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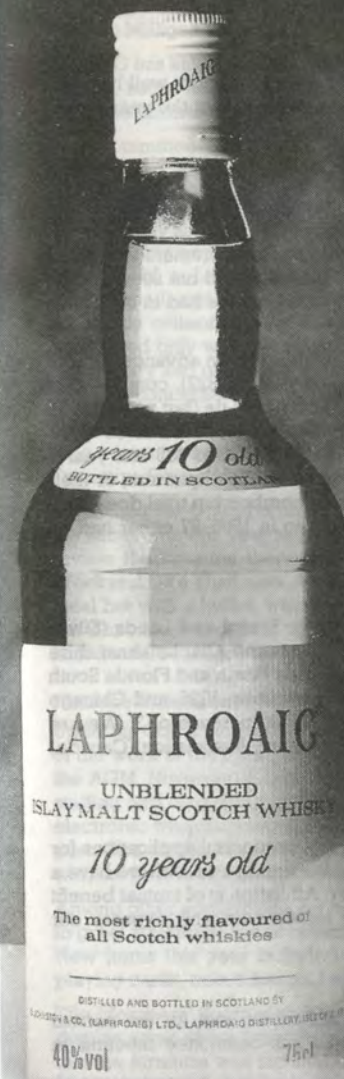
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Annual Report

Although the celebrations in July 1986 of Dr Milligan's birth a century before might well have left us with a sense of anticlimax for the remainder of the year under review, in fact the year turned out to be a very buoyant and notable one.

Membership

It was with keen anticipation that we awaited the Branch annual details, as we had noticed right from the start of the year that Headquarters membership was ahead of the previous year. Various indications led us to expect the same from Branches, so it was with some excitement we added up the totals. It was somewhat vexing to find that a few overseas Branches did not send in their annual report and we have had to produce an estimate based on what facts we had in our hands at time of going to press.

However, members will be pleased to know that the Society has made quite an advance. At 30th June the total membership for the year 1986-87 stood at 27,044 (last year, 26,322), composed of 18,806 Annual (last year, 18,163), 4,123 Long Term (last year, 3,966) and 4,115 Life (last year, 4,193). This tremendous increase has been achieved even with the transfer of some 80 or so "lost" members to the "resigned" list. The "lost" list now stands at 375 compared to 433 last year - inevitably there are always additions to the list as members forget to tell Headquarters, or their Branches, of their moves from one address to another. To better this membership total does pose a tremendous challenge to us all and it will be to those Branches who in 1986-87 either had no increase or which declined that we shall look for increases in 1987-88.

Branches

Anniversary greetings were sent this year to the following Branches: Bristol and Leeds (Silver Jubilees), Kirkcaldy and St Andrews (Golden Jubilees), Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire (Diamond Jubilees). The year saw Florida Branch divide to make Florida North and Florida South Branches and also the formation of San Gabriel Valley Branch in November, 1986, and Chicago Branch in June, 1987, giving us a total complement of 152 Branches, an increase of 3. We are delighted to welcome the new Branches to the family. Our one Teachers' Association (Canada) continues to flourish.

Affiliated Groups

The expansion of the Society's influence is reflected in the number of successful applications for affiliation (33). In spite of some groups having disbanded and one becoming a Branch we have a record number of 516 affiliations, a net increase of 25 over last year. Affiliation is of mutual benefit to the Society and the Groups and we warmly welcome the newcomers and express our appreciation of the loyalty of the affiliates of long standing.

General Purposes Committee

The General Purposes Committee under its Convener, Dr A. MacFadyen, met for the normal three meetings in October, January and April, with an additional sub-committee meeting in connection with Scroll Awards.

The Committee continued to consider throughout the series of meetings, applications for affiliations, applications to form Branches and various constitutions submitted for amendments.

Conforming to the Executive Council's instructions, the Committee arranged for a memorial plaque to commemorate our co-founder, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch. The Headquarters doorway is now flanked with the plaque for Dr Milligan on one side and that for Mrs Stewart on the other. Arrangements were also made for the Milligan family headstone in Denny to be cleaned and suitably inscribed with Dr Jean Milligan's particulars.

The Committee having, so to speak, paid its respects to the older generation, now turned to the younger members of the Society. It was decided not to continue with the Essay Competition which had not been met with sufficient interest; instead, the Committee decided that there should be provided from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund interest, two scholarships at Summer School

for young members between 16-20 as an introduction to Summer School. (For further details see the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund Report later in the Bulletin.)

The BBC has asked if the Society could produce a Gaelic speaker to act as spokesperson for this Society, but so far the Committee have not yet found a fluent Gaelic-speaking member, but would welcome information in this respect.

The Committee decided to provide a cheap, bright poster for Branches to advertise their activities in libraries, schools, shops, etc., and eventually decided on a plain, bold, black on yellow poster. A sample was sent to all Branches who were asked to order further supplies from Headquarters, the first 20 being free.

If the Committee thought that the Executive Council's emergency meeting in August had seen the question of a Life Member's expulsion from Los Angeles Branch settled they were soon disillusioned and once again much time had to be spent on the matter. As the Chairman constantly reiterated, the General Purposes Committee and the Executive Council too, were concerned only with the procedural aspects of the case which they came to conclude were not satisfactory and ultimately, at the request of the Executive Council, the Branch reinstated the Life Member concerned as a member of the Los Angeles Branch.

On a less contentious note, the Committee received recommendations for the award of 10 Scrolls (one a joint husband and wife). All were considered worthy and this opinion was echoed by the Executive Council in May.

Regarding the Open Forum to be re-introduced into this year's AGM Weekend, it will be held at the same time this year as the Class. Next year, one will follow the other and the Committee will review the situation thereafter with a view to having the optimum arrangements for the AGM Weekend. We shall also, for the first time, be trying out the AGM Ball and Dance without a set meal but with a buffet, which it is hoped will make catering easier. During the course of the year the Committee accepted the offer of Glasgow Branch to host the AGM in 1988, of Perth Branch to host the AGM in 1989 and Ayr Branch to be the hosts in 1990.

Finance Committee

Under its Convener, Mr James Taylor, the Committee held its four quarterly meetings. The report of the work of the Finance Committee, as is customary, will be made by the Finance Convener at the AGM. However, it might be mentioned here that this Committee has the responsibility for the staffing and equipping of the office. Last year we acquired a franking machine and this year an electronic weighing machine made its appearance, both of which have speeded up the outgoing post. One of our own members with expert knowledge has discussed the procedures in the office with the Secretary and will advise us on further mechanization.

Among other acquisitions we now have a display cabinet in the hall at headquarters which shows to great advantage the accessories available for sale and gives a welcome appearance to visitors. New items this year included the gilt and enamel brooches and scarf rings, aprons, pencils, playing cards, coin tubes and trinket boxes.

The Members' Room also has a new special showcase where the Honorary Archivist intends to display some of our treasures. Speaking of the Members' Room, the Finance Committee decided that the furniture was too shabby and not in a good state generally, so chairs have been repaired and upholstered and we hope that members calling at Headquarters will be able to relax in the room and enjoy its fresh appearance - and tea too should they feel like it! A final touch was the magnificent candelabra gifted to the Society by the MacFadyen family, which has added elegance to the room.

Examinations Committee

The Committee met twice during the year, under the Convener'ship of Mrs Anna Holden. Discussions were concluded with the IDTA on the matter of their examinations for children and the Syllabus in this respect is now available from the IDTA. The Society has recommended, as examiners, a small number (in the first instance) of those on the Society's Examiners' List and therefore the Examinations Committee will be in a position to learn how the Syllabus is working in practice. The first year will obviously be in the nature of an experiment but we hope a successful one, as we anticipate that children with a sound basic knowledge of Scottish Country Dance may

in later years turn to this Society as a social recreation. The fact that this large professional organisation, the IDTA, is now including Scottish Country Dancing in its Syllabuses augurs well for the future expansion of this form of dance.

Approaches are presently being made to the Society also, by the Scottish Dance Teachers' Association and it is anticipated that their teachers may wish to take the RSCDS examinations and that they will include Scottish Country Dancing in their Children's Syllabuses.

The music course, financed from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund interest, was highly successful last November, with more applicants than there were places. One young pianist had already been selected from the course to play at Summer School this year. Another similar course, taking students from the waiting list, will be held later this year, but will be financed on this occasion from the bequest left to the Society by Laurel Gray, a former Society pianist. The tutors will again be Muriel Johnstone and Robert Mackay.

The Syllabus for Beginners, referred to in last year's report, was produced and though it was hoped it would be ready by July, it appears we were over optimistic. It will be available, we trust, by the time this report is before you.

The Committee invited Dr MacFadyen to undertake the scheduled teaching examining tour in Australia in 1988 and it has been agreed that on this special occasion (the Australian Bicentenary) a pianist will accompany him.

An amendment was made to the Examinations Syllabus stating that examiners might wish to have all candidates dancing individual steps as a group.

The Committee are at present carrying out a review of the Examiners' List, as they do from time to time. One new examiner was added to the list last year and another potential examiner will attend the 1987 Summer School.

This year's examination tour in North America was undertaken by Mr Duncan Macleod and Miss Lesley Martin, who spent a strenuous six weeks in Canada and the States and came back looking surprisingly fit and well. The Society's thanks go to the TAC and, in particular, to Mr Gary Hesler for their help in organising the examination tour in North America. Examinations were carried out in St Andrews, TAC Summer School, SE Queensland, New Zealand, Glasgow, Hamilton, Montreal, Twin Cities, Seattle, Vancouver, San Francisco, San Gabriel, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver, Delaware, Washington, Florida, New Haven, Boston, Fredericton, Halifax, Northern Ireland, Doncaster, South Wales, East Lothian and Cambridge.

In the Preliminary Tests 151 candidates passed and 37 failed, and in the Teacher's Certificate examinations 86 passed and 22 failed.

Publications and Research Committee

This Committee, of which Mr Duncan Macleod is convener, held nine meetings during the year and three recording sessions. Three musicians were co-opted to the Committee, including Muriel Johnstone, who arranges the music for the Society's publications.

There was no new publication this year but, at the request of the Executive Council, a Pocket Edition was published with the dances from Book 32 and the various leaflets and is now in course of distribution as the subscription copy for 1987-88. Three new records were produced with the music for Books 7 and 8 and one for those leaflets for which music had still not been provided. During the course of those arrangements the Committee laid down the cardinal rule that all recordings must include the fiddle and this necessitated a last-minute change in one band. Finally, the Bands for these records were Book 7 (Colin Finlayson), Book 8 (Jim Macleod), and the Leaflets (Bobby Crowe).

The "Music for Teaching" tape, available at the start of the year now reviewed, has been well accepted and considered useful.

Reprints figured largely in the Committee's programme. First Book 14 was prepared for reprint in September and thereafter at every other meeting members slogged away at the MacNab dances, eventually getting the drafts off to the printer in March. It was decided to publish the dances (formerly 9 sets) in two volumes and to provide the music for those dances where it had not formerly been provided. These two attractive books are available now and, it is anticipated, will

be of special interest to the advanced dancers for demonstrations, etc., for which the dances are best suited.

During the year, the BBC's programme "The Need to Dance" included "Footing It". The general feeling was that the programme gave a poor impression of Dr Milligan's contribution to Scottish Dance and must have left viewers with an unfavourable impression of Scottish Country Dancing. With the Committee's approval the Chairman wrote protesting to the BBC.

During the preparation of the MacNab dances for reprint the recently-devised dances, on which a start had been made last year, had had to be set aside. It was late in the year, therefore, when consideration was resumed of the new dances and the June Meeting had to have two full days (Saturday and Sunday).

The Committee had decided that the 1988 book of dances would be dedicated to the memory of Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch and would consist of recently-devised dances. At their last meeting in the year under review, the Committee succeeded in selecting 8 dances for Book 35, the copyrights have been assigned to the Society by the devisers, and the Committee will continue throughout the summer to prepare the dances for printing, while the musicians will now get busy researching for suitable tunes.

There is more, too, to look forward to besides Book 35, for Dr MacFadyen, our Chairman and Archivist, is preparing a special publication on our co-founder, Mrs Ysobel Stewart of Fasnacloch.

Summer School Committee

Under the Convenership of Mr Duncan Macleod, Director of Summer School, the Committee met in November 1986 to plan the course for 1987 and in August to receive reports on how the Summer School 1987 had gone. It was decided to invite Mrs Muriel Taylor and Mr Robert Mackay to repeat this year, on each course, their successful talk on "Music for Scottish Country Dancing".

The recipients of the Jean Milligan Scholarships were again Preliminary Test Candidates, one from Sweden and one from England. The applicants for Scholarships this year, both those for the grant under the Jean Milligan Scholarships and those under the Scholarships awarded from the Memorial Fund, were of extremely high calibre and well recommended, making the selections more difficult than usual for the Selection Sub-Committee of the Summer School Committee.

The staff consisted of 17 teachers and 11 pianists each week with 5 administrative staff the first week and 4 for each of the other three weeks and with Mrs Anna Holden, Depute Director for Course 1 and Miss Lesley Martin, Depute Director for Course 2.

Again we thank Miss Walker and Miss Ross (Warden and Domestic Bursar of University Hall) for all their kindness and care taken to keep things running smoothly for us.

Places were allotted to members from the following places of residence:

Australia	5	Netherlands	11
Austria	3	New Zealand	10
Belgium	6	Norway	2
Canada	34	Portugal	2
Denmark	14	Saudi Arabia	2
Eire	1	South Africa	3
France	21	Sultanate of Oman	2
Germany	38	Sweden	11
Italy	1	Switzerland	14
Japan	4	UK	589
Kenya	7	USA	55
Luxembourg	1		
			836

of these 191 were non-resident and 645 resident with 319 attending the full two-week course and 517 for one week only, averaging 288 students per week.

The number of cancellations amounted to 52 this year. By the end of June there were no waiting lists at all.

Headquarters

Staff currently employed are:

Miss M. M. Gibson, *Secretary* (full-time)
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Miss S. Munro, *Office Assistant* (full-time)
Mrs Docherty, *Cleaner* (part-time)
Mrs M. A. Jeffcoat, *Treasurer*.

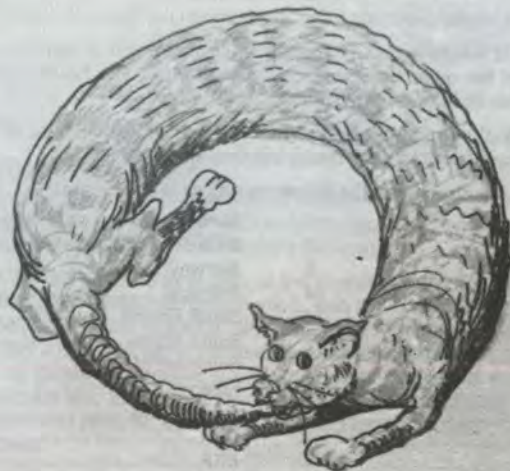
We had no change of staff this year, but we did have one temporary assistant for 5 months in the spring to help particularly with PRS work.

All members should note that during the period of the Summer School all the staff (except those on holiday) are at St Andrews and the Headquarters is closed. In order to suit the workload at Headquarters the staff must take one week of their annual holiday between Christmas and New Year and the Headquarters is closed then. We regret very much that visitors, from overseas especially, may be in Edinburgh during the period of the Summer School and wish to visit Headquarters. However, St Andrews is little over an hour's drive from Edinburgh and we should be very happy to see anyone who can call in at the Summer School where we are located in University Hall, Kennedy Gardens, St Andrews.

We very much appreciate the co-operation of Branch Secretaries and Treasurers. Those who sent in returns promptly this year will have received the subscription books in time for the new session. Because it was the smaller Pocket Edition this year Headquarters staff undertook the despatch of almost all the subscription copies which reduced the charge normally made by the printer, though it added considerably to the Headquarters workload.

Annual General Meeting

The 1987 AGM will take place on 31st October, 1987, when Edinburgh Branch will act as hosts.



ALL ROUND POUSETTE

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ARTISTIC RENDITION: Ron Moore.

Summer School 1986

We did not achieve this year the same high number of students (925) as last year, but then 1986 was altogether a special year at Summer School, commemorating as it did the birth of Dr Milligan. The University Staff, with whom Dr Milligan was always held in high regard, laid on a special celebration dinner during each of the two courses. Miss Lorna Walker, Warden of University Hall, where the Summer School has been so comfortably housed these many years, made the following speech – one which we felt should be shared by all our members and not only those present at the dinner:

"My role tonight is to welcome you to St Andrews on behalf of the University and it is a great privilege and pleasure so to do in this centenary year of 1986. As I think, and hope, even newcomers are speedily made aware, the RSCDS has a very special place in the hearts of both gown and town in St Andrews and the association – since that first Summer School in 1927 – has been a long and happy one. Inevitably my mind goes back to other splendid occasions such as the Golden Jubilee in 1973 and the anniversary of the 50th Summer School. We shall shortly be drinking the toast to the Society, but what we are really celebrating tonight is a Birthday – the birthday of that unique 'First Lady of the Dance' – Dr Jean Milligan. And how she would have loved such a party as this, for she was surely seldom more in her element than when she had gathered her family round her at Summer School – 'coming home to St Andrews' as she always said when she greeted us on arrival.

A Birthday is a family occasion, and tonight we have two rather special members of the family present – as guests of honour: George and Irene Caithness. For the benefit of those – including many from overseas – for whom this is their first ever Summer School and for whom we all have a very special welcome, let me just say a word about George and Irene. For Miss Milligan no party in St Andrews would have been complete without them – and without the Society one wonders indeed where they might each have ended up! For it was in Irene's class that they met – a not unfamiliar pattern. That was when, as a young doctor, George first came to St Andrews and joined the local Branch. I'm not quite sure whether George was Irene's star pupil but Irene Grant – as she then was – was certainly Miss Milligan's, and how charming she looks in that lovely picture of the first international team – the team which Miss Milligan herself led to Venice in 1949. For the First Lady of the Dance this was the start of an ever-increasing number of trips abroad.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Dr Milligan all have their own fund of personal reminiscences. Perhaps one day these could be included in a book – a companion volume to the biography. The problem could be its length! My own association goes back twenty-five years now, and to begin with, of course, as a rather young and very timorous Warden and one who, while she loves dancing, is no good at country dancing – and has an English accent to boot – it was hard going to convince Miss Milligan that good Scots blood did run in my veins and that my heart, hopefully, was in the right place! But we became the greatest of friends. She was essentially a very human person, and in that humanity lay her most endearing qualities and the secret of her success. To us all, of course, she was an inspiration. I have never known any one who had such a zest for life or such a gift for the right word on the right occasion – whether to dissolve tension, raise a laugh, scold or rouse to highest endeavour.

For Dr Milligan herself, her family – the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society – is the best and lasting memorial. These words from Sir Francis Drake's navy prayer said in the abbey yesterday seemed so fitting to our celebration here tonight: 'It is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished which yieldeth the true glory'. You – the Society – are Dr Milligan's glory."

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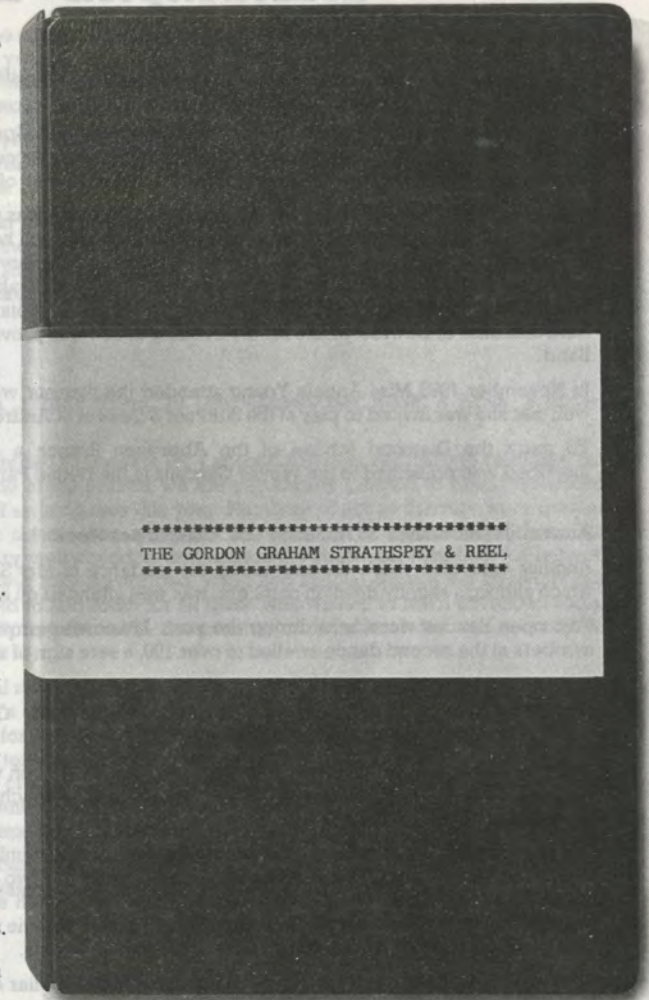
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Branch Reports – Home

Aberdeen. *Membership:* 198 Annual, 26 Long Term, 108 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 4 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

On the whole all classes were well attended and enjoyed. Grateful thanks must be given to all teachers and pianists who worked so hard to make them a success. Our summer classes were, as usual, very popular both in St Margaret's School and in the hall of Beechgrove Church.

At the Scottish Country Dance Festival in March the Branch was represented by three adult teams and twelve children's teams. This year once again the Branch held two very enjoyable Balls, one in the Amatol Hotel and one in the Treetops Hotel in February. On Saturday, 4 April, we had a very successful Day School in the Butchart Hall with classes taken by Miss D. Leurs, Edinburgh, Miss Wendy West, Elgin, and Mrs Lily Keith, Aberdeen. The pianists were Miss D. Kinghorn, Mrs Reid and Miss R. Downie. Music for the evening dance was provided by Drummond Cook and his Band.

