3rd November 1984, when Glasgow Branch will act as hosts.



University Hall, St Andrews, the home of the Society's Annual Summer School.

CARTOONS

We do not often have cartoons in our Bulletin but the Editor saw an exhibition of posters at Summer School last year and could not resist including some of them in this year's Bulletin; unfortunately space does not allow the inclusion of all of them. They were created by Gail von Heune, Ted Cannis and Gloria and Doug McConnell of San Francisco Branch, with the artistic rendition of the ideas by Ron Moore. You will find them here and there throughout the Bulletin and we hope you enjoy them.

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It stands to reason that someone who is attending Branch classes or functions should be a Branch member, it is illogical in those circumstances to be a HQ member. Moreover if membership lies with HQ the member cannot take part in Branch meetings, may not speak, may not vote and has no influence on Branch affairs.

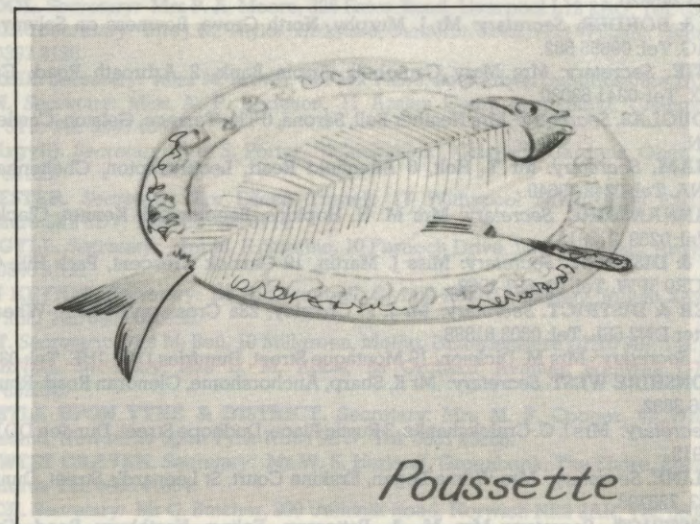
With the Society's philosophy of "one big family" it is the easiest thing to transfer membership from one Branch to another if one moves away from the original location in which one joined the Society.

At the same time as it strengthens Branches to have more members, it also reduces the work-load at Headquarters and makes for economy in our administration. I hope that all HQ members who are within a Branch area will request a transfer of their membership to the Branch concerned.

M. Muriel Gibson,
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Branch Reports – Home

Aberdeen. *Membership:* 182 Annual, 22 Long Term, 121 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 4 Children.

On the whole classes were well attended and enjoyed. Once again the beginners' class was most popular with twenty men on the roll. The summer classes as usual were well patronised.

The highlight of the year was the Diamond Jubilee Ball held in November at Skean Dhu Hotel, Dyce, when the Branch was honoured with the presence of Mrs Parker, Chairman of the RSCDS. In February 1984 we had our Annual Ball in Elphinstone Hall and on 28th April we had a successful Day School in the same building.

The Branch was represented at North-East of Scotland Scottish Country Dance Festival by one adult team which won the Lady Sempill Salver for women's teams, and by eight children's teams in March 1984.

Annan. *Membership:* 30 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1.

The Branch concluded a successful year with an Open Dance held on 23rd March which was enjoyed by all who attended. The class again appreciated the teaching of Mrs Sheila Nichol as also did the juniors who continue to progress well.

Three members attended the AGM in Troon and various local dances were enjoyed by many members.

Ayr. *Membership:* 137 Annual, 24 Long Term, 73 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 6 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

1983 was Ayr Branch Golden Jubilee Year and we had an interesting and enjoyable time. One of the nicest things was being in touch again with founder and senior members and finding their interest in and goodwill towards the Branch as strong as ever. Our Branch celebration took the form of a Ceilidh/Dance in Craigie College, Ayr, which was truly excellent; we acted as hosts to a folklore group from Karlsruhe to our mutual enjoyment; and we were pleased with the reception given to our booklet, "Ayr Branch Dances".

We were rather disappointed the parent AGM in Troon did not come up to our expectations despite all our planning, but we have noted the snags and another time will pay more regard to Murphy's Law.



Jubilee Ball – Aberdeen Branch.

Ayrshire North-West. *Membership:* 96 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 2 Children.

Ayrshire North-West Branch has enjoyed another busy and very enjoyable year. At our New Year Ball we were delighted to welcome members from the newly formed Wirral Branch, as well as friends from Canada and South Africa.

We had a very successful teacher training class taught by Mrs Dunn resulting in three candidates gaining preliminary certificates and six gaining their full certificates.

Banffshire. *Membership:* 74 Annual, 13 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 Adult, 7 Children.

Once again the year was a success and membership increased. Adult classes were well attended and there was a good attendance in the children's classes which is very encouraging.

The Children's Rally this year was held during March in Keith and had a good turn-out of 100 children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Adult Rally was also held in Keith in November and had a large attendance from all over the north-east area with the music of John Ellis and his Band being enjoyed by all.

This year our Annual Rally will be held in MacDuff on the 9th November – music supplied by Drummond Cook's Band from Forres.

Bath. *Membership:* 115 Annual, 1 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Last summer financial cut-backs in education caused the Bath Technical College to terminate at short notice the long-standing arrangement under which the Branch ran its classes as part of the Further Education programme. Despite the inevitable changes, including new meeting places for two classes, this first year of independent operation was up to standard and membership was maintained. Next season the beginners' and the intermediate classes will meet under the same roof which will be more convenient for members sharing transport and should help to maintain close liaison.

The Branch Demonstration Team has been very active, keeping the Branch in the public eye by dancing at local events as well as providing a very high standard of entertainment at our own Annual Ball. During the year several visitors including two from the USA have been entertained. Children's Saturday morning classes have been active with some of the more advanced pupils giving a demonstration at one of the informal Branch dances. We are keen to recruit to these classes which we regard as a key to the future success of dancing in the city.

Bedfordshire. *Membership:* 37 Annual, 10 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. 1 Monthly Demonstration Class. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our small membership has enjoyed a lively year, the dominant feature of which has been the activities of the Demonstration Team. They danced at a variety of venues ranging through jolly Women's Institute socials, summer fêtes, the Bedford River Festival, the "White Heather Shoe" staged at Stevenage and a Burn's Supper at the Italian Club!

Our club nights continue to flourish as also do our "Portenhall" nights; splendid little record dances which arose three years ago out of our summer highland classes. The Danelaw Band played at our Annual Ball which was a sell-out and once again a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Belfast. *Membership:* 270 Annual, 47 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult.

At our Weekend School in October, the teachers were Mrs Anna Holden and Mr Bill Little. As an experiment, on Saturday afternoon Mrs Hope Little took a ladies' step dancing class which proved so popular that it may well become a regular feature. Calum Wilson's Band provided the music for our Dance in November and there was a return visit from George Flemming's Band for our End of Season Ball when 240 people attended including visitors from Scotland and Vienna.

A Burn's Night Dance organised by one of the classes proved very successful, despite the inclement weather. A refresher course for teachers with Bill Ireland as tutor was included in the Sports Council

International Sports Academy for Coaches. Twelve certified teachers and two holding the preliminary certificate attended. On the Saturday afternoon there was a visit from the Ulster Television camera crew with whom Bill and some class members discussed why they thought Scottish Country Dancing should be included in a Sports Academy weekend.

Berks/Hants/Surrey Border. *Membership:* 112 Annual, 41 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Advanced.

The Branch has had an extremely busy calendar this year. The Annual Ball was a special event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with birthday cake and sparkling wine included. Two Day Schools were held – a full day for Intermediate/Advanced and a half day for Intermediates/Beginners, both very successful. The Branch embarked on a new venture this year in holding a Teachers' Workshop. This was well received by all our local teachers. At the beginning of the season we had a teach-in of the new dances – very useful to the teachers of the local clubs.

Classes in general had low attendance for this past year, perhaps because Further Education charges have escalated so much that beginners are by-passing the classes and going straight to the Clubs. The Branch hopes to try and organise more of its own classes in the coming year at perhaps a more reasonable rate. We held a greater number of Social Dances, especially popular with the beginners.

The Open Air Dance was held in the grounds of Loseley House and as each year goes by this event becomes more popular; this year's Summer Dance is also at Loseley. Another new venture for the Branch was a Children's Dance very much enjoyed by all who attended. A Group Representatives' Meeting where the members of the local Groups and Clubs were invited to come and air their views and put forward ideas to the Committee, was very useful.

Berwick-upon-Tweed. *Membership:* 36 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Bournemouth. *Membership:* 54 Annual, 7 Long Term, 19 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The season started well with a recruitment of new members, but sadly not so good attendance at classes throughout the year by Branch members. A number of dances have taken place at Pathstone Grammar School, and have proved very successful.

A Day School took place at Glenmoor School, with teachers Alex Gray and Naomi Duncan producing enjoyable classes.

Monthly socials proved to be very popular, and our thanks go to many teachers inside the Branch and out, for their enthusiasm and interest.

Already we are planning for another busy year ahead. Visitors are welcome at all dance evenings and social functions.

Bramhall. *Membership:* 45 Annual, 8 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

All our social dances were well attended and our Annual Ball, with music by the Tartan Sett, was a very happy occasion.

We have had the services of three teachers this year, and the classes have been run with pleasure and enthusiasm. The members expressed their appreciation and are pleased with the mixture of some old, some new dances. We hope to continue the same way next year.

Bristol. *Membership:* 43 Annual, 3 Long Term, 24 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Owing to lack of numbers the beginners' class was discontinued and new members joined with the general group.

The Day School proved so successful that next season we have arranged a Weekend School. On 9th March 1985 an Anniversary Ball will be held at the Victoria Rooms with music by Robert Baird.

All the year's social events were successful and the "new dances dance" was thoroughly enjoyed by those members who appreciate the challenge of many new dances.

Birmingham. *Membership:* 173 Annual, 61 Long Term, 69 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 3 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Society with a Dinner, and by helping to organise the Midlands Area Ball held at Leicester. Our Summer Social was again held at Shugborough Hall, Staffs, in traditionally fine weather. At the City of Birmingham Highland Gathering the Branch organised dancing for the public, and presented demonstrations in the main arena.

The Autumn Ball was held at the Botanical Gardens again, but the Joint Ball found a new venue in the Great Hall at Birmingham University. Socials have been well attended and some of these have found another location nearer to the city centre – a popular move.

A Family Social was held in October, and a Junior Half-Day School in February, attended by sixty-two children. Eighteen teams danced at our 5th Young People's Non-Competitive Festival. Another successful Day School was held in March. The Demonstration Team has danced twenty-eight times. The West Midlands Movement and Dance Association organised a Teachers' Workshop where the Branch arranged the Scottish Dancing, attended by forty-two teachers.

Fourteen candidates successfully took their teachers' examinations, nine passing the preliminary test and five gaining their teachers' certificate. In July we entertained a group of French folk dancers, and the four active days spent together were enjoyed by all. A Branch Group is looking forward to a return visit to France this summer.

Cambridge and District. *Membership:* 21 Annual, 9 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The Branch was held four major functions during the past year, the most important being a Dinner Dance in November to celebrate the Society's Diamond Jubilee. This was organised in conjunction with the Norwich and the Peterborough and District Branches. We were delighted to have the Society's Chairman, Mrs Parker, as guest of honour. All profits from the function were donated to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

The other functions were the Annual Dance with Bobby Crowe's Band, a Record Dance, and a Garden Dance which signified the end of this season's classes.

Carlisle and Border. *Membership:* 61 Annual, 7 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Regular, loyal support by members at our weekly classes has given the Branch financial stability this year. Unfortunately, our major functions were not well supported although they were very enjoyable. In October we held a Diamond Jubilee Ball in the Crown and Mitre Hotel, Carlisle, where the Danelaw Band, as usual, played with much gusto and gave us some attractive selections of tunes.

Our Annual Weekend School, held in the same hotel in November, was enjoyed and appreciated by just under sixty dancers. The well-known combination of Jackie Johnstone and Nancy Dickson made sure that our dancing in the classes was of the best standard, while the stimulating music of our favourite band, Bobby Crowe's, lifted us on the Saturday evening. Dr A. MacFadyen was the teacher at our Day School in February and those who turned up were very appreciative of his clear, precise and humorous instruction. Once again George Stirrat's Band provided us with excellent tempo and well-played, inspiring tunes. The last major function of our year was the Highland Ball in March when Bobby Crowe's Band played superbly well.

Carnoustie. *Membership:* 47 Annual, 7 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children.

The Branch has enjoyed another successful year with all classes well attended. An adult team and children's team took part in local festivals – competitive and non-competitive.

Two members attended summer school for preliminary teaching certificates which for a small branch is very satisfying. The Annual Dance is on Friday 12th October.

Castle Douglas. *Membership:* 47 Annual, 4 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Society the Branch held a very enjoyable concert in aid of the British Heart Foundation. As a result a cheque for £265 was handed to their local secretary. The Annual Dance was again a great success with dancers from branches throughout Dumfries and

Galloway supporting this event. The classes have again been well attended and Mr W. Little continues to make Thursday evenings very enjoyable with his meticulous teaching. The three Stewartry Branches held the bi-annual Charity Ball again this year, with Castle Douglas being the host branch. The Charity chosen by the Branches to benefit from this event was the RSSPCC and a cheque for £350 was presented to their local secretary.

At the AGM of the Society in Troon last November, Mrs Helen Walker, our Hon. President was presented by the Earl of Mansfield with one of the first of the Society's Scrolls. Altogether it has been a full and rewarding year.

Cheltenham. *Membership:* 86 Annual, 11 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. Six-Weeks Beginners' Class. *Demonstration Team available.*

A year which has been successful for the Branch started splendidly in June with outdoor dancing in beautiful weather in a lovely Cotswold setting at Cowley Manor followed by an evening meal in the Manor House. The new season of classes commenced in September with an open evening resulting in a particularly well-attended beginners' class.

The Branch assisted other Midlands branches in organising the Midland Area RSCDS Diamond Jubilee Ball at Leicester and arranged a coach party to the event – a very memorable one. The Christmas Dance and the Annual Ball at the Pump Room, both with live music again proved popular.

For the third consecutive Christmas the Branch organised four days with Scottish Dancing each evening at a hotel which offered us exclusive use. This year the location was Llangollen and participants for this most enjoyable experience were this year drawn from farther afield enabling all rooms in the hotel to be filled.

The Weekend School in February with Dr Ian Hall produced a very informative and enjoyable weekend. Monthly dances were well supported as was a joint fun evening with the Cheltenham Swinging Squares. Once again a number of demonstrations were given and all were well received.



Cheltenham Branch at Cowley Manor, June 1983.

Clackmannanshire. *Membership:* 51 Annual, 17 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The Clackmannanshire Branch have enjoyed, as always a most enjoyable session. Although there has been a decrease in numbers, all existing members are enthusiastic as ever. The Annual Dance held in February this year was an outstanding success comprising an excellent programme with Jim Dawson's Broadcasting Band – and Buffet Supper.

The Branch have had a change of secretary for the first time in twenty-three years and grateful thanks and appreciation for her services to the Branch go to Mrs Thomson the past secretary. We have acquired two new preliminary teachers in the Branch this session and congratulations are extended to them.

Croydon and District. *Membership:* 84 Annual, 24 Long Term, 36 Life. *Classes per week:* 6.

As well as celebrating our own 30th Anniversary with a Ball, we took part in the centenary celebrations in the London Borough of Croydon, providing demonstrations in the Queens Gardens and in the Croydon Carnival.

Our dances have been well attended and we have continued to increase our membership. During the summer months we will be enjoying open air dancing and in November we have a Weekend School at Eastbourne, which is a popular occasion.

Doncaster and District. *Membership:* 47 Annual, 26 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

An advertisement in the local newspaper at the beginning of the season gained several new members and also a number of requests for demonstrations. Two weekly classes run from September to June and have met regularly, although attendances seem to fall off after Christmas.

There were a number of social events, including monthly dances – mainly to records regrettably – and the highlight of our calendar was the Day School in April followed by the Annual Dance to the Lyne Valley Band. The Day School classes were under the direction of Miss Margaret Anderson and Mr Alex Gray, accompanied by Mrs Jean Boulby and Mr Robert Mackay.

Our main concerns are the shortage of pianists for the weekly classes and of local bands also, and the problem of attracting younger dancers – anyone under 30 would qualify! But, nevertheless, it has been a very successful year.

Dumfries. *Membership:* 72 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year saw classes well attended with membership maintaining a steady level. Social events were a successful Spring Dance, Christmas Dance and Highland Ball, thoroughly enjoyed by all. At the Festival this year the Junior Link won the Thistle Shield (under nine years old) and our own Dumfries RSCDS Cup (nine–twelve years).

Demonstrations have been a success this year also and the children have taken a major part. This is most encouraging. For the first time, a Children's Ball was held in Dumfries with the Castle Douglas, Kircudbright and Annan Branches joining with us. This proved a great success and it is hoped that it will be the first of many to come.

We held a most popular Day School and Social Evening in October under the expert tuition of Miss Wilma Millar.

Dunbartonshire West. *Membership:* 154 Annual, 7 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. 1 Bi-Monthly (Demonstration). *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership fell a little this year but the classes were active and well supported, even the extended period of ice and snow failing to put dancers off. Our Charity Dance was affected by the inclement weather but we were still able to raise £1,378 for Multiple Sclerosis.

We had a very successful Branch Weekend in April with Charlie Todd as our teacher; after very interesting classes on the Saturday he followed the coffee morning on Sunday by teaching the Lancers.

Demonstrations were given during the summer months to tourists in two local hotels and the Demonstration Team participated in the International Folklore Festival at Le Mans.

Adults and Juniors achieved successes in local dance festivals.

Dundee. Membership: 126 Annual, 25 Long Term, 126 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 4 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

All classes were well attended. A successful Children's Dance was held in October and the Branch Dance in December was also a success.

The David Findlay Memorial Rosebowl Competition was won by Oakbank RSCDS (Perth). The Festival of Dancing, held in the Dundee College of Education in March was very well attended and the Dance in the evening was a great success.

The Demonstration Team danced for old people enjoying SAGA holidays in Dundee and also took part in Highland Nights at Pitlochry and several other functions throughout the year.

Dunfermline. Membership: 41 Annual, 13 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 4.

Both children's and teenagers' classes were held during the session and the general class was once again well attended. A one-term beginners' class was organised and an experimental advanced class launched successfully, a summer class was much enjoyed. A preliminary test class was enthusiastically welcomed throughout the area resulting in eight members passing the examination – a gratifying result.

The Dances in November and March were both popular and enjoyed by members and friends.

Duns and District. Membership: 127 Annual, 17 Long Term, 36 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 1 Children.

This year has been a great success for the Branch, beginning with an outstanding Residential May Weekend and then well-attended classes and dances over the winter.

Our great achievement for the year, however, was the publication of our "Dunse Book of Four Scottish Country Dances". This has sold exceedingly well all over the country and is still in great demand.

Teams from the Branch have danced on numerous occasions, all of these being enjoyed and appreciated very much.

The year ended with our very successful Ball held in March.

East Angus. Membership: 45 Annual, 2 Long Term, 14 Life.

East Lothian. Membership: 109 Annual, 30 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 Adult.

Our monthly social dances have again been well attended and the New Year Ball proved to be as popular as ever with 125 members dancing into the "wee sma' oors".

For the coming year an intermediate class is planned and an "Open" Dance will again be held in Haddington in February.