In November 1986 Miss Angela Young attended the pianists' weekend in Edinburgh and did so well that she was invited to play at the Summer School at St Andrews in July 1987.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Aberdeen Branch a commemorative bench suitably inscribed was presented to the Winter Gardens in the Duthie Park.

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

Another enjoyable year's dancing under the guidance of Mrs Sheila Nie was held by our class, which although slightly down in numbers, was well attended on a regular basis.

Two open dances were held during the year. Music was provided by the Elmbank Band and numbers at the second dance swelled to over 100, a sure sign of success.

Ayr. *Membership:* 122 Annual, 30 Long Term, 66 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 6 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed another busy year. Classes have been well supported, especially those attended by children. Grateful thanks must be given to all teachers and pianists who worked so hard to make them a success.

Our weekly Summer Social Dancing, lasting from May to September, was as usual enthusiastically supported, as were our regular Branch dances, while the two new items on our syllabus, the Social Dancing – October to April – second Saturday of each month – which has been rapidly gaining popularity and the pre-Christmas Formal Ball in Craigie College of Education which was particularly enjoyable, are expected to become regular events.

We were delighted to welcome new faces along with familiar ones at our Weekend School in September 1986, the success of which was due in no small measure to Lesley Martin and George Lawson, ably accompanied by Muriel Johnstone and Robert Mackay. Demonstrations, too, have played an important role during the year.

A warm welcome is extended to any visitor who may be in our area. Do come and join us.

Ayrshire (North-West). *Membership:* 70 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch once again had a very successful year with a New Year Ball and Easter Ball in the Seamill Hydro, West Kilbride, and the two informal dances in Saltcoats Town Hall. Summer dancing is once again being held on a fortnightly basis in Saltcoats with good attendances.

Next year, 1988, marks the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Branch and one of the events being held to celebrate the occasion is a Weekend School at the end of February on the Isle of Arran.

Banffshire. *Membership:* 85 Annual, 14 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 Adult, 5 Children's.

Our membership is still the same as last year and our classes, adult and children's are doing well. We were very successful this year at the North-East Scottish Country Dance Festival held in Aberdeen. We had one adult team and four children's teams entered, the adult and one of the children's teams from Macduff won a trophy each, the other teams gained very good marks.

The highlight of our Branch this year was when Mrs Bain was presented with a Scroll from the Earl of Mansfield for her services over the years to the Society as a pianist; we hope she will continue her work over the years to come.

Our Annual Dance was held in Keith, November 1986, and was a great success as was our Children's Dance held during the month of March. Our 1987 Dance will be held in Macduff, 6 November, with music by Ian Anderson's Country Dance Band and we shall have one for the children during the month of March (music supplied by Mrs Bain).

Bath. *Membership:* 85 Annual, 1 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 3 Junior. *Demonstration Team available.*

As the committee has already started to prepare for a special Ball next February to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Branch, we are particularly pleased to report continued success in social events as well as in classes this year. Numbers of active dancers were greater than last year and support for dances has also been increased. Our second Day School, for dancers only this time, was very well attended and apparently much appreciated; the general class, taught by Colin Garrett, was fully subscribed; while two special classes led by two of our own teachers, only just managed to find room for all those who wished to learn advanced social dances or step dancing. The Spring Dance in the evening of the school day was a complete sell-out.

Our juniors provided their usual splendid display at the Autumn Dance as well as sending a team to the local Caledonian Society's ceilidh and to a school in the area. The Branch senior team not only maintained its reputation for excellence at many events in and around Bath but also made two appearances on regional television programmes – one at New Year and one near Burns Night. A short summer season of classes was run successfully in 1986 after the "official" Branch season ended in May and the senior team (Bath Scottish Dancers) ran a Summer Dance which was well attended. Both are being repeated this summer.

We are always glad to see dancers from other Branches and clubs at our Tuesday night classes in the September/May season; please contact the Secretary for details.

Bedfordshire. *Membership:* 28 Annual, 11 Long Term, 6 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch, although down this year on membership, continues to hold regular record dances every other month during the dancing season. The highlight of our year is our Summer Ball held in June. More than 150 members and friends joined us last year and all enjoyed a splendid evening of dancing to the St Andrew's Band. Arrangements for this year's Ball are well in hand. During the year we also held two Saturday evening record dances and we were very pleased with the support received, not only from our own membership, but also from neighbouring Branches and Dance Groups.

Our Demonstration Team has undertaken a number of commitments during the past year. However, we are a little short of demonstration dancers (especially of the male variety!).

The two classes, independently run, but supported by the majority of our members continue to run on a Monday and Tuesday evening. The Branch must endeavour to recruit new members and particularly find a way of encouraging young people to join us.

Belfast. Membership: 274 Annual, 54 Long Term, 14 Life. Classes per week: 9 Adult. Demonstration Team available.

The Belfast Branch's final celebration of forty years membership of the RSCDS was held in November of last year. We were pleased to welcome the Society Chairman to a Dinner and Dance held in the Ulster University at Jordanstown when founder members and guests danced to the music of George Fleming's Band. Miss Kitty Lawlor, Branch Honorary President, received her Scroll from Dr MacFadyen, and a Demonstration Team danced some of the dances from our Anniversary Book. We still had energy for a St Andrew's Dance in Holywood on the following evening.

For the first time in years, we joined Lisburn class to celebrate Burns Night in good weather! A Weekend School, taught by Miss Lesley Martin and Mrs Mary Stoker, began our year, and it ended with an End-of-Season Dance in April when Jim MacLeod and his Band supplied the music.



Miss Kitty Lawlor receives her Scroll from our Chairman - Dr Alastair MacFadyen - at Belfast Branch's 40th Anniversary Ball.

Berks/Hants/Surrey Border. Membership: 94 Annual, 47 Long Term, 8 Life. Demonstration Team available.

Loseley Park in brilliant sunshine was the beautiful setting for the enjoyable Summer Dance, which opened the 1986-87 season.

The Branch organised a six-week Beginners' Course in the autumn. This was well attended and resulted in new members for some clubs in the area. Mina Corson and Bill Hamilton were our teachers at the Day School held in March, seventy-five dancers attended. In 1988 the Day School will take place on 12 March. In April the Branch held a very successful Ball with Frank Reid and his Band, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. For 1988 make note of 21 May when our next Ball is planned.

This year membership has increased after a slight fall last year. We look forward to another year of popular Branch events.

Berwick upon Tweed. Membership: 37 Annual, 3 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1.

Classes throughout the winter were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed and we are glad to report an increase in membership. Social dance evenings were also arranged and always popular.

Our Branch Ball was held in February and many from neighbouring classes joined with us for a very happy evening. Some of our class were able to accept invitations to other dances in the area and we are fortunate to have so many enthusiastic dancers in the Borders Region.

Birmingham. Membership: 152 Annual, 70 Long Term, 67 Life. Classes per week: 12 Adult, 4 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

In 1986 the Birmingham Branch celebrated their 40th Anniversary. The two main events being a Social in May and a Dinner in November. Several pieces of specially engraved glassware and anniversary spoons have been available for purchase. In June 1986 the Branch held its usual Summer Social at Shugborough, the home of Lord Lichfield, and again it was a most successful event. During the late summer the new Birmingham Book of Dances was published and this is selling very well and has created renewed interest in the first book. The annual Day School was held in March 1987 and this always proves to be a most exciting and worthwhile occasion. The Branch Young People's sub-committee has worked hard in producing regular functions and a half-day School for our younger members. A happy long weekend was spent by a group of dancers at Sèvres, near Paris. As a result of this dancers are visiting France and Germany during the summer of 1987. The Demonstration Team has danced twenty-nine times at various functions including the Meriden Folk Festival and Peterborough Festival. The Branch is planning a Full Certificate class from October 1987 to April 1988. Classes are held regularly for all standards of dancers, the teachers all being holders of the Society's Certificate. A list of these classes is published each autumn.

Bournemouth. Membership: 64 Annual, 8 Long Term, 21 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

Classes were well attended for the beginning of the year, but the beginners' class still proving a problem to maintain in membership. The Branch has been active with functions including the Annual Ball with the live band "St Andrews". Unfortunately it was lacking in attendance and venues still are a problem which hinder any organising. The Hogmanay and Christmas Dances were well attended, and were a great success as usual. Derek Haynes put us through our paces at the Day School, thoroughly enjoyed by all. During term time we have had a change of venue, which has been a bit of an upheaval, but hopefully we are now settling in, to our new Parish Centre. Our teachers still continue with great enthusiasm, for which we are truly grateful.

We would like to thank all our many friends who travel long distances to make our functions a success, and look forward to seeing them in the future. All are welcome at our socials.

Bramhall. Membership: 27 Annual, 8 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

Despite injury and ill-health of members of the committee, we managed to hold four social events during the season. We organised two events for Charity - one a Social Evening in aid of Save the Children and the other a Family Fling in aid of Booth Hall Children's Hospital Appeal. Both these dances were well attended and the committee enjoyed them as well as the guests. Our other events were a Christmas Party where some of our members sang carols under the Christmas tree for our entertainment, and our Annual Ball which was once again a "sell-out". The band on this occasion was a young local one. The programme was interesting and varied and everyone looked happy. We all felt it was a success.

So although our classes have been small this season (due to various reasons) the committee feel the year has ended on an optimistic note and are looking forward to planning the next season's activities.

Our President and his wife (Mr and Mrs Birnie) celebrated forty years of marriage this year and we made a small presentation to them. Long may they continue to enjoy dancing and teaching.

Bristol. Membership: 31 Annual, 3 Long Term, 23 Life. Classes per week: 1.

The highlight of the year was our 25th Anniversary with dancing to the excellent music of the Alistair Wood Band which was so much enjoyed we have arranged for them to play next year on 19 March. The Welcome-to-Beginners' Dance was again well supported.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen problems, we had to cancel our Weekend School but are planning a Day School for 7 November, 1988, with Tom Steele. Throughout the year the general weekly class has been well attended.

Cambridge & District. *Membership:* 22 Annual, 10 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

We celebrated Miss Milligan's Centenary on a hot Sunday afternoon at Anglesey Abbey (National Trust). This was a wiling experience for the MC but hugely popular with our neighbours. Less so was the Annual Dance in October, when McBain's Band gave us another fine evening's dancing. The winter Record Dance, a modest event designed to bring together all the Scottish dancers of Cambridge, was more successful in this respect than any of its predecessors. Finally, our second (biennial) Day School for dancers and musicians built upon the success of the first, reaching its triumphant finale in the evening to the music of the thirty-piece Cambridge Day School Big Band.

Carlisle & Border. *Membership:* 58 Annual, 7 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 General, 1 Technique, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our dancing year started as usual on the second Wednesday in September. This general class was well supported right up to our break for Christmas. Our thanks to teacher Joe Killen and pianist Ann Allcoat! For whatever reason we know not, but this support dwindled in the New Year and we never regained our earlier impetus. The technique class held on Mondays attracted a small but faithful band of regulars keen to improve their standard of performance. These dancers were fortunate in having Nancy Dickson cast her pianist spells over them while Alice Murphy kept them on the right tracks. Our Weekend School in November continues to be popular. We were delighted to welcome the Society's Vice-Chairman, Alastair Aitkenhead, as teacher on the last occasion. In fact, we have booked him again for 1987. Bobby Crowe's Band put on another superb performance for our Saturday evening dance, combining a wide selection of tunes with first-rate tempo!

Ann Allcoat was accepted on the weekend course for pianists in Edinburgh and found it both enjoyable and helpful, appreciating the expertise of Muriel Taylor and Robert Mackay. The beneficial effect on her playing has been noticed increasingly as the intervening months have passed by.

Lochinvar School, Longtown, was the venue for our Christmas Dance where the Lyne Valley Band excelled itself in giving us a most enjoyable evening of music and dance. With the advent of February came our Day School in Dalston. Stanley Wilkie, paying his first visit to our Branch, gave two classes of about seventy dancers each, full value for money with his lively and demanding style of teaching. George Stirrat's Band, a great favourite now, enhanced its already good reputation with another evening of scintillating music and fine tempo especially Strathspey! The Branch was honoured to have Nancy Dickson and Alice Murphy as members of the staff of the Summer School at St Andrews.

Carnoustie. *Membership:* 40 Annual, 10 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Classes were well attended and members have enjoyed another successful year. The Annual Dance will be held on Friday, 16 October, with music provided by the Maple Leaf Band.

Castle Douglas. *Membership:* 40 Annual, 4 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The 1986-87 session had seen a slight decrease in numbers with an average of thirty members attending each week with twelve attending the junior class.

Our Annual Dance, held on the 21 November, 1986, was most enjoyable and successful with an increase in numbers compared to the previous year. A delicious supper was provided by Branch members and the music was provided by the Elmbank Band from Dumfries.

Cheltenham. *Membership:* 99 Annual, 16 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch membership is the highest for some years and classes have been well attended; the beginners' class in particular proved so enthusiastic that, though intended as a one-term introduction, it ran for the whole winter session.

Warm, sunny weather once again blessed our Midsummer Open Air Dance at Cowley Manor on 14 June. Over 100 dancers including many friends from surrounding areas enjoyed an afternoon and evening of dancing in the grounds of this attractive country manor.

The Annual Ball on 17 January in the Pump Room with music by Frank Reid was again very successful although the severe weather of that week caused the organising committee some anxious moments. Alastair Aitkenhead was the teacher at the Weekend School in February, one of the best and most memorable of recent years. The Christmas Dancing Holiday is now a well-established and popular event. Held for the second time at Banbury Moat House, it was again fully booked and in every respect, very successful.

Cheshire. *Membership:* 40 Annual, 7 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch received a setback on the death of Isobel Fyfe, Branch Chairman and Teacher, in October, but has recovered and has had a busy season. The Demonstration Team engaged frequently at fêtes, hospital open days and women's institutes. Three members of the Branch will attend a dance festival in Germany as part of a team from Nottingham.

Clackmannanshire. *Membership:* 95 Annual, 18 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 3.

Our Branch has had a busy year with almost non-stop dancing. Our summer sessions were once again a great success, the popularity of these sessions widening, bringing dancers "frae a' the airts" and creating great atmosphere. Miss Milligan would surely have praised these "happy social occasions". For the first time, our Branch recently produced a newsletter to ensure that all our members know what is going on within the Branch. It is hoped to produce the newsletter on a regular basis.

Our Annual Dance in February, although down in numbers, was enjoyed by all. We seem annually to have a slow response to ticket sales, due to severe weather making dancers not keen to make commitments ahead. For our next Annual Dance we have brought the date forward to May hoping improved weather conditions will make our committee's job less worrying. Our membership this year has increased quite a bit which is encouraging. We have lost several old members, but good to welcome re-kindled interest. Congratulations to Miss Johnston in gaining her Full Teacher's Certificate after attending the Summer School course.

Croydon. *Membership:* 86 Annual, 29 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 Weekly, 2 Fortnightly. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our classes and our four dances (one in aid of charity), a ball and two open-air events have all been well attended. We have been pleased to welcome dancers from considerable distances who have supported us even through the inclement weather. Our open-air dancing in the grounds of Hever Castle on a glorious summer day was attended by over 100 dancers and we are looking forward to a similar occasion on 5 July this year.

We are pleased to have formed a Demonstration Team with four enthusiastic young couples, who have already delighted audiences on several occasions.

Our Weekend School was held at a new venue - Dunford House, near Midhurst, a gracious house formerly the home of Richard Cobden. The "house full" notices went up quite early and we hope that we will receive similar support for our next one which is taking place from 4-6 December, 1987.

Doncaster & District. *Membership:* 59 Annual, 28 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Once again we report a happy and eventful year despite a slight fall in membership, continuing as before to hold two weekly mixed ability classes plus an advanced class and this year a children's class has been added to the programme. Mrs Stacey's certificate class, for both preliminary and full certificate produced, we are happy to report, a 100 per cent pass rate. Our Day School with Margo Power, Moira Stacey, Robert Mackay and Heulwen Hall was well supported and very much enjoyed.

On the social side, dances and parties were organised and our Annual Ball with Bobby Crowe and his Band was a "sell out", proceeds from two socials were donated to Children in Need. Last but not least, a new venture, just in time for Christmas – our own recipe book was produced!

Dumfries. Membership: 105 Annual, 3 Long Term, 12 Life. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 2 Junior Link. Demonstration Team available.

It was encouraging this year to have adult classes well attended and the junior link flourishing. Demonstration Teams both adult and junior have been kept on their toes. The Day School was again an outstanding venture with expert tuition from Stanley Wilkie and delightful music from Nancy Dickson.

Summer and Christmas Dances were again a success. The Branch celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a rather special Ball at which the birthday cake decorated with thistles and dancers was cut by the Chairman, Miss Ferguson. A dance "Queen of the South" was devised by Stanley Wilkie for the occasion and demonstrated at the Ball by two teams.

An increase in membership only served to emphasise a successful season.



Miss E. Ferguson (Chairman), surrounded by committee members, cuts the Dumfries Branch 40th Anniversary cake.

Dunbartonshire West. Membership: 135 Annual, 6 Long Term, 11 Life. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Teenage, 5 School. Adult Demonstration Class – bi-monthly. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch sent a group of dancers to the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in July, on the Highland Games evening and although the weather could have been kinder, it was a wonderful experience for all those who took part. Four of our members attended certificate classes in Glasgow during the winter months, three achieving their Teacher's Certificate, and Mr Roy Bain (our new Chairman), passed his Preliminary Test. The Branch was represented at various Day Schools throughout the year and also four of our members travelled to Belfast in October for the 40th Anniversary Weekend of the Belfast Branch. Interest in our own Branch Weekend continues to grow. This year our teachers were Mr Charlie Todd and Mrs Dorothy Hamilton. Dancers again demonstrated to visitors in one of our local hotels, during the summer months and we raised £857.00 for our chosen charity this year at our annual Charity Dance – the charity being Play in Scottish Hospitals.

Dundee. Membership: 97 Annual, 25 Long Term, 114 Life. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 2 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

We had good attendances at our adult and children's classes and held several very enjoyable social dances. For us the big event of 1986 was our hosting of the Society Annual General Meeting and we were delighted to receive so many compliments to the Branch. It also gave us much pleasure that the AGM was the occasion for Mr George Mehan to receive the Society's Scroll. The Branch was then presented with a magnificent banner, made by Mrs Ethel MacNaughton; an ex-Dundonian who is now a member of the Detroit Branch.

The David Finlay Trophy was won this year by a team from Oakbank School, Perth, when Mrs June Scott adjudicated and our Chairman, Alice Mann, was the pianist. Alice also "manned" the piano at our Day School in April, when Margaret Fraser was guest teacher. A most enjoyable day was rounded off with a social dance in the evening. At our 12th Festival of Dancing, eighteen sets took the floor – nine junior teams, with visitors from Ellon, Inverness and Dalkeith, plus nine adult teams with visitors from Stonehaven and Newport – all combining with our local dancers for a very enjoyable occasion.



The banner with the city's coat of arms presented by Mrs McNaughton to Dundee Branch.

Dunfermline. Membership: 37 Annual, 10 Long Term, 15 Life. Classes per week: 3.

The Branch has had a happy and successful year. The children's class is popular, and the general class has been augmented by that of the beginners' and elementary. Two dances were held, one on St Andrew's Night and the Closing Dance, the music being provided by Quintin Morris' Band.

Duns & District. Membership: 110 Annual, 17 Long Term, 35 Life. Classes per week: 5.

Over the year we have had five successful classes per week and our usual monthly socials, with only once cancellation due to bad weather. We are also fortunate in having a technique class for several weeks before our winter classes begin and all of these with live music. Our Residential Weekend in May was once again a tremendous success with three classes and two dances.

East Angus. *Membership:* 64 Annual, 2 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 3.

Membership is slightly up this year. Our Annual Dance was held in Montrose Town Hall on 24 October and the music was by Bobby Crowe's Band and Mr Ian Bothwell was compere.

East Lothian. *Membership:* 96 Annual, 31 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week this year:* 1 Advanced, 1 Teacher's Training.

Another successful year for the Branch. Although membership slightly down in numbers the monthly dances held at various venues throughout the county were well attended. The "Open" Dance at the Corn Exchange, Haddington, and the New Year Ball at the Marine Hotel, North Berwick, proved to be as popular as ever.

The advanced class was well supported with many of the Branch members following up and "participating" in the teacher training sessions under the guidance of Mrs June Scott.

Edinburgh. *Membership:* 488 Annual, 141 Long Term, 193 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

Once again the Branch has had a busy and successful year although we have been saddened to learn of the deaths of three of our members – Miss Hilda Stevenson, Miss Laurel Gray, whose 100th birthday celebrations Branch representatives attended during the year, and more recently of Sandy Sim, a very active member of the Branch.

Membership has again risen this year and our classes have been well attended. Informal dances have been much enjoyed, as was the Annual Ball, and a non-dancing evening is scheduled to be held in June. At the Weekend School in April the biggest attendance ever was taught by Anna Holden and Bill Little, with some light relief being provided in the form of a class in Medieval Dance, taught by Joan English. Our thanks are due to all those who worked hard to make the weekend such a success. Another record was set in the attendance of 391 children at the Junior Ball, at which they enjoyed themselves hugely. Our Demonstration Team have had a busy year, culminating in a recent trip to Yugoslavia, which was much enjoyed by all who took part. We look forward to building on these successes next session.

Exeter. *Membership:* 61 Annual, 24 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult.

Classes have been held each week, and there has been a social for members of all classes once a month. Unfortunately there was insufficient support at the beginning of the season for the children's class to continue, but efforts may be made to start it again next season.

A Christmas Dance was held at St George's Hall. The Annual Ball was once again in the attractive setting of the Great Hall at the university, and music was provided by the Frank Reid Scottish Dance Band. An End-of-Season Dance was held at America Hall with music by the Peter Russell Trio.

Forfar. *Membership:* 45 Annual, 11 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Our Tuesday night classes have been very popular and our Annual Dance in November was again very well supported. On three occasions we were invited to entertain for organisations in the town. This time we were joined by the junior team, who entered the Arbroath Festival this year. The junior class has been very enthusiastic under the able supervision of Miss Sheila Robertson. We were very proud to announce that Miss Robertson gained her Preliminary Teacher's Certificate at Summer School last year.

We are holding a Day School in the Reid Hall on Saturday, 7 November, Mr Duncan MacLeod teaching with Miss Alice Mann as pianist. Final details will be available in due course and we look forward to the usual strong support from the neighbouring Branches.

Forres. *Membership:* 51 Annual, 24 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 3 Junior.

Forres Branch has had a drop in numbers but classes have been enjoyed. Our Nairn class has increased in numbers and attendances have been very good. Our socials were well attended, two in Forres and one in Nairn. This was the year for a Day School – most successful and enjoyable – under the able instruction of Mrs Peggy Spouse of Duns.

The juniors have reached the magic number of 100, with an average attendance of seventy and once again they did very well at the Inverness Branch Festival. This year, they have been invited to take part in a Junior Scottish Week in our twin-town of Vienenburg, so there is great excitement.

Gatehouse of Fleet. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1986-87 season's classes were well attended and the membership increased from the previous year. Dances were held in December and March and were very well supported by members from our own and neighbouring Branches. We continue to be lucky in having Mr W. Little as our teacher and Mrs M. Philip as pianist. One team from the Branch danced at a St Andrew's Night ceilidh in aid of church funds.

Glasgow. *Membership:* 385 Annual, 91 Long Term, 160 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

Glasgow Branch's year started as usual with our Day School in Jordanhill College. The teachers, Miss Dorothy Leurs and Mr Alex Gray, got the season off to a most enjoyable start. The programme of classes, dances and club nights have all been well attended and enjoyable. Over 200 attended the Christmas Dance which this year was held in the Albany Hotel. Special mention must be made of the Certificate Class taught by George Lawson which achieved 100 per cent pass rate.

At the AGM in November the Branch were delighted when Miss Winifred Carnie received the Society Scroll. Miss Carnie joins Miss Adams and Miss Prentice to become the third Branch member to receive this honour.

The Youth Festival attracted a record entry of sixty-nine teams making it a busy day for the adjudicator Miss Doris Robertson.

We are now planning ahead for 1988 when we hope to see many visitors to the city for the Glasgow Garden Festival and again in November for the Society's AGM.

Hamilton & Clydesdale. *Membership:* 101 Annual, 8 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

A reduced membership underlines the problem of attracting young members to replace those leaving the Society. The Society class had a very difficult year and every effort will be made to recruit more dancers next year. The Social Dances, Day School and Annual Dance were well attended. Jack Stalker's Band played at the Social Dances, Jim Johnstone's Band at the Annual Dance in the Civic Centre, Motherwell.

Miss M. Duffield, West Lothian, was the Day School Teacher and has agreed to attend this year's Day School on 21 November. The Executive Member, Miss G. Wyper, retired at the recent AGM after many and valued years in office.

Herefordshire. *Membership:* 77 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 1 Children's.

Quite a busy year with all the usual activities in the various groups and membership is up. The Day School in October last and our Annual Ball in May were well attended and enjoyed by everyone. We are also introducing an Elementary Class at the Day School in response to many requests. The Children's Class in Abergavenny continues and once again they joined South Wales for a Children's Party. This seems to be most popular.

A number of our members will be going to St Andrews again this year so we hope to see a much improved standard of dancing next season!

Inverness & District. *Membership:* 108 Annual, 49 Long Term, 18 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 10 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

All classes have been well attended, with the general class again extended to the end of May. An early demand for £600, as charge for let of schools for children's classes, was withdrawn after public outcry, and the "free lets" for youth activities were restored.

Owing to the extremely late arrival of the programme for the display at the Commonwealth Games, none of our dancers was able to participate, but the Demonstration Team has been very busy with engagements varying from Eden Court (twice), to the West Church Centenary Ceilidh, and bi-weekly dancing all through the summer at "The Kilt is My Delight" at a local hotel. The most unusual request was for two teachers to instruct about forty complete beginners (mainly English) in simple dances for the ceilidh held at the Vintage Car Rally.

We again held a one-day Branch Country Dance Festival, with invitations to the Forres Branch, in March, with seventeen children's and four adult entries, and the adjudicator, Mr George Lawson, expressed himself delighted with the standard of dancing and the general atmosphere. Our social functions included two very well attended dances, a popular Dinner Dance and Wine and Cheese Party. As our funds were in a very healthy state, we substituted for our usual Branch Annual Ball, a Ball in aid of the Crossroads Care Attendance Scheme. This was attended by nearly 200 dancers and resulted in our being able to present a cheque for over £300 to Crossroads. To sum up, a very successful and enjoyable year.

Isle of Islay. *Membership:* 18 Annual, 11 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

A fairly good year with a few new members joining us, both clubs running classes during the winter and two dances each month during the summer.

A very successful Annual Weekend held at Bowmore on 1/2 May with George Lawson teaching and Dorothy Hamilton playing the piano for the adults, Norah Dunn and Jean Sim for the children, with David Ross and his Band for our Ceilidh and Annual Dance.



Top table at Kilmarnock Branch Golden Jubilee Dance. Miss Allan (Honorary President) cuts the birthday cake in the presence of members past and present, the Society Chairman and Provost and Mrs Ferguson.

Kilmarnock. *Membership:* 75 Annual, 4 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Class attendance was consistent with forty to fifty dancers each Monday evening, with teacher Mrs A. Parker and pianist Mrs J. Barr working very hard. Many new dances were covered. Two very successful party nights were held, one at Christmas and one in the spring; but the highlight of the session was the Golden Jubilee Supper Dance held in November. It was attended by Dr MacFadyen and many past members of the Branch, and was well supported by dancers from neighbouring Branches. The music for all the dances was supplied by George Fleming's Scottish Country Dance Band.

Kirkcaldy. *Membership:* 52 Annual, 6 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General.

The two classes were well attended. Great enthusiasm was shown in the Beginners' Class which included an Indian male doctor from the local hospital. A team took part in the demonstration at Meadowbank during the time of the Commonwealth Games. They also took part in the entertainment organised for the 45th Reunion of the Polish Airborne Division in Fife. The Branch celebrated the centenary of Miss Milligan's birth by mounting an exhibition which showed relevant photographs, books, programmes and cuttings from newspapers. Various events concerning the Society and the Branch were highlighted such as the Coronation State Visit in 1953, when teams danced before the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Murrayfield, the film "Scotland Dances", when a team took part in the ballroom scene in the Assembly Rooms, the visit to Headquarters in 1961 of the Queen and the Duke; and Book 1 was on show as well as "milestones" along the way to Book 34, and the programme for the evening contained dances from Books 1 and 2, and some favourites of Dr Milligan. It was for this exhibition that a committee member, Miss Joan Heggie, brought a tiny, very old, green leather-bound book of dances, called "The Ballroom", published in Glasgow in 1827, by Monsieur J. P. Boulogne. On contacting Dr MacFadyen, the secretary, Miss N. Arnott, was told he had been searching for this book for twenty years, that Mrs Stewart had had a copy but it had strayed, and that the National Library does not have a copy! At Dr MacFadyen's suggestion, photocopies have been made for the Society and for the Branch meantime, but Joan intends donating this valuable book to the Archives of the Society.

Kirkcudbright. *Membership:* 44 Annual, 3 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Classes have been well attended throughout the session and members have travelled widely to attend dances in the region. The highlights of the year were our Annual Dance in January and our Social in March when the Branch celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

Social dancing in the summer attracted visitors as well as members, keeping us in trim for dancing in the Harbour Square during the summer festivities. Two teams of juniors went to Jordanhill, Glasgow, to participate in the Miss Milligan Centenary weekend in July 1986. We are fortunate in having dedicated and enthusiastic teachers - our thanks to them.



Mrs Hamilton cuts the Kirkcudbright Branch 40th Birthday Cake.

Lanark. *Membership:* 37 Annual, 23 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Our membership is up on last year and the class was well attended throughout the session.

The St Andrew's Dance and the Ball were two very enjoyable evenings.

Leamington Spa. *Membership:* 48 Annual, 22 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

1986 was the Silver Jubilee Year of the Branch and in celebration we held our Autumn Ball in the Town Hall, Leamington Spa, in the presence of the Town Mayor and Mayoress and our Chairman, Dr Alastair MacFadyen, and Mrs Mary Gudger was also present as our guest. It was a very happy occasion and much enjoyed by a full attendance of dancers. Tickers were sold out many weeks in advance and only a lack of additional dancing space prevented a still larger attendance. To commemorate our Silver Jubilee we have produced a book of original dances devised by members of the Branch, which has been well received. It has been a highly satisfactory year for all concerned and one which members of the Branch will long remember as rather special.

The Branch maintains a steady membership, with a slightly increased long-term intake. Our Demonstration Team is receiving increasing numbers of engagements and on two occasions we have danced for patients at two of the local hospitals, to the great enjoyment of our audiences. To dancers who may be visiting the Midlands of England in the next year, may we extend a warm welcome to any who would like to visit us at our classes. They are held on Thursdays, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall and dancing commences at 8.00 p.m. The Secretary will be pleased to give further information on enquiry.

Leeds. *Membership:* 161 Annual, 39 Long Term, 51 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our monthly social dances have continued to the delight of members, with always a good band usually brought down from Scotland. Classes have not fared quite as well. We instigated a monthly Saturday afternoon SCD class with mostly guest teachers but with varying results. The Tuesday class has been revitalised for experienced and/or potential demonstration dancers and is proving more of a success and the children's class continues.

Various demonstrations in North and West Yorkshire were held and we had a rowdy and enjoyable Children's Festival. Another excellent Day School was ably taught by Lesley Martin and yet another superb Scarborough Weekend was held, this year taught by Margaret Church and Bob Grant. Always great occasions both! Our new organisers of these events, and of the Children's Festival, are clearly maintaining the high standard set by their predecessors.

Much of the Branch member's efforts during the year have gone into preparation (and fund raising) for our Silver Jubilee celebrations. This has made an exceedingly busy year with the Anniversary Dance (June 1987), two overseas teams of dancers (July), and preparations for the Silver Jubilee Highland Ball (October). We are also publishing a second book of Leeds SCD Dances totally devised by members which we anticipate will be in great demand.

Leicestershire. *Membership:* 76 Annual, 20 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 5, plus 1 Highland. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch membership has remained at about the same level this year, with a very enthusiastic beginners' class. Our Thursday night format continues to work successfully with the beginners', intermediate, advanced social, and advanced technique classes joining together for social dancing after the tea break. The Demonstration Team have had an active year, performing at many varied functions, and participating in the local festivals – returning with two trophies from Derby.

Our two major functions during the year were the Annual Dance in the autumn with the Glendale Band, and the Day School in March with Alice Murphy and Tom Steele. Both occasions were most enjoyable and successful. We now look forward to celebrating our 10th year – the highlight being the Ball on 21 November.

Liverpool. *Membership:* 62 Annual, 27 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch membership has remained steady this year and we have had an extremely thriving beginners' class with a good number of young people attending. Our dances have been well attended throughout the year, with George Fleming's Band providing the music at our recent Annual Dance at the beginning of May. Our Special Class last summer with Mrs Gudger as guest teacher was very popular and led to many requests for a repetition. We are delighted that Mrs Gudger has been made Honorary Vice-President of the Society. Our Day Course in March went well in spite of very bad weather. We all enjoyed classes taught by Derek Haynes and John Douglas, with musicians Fred Hayes and David Hall who both stepped in to help us at the last minute. The Branch Demonstration Team has been busy again, dancing at various festivals and holding many teach-in evenings.

The many friends of Ken Jones will be sorry to hear of his death at the beginning of April after a short illness. He was a Branch member and pianist for many years and has played the piano for Day Courses and other special events in the Branch. His cheerful personality and remarkable musical talent will be sadly missed. In a happier vein, although Rita Ackers – a founder member of the Liverpool Branch – has decided to give up teaching, she will still be with us as a class member. She has taught Scottish Country Dancing both in the Branch and at other venues for many years and her classes and expertise have been enjoyed by a vast number of Scottish Country Dancers on Merseyside.

Lochaber. *Membership:* 20 Annual, 1 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult.

The year has again been one of great effort to recruit additional members to the Branch. It must, however, be said that although we have really worked at publicising events, difficulty in gaining new members is still very great. However, it is a very happy and enthusiastic Branch, though numbers are small. Extension work such as is already carried out abroad, is really required to keep the name of the RSCDS publicised in areas of smaller population such as Lochaber. We ran a very enjoyable dance in the Croit Anna Hotel in October, and this attracted a very enthusiastic crowd, including a large party of Scandinavian students, who will certainly take back a very good impression of Scottish Country Dancing to their homes. We try to keep a wide selection of Society Dances in our curriculum, although this can lead to difficulties when attending other Scottish country dances. The children's class especially was our pride and joy, but sadly this year the attendance did not carry on. We hope, however, to keep this in view and restart it next year when perhaps schools will really be back to normal.

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

Lockerbie Branch held regular weekly classes during the winter months. The classes were well attended by enthusiastic members under the expert guidance of Miss Ferguson.

Thanks are again due to Mr Bert Richardson for his willing assistance in providing the music for the end of season social. The social was much enjoyed by members and friends from neighbouring Branches.

When the season commences in September 1987 classes will be held in the Guide Headquarters, Victoria Park. The Branch looks forward to welcoming many new members to this new venue.

London. *Membership:* 427 Annual, 278 Long Term, 450 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 Adult. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch membership remains steady. The usual programme of classes, monthly and annual dances, day and weekend schools and ceilidh were once more well attended by dancers from both home and abroad. The Branch held two children's dances during the year and, recognising the need to encourage our future members, a children's class is to commence in September and will be held on a Saturday morning. Our Demonstration Team has again been very busy and gave demonstrations in several localities.

Open-air dancing will take place this year during June through to the end of August in Battersea Gardens, Eltham Park and Holland Park. A return visit to Polesden Lacey has also been arranged for an open-air dance and picnic at the beginning of June.

Lorn (Argyll). *Membership:* 46 Annual, 13 Long Term, 35 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children.

Enjoyable year with the Branch, welcoming forty children into a newly revived children's class. The Annual Weekend School in March was well attended with several new faces joining us from all over Britain. We were pleased to act as hosts to a Swedish group of dancers and musicians for an evening of mixed Scottish/Swedish dancing last summer.

Manchester. *Membership:* 146 Annual, 45 Long Term, 111 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another good year to report with membership up slightly. The Day School held on 27 September was very successful with over 130 attending. As usual during the season we held four dances and three ceilidhs all of which were very well attended. We continue to have "live" music at all our classes and functions which contribute so much to the enjoyment of our dancing. The Annual Manchester Scots Night Concert was held on Friday, 8 May. It was a great success with the attendance up slightly on the previous year.

Mid-Argyll. *Membership:* 46 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children.

Weekly classes were again well attended throughout the year and visits to and from other Argyll Branches and clubs were much enjoyed. We also had holiday visitors to our class from England, Canada and Paris and they were made welcome. Our Annual Charity Dance was held in November and once again it was a great success and a cheque for £334 was sent to Erskine Hospital.

Everyone enjoyed our Annual Buffet Dance on 21 March when we danced to the Maple Leaf Band from Dundee and we look forward to next year's dance on 19 March, 1988.

Mid-Somerset. *Membership:* 31 Annual, 4 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful first year with membership steadily increasing. The Christmas and Summer Dances were well attended, with music by Hugh Ferguson and Tom Hall. Towards the end of 1986 we decided to hold monthly socials at Millfield Dance Studio, with Hugh Ferguson to play. These are very popular, with friends from neighbouring groups coming to join us. Our members were also pleased to join the evening dance held in July for the people attending the Millfield holiday course. During the year members have supported Day Schools and Dances organised by surrounding Branches and Groups. Several people hope to attend Summer School at St Andrews this year.

Two demonstrations were given during the year, one was outdoors in Glastonbury in June, when we were lucky to have beautiful weather. The second was just before Christmas when sixteen of us danced for the elderly residents in a nearby home. Our Day School in March was taught by Derek Haynes. This was very successful, although we could have had more dancers in the less experienced class. At the established "Tuesday" class attendance has kept up well, so the class has thrived. The attendance of the beginners' class has been disappointing; we hope for improved attendance next year.

Milton Keynes. *Membership:* 22 Annual, 4 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful year with class attendances at their highest level for years. The membership has increased on last year's but not by as many as one would wish.

The Annual Ball held in February 1987 to the music of the St Andrew's Band was a great success with lots of new faces as well as our more familiar ones. The proceeds of our raffle were donated to a local charity (Willen Hospice).

The Demonstration Team gave two displays locally, both of which were well received, and we even have a booking for 1988!

Moffat. *Membership:* 7 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1.

An enjoyable winter's dancing was had by a reduced number of members, this due mainly to illness. We had our usual Christmas Party and End-of-Session Party when friends joined us. The class is now a night school class under the Community Education organisation.

Monklands. *Membership:* 46 Annual, 22 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 6.

Although membership has not increased we have had a very active season. A new venture was "Hospitality Nights". Four classes acted as hosts to the other classes. These informal evenings were very well attended and proved very successful. The aim of the venture was to get to know dancers in the other classes and according to all who participated this aim was achieved. Miss Hair started a workshop for girls from fourteen years upwards, this too proved a huge success. Both these plans will be continued. The season finished with our Annual Dinner Dance in the Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie, music by the Lothian Band.

The Branch held a Country Dance during the Monklands Festival June 1987 and the children's class under Miss Hair's leadership gave two demonstrations during the Festival.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne. *Membership:* 181 Annual, 192 Long Term, 135 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 plus many other groups. *Demonstration Team available.*

We were pleased to enrol eighteen new members this year, but our total number of members was down again. We have thirteen junior associates and this year we allowed them to come to most of our dances at half price. It was with very great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Mr Stanley Hutchison - he had been a member of the Branch for many years and had also played for classes and the Demonstration Team over a very long period. He will be sadly missed.

We have subsidised three classes this year and may well have to subsidise another one next year - the Education Committee favouring self-programming classes. The Highland Ball was a very happy event and the two open-air dances at Wallington were blessed with lovely weather. All dances were well attended. The Festival of Scottish Country Dancing was a very successful event (we would like other Branches to participate, details can be had from the Secretary). The University of Newcastle team won the trophy for obtaining the most marks. This year twenty-two teams danced at the Children's Festival and the standard of dancing was very good. Many of the children have taken our standard of dancing exams.

Many demonstrations have taken place including the one for the opening of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Records and publications are selling well, many going to Canada. We are hoping to hold a weekend of Scottish Country Dancing but much will depend on the support from members.

North West Craven. *Membership:* 78 Annual, 2 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has held steady during the year but attendance at classes has fluctuated.

To celebrate our 25th Annual Ball in December we held a sherry reception and during an interval a cake decorated with the St Andrew's Cross and the Society logo was cut by Mr Nock our Chairman and Mrs J. Robinson who has been a life member for twenty-nine years.

Three dances to tapes were held during the season and were well supported. The Day School was again taken by Mr Bill Little with Mr F. Hayes as pianist and was well supported and enjoyed by all who took part.



North-West Craven Branch celebrates their Silver Jubilee.

Norwich. *Membership:* 92 Annual, 18 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners', 1 General.

Although our numbers of annual members increased this year, numbers attending classes rather tailed off after Christmas – in marked contrast to last year when numbers held throughout the season.

Soon after the beginning of the season the Branch was devastated by the news that two of its most popular long-term members had been killed in a car crash; Carol and David Saunderson had been dancing for a number of years and Carol, along with a number of others from the Branch, was due to attend the Preliminary Certificate Classes held this year by the Cambridge Branch.

Both of our dances this year were well supported, over 140 attending the Annual Dance at which Rob Gordon played, the same number dancing to the music of The Cuillins at the Christmas Dance.

Nottingham. *Membership:* 64 Annual, 25 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had yet another eventful year in the Branch, beginning with celebrations to mark the 75th birthdays of both our President and Chairman. The Annual Dance was successful and Rob Gordon's music most enjoyable. This year's summer event was held at Rufford Country Park when about 100 members and friends came along to a "Picnic Dance". The team entered the Ashbourne Highland Gathering for the first time and Miss Jenny Bradley gained second prize with her new dance "Dipper by the Dove", this was also our demonstration dance at the Leeds Festival. Numbers in classes have been maintained, but like other branches we are trying to recruit new members.

Oxfordshire. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 1 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The gratifying increase in Annual Membership experienced in the past few years has been maintained this season and this was reflected in attendances at classes. Christmas saw the retirement of Margaret Baker who taught the advanced class for many years. She has been closely involved in Scottish Country Dancing in the area for nearly twenty-five years and has taught in the Branch since its inception.

Branch activities followed the familiar pattern of previous seasons with the Annual Ball being held in October, when dancing was to Rob Gordon and his Band; an informal dance to records took place between Christmas and New Year and in February a very successful Day School was held. On this occasion the teaching was undertaken by Tom Steele of Glasgow, with accompaniment by Ian Muir on accordion. Social dancing was again held throughout the summer months and this was well supported by members and friends.

Perth & Perthshire. *Membership:* 84 Annual, 32 Long Term, 79 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Children, 1 Adult (abandoned in Dec. 1986).