Edinburgh. Membership: 449 Annual, 135 Long Term, 219 Life. *Classes per week:* 10 Adult, 3 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch started its Diamond Jubilee year with a brand new title for its Newsletter "Dancing Forth", courtesy of Bob Grant. Our usual classes for both adults and children, the informal dances, and the Family Night all provided most rewarding attendances. The Ball held in the Freemason's Hall was again a "sell-out", a situation mirrored later in the season by the Children's Ball in the Assembly Rooms.

Special functions for the year included a showing of "Take Your Partners", followed by a talk on music by Robert Mackay, and illustrated both on the piano by him, and with the assistance of Branch dancers. This enabled some of the non-dancing members to get together again, as did the Jubilee Reception in the magnificent setting of the Signet Library. Amongst a host of Branch memorabilia, the winning dance from our Jubilee Competition received its first public showing. We hope it, together with the others published in a booklet from Competition entries, will prove popular. We congratulate a former Edinburgh demonstrator, Alex Gray (now residing in Cardiff) on being the eventual winner with "Edina's Pride". The City of Edinburgh District Council honoured a representative Group of Branch members with a Civic Reception in March.

The Weekend School, with teachers Margaret Church, Neil Grant, and Vera Sim, lived up to expectations, thanks to the enthusiasm of the teachers and the hard work of Branch members. The Demonstration Group had a busy year, commencing with the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, where our lady dancers partnered members of the Royal Scots on their 350th Anniversary, and continued with a wide variety of functions, both grand and homely, in and around Edinburgh. A team will be going to the Isle of Man in September, and later in the year, dancers go to Japan to represent the Society and Scotland – an honour indeed!

Exeter. Membership: 81 Annual, 18 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

This season, we only ran a general class and a beginners' class, both on Thursday at the Wonford House Hospital. The Day School in October was very well attended and again there was a waiting list. John Drewry was the teacher and Robert Baird the musician for the day. Robert, ably assisted by his fiddler and drummer, played for us in the evening. John recapped a couple of the dances he had taught during the day.

There has not been a Branch Demonstration Team this year, but there has been demonstrations given by different groups of members. Our teachers have again been in demand to teach at Day Schools. Our thanks to all our teachers for all their hard work and to everyone who has helped in any way this season and especially to Ted Davey, our retiring President.

Forfar. Membership: 32 Annual, 9 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Junior.

Our membership improved this year, but our class members enjoy their dancing no matter how many turn up. The junior class entered the Arbroath Festival this year with one team winning the cup.

Our Day School is to be held in the Reid Hall, Forfar, on Saturday 20th October 1984, and it is anticipated that it will be a great success.

Forres. Membership: 77 Annual, 20 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 2 Children.

Once again, the Branch has had a very successful season. The highlight was the Opening Social when we were delighted to welcome the Society's Chairman, Mrs Parker.

The weather was kind to us for our Christmas function so there was a wonderful turn-out. We finished the season in April with a most enjoyable social, again very well attended by enthusiasts "Frae a' the Airts".

The junior classes celebrated their twenty-first birthday with a special party, the music being provided by Mr and Mrs Drummond Cook and their nine-year-old daughter, Carol, who is also a dancer. Teams from these classes have given demonstrations during the year and also brought back three trophies from the Inverness Festival.

Gatehouse of Fleet. Membership: 50 Annual, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The 1983/84 season was highlighted by a substantial increase in membership and very well-attended classes, even under adverse weather conditions.

Two dances were held, well supported by visitors from surrounding groups and by Branch members. Once again we are indebted to the ladies of the Branch for the provision of refreshments thus helping towards the financial success of these events.

The Branch combined with Castle Douglas and Kirkcudbright Branches to organise a Stewartry Ball, proceeds towards the RSSPCC, approximately £350 being handed over to that organisation.

The Branch wishes to thank Mr W. Little (teacher) and Miss J. G. F. Maillie (pianist) for their enthusiastic work throughout the season. At the Branch Annual General Meeting Mrs Walter McCulloch, a founder member of the Branch and a past Chairman, was unanimously elected Honorary President.

Glasgow. *Membership:* 364 Annual, 82 Long Term, 162 Life. *Classes per week:* 8. *Demonstration Team available.*

The celebrations for the Branch's Diamond Jubilee continued throughout the year with a most enjoyable Charity Ball in September and a Reunion Evening in April at which Dr Alastair MacFadyen gave an illustrated talk on his Far East tour for the Society. The Branch also published a book of dances to mark the Jubilee. In June, Glasgow were hosts to a team of dancers from Sweden who gave a truly international flavour to our annual Festival of Dance.

The Branch's regular events continued successfully throughout the session, and included the Day School, club nights, informal Branch dances and classes. The Demonstration Group has had a busy year culminating in the production of "A Glasgow Flourish" in the Mitchell Theatre in June. In May the Branch held a new function, a competitive Youth Festival. This proved a most popular occasion with over forty-five teams taking part.

February was a very sad month as it saw the passing of Miss Isobel Elliot. Miss Elliot was a former Branch Chairman and had served on the Executive Council and Publications Committee of the Society. She will be sadly missed by her many friends.

Hamilton and Clydesdale. *Membership:* 140 Annual, 5 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

We have again had a happy year of dancing, well supported by the Branch members and friends. The three parties were well attended and we had the added pleasure of the presence of Mrs Margaret G. Parker and Miss M. Muriel Gibson at our Annual Ball. The music was provided by Jack Delaney.

We have arranged at very short notice our first Day School on 27th October 1984 when Miss Dorothy Leurs will take the classes and Miss McKern will provide the music.

Herefordshire. *Membership:* 89 Annual, 1 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 Adult, 1 Children.

It was rather an uneventful year except for the fact that the Branch achieved its ambition to get the membership up to 100!

The Annual Ball and Day School were enjoyed by all who attended and the various groups have had successful functions too. Quite a number are going to St Andrews this year, mostly for the first time.

The children's class continues at Abergavenny and we hope it will now be an established part of the Abergavenny Group. Dancing in classes finishes this week for the summer, but we have all our "Garden Parties" to look forward to and these are very much enjoyed by all who attend.

Inverness and District. *Membership:* 107 Annual, 47 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 8 children. *Demonstration Team available.*

With some new members from the newly formed Affiliated Groups at Kilmorack and Fortrose, the Branch membership has reached a record total and all classes have been enthusiastically attended, with the general class again continuing till the end of May. A class of eight candidates for the teacher's certificate has started, under the able instruction of Miss Margaret Fraser and we wish them all success at the examination in June.

In July, we combined with the other two Northern Branches, Forres and Lochaber, and the three Affiliated Groups of Cannish, Dingwall and Kingussie, and held a very well attended Dance in Inverness, which was graced by the presence of Mrs Parker, the Society's Chairman, and resulted in a profit of £150 which we sent to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund. We also held a Wine and Cheese Party, a Dinner Dance and two Dances in St Mary's Hall, and our season ended with our Annual Dance which was filled to capacity.

Several children's teams danced at the Inverness Music Festival and also two adult teams, who received a very good reception from both audience and adjudicator. The Demonstration Team had a very successful visit to Kempton, Germany, and have also danced in places varying from Eden Court Theatre to small village and town functions.

Isle of Islay. *Membership:* 14 Annual, 9 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

Our congratulations to Mrs Ella Edgar on gaining her teacher's certificate at the recent examination held in Glasgow. We now have three fully certificated teachers as members of the Branch.

Summer dances were again very popular and we had quite a number of visitors including several from overseas. (Always remember to pack your dancing pumps when visiting Islay.) Due to the rather unpredictable weather of September our Annual Weekend has been altered to early May. We therefore had two Weekends during our second year, the first taking place in September 1983 when the weather, contrary to our expectations was particularly kind to us. Margaret Prentice was our teacher with David Ross and his Band providing the music. Our thanks to them for a wonderful weekend of Scottish country dancing. The first of our May Weekends suggests that we have made the right decision. Mrs Norah Dunn was our teacher for the classes, very ably assisted by Miss Jean Sims on the piano. Our special thanks to our Dunoon friends who turned out in force; we very much appreciate their coming and sincerely hope they will come again and also to all our other guests from Ayr, Glasgow, Paisley, St Andrews, etc. Please come dancing back.

Kilmarnock and District. *Membership:* 60 Annual, 3 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The classes were well attended throughout the winter, with Mrs Parker as teacher and Mrs Barr at the piano.

Two very successful functions were held - a Party Night in December and a Dance in March, both well supported, and music for both by George Fleming's Scottish Country Dance Band.

Kirkcaldy. *Membership:* 65 Annual, 6 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult Beginners, 1 General.

Membership of the Branch has increased. An adult beginners' class was a great success with a few children of a previous children's class to help, and to be helped along. By Christmas the beginners were able to enjoy the general class.

The ceilidh-type evening held on St Andrew's Night was a great success with Scots' songs, dancing, recitations and Scottish fare. One cassette contained the dancing programme and included "Scotland", "St Andrew's Night" and "St Andrew's Fair". The Annual Dance held in the Station Hotel to the music of Bobby Crowe's Trio, was as popular as ever.

At the AGM of the Branch, members noted with pleasure that the dance devised by Graeme Stephens in Diamond Jubilee Year, and inscribed to Miss Arnott, to a tune composed by Bobby Crowe, has been accepted for Book 32.

Kirkcudbright. *Membership:* 49 Annual, 3 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

An increase in membership this year resulted in well attended classes throughout the season. In September present and former members enjoyed a Social Evening, with dancing and a film, to celebrate the Society's Diamond Jubilee. During the winter, Branch members supported dances in neighbouring centres, as well as our own Socials and Annual Dance in January. On that occasion we defied the weather and were delighted by the support from other Branches.

The season culminated with the biennial Stewartry Ball (organised by the three branches) which this year donated all profits to the local branch of the RSSPCC. We welcomed many visitors to social dancing in May and June and participated in the Kirkcudbright summer festivities. The junior link continues to be active.

Lanark. *Membership:* 35 Annual, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

A very happy enjoyable class, was well attended throughout the winter in spite of weather conditions.

The Dance in December and Annual Ball in February were happy, successful evenings, both supported by dancers from the surrounding districts.

Leamington Spa and District. Membership: 41 Annual, 21 Long Term, 15 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has had a very successful year with our usual Spring Dance in May and the Autumn Ball in October. We also held a Summer Buffet Dance in June to compensate for our inability to hold our usual Christmas Dinner-Dance. This was because the Branch was co-operating with four other Midland Branches in running a Diamond Jubilee Ball at the de Montfort Hall, Leicester, the week before Christmas, when we should normally have been having our own Dinner-Dance. The Ball was rated a great success and a small profit on the function was donated to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund. Our dancing year 1982/83 ended in July and the new season commenced in September. We now look forward to our late Spring Dance on 2nd June and our Autumn Ball on 6th October.

We regret to report that we have lost another of our Long Term members very recently, who was formerly Chairman for a period and also Secretary for a term.

If you are in Warwickshire area for any reason, do come along and see us, 8.00 pm on each Thursday at Trinity Parish Hall, Leamington Spa. You will be made very welcome.



A happy group at the Midland Branches' Diamond Jubilee Ball.

Leeds. Membership: 179 Annual, 35 Long Term, 55 Life. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Children. Demonstration Team available.

It was an enjoyable and busy season. Enjoyable and successful classes were held in Highland Dancing as well as Country Dancing with the emphasis on improving technique. Young people had once again been encouraged to dance at the children's classes and the Children's Festival was well supported. The annual Day and Weekend Courses were fully booked and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended them.

The Branch hosted a visit from a Dutch group of dancers who spent a busy week dancing and visiting around Yorkshire. Many friendships were forged as a result. Two visits to Holland are planned for summer 1984 and there is the prospect of a visit by some Norwegian dancers in 1985 and the Branch is looking forward to another active year.

Leicester. Membership: 75 Annual, 18 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

Membership has fallen slightly but there's still much enthusiasm and a good atmosphere. The Demonstration Team has had another busy year with frequent displays; hospitals, garden fêtes, and Women's Institutes are the most frequent venues. We always find mutual enjoyment wherever we go. We attended the Derby and Nuneaton Festival (competitive) where we attained satisfactory results at both.

The Day School – at the University – was again a day of great pleasure. How could it fail with Wilma Miller and Bill Hamilton putting us through our paces? Donnie Young (piano) and Chris Dewhurst (accordion) were superb.

At the de Montfort Hall a Ball on 18th December saw East and West Midlands RSCDS Branches combining to produce a memorable evening to celebrate Diamond Jubilee Year and the Lothian Band was in great form on a most happy occasion.

Liverpool. Membership: 62 Annual, 26 Long Term, 8 Life. Classes per week: 1 Beginners, 1 General. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch membership has remained steady this year, and the beginners' class has been well attended and enthusiastic throughout. The Annual Dance in May, with music by George Fleming and his Band, was very successful and enjoyable, as were all the informal dances throughout the year.

The Branch Demonstration Team danced at the Southport Festival, where the Liverpool Branch and Chester St Andrew Society performed jointly as well as individually. The Branch team, with the Southport Branch and Chester St Andrew Society, have danced at the International Garden Festival in Liverpool, in connection with the City of Liverpool Pipe Band, and there are several more performances there before the Festival closes in October.

Lochaber. Membership: 26 Annual, 1 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 1.

The past year has been one of steady consolidation of Branch work, with very enjoyable and steadily attended classes. Interest in the Branch is increasing locally, and social evenings are very well received.

The Christmas Dance, held in the Alexandra Hotel, was very successful and attended by many friends from the surrounding area, with local musicians coming together for good measure. During the summer several Social Dancing Evenings for Visitors were held, and the Branch was the guest of a group of American music lovers at the same hotel. A very interesting evening was held, including two lectures (illustrated) in afternoon and evening by Mr Ron Gonnella and Mr Farquhar Macrae (fiddlers). The visitors were keen to learn some Scottish Country Dancing, and this was arranged for the evening.

It is hoped that Miss Anderson and Miss Kinghorn will heed the many "Haste ye Back" calls which accompanied the classes they visited; it was one of the highlights of our winter session, and we would be delighted for them to come again. The children's class had to be shelved owing to several difficulties met with on the way, but it is hoped to arrange something for the 1984/85 season. The Day School being arranged for 1984 is to include a special section for juniors, and the accent will be on youth in the Branch.

Lockerbie. Membership: 16 Annual. Classes per week: 1.

London. Membership: 425 Annual, 252 Long Term, 509 Life. Classes per week: 8. Demonstration Team available.

Branch membership reached the highest total ever this year. The usual programme of classes, monthly and annual dances were well attended. A popular ceilidh has become a permanent feature of our calendar and last autumn we had the pleasure of welcoming a team of Belgian Flag Swingers. Two children's dances were held and the Branch has produced a cassette of music for dances suitable for children. The ever popular open air dancing at Holland Park and Jubilee Gardens is being held in May, June and July with an extension in July to a new location at Eltham Park. A visit to

the National Trust property at Polesden Lacey near Leatherhead has been arranged for an open air dance and picnic.

The Demonstration Group has had a very busy season which included a visit to Gagny, near Paris. Two teams won trophies at the Festival of Scotland Highland Games in London.

The Branch is sorry to record that Mrs Mary Stoker (teacher) and Mrs Phyllis Draper (pianist) will not be included in the Branch classes programme for 1984/85 - the former because of ILEA Rules and the latter because of a return to Inverness which incidentally has also entailed a change of Branch Secretary after twenty-four years.

Lorn (Argyll). *Membership:* 67 Annual, 11 Long Term, 39 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 2 Children.

A successful year with the Society's Diamond Jubilee being celebrated by a One-Day School for the Argyll and Lochaber Branches. It is hoped to make this an annual event. A Raffle in aid of the RNLI raised £70 at our Annual Dance in November.

At the Annual Weekend School in March, dancers from far and near enjoyed the teaching of Dr MacFadyen and his enlightening talk on the Archives, while the music of Mr Robert Mackay lifted our steps. A Dance concluded the School with over 140 dancing to the music of the Maple Leaf Band.

Manchester. *Membership:* 169 Annual, 37 Long Term, 105 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adults, 1 Children. 1 Highland (Fortnightly). *Demonstration Team available.*

It is very pleasing to see the continued support for the Branch and this year has even produced an increase in membership.

The social life of the Branch continues to flourish with the informal ceilidhs proving to be increasingly more popular. The Scots Night Concert was again a big success - next year is the 25th!

Planning is now well under way for our Golden Jubilee year in 1985 when we hope to welcome back to Manchester old members to our Ball in January or Dinner in November. The secretary will be delighted to hear from any past members interested in joining the celebrations.

Mid Argyll. *Membership:* 41 Annual, 1 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1.

During the year members have danced in Inveraray, Lochgoilhead, Dalavich, Kilchrenan and Innellan, and visited the Lorn Branch on three occasions including the Day School and the Weekend School. The Branch were also represented at the Birthday Dance of the South Argyll Branch.

We held our first Charity Dance in December 1983 and were able to send a cheque for £145.50 to Erskine Hospital. Our Annual Dance in March was again very successful when we all enjoyed dancing to the Maple Leaf Band.

The Branch intend holding a One-Day School on 10th November 1984 and the Annual Dance on 16th March 1985.

Milton Keynes. *Membership:* 20 Annual, 4 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership of the Branch has declined slightly this year but there has been a consistent attendance at the weekly classes. The Demonstration Team only gave one display but that was well received by a large audience. An outdoor meeting held in June 1983 was enjoyed by all those who attended.

The Annual Ball held in January was a great success thanks to all our friends from neighbouring Branches and groups who supported us. Excellent music was provided by Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band.

Moffat. *Membership:* 33 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has gone up this session, with regular attendances each week. The Branch has been fortunate to have had Mr Bill Clement as instructor, who has taught dances both old and new.

Parties were held at Christmas and end of session.

Monklands. *Membership:* 107 Annual, 23 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 1 Children.

The Branch has now completed another successful and busy year. The monthly Social Dances are proving very popular, as was our Annual Ball which was well attended.

Once again we are holding a Festival Dance in conjunction with the Airdrie Festival Week in June. The children's class is still proving very popular and will be giving a demonstration at the Festival Dance. Our new session commences again in October when we look forward to more of the "delights of the Country Dance".

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District. *Membership:* 223 Annual, 187 Long Term, 146 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

It is with sadness that we learned of the sudden death, while on holiday, of Miss Edith Spencer in September; she was a founder member and Vice President of the Branch, and taught the Demonstration and Certificate Classes.

The children's class continues to flourish and many more children have passed their 1st and 2nd Dancing Standard Certificates. We held many dances during the year and all were well attended. This year Mr and Mrs John Corbett received the guests at the Highland Ball. Once again a very successful technique course was held and another is planned for December 1984. Teams from the Demonstration Class have continued to give performances and in May they danced at a function in the Civic Centre attended by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. At the Dumfries Festival we were successful in winning three trophies. The Children's Festival was well supported - nineteen teams entering.

A very successful weekend was held at St Hild and St Bede's College and another will be held in April next year. We are organising a Festival of Scottish Country Dancing on 27th October at the Civic Centre and we hope other Branches will enter.

North-West Craven. *Membership:* 77 Annual, 2 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

This, our Silver Jubilee Year, was crowned by the award of the Society Scroll of Honour to our former Secretary and Branch Teacher, Mrs Win Nock. It was celebrated by a very successful Buffet Dance held in March at which Miss M. G. Brander and Mr and Mrs D. Haynes were our guests.

Membership has remained steady and all classes have been well attended. Four dances were organised to records, one of which was to raise funds for the Ingleton Community Centre Extension. The Annual Ball was the most successful for a number of years with Calum Wilson and his Band who have been booked again for our next Ball.