While we are pleased to report a slight increase in membership we regret that so many of our members are not dancing under the banner of the Branch, and as a result our only adult branch class has been temporarily abandoned.

We enjoyed several social functions over the season including a dance on the lawn of Scone Palace (by permission of the Society President, the Earl of Mansfield) and a Day School in the Station Hotel. Our guest teacher was Mr Alastair Aitkenhead whose instruction was much enjoyed by all attending, as was the music provided by Miss Maureen Rutherford.

Our children's classes continue to thrive and the Oakbank one did well by winning the Helen Farquhar Trophy at Perth Festival and the David Findlay Rosebowl and runners-up trophy at Dundee.

Peterborough & District. *Membership:* 32 Annual, 17 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch supported the Wisbech Ball in September and then had a successful dance in October. Unfortunately we had to cancel our January dance, due to adverse weather conditions; we actually get snow south of the Border!

At the end of December we had a very enjoyable evening with John Drewry teaching us some of his dances. In May, Bill Hamilton taught at our Day School, and now only did we learn but we also enjoyed ourselves, particularly at the dance afterwards when we put into practice some of what we had been taught.

Our membership has not improved over the last twelve months, although we now have junior (associate) members. We are working on both but feel that juniors are the life-blood of the Society.

Peterhead. *Membership:* 44 Annual, 5 Long Term, 29 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year classes were well attended and we are pleased to report an increase in our annual membership from last year. The Demonstration Team performed a selection of dances at the Buchan Clan Gathering at Auchmacoy, Ellon, in August. We organised two social dances this year, in November and March. The latter was extremely successful and very well attended by both our own class and visitors from neighbouring Branches.

Peterhead's Quatercentenary is being celebrated this year and our Demonstration Team is to be dancing at the official opening ceremony. In addition, we are to be publishing a book of Scottish Dances to commemorate this celebration. These have been devised by our teacher, Mrs Isobel Cowie, with music composed by our pianist, Mrs Millicent McDonald.

Portrush. *Membership:* 28 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our membership has remained steady and classes have been loyally supported by members. A number of social events were organised including a Christmas Party, a New Year's Eve Party, St. Valentine's Night Party and a Visitors' Evening. The Demonstration Team appeared on four occasions and was well received.

A most successful Weekend School was held on the first weekend in May in Coleraine High School. It attracted about eighty people and was ably taught by Margaret Church, the pianist being Muriel Taylor.

Renfrewshire West. *Membership:* 129 Annual, 26 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 2 Junior. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch had a successful year with membership numbers holding up and the three weekly classes being well attended. The Day School was enthusiastically received with the expert tuition of Miss Wilma Miller and Mr Bill Hamilton being greatly appreciated. Hopefully our next Day School on 3 October will be equally well supported.

We continued to have our regular Gantock Hotel dances which proved very popular. The Annual Ball was held in the Normandy Hotel, Renfrew, but unfortunately numbers were down slightly this year due to an unfortunate clash with the local holiday weekend. However, there was an encouraging response to the Junior Ball with nearly fifty schoolchildren proving that what they lacked in technique could be made up for with enthusiasm! The Inverclyde and Renfrew Musical Festival was particularly successful for us with all four teams (two junior and two adult ladies' teams) winning a trophy each. All our Branch members were delighted when one of the younger members of our adult team, Alison Seggie, was awarded one of the new Junior Scholarships to St Andrews Summer School this July.

Our thanks go to George Fleming's Scottish Dance Band for continuing to provide us with stirring music despite their leader's absence for part of the session. We look forward to seeing George back at the Gantock in September.

Richmond. *Membership:* 42 Annual, 34 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership numbers increased this year – we had a larger than normal group of newcomers in September, some of whom are still with us. Adult classes were well attended throughout the year and the children's class continues to grow. Peggy Spouse taught at our sixth Annual Day School in March and we were pleased to welcome dancers from a large area. At the time of writing, our Summer Class for advanced dancers is being held – at which we also rehearse for the Annual Leeds Festival in July.

The Danelaw Band played for our dance in October and George Stirrat made his first visit to Richmond in April – both dances were very successful occasions. We were pleased to give demonstrations at local charity events during the year – and special thanks to three members who came to the rescue at the Scotch Corner Hotel in November, when the entertainment from north of the Border failed to arrive.

Our socials are normally held on the first Friday of the month. Do come along if you are in the area.

Rochdale. *Membership:* 54 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another successful year with a further increase in membership and both classes being well supported. We held our usual Ball in March with dancing to Callum Wilson and his Band, but unfortunately we had to change the venue to the Middleton Civic Hall, extensive dry rot having been found in the large hall at Rochdale Town Hall. We were again dogged by atrocious weather, blizzard conditions on the day preventing quite a number of people from attending, but those who managed to win through enjoyed themselves.

We are both pleased and proud that at the AGM in Dundee our Honorary President, Mrs M. C. Gudger, was appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. Mrs Gudger has been a member of Rochdale Branch for many years, has taught us since the inception of the Branch in 1943, and still regularly travels to Rochdale from her home in Stalybridge to "put us through our paces" – long may she continue.

Roxburgh, Selkirk & Peebles. *Membership:* 114 Annual, 23 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 16 Adult, 3 Children's.

The season has been a busy and successful one with classes and social dances being well supported. The Branch held a children's party this year; the children enjoyed their evening and impressed the adults with their high standard of dancing.

Royal Tunbridge Wells. *Membership:* 63 Annual, 34 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

The season was somewhat quieter than last year following our 10th Anniversary celebrations.

A new social event was a visit to the Finchcocks Museum of Historic Keyboard Instruments which proved to be a popular event and will be repeated in 1988.

Regrettably our President, Mme E. Bartell, has had to resign following her move to Scotland and her presence at our events will be missed greatly. Her place has been taken by one of our Founder Members, Dr W. Adam of Crowborough, who has always taken a very keen interest in the Society.

St Andrews. *Membership:* 125 Annual, 26 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 General, 1 Beginners'. *Demonstration Team available.*

St Andrews Branch is very fortunate to retain a good membership with good attendances at all classes – general, beginners', spring and autumn. A very successful Teachers' Workshop with instruction from Lesley Martin held in September proved very useful to those attending.

The beginning of celebrations for our "Golden Jubilee Year" was the launching of our Jubilee Book at the Day School on 16 May. Teachers for the Day School were Derek Haynes and Dorothy Leurs with pianists Jennifer Wilson and Doreen McKerron, a very full and enjoyable day for everyone.

Sheffield. *Membership:* 55 Annual, 10 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another happy year's dancing with membership up slightly. We are happy to report that we have restarted a children's class in the Branch and this is proving very popular. Our Annual Dance was quite well supported even although we had to alter to a date very near Christmas due to double booking of the hall. Our Saturday night social dances, as always, were very enjoyable.

We were again able to enter two class teams for the ASCDS Festival and also in the Leeds Festival and members taking part had two very enjoyable days of dancing.

South Argyll. *Membership:* 61 Annual, 7 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch has again enjoyed a successful year with increasing membership and we are pleased to report the formation of a children's class which increased from nine at the beginning of the year to twenty-six attending each Wednesday. A happy Day School was held in October with Mrs Norah Dunn as teacher and Miss Jean Sim as pianist. The 4th Annual Dance was held in March with George Fleming's Band providing the music. We return to Dunoon for our 1988 Dance on 4 March.

In December a dance was held in McColl's Hotel, Dunoon, with the local Blackthorn Ceilidh Band. Although the weather was stormy dancers came from Lochgoilhead and Lochgilphead. Summer dancing in the Queen's Hotel, Dunoon, again proved very popular.

Our AGM this year was attended by forty-one of our sixty-nine members. After our business meeting we showed the Society's excellent video, "Take Your Partners". To see ourselves as others see us, we followed this with a video of our own Annual Dance 1987 and this created much interest among our enthusiastic audience.

Southport. *Membership:* 80 Annual, 18 Long Term, 50 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult (Elementary and Intermediate), 1 Children's. *Fortnightly:* 1 Advanced. *Demonstration Team available.*

We felt very proud and honoured that our President Mrs M. C. Gudger was made a Vice-President of the Society during our 40th Anniversary Season and we offer her our congratulations. Also during this season, there was an increase in membership. A 40th

Anniversary Buffet Dance was recently held with the Maple Leaf Band from Dundee providing the music, and Mrs Gudger, Miss Rosalie Brown and Mr and Mrs Alex Queen being our guests. It was good to see "old" and new friends on this special occasion which also included fourteen who had travelled from Dundee with the band, regular supporters of the Festival. Classes were organised for elementary, intermediate, advanced and children, the last three being very well attended. We have held an Open Night, a Stovie Dance, the 29th Annual Festival of Scottish Dancing with George Fleming and his Band from Kilmarnock which was a great success, as was the Christmas Dance with Malcolm Milner and the Hoghton Band. This was followed by the Ceilidh in January, the Day Course in February with excellent tuition from Mrs Gudger and Mr Bill Little and superb music from Mrs Mary Queen and Mr Fred Hayes. The Wine and Cheese Evening followed in March with a Parents' Evening for the children's class and the season will close with a Summer Dance in June with the Hoghton Band providing the music once again. The Demonstration Team has been very busy during the season and will continue to be so for many more months. The children's Demonstration Team are also in great demand, this talented group not only dance but entertain with their singing and playing the piano, flute, fiddles and recorders, etc. Our 30th Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, 14 November, 1987, at the Floral Hall, Southport. *Afternoon Display: 2.30-5.00 p.m., Festival Ball: 7.15-11.45 p.m.* Our grateful thanks to all our members and friends who have helped us to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in style and for making it so memorable in more ways than one.

South Wales. *Membership: 85 Annual, 28 Long Term, 22 Life. Classes per month: 1 Family (numerous other classes in area).*

The Branch has had a busy and successful year. Our Festival of Dancing in July was again well supported and we enjoyed a sunny afternoon dancing to the Lothian Dance Band. This year the Branch took part in a Festival of Movement and Dance and presented a mass demonstration with the children joining in one of the items.

Our Day School was well supported in September and we all benefited from Mr Derek Haynes' instruction. Our Halloween Party and the Children's Party Dance in January proved very popular, particularly with the children. The family class has continued to flourish and has encouraged new children and their parents to dance.

Our Ball was well attended again this year and Frank Reid gave us an excellent evening's music.

Stirlingshire. *Membership: 105 Annual, 27 Long Term, 18 Life. Classes per week: 5 Adult, 2 Children's. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has entered its Diamond Jubilee Year and we are proud to have many loyal members who have danced for nearly as many years.

Membership remains steady, with increasing numbers at beginner and advanced classes. Visiting teacher was Tom Steele with Dorothy Hamilton as pianist. An introduction to social dancing was possible at a New Year class dance with beginners and juniors joining the "regulars". Robert Mackay returned and played and talked about "Music for Scottish Country Dancing" with Rosemary Brodie demonstrating. Highlight of the celebrations so far, has been the Dinner Dance with the excellent music of Bill Hendry and his Band. Guests of Honour included some of those who work so hard for our pleasure - Miss Gibson, Dr MacFadyen, Mr Aitkenhead, Robert Mackay, the conveners of all the committees of RSCDS and Dr Kelly and Mr and Mrs Reid, East Stirlingshire Branch. To involve the children more, a Half-Day School and Dance was held in March. Seventy-three children attended two classes taught by Irene Cruickshanks and Liz Kennedy and danced to the young Forth Valley Band. We hope this will be an annual event.

Dances were exchanged with folk dancers from Sweden and France and our dancers have entertained at charity events.



Stirlingshire Branch Committee and Guests at the Diamond Jubilee Ball.

Stirlingshire East. *Membership: 197 Annual, 23 Long Term, 23 Life. Classes per week: 5 Adult, 2 Children's. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch is in good heart. We have a gratifying increase in numbers, with a large enthusiastic class of beginners in Larbert. An instructive and enjoyable class was taken by Miss Dorothy Leurs in November, in Falkirk College of Technology. The College was also the venue for our December Dance. A goodly company delighted in dancing to the stirring music of Jack Delaney's Band. A beginners' dance in February in Larbert High School was attended by dancers from other Branch classes and all enjoyed the music of the Fidra Ceilidh Band. Dancers from "a' the airts" attended the Festival Ball in March, with music by Jack Delaney's Band. Under the auspices of Falkirk District Council, Summer Scottish Country Dancing was enjoyed by many dancers in the Town Hall. We look forward to a repeat of this successful innovation.

The Branch always participates in the "Top of the Town" quiz, with varying degrees of success and we are indebted to the stalwarts who represent us.

Stonehaven. *Membership: 34 Annual, 2 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

Our class dropped again in numbers but those who attended remained enthusiastic! We held a dance in November 1986 in aid of Cancer Research and over £400 was raised. We took part in the Dundee Festival of Scottish Country Dancing in March, and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Over 170 attended our Annual Ball in May.

Stranraer. *Membership: 38 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

Although there has been a decrease in membership, the classes have been well supported and enjoyed. We have been pleased to welcome four junior members who have cheered us all with their enthusiasm. Mr Wallace retired after nineteen years as treasurer, but continues in office as our new Chairman.

A social evening was held to celebrate Burns Night, and the Christmas and End-of-Session Dances were enjoyed by members and visitors from neighbouring Branches.

Sutton Coldfield. *Membership:* 62 Annual, 10 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has remained steady this year with new members joining us to replace those who have left the area. The Annual Ball at Sutton Town Hall in November was as enjoyable as ever, with music by Frank Reid and his Band. The Christmas Dance with the Lothian Band and the Summer Dance with Mike Ewing and the Caledonians were both a "sell out". The five Saturday Socials have been very well supported.

Our second record, "Second Celebration" has been extremely successful with nearly all of the 1,000 copies already sold. The Branch are now looking forward to producing a third record, again with the Lothian Band. In October we are looking forward to another "Dance Weekend" at Halsway Manor in Somerset. The children's class entered a junior and senior team in the Birmingham RSCDS Young Peoples' Festival.

Teesside. *Membership:* 123 Annual, 5 Long Term, 76 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The weekly classes continue to be very well supported and comprise a beginners' class and an advanced class. The Highland class is held fortnightly. Several bands have provided the music for some of our monthly socials which were well supported and very much enjoyed by all. Anyone visiting the area will be made very welcome.

West Lothian. *Membership:* 90 Annual, 51 Long Term, 34 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Members have had a very busy year celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Branch. At the AGM in June 1986 all members were presented with a commemorative badge with the Society logo, Branch name and dated 1936-1986. On 29 October, over 100 Branch members together with the RSCDS Chairman, Dr A. MacFadyen, the Secretary Miss M. M. Gibson, guests and representatives from neighbouring Branches accepted an invitation from the Branch Chairman Mrs Isabel Rae to attend a reception in the Burgh Halls, Linlithgow, where an enjoyable evening was spent reminiscing past years and renewing old friendships.

In November the highlight of our Annual Ball held at Bathgate was a demonstration of the winning dance in our Dance Competition - "Fhiona Martin's Strathspey" written by Mrs Agnes Martin and named after her daughter Fhiona. Ten couples, each a mother and daughter took part in the demonstration, unfortunately our other four mother-and-daughter members were unable to participate that evening. To round off the 50th-year celebrations, Branch members plus friends (120 in all) had a very enjoyable weekend at the Pitlochry Hydro Hotel. The weekend was voted such a success that we have 100 people booked for the return visit in October.

The second Children's Day School held in Livingston in March was again a great success, with fifty children benefiting from the excellent teaching of Mrs Norah Dunn, West Dunbartonshire Branch. In March we welcomed our guest teacher, Miss Irene Bennett from St Andrews Branch on her first visit to a West Lothian Day School; her teaching was very much appreciated and as always the music was in the capable hands of Mrs Doreen McKerron. The day was rounded off with an excellent dance to music played by Jack Stalker and his Band.

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

We have had another happy season's dancing. The outings to other classes and the 40th Anniversary Ball for the Belfast Branch were very enjoyable occasions. Our own Annual Dance was also a good evening.

Winchester. *Membership:* 27 Annual, 3 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (Wednesday evening). *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has reaped the benefits of a settled venue, and has had a small increase in membership. Weekly classes have been well attended and our social dances have enjoyed good support from our own members and from neighbouring groups.

The Demonstration Team has had another busy year and has several more bookings for the summer months.

Wirral. *Membership:* 34 Annual, 7 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Numbers remain constant; a great deal of advertising has been done over the year with limited success. A Summer Hop, Autumn Hop, Christmas Dance and Annual Ball were well supported and are becoming established. An evening of Elizabethan Dancing was held when "The Galliards" visited the Branch. Members gave support to other Branches and Societies over a wide area.

The Branch Demonstration Team performed at the National Boat Museum, the Stoke Garden Festival, Festivals at Southport and Stockport, and is now fully committed to many demonstrations for charities, teach-ins for organisations, old people's homes, etc.

Together with members of the Wallasey Scottish Country Dance Group the Branch will be attending the International Folk Dance Festival in Germany when forty persons depart on 9 August 1987. Photographs of the event may be displayed at the AGM of the Society in Edinburgh.

Wolverhampton. *Membership:* 41 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The past year has been a happy and successful one for the Branch. Average numbers attending class nights have increased by 10 per cent. Our newly reformed Demonstration Team is increasingly in demand, thereby providing much pleasure to many in the area.

The social events have all been highly successful: the October Dance retraced the steps of our Branch teacher as he journeyed on holiday "To Skye and Back". The Christmas Party was a happy fun-packed family occasion. The Fancy Dress Parade was hilarious, with much thought and effort put into the costumes depicting dance titles. The Burns traditional social and supper was the usual sell out; and our May Ball was the icing on the year's cake. Callum Wilson and his Band brought the right blend of music and tempo for both dancers and spectators alike.

Worthing. *Membership:* 60 Annual, 9 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (Monday Evenings from October to May).

Our numbers at class have increased slightly and for three months we were pleased to welcome two pupils from Canada. Our End-of-Season Dance, with the St Andrews Dance Band was most successful and very well attended.

For the first time Worthing held a "Service of Remembrance" in November similar in format to the Albert Hall Service and the demonstration by the Branch was very well received.

In February our stall at the "Leisure Exhibition" organised by the town attracted a lot of interest resulting in added membership.

York & North Humberside. *Membership:* 58 Annual, 101 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 10. *Demonstration Team available.*

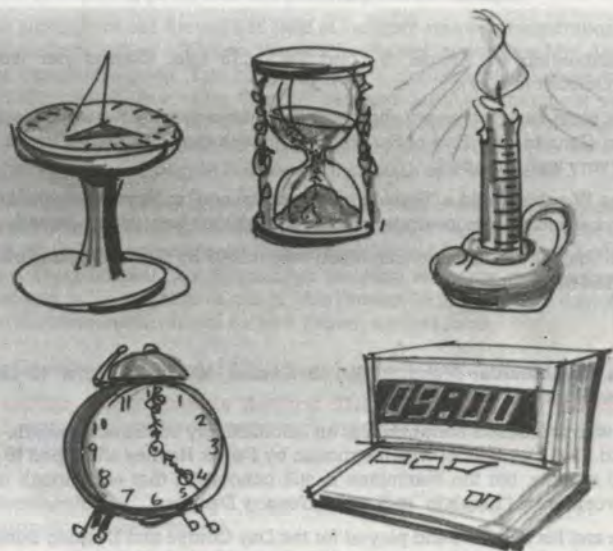
A "guid" year with increased membership, an astonishingly successful ceilidh, a well-attended Annual Ball, and a full Day School with instruction by Derek Haynes all helped to make 1986-87 a bumper twelve months, but the committee is still concerned that not enough is being done to encourage newcomers to "break in" to Scottish Country Dancing.

George Meikle and his Lothian Band played for the Day Course and Evening Dance whilst Robert Baird and the Border Reivers played at the 11th Annual Ball. A Charity Dance raised £106 for St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough.

The Branch Newsletter - Broun's Reel - edited by Mrs Helen Brown continues to be published quarterly; members on the "outskirts" are kept in touch, articles contributed by members, and all branch dances have their programmes listed in advance to allow dancers to swot up beforehand.



York and North Humberside Branch Day School.



Created by: Gail von Heune, Ted Cannis, Gloria and Doug McConnell. Artistic rendition: Ron Moore.

Branch Reports – Overseas

Adelaide. Membership: 98 Annual, 1 Long Term, 6 Life. Classes per week: 10. Demonstration Team available.

Another busy year with our first Weekend School at Victor Harbor on 30–31 May. Adelaide members are looking forward to Andrew Gillies' visit after the Brisbane Winter School.

Classes continue successfully throughout Adelaide and a new class is doing well at Normanville on the South Coast.

The highlight of 1986 was dancing to "live music" at our Annual Ball, so members are eagerly fund-raising to bring the musicians back again in 1987.

Atlanta. Membership: 139 Annual, 16 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 4 Beginners, 1 Advanced Beginners, 1 Intermediate, and 1 Advanced Intermediate. Demonstration Team available.

The highlight of the year, again, was our participation in the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Six sets demonstrated Scottish Country Dance at the Tattoo on Thursday night, and Workshops on both Thursday and Friday were attended by dancers from the South East. The Friday night Gala and the Grand Ball on Saturday brought many out-of-towners into town for the dances. On Saturday and Sunday we manned the tent at the Games, danced demonstrations and had a very enthusiastic reaction from the participating audience. A large number of new dancers were recruited for our Beginners' Classes. Plans are already underway for the Games in 1987. Our dancers attended the Gatlinburg Games, lent support to Palmetto Scottish Country Dancers' Weekend Workshop and dances in Columbia, SC, enjoyed a week of teaching at Thistle School and turned out to support the First Annual Celtic Festival held in Atlanta. Demonstration Teams were kept busy and our classes continued with much success. We want to give special thanks to our teachers who teach our classes, and make sure we are ready for the socials and dances. We are looking forward to our Grand Ball in June which will bring an end to our season and hope that our coming year will be as productive.

Boston. Membership: 344 Annual, 6 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 10. Demonstration Team available.

A very successful year for the Boston Branch as membership has surpassed 350 for the first time. Branch classes are active in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Upstate New York. Our two weeks of dancing at Pinewoods Camp continues to attract dancers from throughout North America. We welcomed Alison Russell as guest teacher last year, and look forward to classes with Neil Grant and John Bowie Dickson at our 1987 Camp. Our Annual Burns' Night Concert with Jean Redpath and many talented Branch performers ran two sell-out performances. The Highland Ball, in a new location, was a great success, attracting 260 dancers including Nancy McLaren, our representative on the Executive Council. Music was provided by our own Tullochgorum, one of two local bands (the other being Boston Hospitality) that have issued records for SCD. All in all, Boston continues to be a hotbed of Scottish Country Dance and music activity!

Buffalo. Membership: 79 Annual. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

This year our Branch moved to new premises with a wooden floor, which makes our dancing more enjoyable. We have continued our monthly social dances which are most successful. Our workshop in September of 1986 was well attended and we participated in the Scottish Festival in Buffalo. For the first time our Demonstration Team will take part in the Gala Day demonstrations in Toronto.

Burlington. Membership: 59 Annual, 1 Long Term. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

The Burlington (Ontario) Branch has had another very successful year. Two of our members Edna Moyes and Karen Gauld have achieved their Preliminary Test Passes and deserve our congratulations. Our Annual Ball last October was, as usual, a super event. Our dancers have

provided entertainment in the form of demonstrations to various organisations in the surrounding area, all of which were very well received. Our End-of-Season Social was lots of fund and made a special close to our dancing season.



A group of Burlington Branch dancers.

Calgary. Membership: 83 Annual, 9 Long Term, 4 Life.

No report at time of going to press.

Canberra. Membership: 62 Annual, 50 Long Term, 26 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has had a very active year. As well as having social and fund-raising activities, the Branch organised and hosted the 11th Australian Winter School in Canberra at the Australian National University. It was a most enjoyable week of learning, friendships renewed and made, and of entering into planned and unplanned activities. It was a successful school due to many factors - the months of planning and hard work by the sub-committee, the delightful scenes set by the decorations committee, the teachers Jean Fearon, Anna Holden, Ros McKie, Jill Northey, Betty Sharpe, Elma See, James Caldwell, George Cooper, Bob Grant, Craig Lindsay and Daryl Powell, to our behind-the-scenes workers and to our Branch members who so willingly helped.

The Branch has continued to conduct regular day schools in Canberra and Nowra, and for the first time held Day Schools in Cooma, giving our "and District" members easier access to these very worthwhile classes. Technique classes were also held on Friday evenings in May and October and although attendance was not high (due to late night shopping) dancers benefited from individual guidance which improved their dancing.

A new undertaking this year will be the Branch elementary class for less-experienced dancers which will be taken by Les Cumming.

Cape Town. Membership: 37 Annual, 6 Long Term, 7 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

The season was, of course, dominated by the visit of Duncan Macleod and George Mechan. The Branch, together with other country dance groups in the vicinity was at the receiving end of some

fine teaching and friendly contact with these two gentlemen and all were grateful and happy as the rapport between us was instantaneous and extremely gratifying. As a result we gained not only a "shot in the arm" dancing-wise but also two new teachers - one Teacher's Certificate and one Preliminary Test.

The remainder of the year followed its normal enthusiastic pattern with good classes, some very well-attended party evenings including a splendid Ball at Kelvin Grove in honour of our two visitors. Our Demonstration Team was inundated with requests most of which they were able to honour and last, but by no means least, a spate of beginners which is always a most pleasing sign for the future.



A day's hiking by Central Kentucky members ends in triumph.

Central Kentucky. *Membership: 75 Annual. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch enjoyed another successful dance year. We again held two formal Balls, our Harvest Ball held at the River Road Country Club in Louisville, Kentucky, and our Spring Ball at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, Kentucky. For both events we had live music provided by the area's own Scottish Country Dance band, "Scots Measure". Our Balls were well attended by people from several states including Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Michigan.

We again demonstrated and taught Scottish Country Dancing at two Scottish Games in Kentucky, the Kentucky Scottish Weekend in Carrollton, Kentucky, and the Glasgow (Ky.) Scottish Games. A very enjoyable workshop was held in March in Midway, Kentucky, and was taught by June Shore. We were also very pleased to have live music provided by Elma Grech. Our regular classes continued as usual on Wednesday and Thursday nights, along with Branch-sponsored dance parties throughout the year.

Chicago.

We have a newcomer to the family – Chicago Branch, just squeezing its way into this year's report with its official formation on 1 June 1987. The Branch grew from the Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dancers and starts with a good sound base which augers well for its future. We proffer a warm welcome to this latest arrival.

Cincinnati. *Membership: 47 Annual, 7 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

The Cincinnati Branch started the year congratulating Dale Birdsall on earning his Teacher's Certificate, becoming the third fully Certificated teacher in the Branch. In September a one-day Workshop and Dance was held with Marianne Taylor as guest teacher. Started this year have been Branch-sponsored monthly dances and a new weekly class in West Carrollton, Ohio. The Branch performed numerous demonstrations, the major ones being at the Cincinnati International Folk Festival and the Kentucky Scottish Weekend.

Delaware Valley. *Membership: 89 Annual, 39 Long Term, 20 Life. Classes per week: 3 Weekly, 8 Fortnightly. Demonstration Team available.*

This was the year of the teacher candidate class. With the help of Geoffrey and Cecily Selling's newly published "Handbook for Scottish Country Dance Teachers", and with an average of eighty hours of class time under Mr Selling, all nine of our hard-working preliminary test and teacher candidates passed. Congratulations to all!

Somehow everyone still had energy to run the Delaware Ball, Hogmanay, and the Spring Ball and Brunch. We also let loose at our biennial Ceilidh, Inverarity parties, Tanguy socials and Lochwood summer dance parties. There were also socials given by individual classes, including the Crosslands Ball. This is in addition to our regular classes in Chestnut Hill, Bryn Mawr, Crosslands and Media, PA, and in Wilmington and Newark, DE. Many thanks to all who worked so hard for such a successful year, especially the tireless Robert Hunn, who taught three classes, ran a busy Demonstration Team, was teachers' co-ordinator, and ran the Spring Ball and Brunch!

Delft. *Membership: 55 Annual, 15 Long Term, 8 Life. Classes per week: 1 (plus 1 Monthly). Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had another steady year with membership still increasing slowly. Although we had to part with several faithful old friends who moved to start a new life elsewhere, the members of the Gouda Scottish Country Dance Society all joined the RSCDS through the Branch and this has resulted in this year's slight increase in membership. The Branch was happy to support the affiliation of the aforementioned Gouda Scottish Country Dance Society and of two long-standing groups: the Scots Church Rotterdam SCD Club and the Swilcan SCD Group and wishes all three newly affiliated groups lots of happy dancing.

The Branch classes were well attended and once again, in addition to the regular weekly class and the Demonstration Class, a course was organised for beginners. Three social dances were very successfully held and well supported. The Demonstration Team has been very active: several displays were given during celebrations to mark the Queen's Birthday and the team also took part in the South Holland "Amateur Dans Festival". For the first time in fifteen years the Whitsun Weekend Course unfortunately couldn't be held because of a lack of interest but the Branch looks forward to hosting the International Easter Course next year. Members of the Branch travelling abroad joined dancers in Biggar, Blair Atholl, Brussels, Croydon, Dundee, Edinburgh, Kingston (Ontario), Luxemburg, Perth (Western Australia), St Andrews and Vancouver and wish to thank the organising branches/groups for their friendly welcome.

Detroit. *Membership: 48 Annual, 17 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

The Detroit Branch began the season with our Annual Workshop at Historic Fort Wayne, Detroit. Teachers were Bill McLennan, Gladys McLellan and Bob Blackie (who fitted us in just before his trip to the Orient). In November we held a very successful social dance, with over 200 attending and the Ann Arbor Tartan and Thistle Dancers had their Annual Ball. In March, the 7th Annual Detroit Branch Tartan Ball was held at the magnificent Masonic Temple in Detroit, with music by Scots Measure of Louisville, Kentucky. The Traverse City Group held a Workshop in December, the Ann Arbor group sponsored a pot-luck and dance in April, and the Red Hackle Dancers held a dance in May at a local college. The Demonstration Team performed throughout the year, including at the Alma Highland Games.

In June, we were fortunate to have Bill Hamilton from London visit Detroit and conduct a Weekend Workshop. He put us through our paces and made it so much fun we didn't know we were working hard (until later!). Bill is a teacher *par excellence* and everyone came away with something they could put to use immediately, and many things to work on in the future. His enthusiasm and drive showed each of us our potential for improvement, and renewed our desire to excel. We appreciate Bill's excellent representation of the Detroit Branch in years past and look forward to a long association with him as he continues to represent us on the Executive Committee. We know our interests are in good hands, and we are delighted he was able to visit "his" Branch.

Florida North. *Membership: 90 Annual, 29 Long Term. Classes per week: 8.*

The first examinations for Florida candidates were held and Florida North increased its teacher list by one Full Certification and three Preliminary Passes. Workshops or Day Schools were conducted by the Sun Country (Ocala) group and the Space Coast (Titusville) group, as well as a dance day at Palatka, Florida, in which most of the Branch teachers gave leadership. A children's group was started in Titusville and it is hoped that it will be expanded this coming season.

All of the affiliated groups did benefit dances for the disabled and elderly populations in their districts as well as demonstrations for various community groups. Eight balls were held during the season all over Florida North, some in conjunction with holidays such as Christmas or with Highland Games days.

Florida South. *Membership: 80 Annual, 11 Long Term. Classes per week: 6.*

In 1986 two Branches were successfully formed out of the Florida Branch – Florida South being the Branch covering the groups located in the Broward, Clearwater, Miami and W. Palm Beach areas.

While Mr Macleod and Miss Martin were on their Examiners' Tour, Florida was very proud to present some Preliminary and Full Certificate Candidates. Our State now has four Preliminary and two more fully Certificated Teachers, one from each category being from the South Branch.

Broward hosted a Workshop and Dance on 7 June, which was very successful. Miami hosted a Dance in December and Clearwater held their Annual Dance, both being enjoyed by all. These groups also went out on several demonstrations throughout the year.

Gothenburg. *Membership:* 15 Annual, 3 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Regular classes have been held throughout the season 1986-87, attended by a small but keen group, though the number of beginners was low. We should like to thank our teachers, Tomas Bergström and Annika Sörensson, for their work in making the evenings worthwhile.

We had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from Germany during the autumn. A few demonstrations have been given during the year: among them the traditional performance at Gunnebo Castle built by the Scotsman John Hall in Mölmdal, south of Gothenburg, and a most enjoyable Christmas Party was held by the Branch.

The children's group led by Lise Nordal-Rückert for a considerable number of years is still successful, and hopefully these children - keen on dancing - will join the Branch as they grow up.

The Hague District. *Membership:* 57 Annual, 4 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (Friday). *Demonstration Team available.*

With an increased number of active participants the Branch can look back on a successful year. Our Demonstration Team was kept very busy again, even to the point that we had to move up demonstrations to the next season. The attendance at our Workshops was satisfactory and we held an extra Workshop together with other folk-dance groups (non-Scottish dancers) from The Hague to give them a sample of our delightful kind of dancing - which was well attended. One of the comments heard: "This type of dancing is so very social!" And right they are. The change of our class to the Friday night has been beneficial to the Branch attendance and we trust that this will also be the case next year.

Halifax Dartmouth. *Membership:* 55 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

We had a very busy year, with both Caledonia and Bon Accord groups operating both weekly classes and socials, and much intermingling with the outlying groups in the Annapolis Valley, Lunenburg, Moncton, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Eight local dancers took their Preliminary Teachers' examinations with excellent success, which augers well for the future of Scottish Country Dancing in this area. Excitement mounts as many local dancers prepare for their part in the Nova Scotia Tattoo, this year celebrating a Gathering of the Clans. The International Summer School will be held on 12-19 July, and registration is beginning to pick up.

Hamilton (Ontario). *Membership:* 301 Annual, 1 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 11 (3 Basic, 6 Intermediate, 1 Advanced/Social, 1 Advanced/Demonstration), 9 Junior, Candidate Class in 1987. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1986-87 dancing season of the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch was most successful. Our membership increased to 306 adults and 123 junior members, the Branch also saw sixty-seven new members join for the first time.

Our Annual Weekend held in Niagara Falls, Canada, was a great success with excellent teachers and musicians alike; the teachers were: Anna Holden (Birmingham), John Walton (Grimby), Georgina Finlay (Toronto); with musicians Bobby Brown, Kathy Fraser, Anna Robertson and Susie Petrov. The weekend got off to a good start with a welcome dance hosted by Anne Harrison, and a Ceilidh hosted by John Middleton who also devised an excellent Ball Programme for the Saturday evening festivities. The Weekend this year will again be held in Niagara Falls on 16-18 October 1987. The Annual Workshop was held on 6 December with ninety-seven dancers attending with teachers Gladys McLellan and John Christie and our musicians Bobby Brown, Kathy Fraser and Elma Grech.

The Demonstration Team, taught by Valerie Harris, performed at eight functions with a number of teams performing each time. The Branch held eight monthly dances - all well attended. On 28 March the Annual Ball was held at the Hamilton Convention Centre with 149 participants, the programme devised by Anne Harrison was enjoyed immensely by everyone, and the music provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent was, as usual, superb. Our Children's Gala Day

was held on 11 April with children of all ages performing for relatives and friends; we had sixteen different teams entered and a great day was had by all. On 2 May 1987 many teams from the Hamilton classes travelled to Toronto to take part in the Toronto Gala Day. All the teachers who entered teams had worked very hard as was shown in the standard of the Hamilton dancers.

Hawaii. *Membership:* 32 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Although several of our long-term members have been away this year, our activities did not suffer. We have been joined by several new members who have added much enthusiasm to our classes. In addition to the three regular class series, we held extra classes between sessions. An additional technique class was proposed (to be taught by Mary and David Brandon) which we hope to begin when our classes resume in the fall. The highlight of our year was our Annual Weekend in February. Although our numbers could support only a one-day "mini" Institute, we all enjoyed it thoroughly. Our instructor, Mary Brandon, did not get a rest; she taught some lively dances that were new to most of us. At the Evening Ball, we danced until midnight (which is late by Hawaii standards!)

The Branch enjoyed its traditional seasonal parties, and at several we had live music provided by some of our members who have formed a band. We continued to support the Hawaii Scottish Association's Highland Gathering and performed a demonstration at a local retirement home.

Congratulations are due to Mrs Mary Shoolbraid Brandon who has been awarded the Society's Scroll Award.



Hawaii - "One Heartfelt Aloha from Hawaii".

Houston. *Membership:* 85 Annual, 18 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Celebrating its 9th Anniversary this year, Houston & District Branch continues to grow. Well-attended weekly socials and "Bring a Friend Night" continue through our summer session. Our 5th Annual Workshop, taught by Mrs Clindinning of Ontario accompanied by pianist Elma Grech, brought many of our Texas dancers together for a dancing weekend. A very successful Hallowe'en Party, followed by a Christmas Party and later an Annual Spring Ball were well attended by our own members and other Texas groups.

We were fortunate to have two of our members qualify as fully Certificated Teachers bringing our teaching staff to five fully Certificated Teachers and two with Preliminary Test Passes.

Members presented programmes at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts Musical Society and Heather and Thistle's Burns Night. Our Branch looks forward to another productive year of classes and social functions.

Hunter Valley. *Membership:* 153 Annual, 21 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 10 Adult, 2 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

We look back on another very eventful year with happy memories, but also with great sadness at the loss of one of our teachers and a dear friend, Mrs Jean Garvin, who died in early December 1986. Although her activities had been severely curtailed by illness, Jean had continued to take a keen interest in Branch affairs and was teachers' committee representative on our committee of management at the time of her death.

Branch members took part in a wide range of activities during the year including dancing weekends, day schools, socials, dinner dances, balls, demonstrations, including the massed demonstration at the Newcastle Tattoo and the "Scottish Show", which is being prepared for Australia's Bicentennial year in 1988. The colourful decorations for our Annual Ball, devised by Heinz Duewell, were based on dance formations. They showed how the flow of the figures in the dance continue into a colour symphony of abstract design. A much-appreciated refresher course, covering every possible situation met in teaching classes, was run by Mrs Elma See.

The Branch news bulletin and magazine *The Rant* is looking back on fifteen years of continued existence, and "The Hunter Valley Book of Dances" has been reprinted.

Johannesburg. *Membership:* 129 Annual, 2 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

After the previous year's flurry of teacher training and the visit of the two examiners, 1986-87 settled back to our usual pattern of well-attended classes, two excellent Weekend Schools and a most enjoyable Highland Ball. Our Demonstration Teams had a busy time before and after the year-end with more than usual requests for demonstrations at St Andrew's and Burns Night functions. We were delighted that Margo Monteith was able to represent the Branch at the Centenary Celebrations in Glasgow and to fit in a week at St Andrews.

Kingston (Ontario). *Membership:* 103 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced). *Demonstration Team available.*

A busy and profitable year for the Kingston Branch! Early in July over forty dancers took part in the "Kingfest Tattoo", a local event which included 1,000 participants. Summer "Dancing in the Park", an informal programme of outdoor dancing, attracted three and sometimes four sets. Our Display Dancers performed at local events and festivals such as Sir John A. MacDonald Day, Folklore and the Multi-Cultural Showcase.

Two highlights of the year - the November Workshop-Ball and our one-day March Workshop were lively, well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Kitchener-Waterloo. *Membership:* 107 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners', 1 Social. *Demonstration Team available.*

This, our 25th Anniversary year, was highly successful with excellent attendance at regular classes as well as a series of twelve special interest classes held in the spring. The season started with a pleasant picnic and dancing at Victoria Park, followed at the end of the summer by a fun-filled weekend of camping, dancing and socialising at the cottage of Iris and Jack Keith in Northern Ontario. We held an Open House in September followed by a successful Workshop in November and our Silver Jubilee Ball in December. To celebrate this occasion, all former Chairpeople were invited and happy memories were shared. There was a Christmas Party in December, a Burns Supper in January and monthly dances in February and April. The Annual General Meeting was held in May.



Kitchener-Waterloo Silver Jubilee Ball with Past Chairpeople from 1963-1986.

London (Ontario). *Membership:* 110 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

London (Ontario) Branch members have enjoyed another lively year of dancing. Included in our activities were a successful "Kavalkade" Cultural Weekend in September 1986, regular monthly dances; a very well-attended and challenging Workshop in February, and finishing up with our elegant Annual Ball, held in the Great Hall of the University on 25 April to the spirited music of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. A delightful Sunday Brunch followed the Ball. In March our Branch co-sponsored a very successful "Scotland Sings" concert and dance with talent imported from Scotland. We look forward to our next year with great enthusiasm.

Los Angeles. *Membership:* 295 Annual, 21 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 15. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Los Angeles Branch had another successful year of Scottish Country Dancing. A Hallowe'en Dance was planned with dancers coming as their favourite Scottish dance. Other major events of the year were the St. Andrew's Ball in November and the Burns' Supper and Dance in January.

Our Spring Institute was in Santa Barbara this year and the move was quite successful with a record number attendance. Our monthly dances were very successful with live music to the Thistle Band and the Heathertones.

This has been another successful year with increased membership and member participation.

Medicine Hat. *Membership:* 25 Annual, 5 Long Term.

No report at time of going to press.

Melbourne. *Membership:* 402 Annual, 119 Long Term, 46 Life. *Classes per week:* 30. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had a fairly uneventful year in 1986. Our Branch Ball in September was a highlight when 200 dancers enjoyed a beautiful meal and performed many old favourite dances to the playing of

Jimmy Strachan's Band. We hope to have just as grand an occasion in the 1988 Bicentenary Year for Australia. This year the Branch is going to run two 15-week courses for elementary dancers in an attempt to give these people some sound basic instruction before going into a general class situation. If these courses are successful, they may become an on-going event.

Later in 1987 we will have eight candidates applying themselves for the Teacher's Certificate; we wish them well - the strength of country dancing continues with their efforts.

Montreal. *Membership:* 166 Annual, 1 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Branch, 11 Social (7 Montreal area, 1 Howick area and 3 in Vermont). *Demonstration Team available.*

In addition to the routine classes seven Saturday Workshops were conducted for the candidates for examinations with an additional Music Workshop. Many requests for demonstrations were fulfilled and the team were congratulated on their dignity, elegance and professionalism.

The June Weekend was held in the Macdonald College this year and the teaching staff of Bob Blackie and Phyllis MacCulloch were augmented by John Drewry who was in North America at that time. The course was well attended and enjoyed and the same venue has been booked for next year. A Garden Party was held at Glenaladale with dancers bringing their own picnic baskets and the Branch providing tea and coffee. Five socials were held throughout the year with the Verdun group again acting as hosts for a Burns Social. A class was started in January at the Black Watch Armoury for dancers in the age group 18 to 30 and it is hoped that the class will really take off next season. The Branch now has eleven social groups within and beyond the Montreal area. After a hiatus of three years, a one-day Workshop was held in November and it has been suggested that this become an annual event again.

The Branch Hogmanay Party was held in December and in spite of a last-minute change of date a very pleasant evening of dancing was held, topped off by an excellent buffet supper. The rehearsal for the Montreal Ball in April was well attended, auguring well for the Ball itself.