The Day School with Mr D. Haynes as tutor and Mr F. Hayes as pianist was well attended and enjoyed by all who took part. A team of members has provided entertainment at various social gatherings.

Norwich. *Membership:* 86 Annual, 19 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General.

To celebrate the Society's Diamond Jubilee, the Branch joined with the Cambridge and Peterborough Branches to arrange, in November, a Ball at The Maltings, Ely. Some 129 dancers, including the Society's Chairman, Mrs Margaret Parker, MBE, sat down to dinner, and afterwards danced to the music of the Silver Cross Band. It is hoped that similar joint events can be arranged in future since the Ball was a success, financially as well as socially, with the surplus of £192.36 being sent to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

Mrs Anna Holden taught at the Branch Day School in April. Owing to injury Mrs Mary Stocker was unable to attend, her class being taken by Mrs Sheila Eagling and Mr Ted Garratt. Some eighty dancers from all over East Anglia had a very instructive and enjoyable day.

Both Christmas and Annual Dances were well supported and enjoyed by all.



North-West Craven Buffet Dance, March.

Nottingham. Membership: 72 Annual, 23 Long Term, 17 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year with a series of functions – a Christmas Party, a President's Evening with Sherry Reception etc, a video recording of "Take Your Partners", a display of twenty-five years of Branch memorabilia, and a programme of Society dances produced during these years. A dance, "Miss Isobel Mundie", composed by Miss Bradley in honour of the President, was demonstrated.

Branch members were entertained to a further reception at the Lord Mayor's invitation and in return presented the City with a Goblet engraved with the Society's Dance Motif. The Annual Dance at the University's Lakeside Pavilion with music by the Danelaw Band saw a twenty-fifth birthday cake being cut by the president.

Oxfordshire. Membership: 30 Annual, 9 Life. Classes per week: 2.

Despite a slight drop in the number of annual members the past season was successful. A reasonable level of attendance at the advanced class was maintained, although numbers at the beginners' and improvers' class varied considerably. February saw the Branch hold its first ever Day School. Over seventy participants attended for all or part of the day. With music being provided by Joan Gilbert, Bill Hamilton taught extremely worthwhile classes.

The Annual Ball was held in October at the Milham Ford School, Oxford. This proved to be a popular venue and one which it is hoped will become our new "home" for such events. Between Christmas and New Year an informal dance was held. This was attended not only by members, but also by dancers from other groups in the county. As in previous years, social dancing was held throughout the summer and was well supported by those who cannot bear to do without dancing until the autumn.

Perth and Perthshire. Membership: 87 Annual, 29 Long Term, 88 Life. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 2 Children. Demonstration Team available.

We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Society with a Ball in the College of Further Education. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Classes, however, have not been well supported, resulting in a drop in our membership.

Our Oakbank children's class won the David Findlay Rosebowl at Dundee and also gained two firsts at Perth Festival. The adult mixed team were first in the Festivals at Perth and Arbroath, being awarded the Perth Scottish Country Dance Club Quaich. The senior ladies were also first in Arbroath and first in Perth where they won the Bronze Statuette.

The Demonstration Class has provided teams for Strathardle Games, Countrywide Holidays at Kinfauns Castle, the National Trust for Scotland at Falkland Palace and various other venues.

We have been saddened by the deaths of five of our Life Members over the year.

Peterborough and District. Membership: 46 Annual, 14 Long Term. Classes per week: 3 Social, 1 Advanced. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch is now in its third year. Membership has increased and social classes are well attended. 1983 being the Diamond Jubilee Year, we organised mass social dancing at "Expo", on the August Bank Holiday. It was so successful that it is to be repeated this year and hopefully will become an annual event.

The East Anglian Diamond Jubilee Ball, held jointly with Norwich and Cambridge and District Branches, was thoroughly enjoyed by all and is fully reported by Norwich Branch in this issue. Our Annual Day School is proving popular with numbers up on last year. Two classes were run this year with Jackie Johnston and Susan Nedderman instructing and it is planned that the "two-tier" system be the format for the future.

We were delighted when one of our Wisbech members, Debbie Parren, was awarded a Jean Milligan Scholarship and wish her every success at St Andrews in the summer.

Peterhead. Membership: 37 Annual, 4 Long Term, 35 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The class continues to flourish and it is encouraging to report an increase in the numbers attending the children's class. We were fortunate once again to retain the services of Mrs Isobel Cowie, our teacher, and Mrs Millicent McDonald, our pianist.

The Branch held two dances, one in November to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Society, and the other in March to mark the end of the session. Music was provided by the Alistair Hunter Trio and both dances were successful.

A party from the children's class are travelling to France this year and will be giving demonstrations during their visit.

Portrush. Membership: 35 Annual, 1 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

Last summer, one of our teachers, Miss Lorna Carson, visited Australia where she attended their Winter School and danced and taught in a number of places.

The start of the Branch's winter activities in September saw the opening of a second class on a Tuesday evening to facilitate those who found it difficult to attend the Saturday evening class. The Branch danced this year at the Honorary Irish Society School Parents' Association "Scottish Evening", where they were much appreciated.

Two Branch teachers attended the "Old Bushmills" School of Sport Teachers' Refresher Course taught by Bill Ireland. The highlight of our year was once again the Weekend School taught by Mr Bill Clarke. We were delighted also to welcome back Mrs Nancy Dickson to play the piano for us on this occasion.

Renfrewshire West. Membership: 123 Annual, 19 Long Term, 19 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

Attendance at classes was generally good except during January when appalling weather conditions reduced numbers and cancelled classes on some occasions. The Annual Ball was again a most successful evening.

Once again the junior class provided two teams for the Renfrewshire Music Festival winning their respective classes. The Branch was delighted to have Dr Alastair MacFadyen as a guest at one of the

social dances. During the evening Dr MacFadyen taught three of the dances from the Jubilee Book. Those present benefited from his expertise and excellent tuition.

Richmond (N. Yorks). *Membership:* 42 Annual, 32 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

A summer class prepared two demonstration sets for participation in the Leeds Festival. We were most happy to have a children's team dancing there too. The mixed-ability adult and children's winter classes made good progress, the adults delighting in the safe floor of their new home, a local primary school. Here also were held the enjoyable Autumn and Spring Dances and the last two socials of the year. However, Richmond Town Hall remained the venue for the AGM.

Three demonstrations were given during the year. Bill Zobel taught enthusiastically at our third Day School to which we welcomed participants from a large area.

Please ask to see our Newsletters if you wish advance notice of Richmond events. A welcome awaits you!

Rochdale. *Membership:* 56 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

During the year we have started a children's class and attendances are slowly building up, whilst attendances at the two adult classes continue to be excellent.

Our Annual Ball was held in March, when we were glad to revert to our "old home" the Rochdale Town Hall, dancing to the Tartan Set.

Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles. *Membership:* 187 Annual, 19 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 14 Adult, 3 Children.

This year there has been a pleasing increase in membership, and all classes have been well attended. The Annual Ball in November was held in Galashiels and was very well supported by members and guests from all sections of the Branch.

Once again a successful Children's Ball took place in March. Unfortunately fewer children attended as the date had to be re-arranged due to adverse weather conditions.

Mrs McKinven, secretary for the last eight years, has retired; and the Branch extends its thanks to her for the great deal she has done for it during her period in office.

Royal Tunbridge Wells. *Membership:* 61 Annual, 33 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General. *Advanced Fortnightly. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch continues to grow slowly and as a result of trying to attract newcomers to Scottish Country Dancing membership has now reached ninety-seven and it is hoped that next season 100 will be reached for the first time.

We have been able to keep a beginners' class going since September and emphasis will continue to be placed on this activity and especially in endeavouring to recruit young members.

Of the social events held, undoubtedly the most successful continues to be the Day School. Held in February, this year at Wadhurst College, 150 students attended, teachers being Mrs Anna Holden, Mrs Mary Stoker, Mrs Christine Meyer and Mr Alex Gray.

Sheffield. *Membership:* 68 Annual, 8 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has again increased and our two classes have retained their numbers throughout the year. Our Annual Dance was held at Sheffield University and this proved a very successful venue with maximum attendance. Our Saturday evening socials were also very popular.

In May Sheffield Branch was host to the Associations of Scottish Country Dance Societies Festival. Fourteen teams took part in massed dancing displays during the afternoon festival and the solo demonstrations, and displays by a children's team and a highland dancer were very much enjoyed.

Calum Wilson and his Band played for the festival and for the evening dance which followed; altogether a very successful and happy day.

St Andrews. *Membership:* 99 Annual, 22 Long Term, 24 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another very enjoyable season with weekly classes were well attended. A new children's class for under eights was started this year, this class is to teach simple steps and formations before going into the older children's class.

Social functions have all been very well supported by local branches and clubs.

The season ended on 12th May with a very enjoyable Day School with teacher Miss Dorothy Leurs and pianist Mr Robert Mackay, from Edinburgh.

South Argyll. *Membership:* 52 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult. 1 Monthly Class (mixed age group).

The Branch were delighted to have Mrs Margaret Parker as the guest of honour at the first Birthday Dance in February. David Ross and his Band provided the music for the dancers who came from as far afield as Mid Argyll, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Renfrew and Aberdeen.

During the year an adult class has been held weekly and a mixed age group class monthly. After Christmas, visiting classes to the outgoing villages were instituted. Bad weather prevented the January beginning so 4th February saw the first visiting class held at Strachur. March took the Branch to Blairmore and the April visit was to Glendaruel. The classes were very much enjoyed by the affiliated groups visited and it is hoped to extend the programme next season.

In May the Branch held a Charity Dance in Dunoon and were pleased to hand over £77 to the Red Cross. Summer dancing will again take place every Wednesday during June, July and in August up to Cowal Games Week.

The first Annual Birthday Dance was held on 22nd February 1984.



Mrs Parker cuts the South Argyll first birthday cake.

Southport. Membership: 75 Annual, 13 Long Term, 55 Life. Classes per week: 3, 2 (Fortnightly). Demonstration Team available.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs M. C. Gudger as President in view of her long association with this Branch. Her presence at Branch functions has always been very much appreciated and even more so now.

Branch membership shows an increase. The Annual Day Course held in February, was well attended with excellent tuition from both Mrs Gudger and Mr Bill Little with Mrs Mary Queen and Mr Fred Hayes providing delightful music; the latter we hear, is designated to play at Summer School this year. Socials, dances, a ceilidh and a cheese and wine evening have all been well supported. A most successful evening was held with the children's class and their parents who were invited along to meet the committee and teachers, have a chat and a "cuppa", and join in the dancing. The Demonstration Teams (adults and childrens) have been kept on their toes both independently and jointly throughout the season. It was at the request of the Mayor of Sefton that the children were invited to dance with the adults, for the first time, at the Arts Centre, in aid of Mayoral charities.

The 26th Annual Festival was, once again, very successful and the Maple Leaf Band provided the music; we were pleased to welcome a team from Wirral Branch to our festival for the first time. This year the 27th Annual Festival will be held on Saturday 10th November at the Floral Hall, Southport, the afternoon display commencing at 2.30 p.m., the evening ball at 7.15 p.m., dancing to George Fleming and his Band from Kilmarnock.



26th Annual Festival, Southport. Mrs M. C. Gudger (Branch President), Mr. J. Reid (Chairman) and Mr and Mrs Lude receiving the Mayor of Sefton, Miss Jenny Kemp and supported by the Branch's Honorary Piper, H. McGregor Rescott.

South Wales. Membership: 113 Annual, 23 Long Term, 21 Life. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch has had another busy and successful year with very encouraging attendances at all the events held.

A Festival of Scottish Dancing was held last July for the first time. It consisted of an afternoon of social dancing interspersed between some excellent demonstration dances from teams both local and

from far afield; this was held in the open air on a beautifully sunny July afternoon. In the evening we moved indoors for a social dance, the music for both functions provided by Frank Reid. The Ball, Day School, Halloween Party and Spring Dance have all been much enjoyed by all who have attended.

The Branch has held its family class as usual but has also been very encouraged by an increase in the numbers of children dancing in the area.

Stirlingshire. Membership: 87 Annual, 22 Long Term, 17 Life. Classes per week: 2 General, 2 Beginners, 2 Children.

Our year began with a sadness, in the death of our secretary for nineteen years, Miss J. Gairns C. Bowie. Prior to this office she was treasurer for eighteen years and to many she was the Branch. Her long experience and knowledge are greatly missed. In memory of Miss Bowie and her long links with the Branch, her cousins presented a very handsome Chairman's Badge. This took place at our AGM and Miss A. N. Shearer, Principal Teacher, accepted the gift on behalf of the Branch.

In November we had as our visiting teacher, Mr Bob Grant, with our Mrs Milne as pianist. A showing of "Take Your Partners" and an illustrated talk by Dr A. MacFadyen on his tour of Australasia and Japan, was held for members. Two of the teachers in the film have recently come to live in the area – an afternoon class has been started by Mrs A. Williamson, and Mrs A. MacKenzie is to take an advanced class in the autumn. A most enjoyable May Day School was taught by Miss Dorothy Leurs followed by a lively dance in the evening to the music of the Maple Leaf Band.

At our Dinner Dance we were pleased to have Mrs M. G. Parker as our guest of honour. Music was provided by Mr Alex Watson and the Strathallan Band.

Stirlingshire East. Membership: 174 Annual, 21 Long Term, 22 Life. Classes per week: 6 Adult, 3 Young Folk. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has maintained membership this year. A successful evening was held in Falkirk College of Technology with Dr A. MacFadyen as tutor. The December Dance was held in Grangemouth Town Hall and proved a happy social occasion. As ever the Festival Ball was well attended with dancers coming from a' the airts dancing to the ever popular Jack Delaney's Band. The summer term class, attended by members from all the other classes, was taught by Mrs Deans and fortified by her delicious baking.

The team danced at the reception to the Canadian Air Cadets in Falkirk Town Hall. The young folk acquitted themselves well at Edinburgh Festival – the twelve–fourteen year girls gaining the Trophy for their section as did the young mixed team in theirs.

We are delighted to have Mrs Stanners back playing for us after recovering from her accident. Seven members passed the preliminary test held at Larbert.

Stonehaven. Membership: 44 Annual, 2 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The class was well attended throughout the session and a very successful Dance was held in December 1983 raising £303 for Cancer Research.

Several members attended a Weekend School at Dunblane and a Day School in Aberdeen.

Our Annual Ball was held on 4th May and was enjoyed by all.

Stranraer. Membership: 49 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

There has been a slight increase in membership this year and the class has been well attended. Our Christmas and End-of-Session Dances were much enjoyed by members and friends from other classes in the area. The Branch held an informal party to celebrate Burn's Night and this too was a happy and popular event.

The Demonstration Team were invited to dance on a number of occasions and their performances were greatly appreciated.

Members have attended Weekend Schools at Oban and Duns. This year, 1984, the Branch celebrates its Silver Jubilee and a Ball is planned for October when we hope to see many old and new friends.

Sutton Coldfield. *Membership:* 71 Annual, 9 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had our second successful year as a Branch and to celebrate twenty-five years of dancing in Sutton we have produced a long-playing record of dances called "Something to Celebrate" in conjunction with the Lothian Band.

On average, over sixty dancers have attended the Monday classes which run from September to the middle of June. The November Ball was very popular with over 200 dancers enjoying the music of the Danelaw Band. The socials were well supported and the Summer and Christmas Dances were a sell-out with over 100 dancers enjoying the live music played by the Caledonians on each occasion.

We are always happy to welcome members of other Branches to our class, and this year we have welcomed dancers from as far away as Australia, Hawaii and Canada.

Teesside. *Membership:* 148 Annual, 4 Long Term, 81 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The regular programme of classes was well supported during the year. Classes comprise the weekly beginners' and advanced classes and the bi-monthly Highland classes. Monthly socials provide the opportunities to put the teaching into enjoyable practice. Special functions included a very successful Barbecue and a non-competitive Festival which attracted over 700 dancers (both child and adult) from a very wide area.

Anyone visiting the area will be made very welcome at any functions.

West Lothian. *Membership:* 29 Annual, 49 Long Term, 35 Life.

On her retiral as Chairman, the members paid tribute to the long and valued service of Miss Martha Y. K. Cunningham to West Lothian Branch and unanimously elected her Honorary President of the Branch. To mark this occasion Mrs Margaret Morrison on behalf of the members presented Miss Cunningham with a piece of engraved Edinburgh Crystal.

The Branch celebrated the Society's Diamond Jubilee at the annual Dinner Dance in December. Miss Cunningham cut the Birthday cake donated by Mrs Barbara McCleish and decorated by her daughter. We were delighted to welcome to our dance the Society's Chairman, Mrs Margaret Parker and Vice chairman, Dr Alastair MacFadyen who along with members of the Branch and dancers from the surrounding Branches had an enjoyable evening to the music provided by Jack Stalker and his Scottish Country Dance Band. The Day School in March had maximum attendance with the classes full at a very early date. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon at classes taught by Miss Dorothy Leurs (Edinburgh Branch) with Mrs Doreen McKerron providing the music, followed by an excellent social dance.

Whitehead. *Membership:* 19 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Another enjoyable season's dancing saw well-attended classes each week. As ever the Annual "Scottish Night" was enjoyed by all who attended.

Winchester. *Membership:* 21 Annual, 2 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

There was a further small increase in membership and classes reasonably well supported. The three main events of the year, St Andrews Day/End of Term, a Burns Supper and End of Season Dances were all enjoyed by members and guests.

Visitors to Winchester, home and overseas, are welcome at all dance evenings and social functions.

Wirral. *Membership:* 25 Annual, 3 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

This has been an exciting year for the newly formed Wirral Branch. Our first major event - a Christmas Dance - was very well attended and enjoyed by all. One of our members, Mrs Barbara Taylor, produced a most delicious and appropriately decorated cake to celebrate our Inaugural

Dance. We have been most fortunate during the year in receiving the support of neighbouring branches and Scottish Associations, for which we are most grateful.

Our Branch Demonstration Team were delighted to be invited to participate in the Southport and then Stockport (Goyt Valley) Festivals of Scottish Country Dancing, within months of the Branch being formed.

We are looking forward to the coming year, and a very varied programme of events.

Wolverhampton. *Membership:* 39 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Completion of repairs saw us back in residence at Bradmore where we are again happily settled. The season has been a good one and our major dances were happy affairs. We had the pleasure of the music of Mike Ewing and his Caledonians and they have agreed to repeat the "tonic" next year.

We have seen a number of new faces and hope they will return in the autumn. Sadly, Tom McCann our teacher and for many years a Branch stalwart has been forced to retire due to personal and work demands upon his time. We are fortunate that Denis Ashworth has agreed to take up these duties in September.

We are most gratified to learn that our President and founder member Miss Helen Gardiner-Jones has been awarded the Society's Scroll and will be presented with it at the AGM in Glasgow.

Worthing. *Membership:* 65 Annual, 8 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General, 1 Monthly Advanced.

We are pleased to report an increase in Branch membership this year, and also in the numbers attending the dancing classes, both weekly and monthly. A beginners' class, though small in numbers, has proved to be of help to several members attending the general class. In June the Day School, instructor Mr G. Barnard, proved to be successful in stressing the importance of all the basic techniques. For the first time we were able to provide a live band for the End of Season Dance. This was welcomed by all and we hope to continue this practice in the future.