Mornington Peninsula. *Membership:* 91 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 General, 1 Technique, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Four general socials were held during the year with Jimmy Strachan's Band adding to the festivities for the December social. The main social event of the 1986 year was the Presentation Dinner Dance when Mrs Anne Holden presented the RSCDS Scroll to Mac and Hylah Thomson for their contributions to Scottish Country Dancing. They taught dancing to the deaf children at Delgany School for several years and also ran a class for the southern end of the Mornington Peninsula.

The Branch presented the Frankston City Library with a copy of "Scotland Through Her Country Dances" to mark the occasion of twenty-one years of Country Dancing on the Mornington Peninsula (1964-85).

It is with great regret we have to report the death of Life Member, Mr Norm Currie on 20 April 1987. Norm met his wife, Jean after he became a member of the RSCDS and he was treasurer of the Mornington Peninsula Branch for a number of years.

Nairobi. *Membership:* 67 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The past year has seen the breaking of a tradition of some fifty years in the Scottish Country Dancing scene in Nairobi: our weekly evening of dancing has been moved from Mondays to Tuesdays. We discovered that numerous other cultural, social and sporting activities were held on Monday evenings, so made the change in the hope that by not clashing with these other activities, our attendances would increase. Another innovation this year has been the introduction of occasional Scottish Country Dancing evenings at one of Nairobi's country clubs, which we hope will continue to be popular and to widen the circle of people enjoying Scottish Country Dancing.

Our regular annual activities have continued to be well supported: a most enjoyable Annual Ball heralding the Christmas festivities; a weekend trip as guests once again of the small community at

Magadi, for an evening of Scottish Country Dancing; and our Annual Festival which attracts school teams of an extraordinary cosmopolitan composition.

We have been delighted over the year to welcome visitors to Kenya from Branches in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia.



A Participating Team in the Nairobi Branch Festival of Scottish Country Dancing.

New Haven. *Membership:* 77 Annual, 37 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Classes were discontinued in Norwalk, Ct. and Middletown, Ct., for various reasons.

The Paul Sarvis Workshop was held in January and the 13th Annual Highland Ball was held on Saturday, 28 February, at Bill Miller's Dance Centre in Branford, Ct.

Six teacher candidates took the examination on 21 April when examiners were Duncan Macleod and Lesley Martin and three candidates passed.

New Mexico. *Membership:* 60 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Los Alamos, 1 Albuquerque. *Demonstration Team available.*

Once again a successful year. Colorado members of the Branch sponsored a Teacher Candidate Class and seven Branch members successfully gained their Preliminary Teaching Certificate. A Workshop hosted by the Los Alamos members was held in May with eighty-seven participants enjoying teaching by Jennifer Kelly, Palo Alto; Erid Fowler, San Diego, and Robert McOwen, Arlington, and music provided by Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis.

The Demonstration Team has danced frequently during the year, classes are held in Los Alamos and Albuquerque weekly.

New York. *Membership:* 189 Annual, 5 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch enjoyed an active schedule of classes and events throughout the year, starting off with a lively Pre-Season Dance. This was followed by an elegant "Miss Jeannie Carmichael Ball". Other highlights were "The Rerr Terr", a beautiful Ball, organised by the Hudson Valley Class, "The Island Fling", run by the Nassau Country Dancers, a Burns Night Dance, and a Nancy McLaren Workshop, planned by the Brooklyn Class. The Demonstration Team performed at many civic functions and special events.

The teachers' committee, under Joan Treble's guidance, invited John Middleton of Hamilton, Ontario, to conduct a Workshop for Teachers. John taught excellent classes with a view to improving methods of teaching. A most successful Spring Dance was held that same weekend, with delightful music by Jim McIntyre and his Band, and Ron Gonnella, the well-known fiddler.

The outstanding event of the year was the Annual Weekend at Holiday Hills, chaired by Enid Kuperman and Sheila Wilson. A superb staff of teachers included Georgina Finlay of Weston (Ontario), Nancy McLaren (Stenhousemuir, Scotland), and Bruce Hamilton (Menlo Park, California). Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent added to everyone's pleasure.

Classes will be held throughout the summer and a welcome is extended to all visitors. The "Jeannie Carmichael Ball" will take place at The Prospect Park Picnic House, Brooklyn, NY, on 7 November 1987.

New Zealand. *Membership:* 1,438 Annual, 56 Long Term, 124 Life. *Classes per week:* 106.

New Zealand Branch enters its 20th year as a Branch of the Society in good heart. Again, our membership has increased, and this is indeed cause to celebrate. These days, our leisure time is a target for so many other pursuits, and it's heartening to note that the Branch is still gaining more members each year. No less than ten members of the Branch were able to attend the Jean Milligan Centenary Weekend in Glasgow, to join with Society Members from all over the world in celebration of what's become known as "The Scottish Country Dance Family".

Our Annual Summer School, held at Lincoln College, was a huge success, and we look forward with anticipation to this year's Summer School - at Wanganui in the North Island. Our Summer Schools are held over the New Year period for some ten days. In 1988-89 the School will be held in Dunedin; and in 1989-90 in Hamilton (some two hours drive from Auckland where the Commonwealth Games will be held some two weeks later!) The Branch has decided to host a Winter School in 1989 in Blenheim (the sunshine city of New Zealand). Dates are yet to be finalised, but tentatively the week-long School will be held in late June/early July, or in August.

To all of the members of the RSCDS, New Zealand Branch sends warmest greetings and best wishes for success in your endeavours, and assures you a warm welcome should you visit us "down here".

Northern Virginia. *Membership:* 85 Annual, 1 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 (1 Advanced, 1 General, 1 Beginners'. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our dancers continue to increase and classes were generally well attended. Our Demonstration Team performed many times in the Northern Virginia area, including several festivals and also private fund-raising functions. The Branch also co-sponsored a dance party in conjunction with the Washington Branch and the Virginia Scottish Games in July. The band for this dance was augmented with many of the competing fiddlers and other musicians from the Games, and produced some of the best Scottish Country Dance music we have ever danced to. We are now planning to make this dance an annual event.

Our teaching weekend, Argyle III, was a great success. The visiting teachers were Alastair Aitkenhead and Lena Wallace-Miller. Our class in Scottish Social Dancing exposed many of us to the barn dances and other non-SCD couple dances of Scotland and was very popular and enjoyable. We hope to repeat the class in the future. Planning is already moving forward for Argyle IV to be held in October 1987.

This year we had a large and enthusiastic beginners' class and hope to repeat this success in the coming year. We will have two new teachers with a Preliminary Test Pass to help carry the load. Enthusiasm is high in Northern Virginia, and we invite anyone visiting our area to contact us and come join the dance.

Orange County. *Membership:* 78 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

Among other successful events during the season, the first Workshop was held in March and organised by Rosemary Walsh, teachers being Enid Fowler and George Will. It was followed by the 4th Annual Shillelagh-Ceilidh Ball with music provided by Jack Rennie and his Heathertones.

Also initiated this year was a Demonstration Team.

Ottawa. *Membership:* 275 Annual, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 13. *Demonstration Team available.*

Beginners have added numbers and vigour to our 1986-87 season which began with an enthusiastically received "Invitation to New Dancers" night in September. Weekly classes and monthly dances continued from October through April, with some classes still active until our Annual Ball on 23 May. Other activities included the Jones Falls Weekend Workshop, a Teachers' Workshop, a Technique Workshop, a Video Workshop, the Christmas Dance, the Beginners' Ball and the Annual Ball. Ardbrae and Branch members worked together both on the Beginners' Ball and on a celebration of Miss Milligan's Centenary which featured a potluck supper and dancing in Vincent Massey Park. We are pleased that the research of our own Margaret Macwaters contributed to knowledge of Miss Milligan's teaching in pre-RSCDS days. The dance notes of Maggie MacDonald, impetus for the study, were recorded in our video-tape: "First Lady of the Dance".

Both the entertainment group and the Demonstration Team have been kept busy with engagements throughout the year. Congratulations are due to Ottawa Branch member Jane Wallace on earning her Teacher's Certificate.

Paris. *Membership:* 77 Annual, 14 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Bubbles and Set - the theme of our Easter 1987 International Scottish Dancing Course in Reims, capital of the champagne country, lived up to our fullest expectations. 110 dancers from fourteen countries enjoyed a superb effervescent and all too evanescent weekend of dance, set in the sumptuous mirrored Salon Versailles with its beautiful crystal chandeliers. Powered by Bill Zobel (Newcastle), Muriel Johnstone (Berwick upon Tweed), and Neil Barron (Edinburgh), accompanied by Alistair Wood and Gordon Smith; the teaching, music for classes and evening ball music were of the highest standard. The hotel accommodation and the meals in the Salons Degermann were the excellent quality one expects in France, and the champagne . . . and the champagne . . . it flowed freely at the beautiful candlelit champagne dinner, and frequently at other times during the weekend.

We were also treated to a thoroughly enjoyable and thought-provoking musically illustrated talk on Scottish Dance music by Muriel Johnstone, who in her enthusiasm for the weekend, composed a jig she entitled "Champagne Bubbles". Bill Zobel gave an extra class of Highland Dancing, and later that evening performed a rollicking Sailor's Hornpipe. In the free afternoon the participants enjoyed a guided tour of the famous thirteenth-century Reims Cathedral and a visit to a nearby champagne cellar. Before leaving for home, many of our guests told us it was the best dance weekend they had ever attended!

Now, the good news is that our Chairman, Jerry Reinstein, and his Vice-Chairman, Danielle Granier, are getting married; the bad news is that they are moving from Paris, but the good news is that it is only to London, so they will still be able to see their old Parisian friends frequently.

Phoenix. *Membership:* 15 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Phoenix Branch has had another remarkable year. Our 3rd Annual Workshop, held in November, featured visiting teachers Gene and Enid Fowler, Alex and Marianna Harvey, and Jack Rennie. We have continued to hold demonstrations through the Valley of the Sun and have travelled to workshops and balls elsewhere. To cap everything, our two Teacher Candidates passed their examinations.

Pretoria. *Membership:* 27 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Pretoria Branch enjoyed a busy and successful year. At least sixteen demonstrations were undertaken with great zeal, including three for the Pretoria Caledonian Society, an international cultural gathering, the Annual German Oktoberfest and two at Highland Gatherings. The enthusiasm of one of our teachers was exhibited in a novel way in October when her team of black nurses gave a demonstration at a hospital fête.

Our social gatherings included evenings with both the Dutch and German dancing clubs. A number of Saturday afternoon walks were arranged throughout the year and an enjoyable hiking weekend was held at Sabie, Eastern Transvaal, in October for our more energetic members.

Regina. *Membership:* 68 Annual, 6 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch had another very successful year with again an increase in membership. Our fall Workshop was again the highlight of the year with teachers Ruth Jappy, Betty Thompson and Jim Adamson. Music was supplied by Alex and Maureen Jappy and this added greatly to the enjoyment of the event.

We are especially pleased to be able to congratulate Ferne Katzberg who passed the Preliminary Test at St Catharines and Hugh Goldie who gained the Teacher's Certificate at Boston.

We are looking forward to the three-day Festival of Pavilions in early June when our members get together to present a display of Scottish crafts, culture and food. This is done in conjunction with the local pipe bands and Highland dancers.

Sacramento. *Membership:* 60 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Branch has completed a pleasant and busy year. We have enjoyed monthly parties during the class season to live music. Some of our dancers have formed "The Band" and are developing into a fine and fun group.

The spring Workshop was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our great line-up of teachers included Carolyn Zuparko and Meredith Hoffman from our neighbouring San Francisco Branch and our Canadian friends, Mary Murray, Simon Scott and George Will. We are again honoured with the musical help of the San Francisco Players for both the Ball and Workshop.



A group at the Sacramento Spring Workshop.

St Catharines. *Membership:* 87 Annual. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another year of fun dancing and good fellowship! We danced every Tuesday evening from September to the end of May, with a Christmas Dance and our Annual Spring Ball giving us a chance to dress up and enjoy the thrill of dancing to a live band. We consider ourselves lucky to be able to enjoy the musical magic of both Bobby Brown and Bobby Frew, who cheerfully travel the eighty miles from Toronto to give us this pleasure. We also consider ourselves fortunate to be able to share the joy of dancing with the Buffalo group on Thursdays, and on Saturdays our members travel to Buffalo (NY), Hamilton (Ontario), and Burlington (Ontario). This is not counting

the balls and workshops in Guelph, London and Cleveland. We have three dances over the three summer months just to keep us active, all of them provided by members at their own homes (Ralph and Betty Crowther, Geoffrey Dover and Bill and Mary Jane Tanner).

Our Demonstration Teams have been invited to participate in two Heritage Days in honour of our National Holiday. How better to emphasise that the Scots are alive and active in the Canadian cultural scene!

San Diego. *Membership:* 82 Annual, 3 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 (plus 1 Technique twice a month). *Demonstration Team available.*

The past year was one of expansion and continued growth for the Branch. Bringing our February Workshop from a mini-Institute to a full Institute was a real high point. We enjoyed tremendous success with this new venture thanks to the efforts of many hard-working Branch members and the company of all who joined us for the Weekend. We were graced by wonderful teachers and fine musicians – Bob Blackie (Toronto), David Tague (California), Elinor Vandergrift (Washington State), Linda Speedie (Colorado), who presented special well-received segments on injury prevention techniques, and Jack Rennie and the Thistle Band (Los Angeles), providing lively music in their usual fine form.

Other noteworthy events included Ward Fleri receiving his Teacher's Certificate at St Andrews and Jim Sites (who resides in Colorado) passing his Preliminary Test. A new class being added in North County (Vista) brings our weekly class total to four, and a technique class given by our dance director, meeting twice monthly was also added. Our beginner class saw many new faces join the ranks of Scottish Country Dance enthusiasts. Two Memorial Scholarships were awarded and, for the first time ever, three awards were given to members of the beginning dancers' class for tuition to our San Diego Institute. We were able to share our fondness for Scottish Country Dancing in a number of fun and successful public demonstrations. Three dances this year – our Pre-Highland Games Ball, Christmas Party and Institute Ball – were highlighted by live music. Our Annual January Weekend in the nearby Julian Mountains was well attended, the largest group ever hosted and requiring additional facilities. It is a marvellous opportunity for total relaxation in a beautiful, serene setting. Our Annual Summer Picnic in July was likewise most enjoyable. We look forward to another year of sociability, fun, continued growth and enthusiastic involvement of our members.

San Francisco. *Membership:* 383 Annual, 2 Long Term, 31 Life. *Classes per week:* 17. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch enjoyed a busy and successful year with many diverse and pleasurable events, from a Musician's Workshop (with more than forty people attending), to a new Dance Workshop and Party. Our Asilomar Workshop held in late October in Monterey was one of the high points of the year. Teachers were Dottie Carr (Sacramento), Warren Lee, Geoffrey Selling, Elinor Vandegrift, and Ron Wallace. Music for the weekend was superb – Jean Redpath gave a wonderful concert and two workshops on song, and the San Francisco Scottish Players played for the Asilomar Ball. Another special event was the Valentine's Ball graced with the delightful music of Drops of Brandy, featuring Kim McGarrity and Margo Leslie Post.

Other activities this year included a well-visited information booth at the Santa Rosa Scottish Gathering and Games followed by the Jean Patrick Memorial Ball, and a busy, festive holiday season with many classes hosting parties. The Branch sponsored a teacher training class taught by Mark Post and Lynda Korsan and we now have a new fully Certificated Teacher and five successful Preliminary Test candidates.

A very special event took place in April – a magical evening held in memory of Tom Easton with two fine musicians, Stan Hamilton and Alasdair Fraser, playing. Energy and spirits were high and we danced into the wee hours of the morning.

San Gabriel Valley. *Membership:* 73 Annual, 2 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 7.

Having been granted Branch status in November 1986, the past seven months have been very exciting and full of activities. We held a Hogmanay Social, our first Burns Supper and Ball, a

Workshop and Ball, and we are very proud to say that as a result of our Candidates' Class two of our members have passed their Preliminary Tests. In March we held an Alasdair Fraser/Paul Machlis Concert followed by a dance which proved to be an extremely successful event.

We hold one dance per month and due to the enthusiasm of our members, we plan to continue this through the summer months. We are privileged to have Ian Mara, an excellent band in our community, to play for our dances and balls.

We have participated in a number of community affairs promoting Scottish Country Dancing wherever possible.

Seattle. *Membership:* 123 Annual, 62 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Seattle Branch had a highly successful 1986-87 year. The group participated in many demonstrations and ethnic gatherings which increased our visibility and helped swell membership to a record level. Our popular Fort Worden Weekend in September and May Ball were highlights of the dancing year, complete with music by Schiehallion. Fall and Spring two-day Workshops featured guest teachers from the US and Canada. Branch dancers discovered that volunteering for department store inventory nights provided an effective, though tedious, method for fund-raising.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of musicians who play for part of every monthly dance party. Our Bramble Band has also played for Branch demonstrations and at workshops in Spokane and Vancouver (WA). Our summer schedule featured picnics, dances, demonstrations and a first-ever international dance excursion by ferry boat. Dancers from Vancouver and Victoria (BC), joined those from Bellingham and Seattle (WA), for an afternoon of dancing on San Juan Island, mid-way between the two countries.

South-East Queensland. *Membership:* 115 Annual, 27 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 14. *Demonstration Team available.*

Despite putting a lot of energy into our Winter School preparations we held our Annual Ball. An enjoyable evening with Jim South (Master of Ceremonies) who devised the programme. This year we have our teachers' group meeting regularly, however, we found Book 34 very vigorous for our mid-January humidity. Once again we have the beginners' class through the auspices of Adult Education. This is our third year and we have been warmed by the response. We are looking forward to the 12th Australian Winter School and greeting old friends and making new ones, and see our years of planning come to fruition.

Stockholm. *Membership:* 47 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a busy year. In addition to the weekly class we have also started a Highland class. The Social Evenings have been arranged by various members. We have also had two successful big events, the St Andrew's Ball and the Burns Supper. On these occasions we had many guests from other Scottish societies in Stockholm. Furthermore the Branch has given several appreciated demonstrations during the working year.

Five members attended Summer School in 1986.

Sydney. *Membership:* 180 Annual, 3 Long Term, 19 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

Sydney Branch has had another busy year. The Branch has conducted four classes each week with numerous other groups having many and varied activities. Classes range from beginners' to advanced technique and are all well attended. We have seen the development of several new groups which is very satisfying and means that Scottish Country Dancing is alive and well "down under". Day Schools have been conducted throughout the year as have teachers' weekends. Preliminary Teachers' Certificate course was held during 1986 and all nine candidates were successful.

The long weekend in October saw our Yarrowood Residential School - this seems to have become an annual event and is one that sees newer dancers gaining confidence in their dancing skills which is very satisfying. One of the most amazing things that always seems to emerge from such a weekend is the amount of untapped talent among the members - our last Ceilidh was one of great hilarity. As has been the case in previous years the Branch co-ordinated the groups of dancers for the Annual Scottish week concert which is held in November each year. The standard achieved presented a very good example of Scottish Country Dancing - we usually get several enquiries from this concert, some of whom go on to become members of the Society.

Tokyo. *Membership:* 81 Annual, 50 Long Term, 2 Life.

The Branch had a successful year. Miss M. Prentice with Miss J. Sim, came from Scotland in May to attend the 4th Japan-Scottish Highland Games in Tokyo, and the Branch had quite a successful class under their guidance.

In September, Book 34's dances were taught in the Branch Workshop by Mrs J. Matsuhashi, one of our teachers who had attended the RSCDS Summer School in St Andrews.

The most exciting event was the "Welcome Ball for Bob Blackie and his Oriental Fling", sponsored by our Branch at the Shinjuku NS Building open space. The "Chrysanthemum" devised for the Oriental Fling by Betty Grant of Toronto was taught by Bob Blackie. A training camp for the Branch members was held in February. Instructors were H. Ikema, M. O. Naitoh, J. Matsuhashi, S. Iwasaki, K. Oyama, and Y. Oyama. We have to finish our report with very sad news, Mr Yoshio Matsuhashi died in May - he was a good member of our Branch.



Tokyo Branch Training Camp - February 1987.

Toronto. *Membership:* 959 Annual, 1 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 33. *Demonstration Team available.*

Dancing in Sunnybrook Park in June was a wonderful start to our 30th year. Attendances were good and we all enjoyed dancing to the lively music of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Several teachers were involved in teaching classes at "Harbourfront", and entertainment complex on Lake Ontario, during June and July, and these attracted many of the general public. Our 25th Annual Toronto Branch Weekend, held at Geneva Park in September, fired us with new enthusiasm for the start of classes after the summer vacation. Two teachers from the first Branch Weekend, June Shore and Isabel McPherson, returned for the twenty-fifth, together with Robert McOwen of Boston who is also a member of the band "Tullochgorum". The Weekend was memorable for the high standard of instruction, the friendliness and enthusiasm of the dancers and the conviviality of the evening Dinner and Ball with excellent music provided by the Bobby Frew Four. Ten monthly newsletters were produced to publicise the Branch activities and those of our groups and neighbours. We again held seven monthly dances (two of which were Family Nights) and the music was provided alternately by our two bands. Branch classes at four levels of

instruction were offered and attended by ninety-six dancers, and as an experiment, extended classes offered for the combined levels attracted fifty-two dancers. The Young Dancers' Gala Day saw fourteen teams from the Toronto and Hamilton area come together for both team demonstration dancing and enjoyable massed dancing. The Adult Gala Day held in May was most successful, with approximately 500 dancers and spectators attending. Thirty teams participated, from Southern Ontario and Buffalo. We enjoyed a high standard of dancing and the dancers in the evening were inspired by the music of Elma Grech at the piano. Our Annual Tartan Ball was once again held at the Royal York Hotel, this year on Valentine's Day, attended by 451 dancers. One of the highlights of the evening was when Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent were joined by two pipers from the 48th Highlanders of Canada to play for the Reel of the Royal Scots.