The Rotary Club of Worthing organised a Leisure Exhibition in September in which the Branch participated. This was very well attended and the Branch Stall attracted quite a lot of attention. Indeed it was through enquiries made on that day that our beginners' class was started. In October the Connaught asked the Branch to provide a team, to demonstrate Scottish Country Dancing at one of the Lunchtime Theatre Programmes. The Demonstration Team thoroughly enjoyed this hour of dancing and, of course, were delighted with the publicity to the Society as a result of this.

York and North Humberside. *Membership:* 30 Annual, 90 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 3 Social, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Throughout the season, monthly dances have been held at various venues in Yorkshire and North Humberside to both records and bands. The Danelaw provided the music to the Spring Dance in April 1983 and we welcomed Calum Wilson for our Annual Ball in November. The Day Course, held in York in October, had Jackie Johnstone and Johan MacLean returning by popular demand, supported by Robert Baird and Robert Black. The Border Reivers completed a successful day by playing for our evening dance.

A Charity Dance at Woodmansey, near Hull, for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, raised £130. A highlight of the event was the attendance of Elspeth Brown from Scotland and her guide dog "Kes". An inter-branch dance was held at Stockton-on-Forest near York, which included an afternoon "video" class taken by Malcolm Brown. Highland classes organised by Morag Morgan and taught by Malcolm Brown were also held in York. Teams from the Branch took part in the Leeds and Goyt Valley Festivals, a children's team also performing at Leeds. The Annual Ceilidh once again proved how entertaining members can be in pantomime and song.

We are fortunate that Helen Brown continues to be editor of *Brown's Reel* and thanks are due to all those who submit articles for publication.



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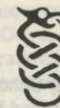
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Overseas Branch Reports

Adelaide. Membership: 62 Annual, 10 Life. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch is enjoying increased numbers and members. We have had a number of Day Schools. We celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the RSCDS by holding a Ball in the beautifully restored Barr Smith Theatre at Scotch College, Mitcham. Dr Alastair MacFadyen was guest of honour and the evening was enjoyed by everyone. Dr MacFadyen also taught at a general class and advanced class for the Branch. We all benefited from his excellent teaching and experience.

Atlanta. Membership: 134 Annual, 9 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 6 (1 teachers, twice monthly). Demonstration Team available.

The Atlanta Branch is happy to report another eventful and enjoyable year with an increase in membership. Adult classes as well as our new children's class were well attended, as were our monthly socials. The annual Grand Ball in June was the climax of a workshop taught by Bill Zobel of Newcastle. In October a two-day workshop conducted by Duncan and Sheena MacLeod, and a Gala and Tartan Ball were held in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games. We hosted over 400 dancers from throughout the country at these events, and all enjoyed four wonderful days of dancing. Our workshop in March was taught by Wes Clindinning of Toronto and was enhanced by Stan Hamilton who played for classes and gave a music lecture.

The most exciting news is that one of our members, Don McCook, has formed a band called the Scottish Contra-Band. We look forward to yet another successful year dancing to the music of this marvellous band. A warm welcome is extended to anyone visiting Atlanta to come and dance with us.

Boston. Membership: 299 Annual, 4 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch increased its membership and continued holding classes in Brookline, Cambridge, Kennebunkport (Maine), Salem and Stow. Area classes continue in New Hampshire at Amherst, Concord, Durham and Keene. New area classes have started in Lincolnville, Maine; Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and Denis-Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

The Branch's 30th Annual Pinewoods Camp dance weekend and week were held in July with an experienced staff of teachers and musicians, including Nancy McLaren. A Teacher's Workshop was held in September on preparation of dance programmes. A December Workshop consisted of Book 31 dances.

The Branch sponsored its sixth annual Burns Night Concert featuring Jean Redpath, with general dancing following the stage performance. In April the Branch sponsored a Scottish food booth and dance demonstration at the New England Folk Festival. Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent played for our annual Highland Ball at the Copley Plaza Hotel in May.

Buffalo. Membership: 98 Annual.

No report received at time of going to press.

Burlington. Membership: 58 Annual. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 2 Children. Demonstration Team available.

This season marked the 10th Anniversary of the Burlington Branch. It was a time for looking back over the past decade to realise how the Branch has prospered, and to recognise the input of those who started the Branch. In particular, we think of Jean and Ian MacDougall who were primarily responsible for starting the Branch and getting it on to a sound footing. We remember, with sadness, the passing of Jean five years ago and the loss of the leadership which she had given us. But others in the group, notably Ian MacDougall and Elisabeth Whyte, picked up the slack, helped by some fine teachers led by Margaret Morrison, and continued the job of manning the Branch and maintaining the quality of our dancing.

While the group has not been as active in the community as in recent years, our 10th Anniversary Dance was a resounding success. Our annual Wine and Cheese Party was enjoyed by many, while our Guest Teacher Night with John Middleton was also a success. One notable addition to our operation is a new children's class in Waterdown led by Pauline Vik who now has 12 students and expects more in the Fall.

Our group is blessed with fine teachers, enthusiastic dancers, and we look forward to our next decade with optimism. Scottish Country Dancing is alive and well in Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Calgary. Membership: 98 Annual, 5 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Team available.

The year 1983 marked a milestone for Calgary, twenty years since our initial affiliation with the RSCDS. A successful mini-Workshop was held in March 1984 with Michael Warren (Victoria), George Will (Vancouver) and Elizabeth Young (Calgary) teaching. Our Spring Ball featured Schiehallion as the band, and drew quite a number of out-of-town guests. Several Calgary dancers have been involved in local demonstrations, including some dance/variety shows which spotlight Scottish Country Dancing as Calgary's most social dance.

Canberra & District. Membership: 34 Annual, 67 Long Term, 28 Life. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch enjoyed, and profited from, the teaching of Dr A. MacFadyen on his visit to Canberra & District Branch in August 1983. The Diamond Jubilee Social, held while Dr MacFadyen was here, was a most enjoyable occasion for those who attended. These included visitors from Forbes (N.S.W.), about 200 miles from Canberra.

The Branch Technique Classes, held monthly in 1983, were converted for 1984 to three Day Schools. The Branch hopes to invite teachers from outside the Canberra area to assist with these Schools. The first, on 28th April 1984, with Mrs Elma See of Newcastle as guest teacher, was a great success and



The Canberra Branch team for the Braidwood Display. Master James McNeil, too young as yet to dance, nevertheless took his place with the dancers in the Grand Parade up the main street.

the Branch is looking forward to the next in July. A number of members attended the 9th Annual Winter School held in May in Perth, Western Australia. As it was a long way from Canberra, most of those who attended took time to tour some of the West before the School commenced.

A highly successful display of Scottish Country Dancing was given by members of the Branch on 14th April 1984, for the celebrations and fete held by the Historical Society of Braidwood (N.S.W.), an ex-gold-mining town of the district, which has a history of Scottish settlement.

Cape Town. *Membership:* 36 Annual, 6 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

A sound year can be reported with good attendances. Our demonstration team was kept busy with several displays throughout the year culminating in their appearing in a Celebrity Concert Evening at the Baxter Theatre in Rondebosch where they gave a fine performance. We were particularly happy with this event as it gave members of the public a chance to see Scottish Country Dancing and hopefully inspire some new members. We have recently improved greatly in our numbers and enthusiasm is turning high.

We greatly enjoyed seeing the film "Take Your Partners" in June of last year. Our functions were all highly successful, always shared of course with other country dance groups. We had our usual weekend in Hermanus in November where some 70 of us gathered to enjoy each other's company, the highlight being the dancing on the Saturday evening, bringing together dancers not only from Cape Town but from country areas, including Hermanus itself.

We saw the New Year in with a very happy Hogmanay Party and also had a most successful Burns Nicht Supper in January.

We are very conscious of, and grateful to, our busy, competent and active committee and teachers who keep the wheels turning.

Central Kentucky. *Membership:* 57 Annual, 1 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have again had a very busy and enjoyable year. Locally, our year was highlighted by our two Annual Balls – the Harvest Ball held in Lexington and the Thistledown Ball in Louisville. To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee our programmes for these events consisted entirely of RSCDS dances, one from each of the 31 books. For both of these events we were fortunate to have live music provided by "Scotch on the Rocks". This year we again organised the Ben Reekie Ball at the Great Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Tennessee, with music by "The Stan Hamilton Ensemble". We also coordinated the Friday night Welcome Dance and dancing on the Games field on Saturday.

Other major events were two Theme Workshops conducted in coordination with the Kentucky Academy of Highland Dance in Midway, Kentucky; St Andrews and the Kingdom of Fife – taught by Georgina Finlay, and Demonstration Dances taught by John Walton. Each of these was followed by an informal dinner and dance. A new event for us was the Kentucky Scottish Weekend held in Carrolton, Kentucky, in May, for which we provided country dancing and demonstrations throughout the day and at the Ceilidh that evening.

Cincinnati. *Membership:* 31 Annual, 6 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The newly formed Cincinnati Branch celebrated its acceptance as a Branch and 25 years as an organisation with a Weekend Workshop and Ball, September 16th to 18th, 1983. Guest teachers for the weekend classes were Isabelle MacPherson and Jean Yeats, while Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent played for the Evening Ball – all from the Toronto, Ontario, area. Attendance for the weekend was nearly 100 dancers and included four of the original members. During the Ball, special tribute was paid to Miss Nora Kindness for her numerous contributions to the Dance Group throughout its 25 year history.

Other special activities of the Branch included a Christmas Dance and a Valentine's Day Dance. The Branch also participated in the annual Cincinnati International Folk Festival, where the Scottish cultural booth theme was "The Whisky Trail". Several demonstrations were also performed by the Cincinnati Branch during the year.



Warren von Preissig, President of Cincinnati Branch, addresses the 25th Anniversary Weekend Workshop Dinner.

Delaware Valley. *Membership:* 88 Annual, 27 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 weekly, 3 fortnightly, 1 monthly. *Demonstration Team available.*

A new (and successful) format for our Delaware Ball began the season by coupling it with a Bob Blackie Workshop Weekend for all levels of dancers. During the year, students had their choice of classes in four locations in two states, including a Highland class taught by Robert Hunn. Mr Hunn also taught our demonstration class and headed our extremely successful demonstration team.

Hogmanay brought another Ball and welcome reunion with out-of-town members. Our Spring Ball and Brunch boasted the music of Tullochgorum. A Spring Workshop with Bobby Watson kept us on our toes (not too high!) and a Valentine's Ball was hosted by Swarthmore College despite their hall burning down. Fortnightly socials at Tanguy and monthly parties at McNairs continued through the class season, as well as year round monthly socials in Newark, DE. Summer parties at Lochwood, hosted by William Johnston, rounded off an enjoyable and exciting year. The only sad note was the loss of our dear long-term member, Dr Joan Buchanan. We will miss you, Joy.

Delft. *Membership:* 43 Annual, 12 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (1 monthly, Adv.). *Demonstration Team available.*

The Delft Branch is pleased to report another excellent year of dancing. The weekly classes were always well attended and an additional advanced class was started on a monthly basis. The special 10-week course for Beginners, a venture started last year, was organised again with very satisfactory results.

The annual Autumn Day School and Ball proved very successful thanks to Mr Robertson's very capable teaching, backed by McBain's excellent and rousing music. The committee is, however, considering an alternative time of year for the formal Ball as a result of a saturation phenomenon in Holland and neighbouring countries in the Autumn.

Our traditional Whitsun Weekend School was not held this year (but plans are underway for 25-27 May 1985) and the highlight of the season was our first Easter Course. The guest teacher was Mr Bobby Munro and music was provided by the Peter Russell Trio. This was a fantastic weekend which was a resounding success from the start, the setting so peaceful and beautiful in the Spring sunshine and a wonderfully happy and convivial spirit throughout. The classes were excellent and the social dances in the evenings so enthusiastically attended that the band almost played the whole programme twice. Many talented guests took part in the Ceilidh on the last evening. A high percentage of the students attending this course were from outside The Netherlands and our plans for next year now include a return visit to our new friends and their Branches.

Detroit. *Membership:* 89 Annual, 9 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Detroit Branch experienced a 30 per cent increase in membership in this Diamond Jubilee Year under the chairmanship of John Speirs, with groups becoming established across the state of Michigan. Four Teacher Candidates are studying for their Preliminary Certificate to be ready for examination within the next year.

The Branch began the season with a Dance and Music Workshop in October at historic Fort Wayne, with 92 attending. The Music Workshop was the first to be held in the area and was very successful, with Stan Hamilton and Ted Sinoski providing the instruction. A second Music Workshop was held in May in conjunction with the Annual Ball, again with Stan and Ted as instructors, and with some students playing a few selections at the Ball, giving a wonderfully full sound.

The demonstration team gave seven demonstrations, including at the International Freedom Festival in Detroit, the Governor's Ball on Mackinac Island and the Almä Highland Games. The highlight of the year was the Annual Tartan Ball at the Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle. Over 100 people enjoyed the beautiful location, good food and wonderful music, dancing and friends.

Florida. *Membership:* 132 Annual, 23 Long Term.

The Florida Branch was formed on 19th May 1984, and as will be seen from the membership numbers a good start has been made. The committee is now getting down to planning the year ahead.

Gothenburg. *Membership:* 45 Annual. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

For the last few years the total amount of time devoted to Scottish Country Dancing among the members of the Gothenburg Branch has been declining. Maybe this is due to the quickening pace of society; people have less time to develop their cultural interests. Our teachers have worked hard in raising the standard of the dancing. Although Mrs Johan MacLean paid the Branch only a short visit in April, she managed to bring us some of the latest ideas in Scottish Country Dancing, as well as lots of social spirit. We all enjoyed Johan's visit very much. It is essential for the branches outside Scotland to keep in touch with dancers in Scotland. The six members who were at the St Andrews Summer School came back brimming over with bright ideas.

A number of demonstrations have been given, and as every year for the last 10 years, we performed at Gunnebo Castle, together with the Murray Pipes and Drums. During the Spring, Mrs Lise Rückert has been teaching Scottish Country Dancing to children at a kindergarten in Gothenburg. Although they are very young - only 4-6 years old - they have learned quickly and they enjoy the dancing very much. They performed in a set of their own in the demonstration at Gunnebo Castle. To keep up the social spirit, quite a few social evenings have been arranged, the last one being our glamorous Spring Ball, the first for many years. According to the guests it was a tremendous success. - "Omnia mutantur, nihil interit". (Pythagoras).

The Hague District. *Membership:* 75 Annual, 3 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary by issuing our "Silver Jubilee Book of Scottish Country Dances", devised by members of our Branch during the years, of which book we donated 100 copies to the Society, to be sold for the "Jean Milligan Memorial Fund".

Our demonstration team was as busy as ever giving demonstrations in many old people's homes, but the total number of active dancers leaves much to be desired, due to various circumstances, amongst others the growing number of unemployed. However, we also held a very successful weekend at the Hook of Holland and a number of Sunday classes, drawing a goodly number of participants.

Halifax-Dartmouth. *Membership:* 60 Annual, 2 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Classes for both basic and experienced dancers were held from September to April. Five socials were held during this period, including a closing Ball on 28th April 1984. An innovation of holding a Christmas event between Christmas Day and New Year's Day proved to be a success with many members attending.

We have been pleased to see the growth in the participants of the affiliated groups in the Valley and Lunenburg areas. The various activities at differing co-ordinated dates, has provided opportunities for attendance of all Nova Scotian dancers at the three different areas. The establishment of a dance group in Prince Edward Island and the continuing activities in Moncton and Fredericton in the province of New Brunswick have all complimented our Nova Scotian events.

The fourth International Scottish Country Dance School, of one week's duration, was held in July 1983 and proved again to be an attraction for out of province dancers from mainly Ontario, but also inclusive of other provinces and the United States.

The demonstration team was in demand at several Clan Gatherings and conventions during the second International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia. It was a delight to see 64 Scottish Country Dancers performing in eighteenth century costumes at the Nova Scotia Military Tattoo held to open the Gathering.

Hamilton, Ontario. *Membership:* 311 Annual, 2 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Basic, 2 Intermediate, 1 Candidate, 1 Advance/Demonstration. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Hamilton (Ontario) Branch had another successful year, going over the 300 membership mark, plus 153 Junior associates. There are also five Social Groups within the Hamilton Branch area and a number of their members take out membership in the Society through the Hamilton Branch.

The Annual Weekend at Niagara Falls was again well attended. John and J'Ina Middleton were in charge of the Welcome Dance on the Friday evening and the Ceilidh that followed and Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent played for the Ball on the Saturday evening. The Demonstration Team - the Matheson Dancers - had another busy season, taking part in 11 demonstrations with a final one at the Annual Ball on 7th April 1984. Six monthly dances were well attended. The Annual Gala Day was held in Hamilton with Toronto Groups supporting it. Nineteen teams participated in the non-competitive dancing and danced to their own recorded music. Mr Robert Millar was the M.C. for the day and the Salyre Choir ladies served delicious Scottish type food at intermission. The McNab Seniors (June Shore's teenage class) entered the Toronto Children's Festival, carrying off the Kelvingrove Trophy for the highest overall mark in their section (13-15 years) and the Meta Anderson Trophy for dancing the best Strathspey in their section.

The 29th Annual Ball at the Royal Botanical Gardens was a grand affair as Arthur Douglas, the Ball Chairman, welcomed the 200 guests as they arrived. The Anna Holden Night on 12th September was also very much enjoyed.

Hawaii. *Membership:* 39 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

In the past year the RSCDS Hawaii Branch enjoyed a number of activities. Several members of the Branch marched behind our blue and white banner in the annual Fourth of July Parade in Kailua. A pot luck picnic followed and those not away on vacation also enjoyed a dance party on 16th July. Before classes started in September, some of our dancers presented a series of demonstrations in connection with a promotion of British goods by one of Honolulu's leading department stores. Five evening and two mid-morning performances were well received by the crowds.

The Branch held another successful Dance Party in mid-November, and a Demonstration Group performed country dances at Burns Night celebrations on 28th January. In February we held the sixth Annual Country Dance Workshop Weekend in Honolulu, officially recognised by the Hawaii Statehood Silver Jubilee Committee as the Hawaii Silver Jubilee Institute of Scottish Country Dance. Visiting instructor Sheena Ellis from Vancouver, joined our own Mary Brandon in providing excellent instruction and a bang-up good time. As one of the sponsors of the Hawaiian-Scottish Association's Highland Gathering held on 25th March, RSCDS Hawaii Branch manned a booth and sold foodstuffs. Finally, a Demonstration Group gave Friday and Saturday night dance performances 27/28th April at a local dance studio. This year we have said aloha and farewell to five of our members; the size of the Hawaii Branch may fluctuate, but heart and spirit are strong!

Houston & District. *Membership:* 79 Annual, 12 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

1983 marked the Fifth Anniversary of the Houston and District Branch. One of the persons responsible for its formation was C. Stewart Smith. A highlight of the year was in October when the Branch sponsored the C. Stewart Smith Memorial Workshop taught by Paul Sarvis, a student and protegee of Stewart's. During the year, members danced at the Burns Supper and several local events. Summer social dancing and classes throughout the year were well attended, as were the year's dance parties and Annual Ball which was held in February.

Interest in Scottish Country Dancing continues to grow in the south-west United States. Three affiliated groups are now associated with Houston Branch - Austin and San Antonio, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Three full certificate and four preliminary candidates from these groups will attend the TAC Summer School. We look forward to future growth and participation among the groups.

Hunter Valley. *Membership:* 119 Annual, 20 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 10. *Demonstration Team available.*

During the past few months we have enjoyed an upsurge of interest in Scottish Country Dancing with most clubs reporting increased numbers. A recent Day School and Social was well attended by new and relatively new dancers who discovered the fun of mixing with dancers from other clubs and gained in confidence as a result.

Diamond Jubilee functions were a Weekend Junior Camp attended by 40 children from three groups, and our Branch Ball, complete with appropriate decorations and a "lucky door prize" of a hand-crafted wooden platter inlaid with coins from the 60 years. A highlight of the year was Dr MacFadyen's teaching visit and the Branch would like to express thanks to Headquarters for making it possible. Extra Branch classes were held in advance technique and advanced social dancing.

We now have two groups of musicians in our midst, "Harp and Claymore" (piano, fiddle and flute) and "Heather Ale" (fiddle and accordion). All clubs in the area continue to play an active part in the community with demonstrations and audience participation functions. Scottish Country Dancing in the Hunter Valley is indeed alive and well!

Johannesburg. *Membership:* 155 Annual, 2 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Johannesburg Branch is happy to report an encouraging increase in numbers, annual membership having gone over 150 for the first time. We have large, keen Beginners and Elementary classes which augur well for the future. Our Weekend Schools continue to be well supported by dancers from centres all over the country.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by a very enjoyable Highland Ball in November, again attended by dancers from far and wide. The venue was our local Victoria Lake Yacht Club, at which we anticipated a balmy summer evening with lights sparkling across the water - however on the day heavy summer rains and a sudden drop in temperature made us shiver but did not dampen the enthusiasm of the dancers.

Kingston, Ontario. *Membership:* 109 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

A busy and eventful year! Summer dancing in Confederation Park proved to be quite a "tourist attraction". The season began with an expanded class schedule, the formation and success of a Young People's Class being particularly encouraging. The classes and monthly social dances continued to be well attended.

Kingston dancers were again hosts at the Annual Workshop Weekend in November when 160 dancers from Eastern Canada and U.S.A. were instructed by Betty Spiers, Eileen Black and John Christie, with Elma Grech at the piano. Our demonstration dancers were privileged to tour several booths at Folklore '83 and to participate in festivities for Sir John A. Macdonald Day and the Ontario Bicentennial. Our second Annual Spring Workshop (staffed by our own teachers) was enthusiastically received. The Branch looks forward to another successful and enjoyable year.

Kitchener-Waterloo. *Membership:* 139 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 3.

We started our season with a picnic in June and the Lynx Lake Weekend in September. Both events were blessed with very good weather and members left with a great enthusiasm for the coming season. We held a successful Open House and ran three classes all season. Each class took a turn organising a monthly dance which involved many members, including our enthusiastic Beginners Group.

Our social activities included our Annual Ball, a Workshop and Dance, a Burns Supper and a Spring Dance and Ceilidh. The Ceilidh was quite successful with a varied programme ranging from vocalists and monologues to Hungarian dancing. Many demonstrations were performed over the season, ending with a team dancing in the Gala Day in Hamilton in May.



Kitchener-Waterloo Branch Demonstration Team.

London, Ontario. *Membership:* 114 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

One of the highlights of the past year was a Ceilidh in February which was held, as usual, the evening before our annual One Day Workshop. RSCDS members were hosts for out-of-town friends and executives of the Burns Club and St Andrews Society, and entertainment was provided by students of Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School performing excerpts from their production of Brigadoon. This was a delightful evening and a happy expression of combined Scottish tradition.

In a similar manner, Branch members worked very hard with these two clubs at the Scottish Pavilion during Kavalkade in September, an annual London multicultural event that increases in size and interest each year. Dancers enjoyed a Christmas Dance and end-of-season Spring Ball which are special events in addition to regular monthly dances and three busy, weekly classes.

Los Angeles. *Membership:* 252 Annual, 11 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 19. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership this year dropped slightly due to the formation of the Orange County Branch. Examinations, conducted by representatives from Scotland, resulted in one more fully certificated teacher and six who passed their Preliminary Test. Most of them started new classes. Dancers may dance Monday to Friday in the Los Angeles area, if willing to drive.

Weekly Summer dances were held, the most successful being that at which Andrew Rankine played. How fortunate we are to have him living in our area now! The St Andrews Ball and Burns Supper were enjoyed by many in delightful settings. However, the C. Stewart Smith Memorial Summer School, held at Clairmont College, was probably our most successful event of the year, the enthusiasm for the event surpassing all expectations. The Solvang Institute Weekend was as popular as ever, no doubt due to the charm of the Danish Village in which it is held, Solvang, the excellence of the teachers year after year, and the careful organisation of our Vice-Chairman.

Medicine Hat. *Membership:* 54 Annual, 7 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

1983 was the centennial of the city of Medicine Hat – and the Medicine Hat Scottish Country Dancers participated in this celebration through their Gala Celebration Workshop in November 1983. Four teachers were invited to this workshop – Sandra Binns, Bob Blackie, Barbara Barnett and Hugh Thurston. Hugh Thurston gave a very interesting and informative talk on the history of Scottish Country Dancing on the Sunday of the workshop weekend. Schiehallion Band from Vancouver provided the music at the Ball on the Saturday evening. Approximately 130 attended and the committee was very pleased with the results as everyone had a super weekend.

Instructional classes moved from the school to the newly constructed Cultural Arts Centre. The year was most enjoyable including the socials which were very well attended.

Melbourne & District. *Membership:* 204 Annual, 106 Long Term. 48 Life. *Classes per week:* 31. *Demonstration Team available.*

Melbourne and District Branch has had an eventful year. As can be seen we have a class somewhere in Melbourne on every week night as well as nine country classes as far as Sale (128 miles east of Melbourne) to Donald (176 miles to the west).

During the 1983 season we held the annual teaching weekend at Ballarat and later, in April, another annual weekend camp at Marysville was held over three days because our Anzac Day public holiday happened to be on the Monday. We also had the pleasure of meeting Alastair MacFadyen who taught three general classes in Melbourne and talked about the history of the Society as well as promoting "Dance With Your Soul".

Many groups are now celebrating their 18th or 21st year of teaching and enjoying Scottish Country Dancing, so tradition is alive and well in Melbourne.

Montreal. *Membership:* 142 Annual, 1 Long Term. 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Branch, 6 Social. *Demonstration Team available.*

This past season the Branch concentrated the majority of its activities around Technique Classes. The result of this effort was that classes were held weekly for Beginner/Basic, Advanced/Demonstration and, most importantly due to our shortage of teachers, a Teacher Candidate. Also during the season, two One Day Workshops were held with a visiting teacher and local teacher sharing the instruction on both days.

The annual June Weekend at Ste Agathe was once again well supported with 100 dancers attending. Membership declined slightly; however, we were pleased to have 10 new members join the Branch.

Social activities included the annual Garden Party in July, the September Opening Social and the Christmas Holiday Party which were sponsored by the Branch, plus four other socials organised by the various groups. The Annual Ball, held in the elegant ballroom of the Mount Royal Hotel on 31st March was, as always, the highlight of our season's social activities. The demonstration teams were kept busy participating in Canada Week celebrations and the Glengarry Highland Games as well as at local church functions and senior citizen homes.

Mornington Peninsula. *Membership:* 117 Annual, 4 life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The highlight of the 1983 year was the visit of Dr Alastair MacFadyen. Many members had the opportunity to see Dr MacFadyen at the August Social, the Barbecue held at Seawinds National Park and the much appreciated class he conducted on the Tuesday evening.

The combined weekend run by Melbourne and District and Mornington Peninsula, held at Marysville, was again well attended and enjoyed by all. We were pleased to have a dancer, Lady MacTier, from Flinders Island, present for the first time. Mary has promised to return next year with more supporters.

Attendances were down on last year but the children's classes, run by I. Stanley, are most successful and promise well for the future. Two huge Christmas Puddings, decorated with sparklers alight, were a bright spot at the end of the year Social which was well attended. We look forward to a new look for our 20th year with our first lady president, Mrs Jenny Weeks, in the Chair.

Nairobi. *Membership:* 70 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have at times feared that the Scottish Country Dancers of Kenya were becoming an endangered species. However, vigorous efforts to attract new members to replace those continually leaving the country have resulted in our membership actually increasing this past year. This does, of course, mean that we have a large proportion of Beginners' classes and these have become an important part of our schedule.

Our dancing year has passed very pleasantly, with the weekly evenings of dancing being punctuated by a well attended Annual Ball and a most enjoyable weekend outing to hot, dusty Magadi – a remote settlement beside a vast soda ash lake and as unlikely a venue for dancing as one could imagine. Now we are once again preparing for our festival of Scottish Country Dancing, which we persevere with to encourage the teaching of Scottish Country Dancing in some local schools.

New Haven. *Membership:* 86 Annual, 24 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year brought the 10th Annual Highland Ball, including a champagne toast celebrated by dancers from all over Connecticut, as well as our regular out-of-town guests. Branch President, Jeff Morrison, added an heroic touch to the evening in crime prevention. In addition to the usual social events, a Fall Workshop was held featuring Tony Moretti as teacher. The Branch did a number of performances for the regional Library Council showing Scottish Country Dancing and its traditions.

New York. *Membership:* 152 Annual, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1983/84 year was a very special one for the New York Branch – its 25th Anniversary. It was celebrated at our annual Weekend at Holiday Hills, chaired by Sheila Wilson and Enid Kuperman, and attended by 150 dancers. A superb staff of teachers included Jeanetta McColl from Boston and Mary Murray and Sandy Bain from Canada. Music provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent added to everyone's pleasure. A memorable moment took place when the six founding members of the Branch watched the cutting of the huge birthday cake.

Many exciting events took place under the capable leadership of the President, Harry Matthews. The "Miss Jeannie Carmichael Ball" was truly a delightful, elegant affair. Other highlights were the Burns Night Dance, the Valentine Party and the monthly dances (arranged by Sheila Wilson). The Nassau class held its Annual Ball, called "The Island Fling" and the demonstration team performed at many functions and special events. Bobby Watson conducted a most successful and exciting

Workshop. Robert McOwen taught a class of teachers with a view to improving teaching techniques while Susie Petrov helped the teachers to a better understanding of the music. All are welcome to visit the New York Branch.

New Zealand. *Membership:* 1215 Annual, 61 Long Term, 126 Life. *Classes per week:* 94.

1983-84 has shown yet another increase in RSCDS membership in New Zealand Branch, which is heartening news indeed. Dr MacFadyen's visit in 1983 is now a happy memory, but one we shall not forget in any way. 1984 was brought in in true style at our Summer School in the Wellington area - with some 400 dancers attending the Hogmanay Ball.

Our dancing year is now well underway, and it would be wonderful to have the time to travel to all the weekend and day schools which are to be held throughout New Zealand this year. Our Summer School in December 1984/January 1985 is to be held in Dunedin once again - always a popular venue. 1985/86 sees our Summer School being held in the Queen City of Auckland - for the first time in many years, and we are all looking forward to that very much indeed.

If any of you are travelling into this "neck of the woods" as we say here - do let us know. You will be assured of a warm welcome in Aotearoa (the Land of the Long White Cloud).

Northern Virginia. *Membership:* 73 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Northern Virginia sponsored the Christmas Walk Dance on 8th December 1983, at the Christchurch Parish Hall. On 26th May 1984, the Branch sponsored the Spring Dance at the Episcopal High School. Both dances were well attended.

The Branch is looking forward to sponsoring their first Argyle Weekend in the Fall, time and place to be announced.

Orange County. *Membership:* 72 Annual, 3 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

The highlights of 1983-84 year were the Christmas and St Patrick's Dance Party with well-known Scottish dance band leader Andrew Rankine. Our St Patrick's Dance was called - the Shillelagh Ceilidh.

Our Branch Chairman, David Tague, taught three Workshops in Arizona, San Diego and Seattle.

Ottawa. *Membership:* 292 Annual, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 14 Adult, 2 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Members of the Ottawa Branch have enjoyed yet another enjoyable, busy and successful year, with 14 adult classes and two children's classes - one of which has more boys than girls - a good sign for the future?

Events included a children's festival, monthly dances, a Christmas Dance and Annual Ball with music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. As always this was very successful, the ballroom floor being packed for every dance.

There was a One Day Technique Workshop and a Weekend Workshop for the general membership. A Dance Medicine Workshop was held for teachers where they discovered all the dire things that can happen to feet and legs if they are not warmed up properly! The demonstration team and entertainment group performed at many events and locations throughout the year thereby introducing more people to Scottish Country Dancing and hopefully increasing our membership.

Paris. *Membership:* 117 Annual, 4 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Paris Branch was formed in Spring 1984 with a committee *pro tem* consisting of Dr J. A. Reinstein, Chairman; Miss Danielle Granier, Vice-Chairman; Miss Martine Cormouls, Secretary;



Ottawa Branch Annual Ball 1984 - Chateau Laurier Hotel.

and Mr Dominique Delaunay, Treasurer. Since its founding we have had a weekend of training of our demonstration group with Bill Hamilton, and a general dance weekend for our members. We will be publishing dates of our weeks and inviting people from other countries to join us at the Château, 45km from Paris where they are held. We are holding our Inaugural Ball on 13th October at the Palais des Congrès, Paris, with Robin Ellis's band, and would like to invite people from overseas to join us.

Pretoria. *Membership:* 18 Annual, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch had a very active and successful year. Many new dancers started during the year and have now become keen and regular participants and members of the Branch. A Day School was held in June 1983 with three teachers from Pretoria and three from the 51st Club in Johannesburg. This was followed by a Social and everyone found it a stimulating and rewarding (if very exhausting) occasion. Approximately 40 people attended.

The annual Combined Evening with the Dutch and German dancers went off better than ever - we are learning each other's dances as years go by and need less teaching! The demonstration team danced on eight occasions, including the Republic Day celebrations, the Pretoria Highland Games, the German School's Oktoberfest and various fetes and old people's parties. For the first time in years, two teams were available for one of the demonstrations and three (eked out a little by some of our friends from the 51st Club) for another.

Regina. *Membership:* 55 Annual, 10 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Regina Branch had another successful year of dancing. Our fall Workshop was well attended, as were the four social evenings held through the winter.

Our major fund raiser, Mosaic '83 was again a great combined effort with three teams of dancers providing the entertainment.

Sacramento. *Membership: 54 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch is completing another full and enjoyable year. We again had monthly parties during the class year and they were all well enjoyed. The June Ceilidh, the Christmas Party and the March Party, held in conjunction with the March Workshop, were all highlights. Our seventh May Ball was another success with the San Francisco Scottish Players furnishing the same great style of music as they had for the March Workshop Party. The March Workshop was a great success. Teachers were Mary Murray of Vancouver, Bob Blackie of Toronto, Elsie Robertson and Ken McFarland of San Francisco. The first class began at 9am and a large portion of the dancers were still going strong when the party ended at midnight.

The Branch published a collection of original dances in the Jean Patrick Collection. In January, we held a Workshop to teach these dances. The Branch participated in the Sacramento Camellia Festival and did demonstrations throughout the Sacramento Valley. We were invited to demonstrate at the California Federation of Folk Dance Councils State Convention.

St Catherines. *Membership: 64 Annual. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

Once again our Branch has had a successful year, finishing the season with the Annual Dance, also dancing in the open air at Tennis Courts (Ralph and Betty Crowthers) and Geoffrey Dover's Beach Party.

1985 is a special year for St Catherines Branch being our 25th Anniversary and we are looking forward to our 25th Ball which will be held in the Park Motor Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

San Diego. *Membership: 71 Annual, 6 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch added 16 new members. Two members, Dick and Daphne Richards, successfully passed the Preliminary Test. Three classes were sponsored at Balboa Park and one in La Jolla. We held Saturday Social Dances throughout the year which were well attended. A Summer Picnic at the bay and a Winter Weekend at Camp Stevens in the mountains were offered to members and friends. Our dancers demonstrated at seven civic events, one of which was the S.D. Highland Games. Our Spring Workshop featured David Tague and Andrew Rankine. Our main event, the Mini-Institute in February, featured Ishbel Sanderson, Simon Scott and Joseph Wallen from far away Nova Scotia. Jack Rennie and the Thistle Band furnished the music. We will attempt to repeat these successful events next year.

San Francisco. *Membership: 339 Annual, 26 Life. Classes per week: 19. Demonstration Team available.*

The San Francisco Branch is finishing a busy season full of lively and varied activities. Major events of the year started off with the Santa Rosa Highland Games Dance, featuring the San Francisco Scottish Players. Spectacular weather met us at Asilomar where the Branch holds its Primary Workshop. Teachers were Sheena Ellis and Simon Scott (Vancouver) and Lynda Korsan, Kim McGarrity and Fred Macondray (San Francisco), with John Drewry joining us for the weekend. Tullochgorum, from Boston, provided the music for the Asilomar Ball. The Valentine's Ball was also very successful when we danced to the Schiehallion Band from Vancouver. Numerous parties were held throughout the year. Of particular note was the "Originals Party", given to promote and encourage new dances written by talented Branch members. The San Francisco Scottish Players provided music for this event, and they also made their "originals" contribution by composing most of their own arrangements and even writing some of their own tunes. Our special event in June will commemorate the Reel and Strathspey Club, precursor to the San Francisco Branch.

The Teachers' Committee sponsored two Workshops this year, and Musicians' Workshops are on the rise. Our two demonstration teams, the Red Thistles and the Dunsmuir Dancers, gave 40 performances. The most notable demonstration occurred during the half-time festivities of the East-West Shrine Game, a nationally televised football game. In keeping with their Scottish theme, the show included 168 Scottish Country Dancers, massed pipe bands, brass bands and Highland Dancers. Our special thanks go to Jennifer Kelly for organising the performance.

Seattle. *Membership: 53 Annual, 60 Long Term, 5 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.*

Once again the Branch was able to offer its membership a full schedule of dances and special events. Branch members performed at the Seattle Highland Games, and the Oak Harbor Holland Happening. A full schedule of dancing is planned for the summer in local parks and on the ferries. Seattle will be holding its 10th Annual Fort Worden Weekend in September of this year. This event draws dancers from all areas of Canada and the U.S.A. and many special events are planned to celebrate this anniversary year.

During the year the Branch has sponsored two excellent Workshops and the annual May Ball was held at the Nile Temple Country Club. The Branch is proud to have sponsored the Friday Harbor and the Vancouver, Washington dancers in their applications for affiliation with the Society. In a continued effort to add to the ranks of Scottish Country Dancers, the Branch will send a demonstration team to the annual State Meeting of Square Dancers, and will host "Lure the Public Night" in September to kick off the new season.

South-East Queensland. *Membership: 130 Annual, 20 Long Term, 9 Life. Classes per week: 8.*

1983 was highlighted by Dr Alastair MacFadyen's visit. He visited two of our out-of-town clubs. The distance he travelled was appreciated and our Branch members enjoyed the personal touch.

Our Christmas activities included a Social and in April we held our Annual Ball. Jim South and Nan Kelly were our M.C.'s for the respective functions. May 1984 will stay in our memories for a long time as we had a 100 per cent pass rate for our Teachers' Examinations. Congratulations to the students and their teacher, Jean Riddell. It was seemingly such a long time since we had seen Kevin Connolly and Les Cumming that the Social after the exams was more like a reunion. Friends from the south, now retired to Queensland, made a special effort to attend.

Stockholm. *Membership: 56 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

In June 1983, the Stockholm Branch arranged a Jubilee Course and Ball at Rönneberga on the island of Lidingö just outside Stockholm. This international course was attended by about 70 people. We are now preparing a similar course for June 1985. Fourteen of our members attended Summer School in 1983 and two went to a Weekend Course in Vienna in 1984.