Twin Cities. *Membership:* 71 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life.

No report at time of going to press.

Vancouver. *Membership:* 390 Annual, 5 Long Term, 31 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1986-87 Scottish Country Dancing season was a very exciting one beginning with our week-long Workshop in August held in conjunction with Expo '86. The Dance Workshop was most successful and very well attended by out-of-town dancers, some coming from as far afield as Ireland and New Zealand. The excellent teaching staff consisted of Alastair MacFadyen, Bob Blackie, Mary Murray and Simon Scott. Vancouver was a very exciting city during the time of Expo '86 and our Demonstration Team performed there on several occasions for much larger audiences than usual.

Our Weekend Workshop held during Easter this year at the Bayshore Inn was not as well attended as usual but nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed by those who did attend. Live music for the classes supplied by Stan Hamilton and Alex Jappy was an added attraction. For the Ball on Saturday evening our ever-popular Schiehallion Band was augmented by one Stan Hamilton on a twin grand piano and the sound was much appreciated by one and all.

Some members of our Demonstration Team are taking part in the "Welcome Home Ceremonies" for wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen to be held on 23 May 1987.

We are now looking forward to dancing in Stanley Park, this is held each Monday evening from mid-June to mid-August and is a wonderful way to promote our dancing for the forthcoming season.

Victoria. *Membership:* 125 Annual, 22 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 4.

The Annual Dinner and Ball in May 1986 was well attended. Dancing for the month of July moved out of doors to Beacon Hill Park and was a highlight for many tourists as well as our own members. Our Fall Workshop at the Gordon Head Recreation Centre was not as well attended as we had hoped, but the calibre of teaching was high and having the classes held in a central location was a real bonus. The Dinner and Dance was highlighted by the introduction of a new dance written by Jo Wigmore and entitled "The Reel of the Canadian Scottish".

In December a Christmas Dance was held with our group hosting the Van-Isle Dancers, and the New Year's Eve Social was a real fun night for the small group that attended. The season would not be complete without our Burns Night. Larry Munro piped the head table guests in and then piped in the haggis. At intermission he again played for us making us realise how very fortunate we are having two pipers to call upon, Larry and Mary Witwicke.

On the first Thursday of each month a technique class was held in the Armories. While Archie or Susan was teaching, Bob Anderson took videos of our antics and it was very enlightening to see ourselves as others see us.

Washington DC. *Membership:* 148 Annual, 9 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

Washington Branch, in a joint effort with Northern Virginia Branch to promote Scottish Country Dancing, had a tent at the Highland Games in Alexandria (VA) in July. There was a joint Ball on Saturday evening that was extremely successful, in part due to the fact that the judges of the fiddling contest joined our regular band.

Dancing was enjoyed all year long (both groups danced all summer in the DC heat). Monthly pot-luck dinners followed by Scottish Country Dancing were enjoyed and grew in attendance. In March we had the Annual Cherry Blossom Ball as well as an Iona Teaching Weekend (with successful Ball).

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Western Australia. *Membership:* 94 Annual, 24 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 8. *Demonstration Team available.*

There was a small increase in membership during 1986. Following the completion of teacher training to Full Certificate level in 1985, classes were commenced in several new areas in the outer suburbs of Perth during this year. We also saw the formation of a new social group approximately thirty-five kilometres from Perth. This group have called themselves Kalamunda Scottish Country Dance Group and have launched themselves with great success under the capable tuition of one of our new teachers.

Our Weekend School in July was a great success at the new venue and the decision to hold the next one there, only in October during the Spring, was unanimous. At the conclusion of the Australian Winter School in Canberra we were delighted to have the pleasure of welcoming Anna and Ken Holden to our city as well as again having Bob Grant in our midst. Classes were conducted by both Anna and Bob with great success and much enjoyment to those who attended. The opportunity was also taken during Anna and Ken Holden's visit to hold a "Jean Milligan Centenary Dance" the profit of which was despatched to Headquarters as a donation to the Memorial Fund.

We consider that 1986 was once again in all regards a very successful year.

Windsor (Ontario). *Membership:* 36 Annual, 11 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 3 Basic, 1 Intermediate, 1 Advanced. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Windsor Branch is coming to the end of another successful dancing season with our membership reaching an all-time high. Classes and dances have been well attended. The Annual Ball, Hogmanay and After Christmas Party were, as usual, enjoyable events and we are now looking forward to our Workshop in June and Garden Party in July.

The Demonstration Team has been much appreciated wherever they have danced, particularly the Windsor Community Band's Scottish Heritage Concert.

Winnipeg. *Membership:* 179 Annual, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

A very successful Branch Weekend, moved from October to March, bodes well for the Expanded Weekend planned in 1988 as part of the 25th Anniversary of the Branch. The continued success of Mug Pub assisted in the Branch's ability to maintain fees at a reasonable level and still to have live music at this year's five socials, New Year's Dance and Annual Ball. As well as providing entertainment, the work of the Demonstration Team and the Scottish Entertainers has kept the Branch in the spotlight and attracted new members to our group. The death late in 1986 of David Williams, one of the co-founders of the Branch, was a loss not only to Scottish Country Dancing but to the Winnipeg community as a whole.

Teachers' Association (Canada). Membership: 536.

As we missed reporting in the 1986 Bulletin there are a couple of earlier events worthy of mention. The 13th Annual Summer School was held in August 1985 when Anna Holden, Mary Murray and John Walton were our teachers. On 6 May 1986, members of the Executive Committee were delighted to have a dinner meeting with Miss Muriel Gibson and discuss matters of mutual interest. The 28th AGM and 14th Summer School were held at Brock University, St. Catharines, and we were glad to welcome Alastair MacFadyen and Lesley Martin as guest teachers and examiners appointed by Headquarters. Music for these affairs was by the bands of Bobby Frew and Bobby Brown respectively. The Association has published its fourth record with Ian Powrie playing as guest artiste with Bobby Frew and his "Four". Plans for the 1987 Summer School are underway, as well as those for the AGM which is to be held in Vancouver, September 1987. We have developed our "outreach" programme whereby newly formed and smaller groups, particularly in more remote parts of North America, are assisted in various ways; running workshops, obtaining visiting teachers and musicians, teacher training, etc. Help is provided financially and with expertise. The Association again arranged the tour for the examiners from Scotland, Duncan Macleod and Lesley Martin, March-April 1987. We thoroughly enjoyed a dinner meeting with them before the tour began. TACsound and TACbooks continue to flourish, although as will be seen elsewhere in this Bulletin, the directors and addresses of these divisions have been changed.



The current chairman of the Teachers' Association (Canada) is Dr William A. Miller. Bill Miller started Scottish Country Dancing shortly after arriving in the United States, although he had done some folk dancing before. He took his preliminary exam in 1979 and Teacher's Certificate in 1981 and is a member and teacher of the Buffalo Branch RSCDS and so the first non-Canadian to chair T.A.C. He is a Professor of Stomatology at the State University of New York at Buffalo.



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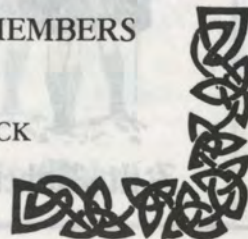
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A Search Concluded

Those tea-drinking members of the RSCDS who happened to witness my ecstatic leap for joy in the entrance hall of Dundee College of Education on the afternoon of Saturday, 1st November, 1986, may have surmised, if they gave it any thought at all, that it was merely an expression of my relief at the happy conclusion of another RSCDS Annual General Meeting. In fact, the exuberant outburst was provoked by the sight of a small book which had just been placed in my hands by Miss Nancy Arnott of Kirkcaldy. I recognised it instantly as a copy of a nineteenth-century ballroom guide for which I had been searching for several years. There were a number of reasons for my special interest in this particular book.

Entitled "The Ball-Room or The Juvenile Pupil's Assistant", it had been printed and published in Glasgow in 1827, and the author of it was a teacher of dancing in the city from about 1825 to 1830. His name was Monsieur Jean P. Boulogne. Very little is known about his personal history, but the notices he inserted in the city's newspapers at the beginning of each dancing season to advertise his classes do reveal some facts. He claimed to be a native of Paris, to which city, as well as to London, he returned regularly in order to keep himself up to date with the latest dances. Before coming to Glasgow he had been established as a ballet and dancing master in London, and for a period of fourteen years had served L'Academie Royale in Paris and the King's Theatre in London. Whilst in Glasgow his wife was also a teacher of "pedal harp, pianoforte and vocal music". I often ask myself, "What brought this talented couple to Glasgow and what happened to them after their disappearance from the city's records in 1830?" - intriguing questions, for which as yet there are no answers.

The principal reason for my interest in Boulogne's book was that it is cited as the source for several of the early dances published by our Society. In Book 1, for example, Petronella, The Triumph, Circassian Circle, The Nut, Meg Merrilees, Flowers of Edinburgh, Duke of Perth and Merry Lads of Ayr are all attributed to "The Ballroom, 1827". I was aware from correspondence deposited in RSCDS Headquarters that these dances had been extracted from a copy of Boulogne then in the possession of Mrs Ysobel Stewart and since my appointment as Honorary Archivist, I had been hoping to establish the whereabouts of that particular copy. However, my efforts to

realise that hope, or to locate any other extant copy, had been entirely unsuccessful. Other Society members, amongst them Barbara Peel and Bill Clement, who had been sufficiently interested to assist in the search, had been equally unsuccessful.

The correspondence mentioned above had also revealed that Mrs Stewart had lent her copy of Boulogne to the late Dr Tom Flett, author of "Traditional Dancing in Scotland". A letter to his widow had resulted in a sympathetic and helpful reply, and after searching through their extensive collection of papers, Mrs Flett had found a partial transcription of the book. I had come to the conclusion that that was probably as near as I was ever likely to get to Monsieur Boulogne's ballroom guide.

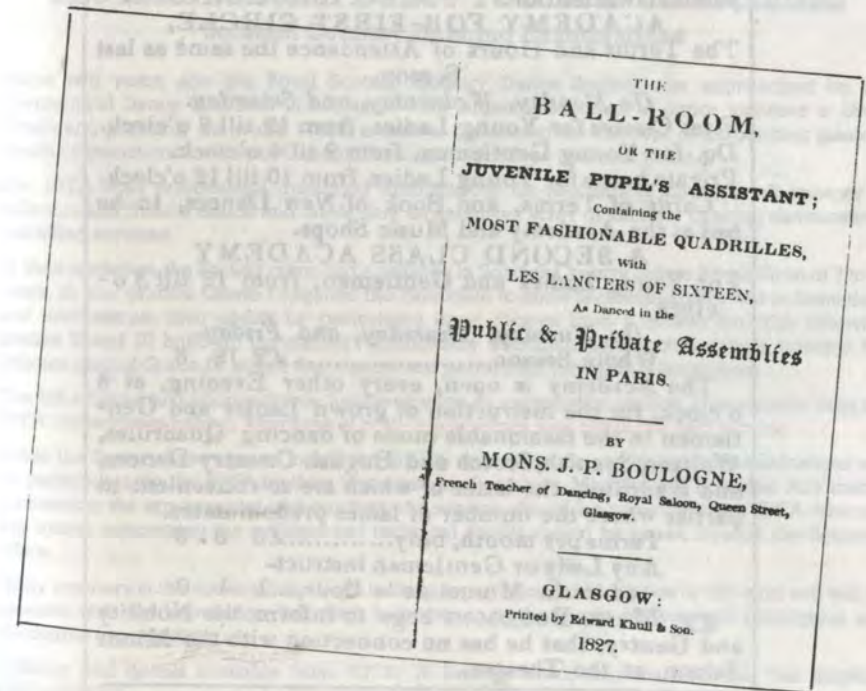
So it is not surprising that I found it difficult to contain my excitement when finally, and very unexpectedly, the elusive book was in my hands and the search concluded. Miss Arnott, herself an enthusiastic and knowledgeable researcher into the history of our country dances, knew of my interest in Boulogne's book and immediately identified it when it was shown to her by Miss Joan Heggie, a Kirkcaldy Branch member.

Rather surprised, but nevertheless very pleased, that her little book should have excited such attention and interest, Miss Heggie had little information about its history; she explained that it had been found amongst the belongings of the mother and sisters of a friend, who, aware of Miss Heggie's country dance interests, had given it to her. After one hundred and sixty years Monsieur Boulogne's book is in fine condition and in its size (8cm x 6cm) and content is very characteristic of the pocket ballroom manuals of the period. In view of its significance for our history, Miss Heggie has very kindly indicated that she will be donating the book to the Society, a generous gift which will be much appreciated.

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Miss Lilian Ross Remembered

It was one summer afternoon - I must have been resting from my "Certificate" exertions, when I found myself, knitting in hand, beside Miss Ross, also knitting in hand, as was her wont. The talk turned to patterns of things we had knitted, and, of course, "KILT STOCKINGS" on which we had an improving discussion. I had never had much speech with Miss Ross, in fact I had always stood in some awe of her, but here we had discovered another hobby in common. I will always be glad I took my knitting and that Miss Ross came along with hers, because I have never forgotten the good old chat we had, ranging from cabbages to kings, but, of course, returning to Scottish Country Dancing. Before we parted, she to the tea urn duties and I to my studies, she went off to her room and returned with paper and pencil, and wrote out her tried and tested pattern for "Miss Ross's Kilt Stockings". I have looked at it often, and remembered her kindness, and thought of her in a new light. I feel it is time it was published - I'm sure it will reach a wide and appreciative audience.

J. M. TAYLOR,
Lochaber Branch.

MISS LILIAN ROSS'S KILT SOCK PATTERN

4 No. 12 needles 4 ply wool or nylox

Cast on 80 st. 24. 24. 32.

work 40 rounds basket stitch

{ 4 plain 4 purl. work 4 rounds
{ 4 purl. 4 pl. work 4 rounds.

Repeat these 8 rows 4 times more.

work 4 in in rib 1 pl. 1 p.

change to 4 pl. 1 purl.

knit about 1/2 in.

Begin mitake.

R1 sl1 pass over: finish row to last ^{three} st. K 2 tog 1/2

Repeat mitake every 6th row until 60 st. remain.

Continue on these st. until required length to top of heel.

Divide for heel. take 15 st. on each side of centre back purl st. 31 st. on to one needle. leave 29 st on two needles.

Heel. K1 sl1 to end. first row.

purl back all st. 2nd row.

Repeat these 2 rows 17 times.

Turn heel.

finish as ordinary stockings

keeping pattern on front st. + Kn. tip
front st. plain

Book Review

Barbara Peel: *DANCING AND SOCIAL ASSEMBLIES IN YORK in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*. National Resource Centre for Dance, University of Surrey, 1986. Price £7.50, plus postage. Available from 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh. This is a very informative and well-researched book and will be a "must" for those concerned with the history and background of country dances, dance teachers and the Assemblies and Balls.

As one who has enjoyed the experience of dabbling in country dance research, and was fortunate enough to discover a hitherto unknown late nineteenth-century collection of dances, I found this book a treasure of references and bibliographic information. The author, a member of the Leeds Branch and an amateur historian, includes a section on carrying out research for anyone who may be inspired to follow her example. Those not so inclined will still find it an amusing and interesting description of the dancing of previous decades.

Miss Peel aptly points out that the requirements of dancers have not changed much in two hundred years - "a dancing room not less than 90 feet long, another for coffee and refreshments and a kitchen to make tea in".

DOROTHY A. PATERSON,
Glasgow Branch.

Amendments to Publications

EXAMINATION SYLLABUSES

Preliminary Test

Paragraph 12, *add* at end: "Examiners may wish to have all candidates dance individual steps as a group."

Teachers' Certificate

Paragraph 15, *add* at end: "Examiners may wish to have all candidates dance individual steps as a group."

How Do You Do . . . ?

Book 34 *C'Est L'Amour*

There is some confusion regarding stepping up and down in bars 13-14. The movement is a normal stepping up and down in two bars but taking very small steps.

Book 22 *Miss Janet Laing's Strathspey*

In bars 9-12 the 1st man and 4th lady do a 1¼ turn right about.

Book 16 *Ca' The Ewes to the Knowes*

At the last bar of the half figure of eight the man leads the woman up the middle, guides her across in front of him into the Allemande position. The lady does not turn.

Lost and Not Found

In pursuance of our policy to consider Life Members with whom we have lost touch for more than fifteen years as having resigned, the undernoted have been transferred to the resigned list and will not be included in our total membership numbers this year. If any of those members contact Headquarters subsequently they will, of course, be restored to the active list.

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Round the World with the RSCDS

REELING ROUND THE WORLD - 1947-1978 Michael Halsted

My interest in music and dance happily fitted in with my thirty-three years in the Overseas Service of the British Council which, as you know, is concerned with educational, scientific and cultural exchange. As a result, my wife from Edinburgh and I enjoyed Scottish Country Dancing in eight countries around the world. Here are the highlights:

My first post was Budapest in 1947, and I was able to start Scottish Country Dancing right away in the great concourse of the former bank building which housed the British Embassy and the British Council. Our Hungarian friends joined in very well, maybe because the Hungarians have a great tradition of song and dance - in which we loved being involved. We were soon taught the Csardas; and learned to appreciate the gypsy violin and cymbalom played with verve at one or another of the little vendeglo (inns) in Buda, The Rose Tree on the Golden Duck.

Then I was sent for a time to the little southern agricultural and University town of Pecs to help doctors and students with their English. Here was the crowning achievement of my career. I first found a flourishing student folk dance group who rapidly acquired several Scottish Country dances. Performance brought them to the notice of the Local Directress of Physical Education. She told me she was required to produce a display by her five girls' schools for the Party's forthcoming May Day celebrations and was at a loss what to do. My suggestion - "Scottish Country Dancing?" - was accepted with surprise and trepidation. Some very agreeable hard work followed in the short time remaining. Then on 1st May, 1948, in the town stadium on the appropriate signal, good old Jimmy Shand sounded out loud and cheerful way down to the Yugoslav border! On marched two hundred Hungarian schoolgirls, all simply and charmingly dressed in white blouses, blue pleated skirts and white knee socks, and danced an Eightsome Reel and Strip The Willow like angels.

A move in 1949 to Karachi, Pakistan, on the edge of the Sind Desert, was a severe culture shock. But when I teamed up with Roger Rigby of Scottish blood, and we formed a Reel Club in the Gymkhana. I soon found out what a friendly place Karachi is with a social life envied by the other cities. It wasn't long before we had an Argyll Broadswords team. I think we four rather fancied



Hungarian and other dancers doing "Scottish Reform" - British Legation, Budapest 1948.



Burns' Night in Karachi, 1975, and "Lord Rosslyn's Fancy".

ourselves by the way we inflicted our performances on the community: from dancing on the dockside seeing off friends to party turns in friends' houses. No doubt the real attractions were the two Pakistani Police pipers whom the Commissioner made available to us. Roger was a great help with the regular S.C.D. classes we held at the North-Western Railway Club, known as the Loco. With our dancing we had an enviable entrée into the admirable Anglo-Indian community and its very attractive girls. We felt we were in Bhowani Junction itself, such was the atmosphere of the Loco, with the smell of hot iron and oil from the railway lines all around.

My toughest assignment ever came from the Commander of the Naval Cadet College who thought that a Thirty-two-some would make an excellent passing-out parade display for exactly that number of cadets. I didn't know how to do one, but of course Jean Milligan did: and I have her instructions on an air-letter from Miss Hadden dated June 1950, in my file still. I shall never forget the sometimes sick-making launch trip across the harbour to the college; nor the heat and the unyielding hardness of the parade-ground tarmac. The cadets could manage the precise 'drill' side which this spectacular dance requires, but it took them a long time to respond accurately to the beat and rhythm of the Western music. Yet they can march perfectly to their Western brass or pipe band! But I am proud to say we all passed out.

The most exciting dancing occasion of all the years was in Pakistan: out at Malir Cantonment on the edge of the Sind Desert where the Baluch Regiment was stationed. The Baluchis are famous for their Khattak dances, and I suggested to their C.O. a 'Dancing Match' as a contribution to their Pakistan Day celebrations on 14th August, 1950. It worked. It was a bright, moonlight night. In a flat sandy area, ringed by black jagged rocks, sat a wide circle of murmuring men. Suddenly a bonfire crackled and sparkled in the centre. The men fell silent. Softly from far away came the gentle penetrating tone of chanters. The sound swelled and in marched some twenty Baluchi dancers led by their musicians at a fast clip to the Irish march "The Wearing of the Green"! They were dressed in a white baggy shalwar and kameez (shirt and trousers), red sashes and white flowing turbans. Each had two bright swords crossed behind his head. The music changed to a native mountain air, and a thrilling performance began. The dance consisted of the men circling the bonfire, alternately leaping and crouching to the strange rhythm, at the same time whirling their two swords around their heads in flashes of lethal steel, in movements we associate with Indian clubs. It was tremendously exciting and brought roars of applause from their comrades and guests. When our turn came to dance we had good bagpipe music but we, of course, placed our broadswords precisely on the sand and danced over them delicately. The clapping was polite and there were cries of "Shabash!" (well done!), but there is no doubt who won the dancing match.

I was in Edinburgh from 1951-1953 and luckily got in for the RSCDS St. Andrews Course in 1951 and the Coronation Highland Ball of 26th June 1953 in the Assembly Rooms. As a steward I vividly remember calling for hush at midnight for all to hear of the conquest of Everest by Hilary and Tensing.

Thence to Addis Ababa at nearly 8000 ft! We would quickly feel the effect of the altitude after any sudden exertion such as running upstairs, but we could still Scottish and Highland dance without harm. We had with us a good stock of the then 10" and 12" 78 rpm records thanks to the help and advice of Robin Steven of "Rae Macs" over the years, and we had Mr Kinloch Anderson to thank when it came to ordering items of Highland dress. There was excellent talent to be found among the expatriate Scots and we had a lot of fun dancing all over the place! The most memorable performance of our career was a Scottish Country Dance and the Argyll Broadswords at high altitude and out-of-doors on fairly rough grass at an International Red Cross Fete attended by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie and his family. Our national reputation survived.