In the Spring of 1984, HQ arranged for Mrs Johan MacLean to go on a teaching tour to Scandinavia. The Stockholm Branch, together with the Stockholm Caledonian Dance Circle, were happy to have Mrs MacLean in Stockholm for four days and we thoroughly enjoyed her excellent tuition. Members of the Stockholm Branch have given several demonstrations during the last year.

Sydney. *Membership: 122 Annual, 2 Long Term, 19 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

The Sydney Branch has enjoyed a busy and successful year under the capable leadership of our President, Miss Betty Vale. The enthusiasm engendered by the visit of Dr Alastair MacFadyen has been cemented throughout the year, with ever-increasing numbers attending the Beginners and Elementary Classes. The "international family" quality of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was further emphasised by a hectic but most enjoyable visit by a Canadian group, led by Mr Bob Blackie. Shortly, we look forward to greeting a party of dancers from New Zealand.

Throughout the year we have had support from different clubs in Sydney and the metropolitan area. One-Day Schools, socials, a picnic and the mass demonstration in an open-air concert at the Opera House have all been well supported.

Sadly, we have lost two of our members, Miss Jean Rowling and Mr Matt McDougall. Their example has given inspiration to all of us over many years and will continue to do so.

Tokyo. *Membership: 62 Annual, 30 Long Term, 1 Life.*

With its formation on 24th June, the Tokyo Branch is the youngest member of this ever-growing RSCDS family and has got off to a good start.

Toronto. Membership: 925 Annual, 26 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 54. Demonstration Team available.

The 1983/84 season began with the very successful Annual Weekend at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching. Dancers attending benefited from the extensive knowledge of three very special teachers – Mrs Anna Holden of Birmingham, England; Miss Sandra Binns of Oakville, and Prof. George Emmerson of London, Ontario. We were also fortunate in having our representative on the Executive Council, Mr George Burnett, with us at Geneva, and he represented Toronto at the Society's Annual General Meeting in November, as did Betty and David Grant.

Events held during the year included our Children's Festival, Gala Day, monthly dances, dancing in Sunnybrook Park, all of which were very successful. Without a doubt, the outstanding highlight of the season was our annual Tartan Ball. It was a commemoration of the Branch's 20-year association with the Royal York Hotel and was attended by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honourable John Black Aird and Mrs Aird, whose presence always adds something special to this event.

Twin Cities. Membership: 56 Annual, 4 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.

Twin City dancers began a busy 1983/84 season by dancing in August and September with partners from Winnipeg and Madison at the Renaissance Festival. Classes began in September, with instruction on Mondays at Unity Unitarian Church in St Paul, and on Wednesdays at the Play Wright Centre in Minneapolis.

During the Fall, dancers also enjoyed dancing to the tunes of the Thistledown Band and socialising with visitors from Winnipeg and Madison at the Ball Weekend in November. Despite a raging snowstorm, members danced in the Scottish Ramble at the Landmark Centre in St Paul. The opportunity to perform with Highland dancers and pipers was definitely a highlight of the year.

Another memorable event of the year was the Annual Spring Workshop, with instruction by Maureen Burnham of Winnipeg, Elinor Vandergrift of Seattle, and Toni McDonald of Minneapolis. Sixty-two dancers had the opportunity to practise their stepwork, learn new dances and socialise, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Vancouver. Membership: 446 Annual, 4 Long Term, 32 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.

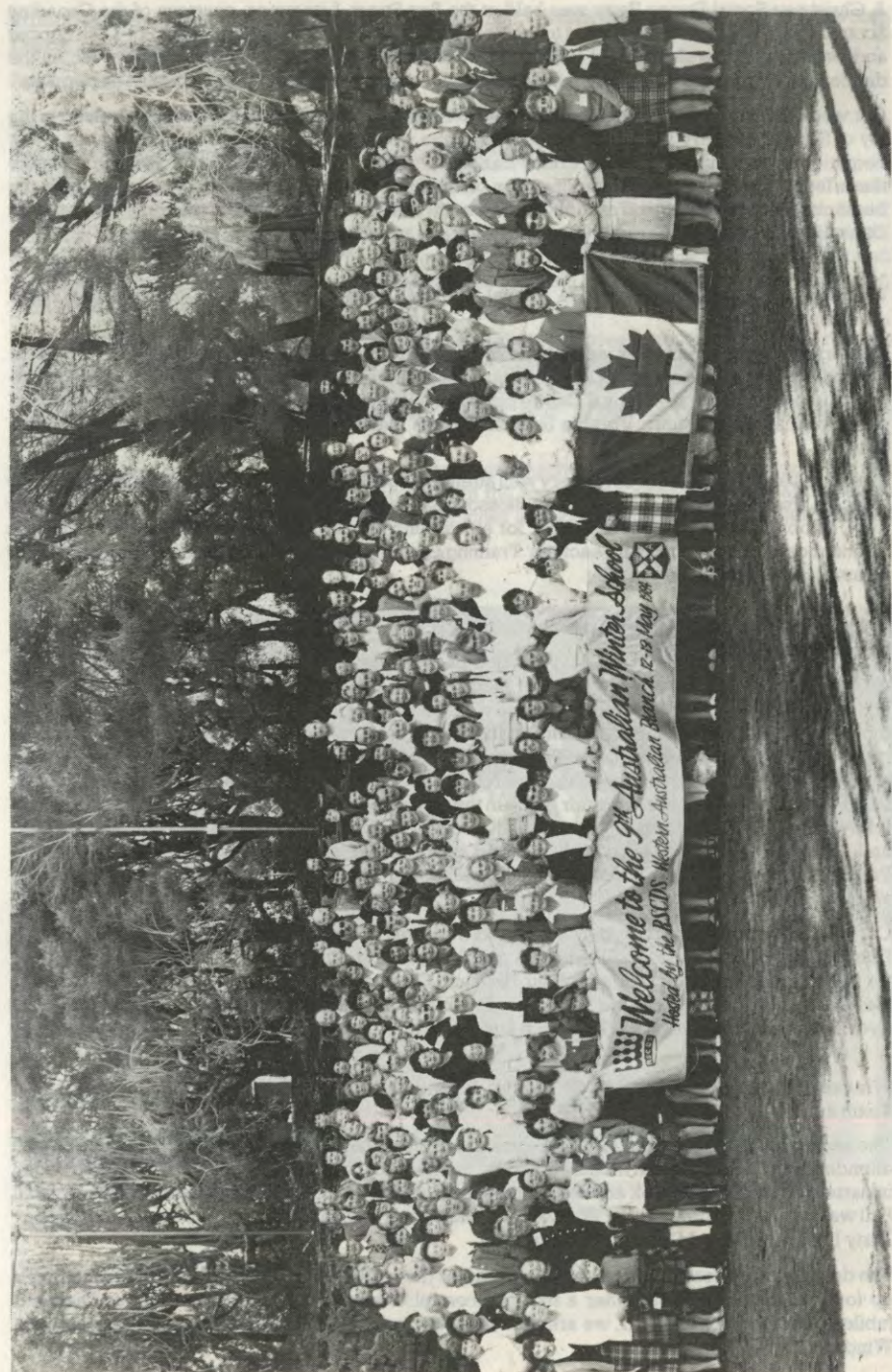
The Vancouver Branch membership is made up of members attending Branch classes and also of members who attended classes in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, North Vancouver, West Vancouver and White Rock. By co-ordinating our social activities it means that everyone is free to enjoy all events.

We are proud that our demonstration team participated in the opening ceremonies of B.C. Place, Vancouver; appeared in the Gaberlunzie Show, and performed at various functions throughout the year. The Vancouver Workshop and Ball was again a success with Sandra Binns, Oakville; Ron Wallace, Minneapolis; Marge van Nus, Vancouver, Wa., and Sheena Ellis, Audrey Gordon and Liz Johnston, Vancouver, B.C., conducting the classes. The participants travelled from far and wide – Scotland, U.S.A. and Canada. Everyone came together to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Vancouver Branch at its Annual Ball and with Schiehallion providing the music. A good time was had by all!

Our calendar of events also included the established B'twixt and B'tween Dance, the Burns Supper and dancing in Stanley Park during the summer months. The Children's Workshop, held at the end of March, went off very well, but the arrival of the Easter Bunny and two lovely lambs at the Saturday evening dance stole the show.

Victoria. Membership: 149 Annual, 10 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 4 Adult, 1 Childrens. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch, in its 11th year, has completed a busy and successful year of enjoyable dancing. Our Workshop in November 1983 was most worthwhile with teachers from Hamilton, Winnipeg and Seattle, and music for classes and the evening Dance Party provided by Alex Jappy and Maureen Richard of Delta, B.C.



The 9th Australian Winter School, 1984.

A Christmas Social Dance Party was held at the Bay Street Armouries, courtesy of the Canadian Scottish Regiment, a sister regiment to the Royal Scots. At New Year, a Hogmanay Pot-Luck Supper and Dance was so well attended that the floor was rather crowded for dancing. However, all the dancers enjoyed themselves immensely and the following Burns Night Party was just as popular.

Our weekly Friday evening socials are always well attended, with six sets, at least, partaking in the joy of Scottish Country Dancing. This year we have managed to persuade a good number of our beginners to join in the fun of the Friday dances where more experienced dancers help to make them feel welcome. The programmes for these Friday evenings are always chosen with the beginning dancers in mind. Throughout the year we have been pleased to welcome visitors from Ottawa, Winnipeg, San Francisco, London, England, as well as Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Washington D.C. Membership: 174 Annual, 16 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch is continuing its enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing. St Columba's group is expanding and producing very keen new dancers. Demonstration teams were busy throughout the year and performed at the Capital Centre prior to the performance of the Scots Guards. Teams also performed at the Northern Virginia Scottish Games' massed demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing.

The Iona Teaching Weekend was very well attended again in the Spring and the Iona Ball also drew dancers from many areas. The Cherry Blossom Ball was also a great success. On 14th February 1984, Bobby Watson was guest teacher for an evening of instruction, drawing a very enthusiastic attendance. A very successful Teachers' Training Course was held during the Summer and another course is planned starting in May.

Western Australia. Membership: 83 Annual, 21 Long Term, 10 Life. Classes per week: 6.

This Diamond Jubilee Year was another action-packed one for our Branch with the highlight being the visit of Dr MacFadyen. Whilst here, Dr MacFadyen conducted examinations, held a Day School and attended various functions - all of which were successful. His visit was of special importance to those people who, for some weeks beforehand, had been attending the Teacher Training classes, in preparation for their examinations. The Branch were delighted with the results and also wish to thank Mr Kevin Connolly for coming from N.S.W. as co-examiner. The Teacher Training classes were a new venture but justified their being in the examination results of five passes. There was also a Royal Show mass demonstration, where five sets danced in combination with Highland Dancers and Pipe Bands, to give a Scottish Evening conducted by the Highland Games Association. Preparation for the Winter School speeded up as it was fast approaching and the sub-committee were kept busy.

Our monthly hops continued as did classes and were well attended. Our Annual Ball, celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, was successful with 148 people attending. Our thanks again to Mary MacKenzie for travelling to Jakarta as judge for their Highland Gathering Scottish Country Dancing. This year we shared our boat trip with the Perth Caledonian Society and all enjoyed a great evening on the river. Next year promises to be busy with our first Winter School taking place.

Windsor, Ontario. Membership: 29 Annual, 8 Long Term. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The season started off with an Open House at the Hiram Walker Reception Centre which was well attended by Windsor Branch members and by members of other groups in the area. Classes began in earnest the following week and we are pleased to report an increase in membership. Our Annual Ball was held at the University of Windsor and was a most enjoyable evening, as was the Hogmanay Party held at Roseland Golf and Curling Club.

The demonstration team has performed eight times during the season with several more dates lined up for the Summer months. After a most successful Workshop, held to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Society last year, we are now looking forward to another in June at the University of Windsor.

Winnipeg. Membership: 176 Annual, 5 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 5 Adult, 1 Ladies Step Dance. Demonstration Team available.

No report received at time of going to press.

Teachers' Association (Canada). Membership: 561 Annual.

At the time of writing, membership is up 27.5 per cent over last year, the breakdown being Canada 274, United States 241, and Overseas 46. The 12th Annual Summer School will be held at Brock University again this year from August 19-26, with Lesley Martin, Aberdeen; Alastair MacFadyen, Glasgow, and Katherine Rule, New York, as teachers. Candidate classes for Preliminary Test and Teachers' Certificate will be offered at the same location from August 12-26, with June Shore and John Middleton, Hamilton, as instructors.

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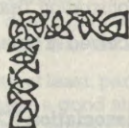
The association has a system of Area Representatives throughout the continent whose purpose is to assist the membership in maintaining contact with the Executive Committee. They also provide organisation for teachers in the area of many branches and some run workshops for the benefit of members.



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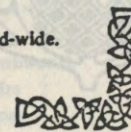


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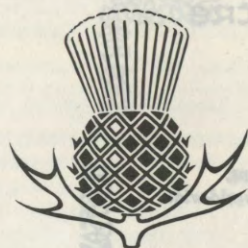
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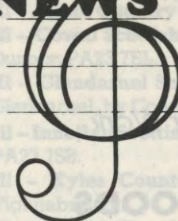
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As indicated in the last Bulletin, Dr Alastair MacFadyen undertook the tour of the Far East and Australasia in August/September 1983; the Secretary met him on his return at Edinburgh Airport and was surprised to see him so fit and well after such an arduous tour. Readers will find his own account of the trip elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The project (selected by the General Purposes Committee) for this year was a series of teaching visits to Europe. Mrs Johan MacLean visited Branches and Groups in Scandinavia in March, with her visits being particularly rewarding in Norway where the groups are among our most recent affiliates; Miss Lesley Martin undertook visits to Switzerland, Spain and Portugal in May. At time of writing Mrs Corson plans to visit the Netherlands, Belgium and France in September and Mrs Holden will visit Germany in October. In connection with those visits the Society records its appreciation of the hospitality and welcome afforded to our visiting teachers by Branches and Groups concerned.

Less there be any male chauvinists among us, the Examinations Committee (responsible for appointing the teachers for the visits) did start out with an even number of male and female teachers but for one reason or another our males were unable to undertake the tours.

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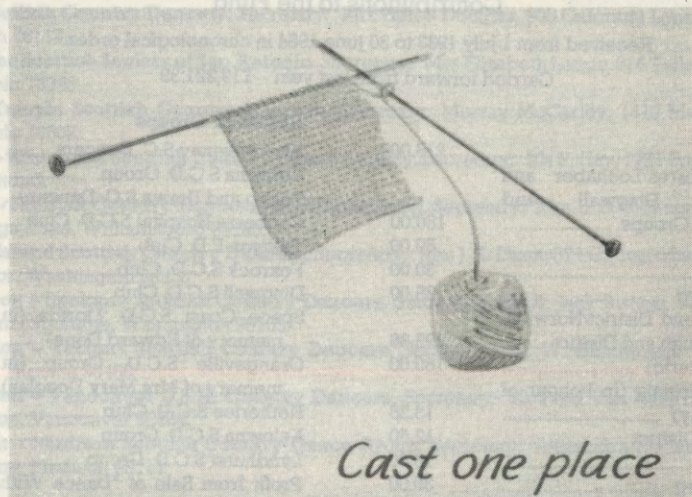
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Round the World with the RSCDS – Norway

Hogmanay 1977 was when it all began. Hogmanay – the time of year when friends get together to reminisce about years gone by; the time to make plans and resolutions. The idea of starting up a Scottish Country Dancing Group in the Stavanger area in Norway was born on this particular New Year's Eve and, unlike many of the plans made that evening, it bore fruit and prospered. The writer of this article was coerced into teaching the group. An SOS to Headquarters resulted in the green light to go ahead with the project and also produced a very helpful and encouraging letter from Miss Gibson with the suggestion that the group apply for affiliation to the Society. This was granted in the summer of 1978 making the Tananger Scottish Country Dance Group the first affiliated group in Norway.

As year follows year the group seems to get busier and more active in the local community. Our dances have been demonstrated to a wide range of audiences – on an equally wide range of flooring. (A fortune is awaiting the inventor of a dancing shoe with quick-change soles!) We have danced for Old Folks and Young Folks; we have exchanged cultural evenings with Norwegian Folk-Dancing Groups; we have supplied a "Scottish Evening" for a Scottish company during an Oil Exhibition; we have taken part in the Stavanger Festival; we have organised Ceilidhs, a Barn Dance and a Day School as fund-raising ventures – and always the music sets the local feet tapping and the hands clapping. We look forward now to making contact with other national groups which are sprouting up in Stavanger. Dancing forges strong bonds and is still an ideal way to make friends.

Our Group membership averages at about thirty members per year. Initially, most of the members were expatriates and have since left the area to scatter far and wide. To date over 100 people representing ten nationalities have learned to "skip change of step" and "pas de Basque" – with varying degrees of success but always with much enjoyment and a great deal of laughter. By teaching classes for a Norwegian Adult Education Organisation we have now gathered together a larger nucleus of permanent residents to help stabilise the membership. No doubt the yearly cycle of celebrations lures newcomers to the group too. "St Andrew's Night", "Xmas", "Easter" and "Summer"



Tananger Scottish Country Dance Group Demonstration Team

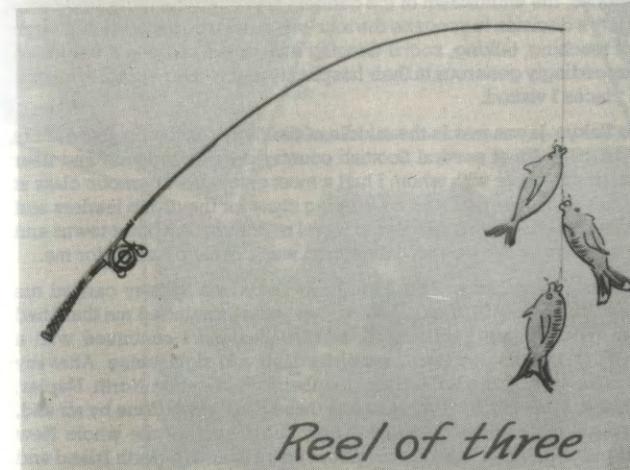
are self-explanatory – but what is a "Burns Supper" and what are the mysteries surrounding "Halloween"? Curiosity works wonders!

A class for children was held for one year and the youngsters involved were very pleased to take part in demonstrations along with Norwegian children's folk-dancing groups. We hope to offer another class this autumn, along with a new adult beginners' class.

So – what else is ahead of us here in Stavanger? In April, Mrs Johan MacLean will begin her teaching tour of Scandinavia here and we look forward with great pleasure to her visit. We hope her tour will help to promote more interest in Scottish Country Dancing throughout Norway and that she enjoys her stay in this beautiful country. Her arrival will certainly be a fitting finale for the Tananger Group's fifth year Jubilee.

C. Kemp

Secretary's Note: 1981 saw two more Groups in Norway – one at Bergen and one in Oslo.



The 1983 Jean Milligan Memorial Fund Project

The Far East and Australasia

Although I found the prospect of meeting Scottish country dancers in distant parts, and of seeing countries and places quite unfamiliar to me exciting and challenging, I nevertheless departed from Glasgow on 28th June 1983 with some feelings of apprehension. I asked myself: Would I have the physical stamina to cope with the amount of travelling inevitably involved in a tour which was so extended in time and distance? Would I be able to cope with meeting new groups of people, a daily occurrence in parts of the tour schedule, and how would those groups react to me?

My apprehension proved to be groundless. I am glad to say that I remained very fit throughout the tour and from the moment of my first meeting with the dancers of the Union Church Reel Club in Hong Kong to my last in Perth, Western Australia, I was accorded a warm and appreciative reception by all the groups I was able to meet. In the small affiliated groups, as well as at the larger functions organised by the Branches, the enthusiasm of the dancers was overwhelming, and I was frequently assured that the Society's decision to promote the tour was much appreciated. Although I had a very full programme of teaching, talking, social dancing and press, radio and television interviews, all my hosts were exceedingly generous in their hospitality and in their efforts to ensure that I did see something of the places I visited.

From Hong Kong I moved on to Tokyo. Japan was in the middle of the rainy season but that did not dampen the keenness of the dancers. I met several Scottish country dance groups in and near Tokyo, including a group of delightful ladies with whom I had a most enjoyable afternoon class at Miyashiro. A weekend of activities, which began with an evening class for the group leaders and ended with a day school, permitted teachers and dancers to travel to Tokyo from other towns and cities. The opportunity to meet so many of our Japanese members was a great pleasure for me.

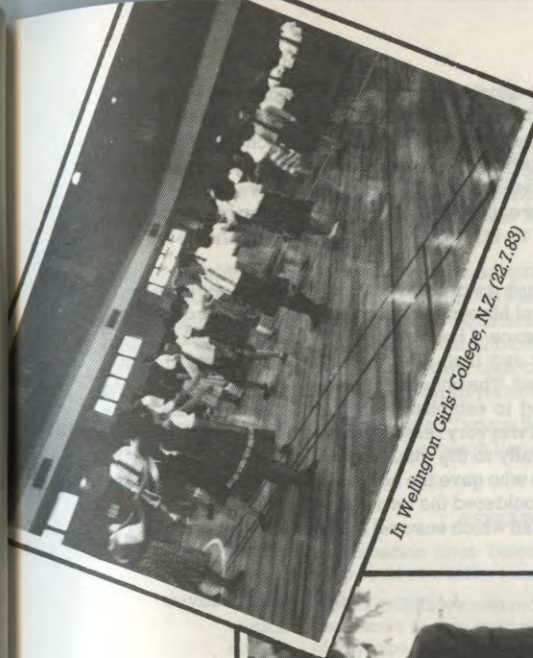
The visit to New Zealand began at Christchurch. The flight from Tokyo via Sydney carried me across the Southern Alps; a spectacular view of their snow-capped peaks reminded me that I had returned to a winter season in the southern hemisphere. In New Zealand I continued with a programme of teaching and talking, interspersed with social dancing and sightseeing. After my first stop at Christchurch, I proceeded to Dunedin, Nelson, Blenheim, Palmerston North, Napier, Wellington, Hamilton and Auckland. Most of my travel between these places was done by air and, amazingly with so many flights, fog at Dunedin caused the only slight hitch of the whole New Zealand tour. A small six-seater plane effected my transition from South Island to North Island and provided an unforgettable aerial perspective of Wellington and Cook Strait. In view of the amount of luggage required for a trip of 12 weeks' duration, it was fortunate that I had to share this flight with only two other passengers; even so, with my baggage deposited in the nose, I had the distinct impression of an earth-bound tilt throughout the flight.

I was particularly pleased to be able to join with the Wellington Region of the New Zealand Branch in its celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. To a gathering of about 300 dancers at the Jubilee Ball, I was able to offer the Society's greetings and best wishes.

Another memorable event was my visit to Mrs Florence Lesslie in Te Puke. It was a privilege to be able to present to Mrs Lesslie the Scroll of Honour in recognition of her great services to the RSCDS in Scotland and New Zealand.

From Tasmania, where I taught evening classes in Hobart and Burnie, and an afternoon session followed by social dancing in Launceston, I moved on to Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula, Canberra, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane. Each new group was very welcoming and responded with enthusiasm and interest to my classes and to my talks about the work of the RSCDS. As I progressed northwards the temperatures rose and I was able to experience the luxury of a dancing picnic in Centennial Park with the Sydney Branch and of meals and barbecues out of doors. From Brisbane I made quick sorties southwards to meet the dancers of the Gold Coast and northwards to meet those in Toowoomba. The climax of my Queensland visit was a weekend of teaching, talking and social dancing in the magnificent riverside setting of the new Brisbane Cultural Centre.

The last two Branches to be visited were Adelaide and Perth. In Adelaide there was another opportunity to be present at a 60th Anniversary Ball, held on this occasion in the fine assembly hall



In Wellington Girls' College, N.Z. (22.7.83)



Home Teachers' Classes, Valley View, Hamilton (23.7.83)



Dr Alastair MacFadyen on his "Grand Tour".



Ladies of Miyashiro, Iwate, (10.7.83)



Tokyo Day School (10.7.83)

of the Scotch College. In Western Australia to the usual programme of teaching and talking was added an examination which was conducted in company with Kevin Connolly, one of the two examiners resident in Australia. Kevin and I, together with two other Perth Branch members, were able to visit one of Dr Milligan's school contemporaries. Mrs Morrow had furnished her memories of the co-founder for "Dance With Your Soul" so I was particularly keen to meet her and she, despite her 97 years, was keen to hear about her native city of Glasgow. A lively and enjoyable party in the home of my Perth hosts provided a fitting end to my tour and I departed for home on 14th September.

I have to conclude this short article by acknowledging my gratitude to the Society for allowing me to undertake this tour – it was the chance of a lifetime! Meeting so many Scottish country dancers in such distant places was a most rewarding experience. I hope that all the Branches and groups I managed to meet were encouraged by the visit and that, like me, they felt as a result of it a strengthening of the ties between them and Scotland. The chance to see parts of the world hitherto unknown to me, to renew former friendships and to establish many new ones were also very pleasing outcomes of the tour. Throughout the tour I was very reassured by the standards of dancing I saw and this, surely, must bear testimony generally to the quality of tuition being given by the resident teachers. I am especially grateful to those who gave me hospitality and entertained me so generously. I must also pay tribute to those who shouldered the formidable burden of the localised tour planning; it was their assiduous attention to detail which ensured that everything worked out so well.

Alastair MacFadyen

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING!

One of Scotland's most important but least-known national monuments has been given a major boost and already the flow of visitors is increasing to the quiet East Lothian village of Athelstaneford, the birthplace of the Scottish Flag. According to the legend, the night before a vital battle between Scots and English over a thousand years ago, the Scots saw a white saltire cross appearing in the sky presaging victory the following day. When the Scottish army duly won, the adoption of Saint Andrew as our patron saint, and his banner as our national flag, followed.



The flag flies perpetually to remind us of the event. But flags should not properly fly at night unless spotlit, so last year a major appeal launched by the St. Andrew Society led to the installation of spotlighting and the refurbishment of the memorial. Alas, electricity costs money and it is estimated that £2 a night is needed to ensure that the "permanent" spotlighting is not switched off and our flag plunged into darkness.

If you would like to become a "Friend of the Flag" by filling in a Banker's Order for an annual £2, or if you wish to make a donation (in any currency), write to:

The National Flag Fund, The St. Andrew Society, P.O. Box 84, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Tartan

"Then it's Hey! for THE TARTAN and Ho! for THE TARTAN
The stamp o' the Hielands from Skye to Dundee;
And it's proud I am bearing THE TARTAN I'm wearing,
The Pride o' my Clan and THE TARTAN FOR ME!"

Sydney Bell

Under consideration at the moment is the adoption by the Society of the Strathspey Tartan – an old-established pattern based on the Government tartan and having no particular clan connections. It is anticipated that the General Purposes Committee at their next meeting will recommend that this is probably the most suitable and logical choice for wearing in connection with Scottish Country Dancing or in the absence of individual clan connections. Members should note that this would *NOT* be "the RSCDS tartan" but a pattern recommended for use by members.

We record our thanks to the Scottish Tartans Society for their assistance in this connection and for giving us permission to print their Research Report hereunder for the information and interest of our members.

RESEARCH REPORT

NOTE: The information given hereunder is correct in the light of existing knowledge, but could alter subsequently, following new discoveries.

Where **THREAD COUNTS** are referred to, these represent the number of threads of each of the colours used in that particular tartan. **SETT** is the arrangement of colours – of any type – in a tartan pattern, and it is generally taken to be a complete sequence of colours before the pattern begins again. As the pattern comprises one or more **PIVOTS**, around which the sett should be the same in four directions, most patterns are symmetrical. In some early tartans, there is an asymmetrical pattern meaning that there is no such pivot in which the sequence of colours are mirrored. The thread count for the pivot is given in **FULL**, i.e. for the whole width of that colour.

Subject:	<u>STRATHSPEY</u>						
Report:	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>BLUE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>BLUE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>GREEN</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
	4	4	4	20	20	20	4

Little is known concerning the origins of this tartan, what little details we have, come from the notes of the late tartan expert, John MacGregor Hastie. At the Highland Exhibition held at Inverness in 1930, a specimen of tartan was lent by Col. J. Grant Smith of Grantown-on-Spey.

It was a waistcoat with a tartan back, said to have been part of an original uniform of the Strathspey Fencibles 1793–99. The pattern appears to be a variant of the 42nd Government or Black Watch tartan but with an alteration of the normal arrangement of the black lines crossing the blue squares. In the usual setting of the Black Watch tartan, these black lines are alternatively in two and fours on each blue square, while in the pattern under consideration, there are three black lines on every blue square.

Until the beginning of the nineteenth century it was usual for the Colonel of a Fencible unit to clothe his men under general War Office directives but with a certain amount of personal preference. The Strathspey, or Grant Fencibles, as they were known, were raised by General James Grant of Ballindalloch, whose clan already used the Black Watch tartan as a hunting sett and it is therefore quite logical for him to have used that pattern as a basis for his regiment's tartan.

This pattern has only recently been brought back into general production, not now as a military pattern, but simply as a pattern named "Strathspey".

Beginners' Luck

Diaries from the Dance: Basic Class

Sept. 15. In which a shy wallflower is gently plucked onto the dance floor and is greeted with such enthusiasm and encouragement she becomes an instant convert. All that remains is to learn the steps!

Sept. 19. In which the beginner first mixes with other beginners; young, less young, singles and groups of friends under the energetic tutorage of John Trevenanan. After which many pairs of legs seize up – it didn't look like it would hurt!

Sept. 26. In which we learn that the two expert-beginners are really "teacher's aides" – Christine Couling and John Oliver; and our "proper" dance shoes improve everything from leg turnout to memorizing the sequence of steps! We dance one straight through – almost.

Oct. 3. In which some of the steps begin to look less like strangers and our "classmates" begin to look more like friends. We continue to expand our dance vocabulary – and in response to a "special invitation" from the Basic Intermediate class to attend the first social, we practise "The White Cockade", rumoured to open the social.

Oct. 4. In which "The White Cockade" opens the social, twice as fast as we can remember the steps. The hosting a class singles us out with a welcoming poem in our honour. We blush and decide to take them (all of a year's experience and so graceful) as our models. We are also much impressed by a *slow* step peculiar to Scottish dances. The question remains – if others borrow jigs and reels, what's wrong with the strathspey that no one else wants it?

Oct. 10. In which we discover that a Thanksgiving without *SCD* is like a turkey without cranberry sauce. (The Monday class is cancelled.)

Oct. 14–16. In which we meet with all kinds of people to dance and party and dance and eat and dance and have our little beginners' heads stuffed with terms and steps and dances and "Eye Contact!", and our little beginners' legs are nearly danced off. We are anxious to return to John and "show off" at class Monday.

Oct. 17. In which John is suitably impressed and sets out to bring the rest of the class up to the "advanced" level of those that attended the weekend conference. In which those that attended finally catch on to what was being taught that weekend.

Oct. 31. In which we welcome three brave newcomers to our class. (We'll look so experienced next to them!) And John, appropriately enough for Hallowe'en (or should that be Samhain?) introduced us to his lovely "ghost-partner" as "they" demonstrate some new figures.

Nov. 7. In which John casually mentions that the advanced class has more *men* than women. (Our ratio is about 1:5.) A few of the women twirl imaginary moustaches and contemplate a raid.

Nov. 14. In which we attempt a strange kind of around the room waltz dance. Thus far, dancing lady-as-man hasn't been much of a problem. Until we clinch up for the actual waltzing part – two women, arm-in-arm, each waiting for the other to lead . . . "but I don't know how . . ." We reconsider the raid.

Nov. 21. In which we grow concerned about the recently joined dancers – we can't tell them from the "joined in September" bunch! After all the times we stopped especially to help you out – and this is how you repay us? Not merely by catching on, but by catching up!!? Welcome aboard!

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Teacher's Report – Beginners' Class

What's happened to the off-beat girl?
She's dancing right on time.
What's happened to the lady who
Did her Bar 8 on 9?

What's happened to Karate Chop?
He's got a hand-shake hold.
Bringing his arm up from his side
Without him being told!

What's happened to skip-change-of-step
Who's stepped but did not skip?
He skips! – and his extension now
Is straight from toe to hip.

What's happened to that bearded man
Who thought that he could get
Away with dancing rights and lefts
Complete with cigarettes?

And that nice lady's tensed-up jaw?
Good grief! There's not a trace
Of tension now and I can see
A smile upon her face.

What's happened to the pretty girl
Geographically dazed?
She's going to where she ought to go
She's figured out the maze.

At times my pupils seemed to be
The Universe's worst,
All bodily and mentally
Emotionally cursed.

But that was early in the year
With minds and muscles slack.
Now they're tuned-in, psyched-up and dance
A pleasing, well-phrased track.

Down beneath their fears and faults
I hoped would germinate
Some seeds of happiness and skills
For them to demonstrate.

They have the know-how and they tried
So hard and knowing that
When they go wrong and others laugh,
They're laughing with – not at.

To teach a class throughout the year
Is sometimes quite a trial
Of patience – yet the end result
Makes teaching well worthwhile.

Mary Ravnkilde

Mr Charles Noke, a well-known Dancing Master in York, advertised in the *Yorkshire Gazette* on 15th October 1842 that:

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What is wrong with the methods used by the RSCDS?!

Barbara Peel

Perhaps the answer lies in an interview conducted by an American magazine, which elicited the following statement:

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The Society offers annually two Scholarships to members between the ages of 20 and 25 who wish to attend Summer School with a view to taking the Preliminary Test or Teachers' Certificate. The Scholarships will cover Summer School residential fees but not travelling expenses. The Summer School Committee will be responsible for selecting recipients from applications received.

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Scottish Country Dancing

Will you listen just a moment please
 To make a point or two,
 About Scottish Country Dancing
 What you should and should not do.
 The faults that I have put in verse
 Are, sad to say, all true.
 Just you make sure that none of them
 Can be applied to you.
 Don't form lines until you hear
 The MC say what's next.
 Don't push into a line once formed
 Whatever the pretext.
 Don't pick and choose square sets to join
 Avoiding those that hold
 Beginners, who are not quite sure,
 The handicapped or old.
 Don't be so solemn when you dance
 With face set like a mask,

Smile when you set or reel or chain,
 That's not a lot to ask.
 However much he is in love
 Man can't dance always with his wife,
 They ought to get around a bit,
 Variety is the spice of life.
 Be ready with a helping hand
 For those who seem to falter,
 We all have blank spots now and then,
 That's something we can't alter.
 And, Gentlemen, will you please see
 Your partner safely to her seat.
 Without this final courtesy,
 A dance is not complete.
 Call me old fashioned if you will,
 A fustpot for good measure,
 But taking heed of points like these
 Gives so much added pleasure.

George Swirles

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Amendments to Publications

Won't You Join The Dance?

16: "Glasgow Highlanders Step" second paragraph, line 6 - *delete* "bring left foot round in front to hopping position" *substitute* "lift left foot up behind on last hop".

67: Poussette right round in Strathspey Time. In the diagram at Bar 3 the square and the circle for the second couple should be transposed. The Bar 6 diagram is correct.

Miss Milligan's Miscellany, Vol. II

Ladies of Dingwall, page 20, bars 33-40: After "They" in first line *insert* "cast off and".

Book 1

Meg Merrilees (No. 5), bars 5-8: *Delete* all after "Figure" and *insert* "Both hands may be given on bars 7 and 8 to make turning easier".

Book 16

Birks of Invermay, bars 5-8: *delete* description and *substitute* "First woman and second man turn each other with both hands and return to places (three steps). On bar 8 first, second and third couples dance in ready for promenade."

Bars 17-24: After "move up" *insert* "Bars 23-24".

Mr Wilson's Hornpipe, bars 9-12: *Delete* "Fig. 2" at end.

Book 18

Lady Baird's Reel: fig. 3 adjusted to show first man turning left.

Bars 1-8: *Delete* asterisk at end of line.

Off She Goes in the North, bars 1-8: *Delete* description and *substitute* "First couple cast off one place, cross over giving right hands, cast off another place, cross giving left hands and cast to bottom. Fig. 1."

Bars 9-16: *Add* at end "giving left hands then right hands when crossing".

Prince of Wales, bars 17-24: After "Allemande" *insert* "first couple".

Maxwell's Rant, bars 1-8: *Delete* asterisk after "8" and the note at foot of dance. It should be noted that the music for this dance has been rewritten.

Special Formations (at end of book): Promenade for Two Couples. In last line *insert* "6" before "7". Poussette Right Round - *delete* from "and begin" in fourth line to end and *insert* "(6) into centre and begin to turn (7) continue turning to own side (8) fall back to places".

Book 27

Nineteenth of December, bars 1-8: *Add* at end "giving right hands on crossing both times".

POCKET EDITION 16-18

Books 16 and 18 amended as for Books with music above.

Book 17

6: Miss Heyden. *Figures* should be as in Book with music.

7: Lucy Campbell. *Figures*: *delete* and *substitute* figures in book with music. Bars 11-12: after "first" *add* "first couple moving up, second couple moving down".

11: Twenty-first of September. Bars 1-8: before "second" at start of second line *insert* "first". *Delete* "to partners' places" and *substitute* "finishing in the middle facing the top". Bars 33-40: *delete* "lead" *substitute* "dance" (twice). Bars 17-24: after "sides of the dance" *add* "finishing in the middle facing the top".

POCKET EDITION BOOK 22 AND GRADED BOOK

Book 22

6: The Middleton Medley. *Delete* "PART II JIG" *substitute* "PART I STRATHSPEY". At PART II *delete* "REEL" *substitute* "JIG".

9: Neidpath Castle. Bars 17-24: *delete* all paragraph and *substitute* "First couple with nearer hands joined, dance down between the second couple, behind the third couple and up between the third

couple; first couple dance up behind second couple and finish at the top with hands joined ready to dance half poussette with second couple who dance in on bar 24".

11: Miss Janet Laing. Fig. 2: *delete* arrows going across the set for second and third couples.

12: Alyth Burn. Bars 29-30: *delete* "first and second couples balance in line" and *substitute* "first couple and first corners balance in line".

Graded Book

2: Watson's Reel. Fig. 1: *delete* "1". *Delete* Fig. 2.

13: Miss Welsh's Reel. Bars 17-24: *delete* "turn on 5".

14: Berwick Johnny. In Fig. *delete* arrows and crossed lines.

15: The Isle. Bars 21-24: After "other" *insert* "with the right hand".

18: Wedderburn's Reel. Fig. 1 is incorrect - a new figure will be inserted.

24: Miss Flora's Favourite. Bars 17-24: After "middle" *insert* "as 1st couple meet they dance a half turn with the right hand to lead down on own sides". Line 3: *delete* "They turn and". Line 4: *delete* from full stop after "place" to end and *substitute* "while 1st and 2nd couples lead up to original places".

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(b) During the second turn of the dance the couple at the top cross on the last two bars of the Polka poussette. When the first couple reach fourth place they cross over on the first two bars of the next turn of the dance.

Poussette right round in reel time

The instructions for the poussette right round in reel time in the revised edition (1081) of "Won't You Join The Dance?" are correct but should be amplified as follows:

Bar (6) - into the centre and begin to turn;

Bar (7) - continuing turning to own side;

Bar (8) - fall back to places."

The Munro Rant

As the dance is for two couples, the cast off must be below the second couple. The latest edition of Miss Milligan's Miscellany is correct.

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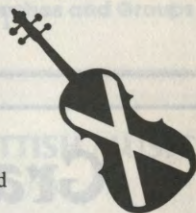
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Obituaries

MISS JENNY WADDELL

On 7th January, 1984, yet another link with the early days of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and particularly the Glasgow Branch, was severed by the death of Miss Jenny Waddell, one of our earliest and most able pianists.

Many readers, in Scotland especially, looking back to childhood, will remember visits to their schools of the Glasgow Children's Theatre, of which Miss Jenny and her elder sister Bertha were the co-founders. For many years the gifted Waddell sisters toured schools with their small troupe presenting a wealth of dramatised folk songs, sea shanties and mimes of their own devising, for the education and entertainment of young people.



In addition to her work as compere and behind the scenes, Miss Jenny was pianist for the ensemble and it is as a pianist for Scottish Country Dancing that Society members in and beyond Scotland best remember her. For Miss Waddell, with Mrs Annie Shand of Aberdeen, was one of the pianists at the first Summer School. Even before that, in the infancy of the Society, she played in her teens for Miss Milligan's pioneer class in Glasgow and also for Miss Milligan's Circles, the members of which were mostly doctors and other professional people with their families. One of these Circles met in the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross, immediately following the Tuesday class. It says much for the energy and enthusiasm of the young Miss Waddell that having played in Dundas Vale School till 7 o'clock, she dashed out to her home in Lanarkshire, hastily changed into full evening dress and was seated at the hotel piano in good time. For, sociable as these Circle occasions were, formal dress was worn by all.

Miss Waddell's faithful work for the Society and the Glasgow Branch continued till shortly after the outbreak of war in 1939 when war work, added to her commitment to the Children's Theatre, usurped most of her time.

At the piano, under an outwardly cool and somewhat reserved manner, she was completely relaxed yet always keenly aware of both teacher and class. As one of those privileged to dance to her music, I shall never forget the sure clear notes which flowed so effortlessly from her nimble fingers. An inspired and inspiring music maker, Miss Waddell was an early forerunner of the many excellent pianists of later years. We do well to remember all those who, in the words of the poet Tennyson, kept "the dancers dancing in tune".

Florence H. Adams

ISOBEL ELLIOT

Isobel Elliot died in the springtime of this year. During the past year her health had been a cause of great concern to her many friends. After some persuasion she eventually agreed to seek medical advice. Alas it was too late; she died as the snows were melting in the hills which could be seen from her hospital ward window.

Born in Glasgow she spent all her life in the bustling area of Springburn and during her professional life as a teacher she was employed in the same suburb of the city.

She joined the RSCDS in 1952 and was a regular member of Miss Milligan's class in Dundas Vale. For many years she was a loyal and active member of the demonstration class and travelled with the team to different countries in Europe. Together with Florence Adams, Isobel was given the task of editing the Branch Newsletter and so successful were their efforts that from a one-page newsletter we now run to four foolscap pages of information. Isobel was a member of the Executive Council of the Society from 1978-81 and during that stint also served three years on the Publications Committee.

At the time of her death she was Depute Head of Miltonbank School and like countless numbers of the teaching profession she was no 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. teacher but gave her time outside school hours to many educational and cultural projects. Her popularity as a teacher and dancer was reflected in the number of visitors to her hospital bed and in the many friends who attended her funeral. She will be greatly missed in Glasgow and remembered with gratitude and love.

GAIRNS BOWIE

Gairns, who died on 30th August 1983, had been, amongst many other things in her illustrious career, the Stirlingshire Branch Treasurer for 18 years and their Secretary for 19 years, with a Branch connection of over 50 years. She was proclaimed as the champion of Scottish Country Dancing. Being a teacher, she gave freely of both her talent and her time to the Branch. For a number of years she was a member of the Executive Council and loved her yearly stay at the Summer School where she met her friends and talked on her chosen pastime. She will be sadly missed, both as a person and a dedicated member of our Society.

J. Taylor

MR PATRICK J. M. FERGUSSON

Belfast Branch was grieved by the sudden death of its Secretary on 11 December 1983.

Patrick, along with his father and mother, was a founder member of the Scottish Dancing Class in Belfast which eventually became the Belfast Branch of the RSCDS in 1946. He joined the Society in September 1938, attained a Preliminary Test pass in 1948 and the Teacher's Certificate in 1950. He taught for the Branch from 1952 until his death. He was an enthusiastic Committee member and served as Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman.

He will be sadly missed especially by the members who knew him for many years and were helped and encouraged by him in their dancing and teaching. The Branch expresses its sympathy to his wife Noel and boys Roderick and Patrick.

F.I.G.

Matt McDougall

THE LAST REEL

Yours was the hand that decked our halls,
Yours was the wit that graced our balls.
You taught us well the first and third,
And how to "dip" . . . It seems absurd
That we shall hear your voice no more.
Your absence will be felt for sure.

At winter schools, and summer too,
And old St Andrews by the sea,
How you enjoyed the work and fun.
Achieved all you set out to do.
O, somewhere there must surely be
Another set just needing one.

Yours was the hand that decked our halls,
Yours was the wit that graced our balls.
When other dancers' thoughts were spent
You danced with gay abandonment.
At demos you were to the fore,
You were a great ambassador.

And so, dear Matt, I like to think
The Piper at the pearly gate
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

5th November, 1983

Minutes of the Fifty-Fourth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 5th November, 1983, at 2.30 pm in the Civic Halls, South Beach, Troon.

Present

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mrs M. G. Parker (Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Immediate Past Chairman), Dr A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 479 members of whom 178 were delegates.

In the Chair: The Earl of Mansfield

Councillor A. D. Paton, on behalf of the Kyle and Carrick District Council, extended to all members a very warm welcome and congratulated the Society on achieving its Diamond Jubilee. He said the Society could look backwards and see with satisfaction what had been accomplished and forwards with anticipation of even better things to come.

The President, thanking Councillor Paton for his kind welcome, said that the District Council had shown its appreciation of the work of the Society by providing the Halls for the Annual General Meeting and he asked Councillor Paton to convey to the Council the thanks of the Society for their generosity in this respect.

Apologies

Apologies were received from the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Miss Allie Anderson, Lt.-Col. Colin Mitchell, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Mr and Mrs D. Lisk, Mrs E. Gilroy, Mr W. Ireland, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr and Mrs A. Boode and Mr C. Mackay.

Chairman's Remarks

The President first read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, in which she conveyed her sincere thanks to the Executive Council and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for their loyal greetings and sent her best wishes for a successful and enjoyable meeting. He then read a message of good wishes for a successful meeting and for the future of the Society from New Zealand Branch.

The President reminded everyone that it was 60 years ago in November that Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich called the meeting in Glasgow which founded the Society. Even the Second World War had not shaken the foundations which had then been laid and the Society had continued to flourish at home and overseas in a way neither of these ladies could have foreseen when they called the inaugural meeting. In this Diamond Jubilee Year, he said, we could congratulate ourselves on increases in the number of Branches, Affiliated Groups and members, and at the Annual General Meeting there were more delegates than ever before. To those delegates attending for the first time he gave a special welcome. All the portents showed that the Society was going forward – and doing so with increased vigour.

Before concluding his remarks, the President took the opportunity to congratulate Ayr Branch who were hosts on this occasion, on their Golden Jubilee and also to congratulate the Glasgow and Edinburgh Branches who also achieved their Diamond Jubilee this year.

MINUTES

The Minutes, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read. Mr B. Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch), seconded by Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham Branch), proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 30th October, 1982, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs M. G. Parker took the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Group Capt. J. D. S. Huxley (Leamington Spa Branch), seconded by Miss M. Turner (Ayr Branch), proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Mr D. R. Warburton (Milton Keynes Branch), moved the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Glenconner, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lieut.-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell and Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1983-84

- Chairman:** Mrs M. G. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- Vice-Chairman:** Dr A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of all the delegates.
- Six Members of the Executive Council:** The following were elected by ballot:
Mr A. S. Aitkenhead, Mr J. Drewry, Mrs N. Dunn,
Mrs A. Holden, Miss D. Leurs, Miss D. Paterson.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary, presenting the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks, said that in spite of the world recession the Society had expanded during the year under review. Although diffident about forecasting, she felt that the momentum was continuing and that the increased activity evident within the Society at present must lead to further expansion. Dr MacFadyen's tour of the Far East and Australasia had been a resounding success and the General Purposes Committee's policy of teaching and publicity tours was producing tangible results and would be continued.

The Publications Committee had marked the Diamond Jubilee by the publication of "Dance With Your Soul" by Dr MacFadyen and Miss Adams; Miss Gibson hoped that young members of the Society would read this biography of Dr Milligan with as much interest as those older members who had known her personally.

In proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Mr G. Burnett (Toronto Branch), said that he was very much impressed by the amount of work undertaken by the various Committees and thanked the members for the time and effort expended in the service of the Society and the Headquarters Secretariat for their work throughout the year. Miss J. Banks (Forres Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Mr J. Taylor (Immediate Past Chairman), presenting the Annual Accounts of the Society, turned to the Revenue Account and pointed out that the subscription income fell short of administrative requirements. The 1982 Summer School had produced a surplus but the safety margin in relation to increased accommodation costs was not great, and due to additional University charges for halls, this year's School would make a loss. While books and record sales had remained level, increased revenue had accrued from accessories. The tremendous increase in the volume of work at Headquarters had led to an increase in staff being necessary and therefore an increase in salaries. Administrative costs as a whole went up by 11 per cent to £40,404. Last year's Bulletin cost £9,000, an increase of £1500 on the previous year, and this year's would cost over £10,000. The examinations tour in North America had cost just under £3,000, while the increased cost of travel had raised meeting expenses.

Looking at the estimate for 1983/84, administrative expenses had been forecast at £48,000; this cost had to be met if progress was to be made not only at home but world-wide. On the other side, it was forecast that our total income would remain in line with the past year.

Looking at the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor drew attention to the increase in stocks due mainly to the greater supply of records, publications and of the biography of Dr Milligan. The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund stood at £20,500; the interest on the capital sum supported such projects as the latest extremely successful tour by Dr MacFadyen and he hoped that the fund would continue to increase.

The past year had been one of consolidation financially, ending with a surplus of £11,534 before appropriations to special purposes, compared to £13,479 for the previous year. The Finance Committee had allocated this surplus to Extension Work Overseas (£5,000), General Reserve (£5,000), Staff Fund (£1,000), leaving a balance of £799 to augment the capital account.

In conclusion, Mr Taylor said that thrifty housekeeping was not the complete answer. It is important that the Society has adequate working capital. He took the opportunity to thank Miss Matheson, the Auditor; Mrs Jeffcoat, our Treasurer; Miss Gibson, the Secretary, and all the Headquarters staff, and he expressed his gratitude to the Finance Committee for their continued support and loyalty to the Society.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor was seconded by Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District Branch) who paid tribute to Mr Taylor's acumen in the management of the Society's finances.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment as auditor of Miss M. A. Matheson was proposed by Mr A. Gillies (Croydon and District Branch), seconded by Miss C. McCulloch (Lorn (Argyll) Branch), and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Mr J. Taylor (Immediate Past Chairman) on behalf of the Executive Council moved:
"that with effect from 1st July, 1984, the annual subscription be raised to £3, the subscription, as at present, being divided in proportion of 50 per cent to be retained by the Branch and 50 per cent to be forwarded to Headquarters. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than 1st July, the increased subscription will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1984."

Miss F. I. Galway (Belfast Branch) seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

(b) Mr R. Baird (York and North Humberside Branch), seconded by Mrs H. Brown (York and North Humberside Branch) moved:

"that the additional item of 'Any Other Business' be added to the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for future meetings."

Dr A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman), seconded by Mrs W. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet branch) moved the Direct Negative.

After some discussion both for and against the motion it was put to the meeting and was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

The President made the following presentations:

- The Society's Scroll: To Miss Ina Nairn (Forfar Branch), Mrs Helen Walker (Castle Douglas Branch), Miss Phyllis Wood (Birmingham Branch).
- Past Chairman's Badge: To Miss F. H. Adams, Mr J. B. C. Brown, Mr D. Macleod and Mr J. Taylor.
- A small gift was presented to Dr MacFadyen and to Miss Adams as a token of thanks for their work in connection with the production of "Dance With Your Soul", the biography of Dr Jean C. Milligan.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1984

The President confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1984, in Jordanhill College, Glasgow.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mrs A. Holden (representing Detroit Branch) said one was well advised when speaking in public to keep one's words short and sweet since one never knew when one might have to eat them! She was confident, however, that the meeting would wish her to express adequately their thanks to those who had given their time and effort to ensure the success of the Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, she thanked the President, the Earl of Mansfield, for his presence and for exercising control of the meeting in such a pleasant manner. The host Branch, Ayr, had taken on a mammoth task in providing the facilities for this special weekend. For most people the public face of the Branch had been its Honorary Secretary, Miss Nina Galloway, who had tackled a formidable job with great competence, remaining imperturbable throughout. Mrs Holden congratulated the members of Ayr Branch on their stamina during the long haul up to the Annual General Meeting and for the provision of M.C.'s, tellers, stewards, etc, and not least on the warm welcome given by the Branch to delegates and visitors. She thanked the District Council for the provision of the Halls and for their welcome to the meeting transmitted on their behalf by Councillor Paton.

Mrs Holden thanked Mrs Parker for the assiduous manner in which she had carried out her duties as Chairman of the Society in this, the Diamond Jubilee Year, and she also thanked all delegates and members who had attended the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

To Secretaries everywhere!

When the great ones arise and depart for their dinner
The Secretary remains getting thinner and thinner,
Racking her brains to record and report
What she thinks that they think they ought to have thought!

J.D.S.H.

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DAY, WEEKEND AND OTHER SCHOOLS – (Nov. 1984 - Oct. 1985)

(Full details obtainable from organising Branches)

1984		1985	
Seattle	November	Dunbartonshire West	29-31 March
Kingston (Ontario)	2-4 November	Melbourne & District	April
Medicine Hat	2-4 November	Vancouver	April
New York	3 November	Aberdeen	12-13 April
Victoria	3-4 November	Edinburgh	19-21 April
Mid Argyll	10 November	Leeds	19-21 April
Hereford & District		Bournemouth	20 April
Caledonian Society	12 November	Mornington Peninsula	21-22 April
Bristol	17-18 November	Doncaster & District	27 April
Carlisle & Border	23-25 November	Johannesburg	May
Croydon & District	23-24 November	Perth & Perthshire	3-4 May
Newcastle & District	8 December	St Andrews	11 May
New Zealand	28 December-	Duns & District	17-19 May
	7 January '85	Peterborough & District	18 May
	(Summer School)	Lochaber	25 May
1985		Delft	25-27 May
Paris	19-20 January	Montreal	31 May - 2 June
Melbourne & District	February	S.E. Queensland	June
San Diego	February	Pretoria	June
London	8-10 February	Paris	1-2 June
Carlisle & Border	9 February	Richmond (N. Yorks)	8 June
Southport	9 February	Stockholm	14-16 June
Cheltenham	9-10 February	T.A.C.	18-25 August
London (Ontario)	23 February		(Summer School)
Atlanta	March	Glasgow	September
Seattle	March	Johannesburg	September
Western Australia	March	Melbourne & District	September
Birmingham	2 March	Seattle	September
Cambridge & District	2 March	Toronto	September
Liverpool	2 March	Manchester	28 September
Lorn (Argyll)	8-9 March	Dumfries	October
Leicester	9 March	Exeter	October
Herefordshire	16 March	Sydney	October
Royal Tunbridge Wells	16 March	York & N. Humberside	October
Sacramento	16 March	Belfast	October
Paris	16-17 March	Detroit	5 October
Forres	23 March	Atlanta	12 October
London	23 March	Atlanta	18 October
West Lothian	23 March		

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – HELENSBURGH – 1st-2nd November, 1985

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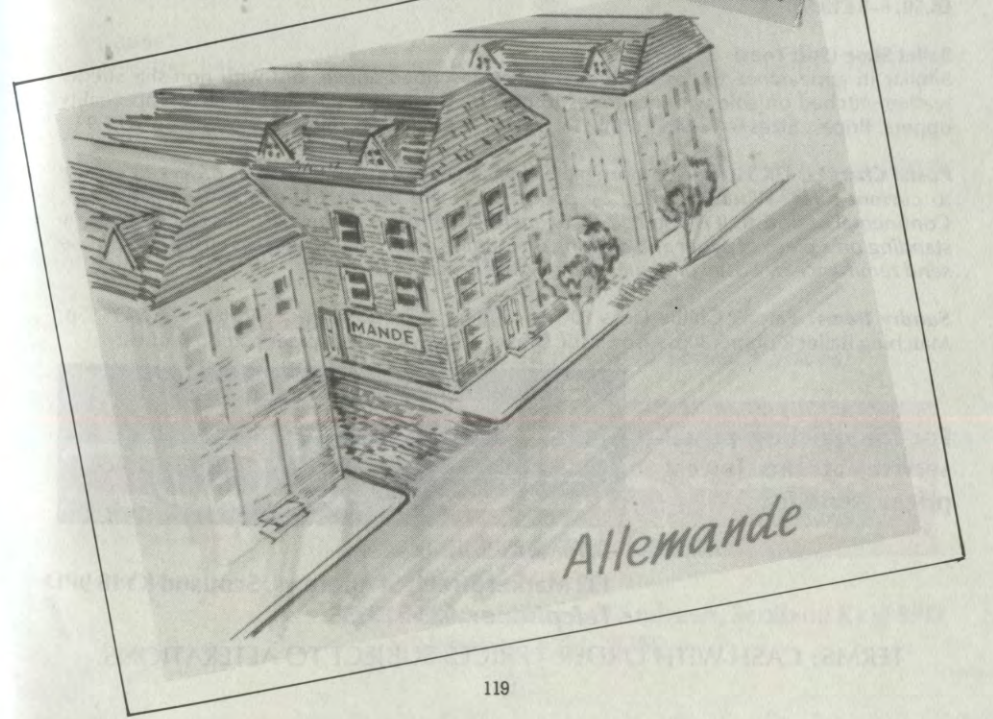
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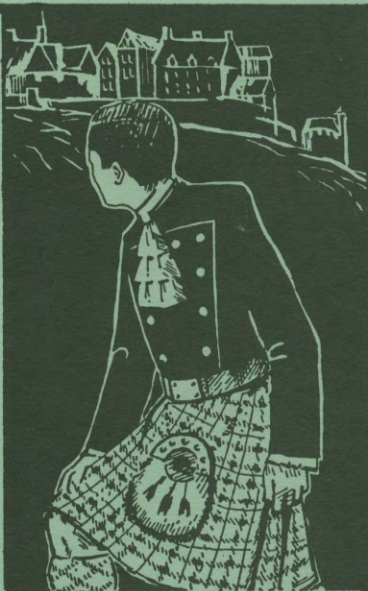
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