The "Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh" performed before His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie.

Our four years "training" in Ethiopia (1953-1957) keyed us up for the next four (1957-1961) in Tehran, Iran. Here we found even more willing and energetic Scots and our Reel Club in the Embassy recreation hall was very popular. Four marriages resulted, including H.E.'s valued family nanny. For this we were not so popular! Our widest audience ever was when we did the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh (always effective) and the Argyll Broadswords on T.V. Iran and we even risked letting loose in the T.V. Studio on another day our mixed Iranian and expatriates British Council S.C.D. Class with the Dashing White Sergeant.

In Rangoon next (1961-1963) we danced with towels, constantly mopping the sweat in the high humidity of the ballroom in the famous old Strand Hotel. A sword dance team was easily formed from British bank staff, but alas our training came to nothing when Ne Win's military coup of 1962 nationalised the banks and our team was recalled.

In the Pacific from 1963-1966 it was the Fijians and the Tongans who provided the enjoyment with their proclivity for constant song and dance, dressed in draecena leaves and providing infectious bamboo percussion.

Back in Iran, in Isfahan from 1966-1970, S.C.D. proved popular with our young Persian students and teenagers of other nationalities joining their parents in school holidays. But there were no Scots with whom to form a team.

Our dancing career came to a close after my second posting to Karachi from 1973-1978. Here was a flourishing Caledonian Society whose St. Andrew's Ball was the social event of the year. We

were at full stretch annually for a couple of months beforehand with programme practices for members and their guests of several nationalities, Americans and French distinguishing themselves. We also had reel parties in each other's houses throughout the year. It was here that I finally codified the S.C.D. notes which I had written and reproduced in various countries to meet beginners' problems, particularly the concept and methods of progression. I hope the final edition proves useful to the RSCDS for any future publication.

The year 1977 was the acme for us both. My wife was elected chieftain of the Caledonian Society, and I managed a Highland Fling at the British Community's Queen's Silver Jubilee Show.

Now we look back gratefully to the RSCDS for inspiration and assistance. You have kept us fit and mentally alert. You have given us a special interest and goals to achieve all over the world. You have found us new friends to encourage and thus added to mutual happiness. We wish you all the very best. Reel away today - and tomorrow!

YUGOSLAVIA 1987

Elaine Greenslade

The Edinburgh Branch was asked by Headquarters to send a team of dancers to Yugoslavia, visiting the cities of Zagreb and Belgrade for six days over the easter period. The tour was in the form of a "Cultural Visit" organised by the British Council in association with the Jeunesses Musicales of Serbia. A party of 12 was assembled, eight dancers, a Highland dancer, piper, accordionist and myself in charge of the party.

We left Edinburgh on Good Friday, spending one day in Zagreb and five days in Belgrade. During our time there we gave 11 concert performances, each of one hour duration, appeared on television in a national news bulletin and a live concert. On Easter Sunday we had a "Walkabout" in Belgrade and danced an Eightsome Reel in the street.

The dances performed were selected from RSCDS Books and Leaflets including a few from the "MacNab Collection". The Highland dancer's Sword Dance was always appreciated and the piper inevitably was a great attraction and thoroughly enjoyed letting the children of the primary schools try to play his bagpipes. Having an excellent accordionist with us was a must, allowing changes in music, giving variety in one hour performances.

I also had the privilege of presenting the compliments of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh (Hon. President of the Edinburgh Branch) to the Lord Mayor of Belgrade where gifts were given from the City and Society.

The tour was tiring, as all tours abroad are, but we came home feeling proud to have been able to represent Scotland, through its dances, to the people of Yugoslavia.



Edinburgh Branch Team ready to set off for Yugoslavia.

The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund

We are happy to say that the Fund continues to increase thereby assuming that we can take on various worthwhile projects without their being a drain on the Society's reserves. As readers know, the capital (i.e. donations) are sacrosanct while interest only is used from year to year. During the year under review a change was made in part of our investment transferring part of the capital from a Charibond to a Charifund investment. Although by so doing interest dropped following the transfer, there was an immediate increase in capital and we are assured that interest will eventually increase to its former level. The benefit of the transfer ensures that inflation does not erode the value of the donations received.

The projects this year selected by the General Purposes Committee were to be teaching tours in Ireland and Scandinavia with a pianist to accompany the teacher. In the event all these tours are taking place in October 1987 with Miss Wilma Miller and Mr Robert Mackay undertaking the tour in Norway, Mrs Alice Murphy and Miss Jean Sim taking on Sweden and Denmark, and Mr Bob Grant and Mrs Moira Reekie making for Ireland. We hope all concerned will enjoy the experience.

The Committee also decided to offer two scholarships for Summer School to young members over 16 and under 20, the scholarship consisting of fees for a two-week course. One of the recipients comes from the UK and one from France.

In addition a further request from a Branch to help with an influx of overseas visiting teams was met from the Fund.

We appreciate and are greatly indebted to all who donate to the Fund and especially to those Branches, Affiliated Groups and individuals who do so regularly. It is pleasant to think that Miss Milligan's enthusiasm in spreading Scottish Country Dancing is equalled by the generosity of our members who are determined to carry on her work.

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"What Needs there be sae great a frase,
Wi' dringin' dull Italian lays,
I wadna gi'e our ain Strathspeys
For half-a-hunder score o' em."

(Rev. John Skinner, 1721-1807)

Give me the gear that gars me feel
The life o' life, frae head to heel!
To whirl thro' jig, strathspey, or reel,
As licht's a feather,
Quadrilles and waltzes to the d—l,
May gang thegither.

(John Imlah, 1799-1846)

High Society



Mrs May Yarker, one of our teachers and examiners, now living in Thurso, has been moving in high society since we last issued the Bulletin. Mrs Yarker, besides being a Scottish Dance enthusiast is a talented artist and in the Caithness Artist's Exhibition her handicrafts and jewellery had attracted the attention of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother so much that the Queen Mother later visited Mrs Yarker's studio. Not only that, but Mrs Yarker was in turn invited for tea at the Castle of Mey, a visit she thoroughly enjoyed, and indeed, she was invited back a second time when she and the Queen Mother had a great discussion on Scottish Country Dancing. Here the Queen Mother is seen with Mrs Yarker at the door of the Castle of Mey.

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Obituaries

JOHN D. CORBETT

President of the Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch, John Corbett, died on 10 June, 1987, after a long illness which, typically, he bore uncomplainingly.

One of the stalwarts of the Branch, John will be remembered by all those who attended Summer School in the 50s and 60s, where his regular impressions at the (then) informal ceilidhs were always popular. As a raconteur few were his equal and many a Branch Committee meeting was lengthened by an appropriate anecdote or story to liven the sometimes rather serious discussion.

John first became a member of the Branch Committee in 1952, was convener of several sub-committees over the years and was Branch Representative in the Executive Council from 1962 to 1974, serving for much of that time as a member of the Finance Committee and of the Summer School Committee. He was a member of the Branch demonstration class for many years, a teacher of both Highland Dancing and Country Dancing and he always championed the cause of children's classes and festivals within the Branch, arguing forcefully that they were the lifeblood of the Society.

All who knew him both inside the Branch and in the Society will remember him with affection and our sympathy is extended to his wife, Connie.

J. C. D.

MISS LAUREL GRAY

Miss Laurel Gray died on 3 March, 1987, in Queensberry House Hospital, Edinburgh, in her 101st year. This tiny lady was a redoubtable pianist who although a professional pianist during the day still gave much of herself to Scottish Country Dancing at one time, playing almost every night in the week for Edinburgh Branch at all levels of classes. She was also much involved at Summer School and well known by many teachers today as the pianist for the Certificate classes who helped them so greatly. At one time she lived near Glamis Castle and occasionally gave piano lessons to the young Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (now the Queen Mother).

Miss Gray bequeathed £1000 to the Society which is to be used to provide a further course for pianists.



Laurel Gray shows The Queen a signed photograph of The Queen Mother to whom she gave piano lessons.

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MISS JENNY KNOX

Her many friends were saddened to learn of the death of Jenny Knox. Jenny was always interested in the life of Glasgow Branch and in the Society in general. Along with her sister Rita, they attended the AGM events, Weekend Schools, dances and functions throughout the RSCDS.

Meticulous in all her dealings - woe betide anyone guilty of mis-spelling a dance title - Jenny served the Branch exceedingly well as Assistant Treasurer, having previously been a Committee member and teacher. Committee meetings were often held in their home and Jenny and Rita extended generous hospitality to Committee members on these occasions. At a time when there were numerous "Corporation classes" Jenny was appointed as Supervisor by the Glasgow Corporation Education Department. She visited classes throughout the city, encouraging and advising teachers and pianists. Not all of these were Society orientated and Jenny did a great job in promoting the RSCDS on those visits.

Some two years ago she suggested to the Branch AGM that an afternoon class be organised, since many were more able and willing to attend classes during the day. This suggestion was taken up by the Branch and a successful afternoon class has been in action ever since. Despite her ill health, she and Rita were great supporters of this venture.

Jenny will be missed by her many friends, but we especially think of Rita with whom she shared so many happy dancing hours.

D.A.P.

PEGGY LAMBLEY

Peggy Lambley died on 31 January, 1987, in her 76th year. After serving in the WRNS during the war she went to the Netherlands where she was a very popular English teacher and where she established the Hague Scottish Country Dance Society. During the 400th centenary celebrations of the English Church in the Hague she was presented to HRH Princess Margaret after her dancers had performed "Princess Margaret's Strathspey".

In spite of being very ill and in pain for the last two years of her life she continued her activities courageously and she will be sadly missed. Our sympathy goes to her sister, Ivy, and to her friend Jane.

Annual General Meeting

1st November, 1986

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 1st November, 1986, in the Dundee College of Education, Gardyne Road, West Ferry, Dundee.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), the Duke of Atholl (Hon. Vice-President), Dr A. MacFadyen (Chairman), Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman), and an attendance of 418, of whom 174 were delegates.

In the Chair: The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss Florence Adams, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt.-Col. Colin Mitchell, Mrs I. Cramb, Miss A. O. Cumming, Mr D. Campbell, Mr J. B. Dickson, Mrs E. D. Gilroy, Mr A. Greenyer, Mr D. Haynes, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr W. J. Ireland, Miss K. Lawlor, Miss B. Peel, Mrs W. van Taanom, Mr H. van Zon, Mrs P. Sinclair, Mr I. G. R. Zobel.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking members for their message of loyal greetings and sending her best wishes for the success of the Annual General Meeting.

He said that the year now drawing to a close had been a special year for this Society celebrating as we did the birth of Dr Jean Milligan 100 years ago. As the year had progressed, all of us had been reminded of the way our lives had been enriched by the efforts of that lady; apart from the contribution which she had made to our national traditions and culture, everyone who had anything to do with the Society had widened their circle of friends and increased the richness of their own experience. While, of course, Dr Milligan and Mrs Stewart founded the Society with all hopes for the future, they could not have expected the Society to have expanded to the extent it had done.

The Chairman said that many present would have attended the Jean Milligan Centenary Weekend. He had certainly much enjoyed the Garden Party which he and his wife had attended and where they had met members of the Society from many parts of the world. The weather had been fine and they had found it altogether a very happy occasion. Moments like that showed us how much the Society's activities and sphere of influence had expanded. Since he had been President, every year had shown a record of expansion and a furtherance of the Society's aims throughout the world. A large attendance of members had come to the Annual General Meeting from home and overseas and the Ball and Dance were fully supported. Lord Mansfield said it must be a great joy to all those who worked very hard for the Society that its meetings and functions were so well attended and that there was such a continuing interest by the members.

In welcoming delegates and members to the meeting the Chairman said how pleased he was that the Duke of Atholl, one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents, was able to be present. He also gave a special welcome to the delegate who had come to represent Adelaide Branch for the first time. In conclusion, he said that he would be very proud to meet a little later on those members who were to receive the award of the Scroll for the services they had rendered to the Society.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 2nd November, 1985, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read. Mrs M. Linklater-Shirras (Inverness and District Branch) pointed out a minor printing error which was duly corrected. Mr J. Murphy (Carlisle and Border Branch) then moved that the Minutes be approved. His motion was seconded by Miss I. Paton (Ayr Branch) and carried unanimously.

Dr A. MacFadyen took the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Miss A. B. W. Mann (Dundee Branch), seconded by Mr W. A. Gray (South Wales Branch), moved 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

Mr A. Smart (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Miss J. Yeats (representing Ottawa Branch), proposed the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of the Duke of Atholl, Miss Florence Adams, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Glenconner, Lt.-Col. Colin C. Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was unanimously approved.

Mr J. McKercher (Manchester Branch), proposed that Mrs Mary C. Gudger be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. He said that Mrs Gudger had made a contribution and given service to the Society of an exceptional nature. She had formed, or helped to form, a number of Branches in the North of England and had travelled considerably to teach, guide and encourage. She had taught or examined hundreds of members over the years and it was with pride and great affection that Manchester Branch had put forward this motion. Miss J. Bradley (Southport Branch) seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1986-87

- CHAIRMAN: Dr A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The following were elected by ballot: Miss I. Bennett, Miss M. M. Brown, Mrs N. Dunn, Mr G. Lawson, Miss A. B. W. Mann, Miss Lesley C. Martin.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report for the year 1985-86, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks and in presenting it the Secretary said that the Society was past the stage when phenomenal increases each year could be expected. Our aim must now be for a small, but steady growth, and it was gratifying to know that had been achieved this year in membership, Branches and Affiliated Groups.

Miss Gibson briefly outlined the work achieved by the various Committees throughout the year (detailed in the Report) and reminded delegates that the "Open Forum" would be re-introduced at next year's Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously on a motion by Mr Robert Mackay (representing Detroit Branch), seconded by Mr G. Lawson (Glasgow Branch).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

A copy of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet had been in delegates' hands for some weeks. Before formally presenting the Accounts, Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) intimated to the meeting the death of Miss Dorothea M. Vaughan who had for 29 years been the Society's Treasurer before retiring in 1981 because of ill health. Appreciation of her services to the Society were recorded. He also intimated the retirement of the present Auditor, Miss Marjory Matheson, and as she was present he took the opportunity to thank her for all her past services and to wish her well for the future.

Mr Taylor said that the financial results for the year under review were very similar to last year and that the Society was on a steady course. Looking at the Revenue Account, interest on investments and deposits had contributed nearly £12,500 compared with under £11,000 last year. To some extent this depended on the level of interest rates so we could not depend on an equivalent increase next year.

Sales of accessories were now dealt with by a separate company, Strathspey Sales Ltd, to which the Society had made a loan of £12,000 to cover the need for stock and working capital. In return, the Society received 10% interest on the loan, and all profit was covenanted to the Society.

Rent receivable from the basement premises had ceased as the rooms were now required to house our stock of publications and accessories, valued at over £40,000. On the expenditure side it would be noted that new budget categories for Archives and Publicity had been introduced as they had to be recognised as part of the Society's activities. The Jean Milligan Centenary celebrations at Jordanhill were highly successful and we had balanced the books.

The Summer School account always showed a large figure in hand at the year end which was just prior to the start of the Summer School. After payment to the University of St. Andrews, administration and other related expenses, there was a very small surplus on the 1986 Summer School which was in keeping with our policy of keeping fees as low as practical.

The Jean Milligan Fund continued to grow and advantage was taken of a rise in the market to take a small gain on the fixed interest stock in Charibonds by investing the proceeds in Charifund, a Unit Trust investing in Equities. In this way we could maintain the purchasing power of our investment and although the yield is lower at first the experience of the last few years has been that it will certainly increase and exceed the income from fixed interest stock.

Mr Taylor advised members that the Porter Bequest would be omitted from the Society Balance Sheet next year as it forms no part of the Society finance. We simply administer the account. Under the terms of the late James Porter's will the accrued interest from the capital enabled a member of the Fredericton S.C.D. group or from the Maritime Provinces of Canada, to attend Summer School.

Turning to the Estimates for next year, Mr Taylor indicated that there was no reason to expect growth in income, and with the uncertainty over investment income the budget had been set on the cautious side. Expenditure on the other hand will not remain static. Travel and meetings were costing more and postal charges had just risen. However, in comparison with similar societies, our position was strong, though careful management would, as usual, be necessary.

He thanked the members of the Finance Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer for their commitment to ensuring that the Society's financial position remained healthy, and moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Seconding the motion, Mr Turnbull (Richmond (Yorks.) Branch) thanked Mr Taylor for all his work on behalf of the Society. The President, adding his congratulations to Mr Taylor and all concerned, said it was seldom that one saw such a satisfactory state of accounts by a body which did not receive anything from the public purse.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted with acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) proposed that Mrs Isobel Baillie be appointed as the Society's Auditor now that Miss Matheson had retired. Mrs Baillie was a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Accountants and had varied commercial experience, becoming Chief Financial Analyst for an investment company in Kuwait where she managed funds in excess of £200 million. She was now in public practice, engaged in auditing and preparation of accounts for a number of clients. She lived in Edinburgh and he believed she would do a creditable and thorough job for the Society.

Miss M. Duffield (West Lothian Branch) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr MacFadyen (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield (President) presented the Scrolls to the following members:

Mrs Jessie Bain (Banffshire Branch), Miss Winifred M. Carnie (Glasgow Branch), Mr George Mechan (Dundee Branch), Mr Bobby Watson (Aberdeen Branch), and Mrs Karin Willberg (Tamburin Stuttgart Group).

Dr MacFadyen said that Scrolls had already been presented this year to Miss Phyllis Gale (New Zealand Branch), Dr Robert Smith (Hamilton (Ontario) Branch) and Mr and Mrs Thomson (Mornington Peninsula Branch). Further arrangements would be made to present Scrolls to those who had been unable to attend the Annual General Meeting due to incapacity - Mrs I. Cramb (HQ Member), Miss A. O. Cumming (Aberdeen Branch) and Miss B. K. Lawlor (Belfast Branch).

Lord Mansfield then presented to Miss Mann (Chairman of Dundee Branch), a beautifully embroidered banner with the Dundee Coat of Arms and Branch details. This had been made and sent by Mrs Ethel McNaughton, a native of Dundee now in Detroit, and was intended to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Dundee Branch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1987

The Chairman confirmed that the date of the next Annual General Meeting would be on 31st October, 1987, in Edinburgh.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr John Macdonald (London Branch) said he had been tempted to couch this vote of thanks in computer terms, but having had trouble with his hardware he had given up the idea. In any case he wondered if the Secretary would have welcomed being described as our Central Processing Unit or the Honorary Archivist as the Keeper of the Floppy Disks.

It was little wonder that, with Miss Mann's leadership, the Dundee Branch had made such an excellent job of organising the weekend and he made special mention of Miss Bennett (Branch Treasurer), Mrs Cruickshanks and Mrs Joy Smith, though the whole Branch had gone out of their way to make everyone feel welcome. He thanked those who had been M.C.s at the dances, who had acted as stewards and tellers, and the ladies whose afternoon tea would shortly be enjoyed.

One of the delightful things about having a different venue each year was to witness the enthusiasm with which local government combined with the local branch, and he thanked Provost Mitchell and the Dundee Council for the reception given to the Executive Council before the Ball, and the Parks Department for the floral decorations. He considered that Dundee Branch was fortunate in having the College of Education as the venue and thanked the Principal and his staff who had been particularly helpful.

On behalf of the meeting, Mr Macdonald thanked Lord Mansfield who, in the midst of a busy public and private life, had made time to be with us, and expressed the gratitude of the members for his competent chairmanship.

The Annual General Meeting is the culmination of another year in the life of the Society and he considered thanks should be given to those at the helm - Alastair MacFadyen (Chairman) and Alastair Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman) who made a great leadership team, and to the staff at Headquarters.

He made a plea to delegates to make a special effort to encourage more young people into Scottish Country Dancing and to set up more classes for children in and out of school, throughout the youth movement and in Universities and Colleges. These were our future members from whom our virile Society will draw strength and grow.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: GLASGOW 4th-5th November 1988

Members wishing to have details of the 1988 Annual General Meeting Weekend should send to the Secretary, RSCDS, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF, a stamped addressed envelope marked "AGM Weekend Details" - a letter is unnecessary.



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DAY, WEEKEND AND OTHER SCHOOLS - (Nov. 1987-Oct. 1988)

(Full details obtainable from organising Branches)

1987			
Seattle	November	San Gabriel Valley	18-20 March
Montreal	November	Norwich	19 March
Phoenix	6-8 November	Royal Tunbridge Wells	19 March
Kingston (Ontario)	6-8 November	Mid-Somerset	19 March
Exeter	7 November	Florida North	25-26 March
Forfar	7 November	West Lothian	26 March
Bristol	7 November	East Lothian	April
South East Queensland	7 November	Dallas Caledonia	April
Victoria	7-8 November	Country Dancers	
Florida North	13-14 November	Delft	1-4 April
Carlisle & Border	20-22 November	Edinburgh	15-17 April
Doncaster & District	21 November	Leeds	15-17 April
Berks/Hants/Surrey	21 November	Dunbartonshire West	15-17 April
Border		Isle of Islay	29-30 April
Paris	29 November	South East Queensland	30 April-2 May
Croydon	4-6 December	Johannesburg	May
Hamilton (Ontario)	5 December	Berks/Hants/Surrey	6-8 May
New Zealand	27 December 1987-	Border	
(Summer School)	7 January 1988	St. Andrews	14 May
		Doncaster & District	14 May
1988		Duns & District	20-21 May
Paris	16-17 January	New York	20-22 May
Oxfordshire	February	Winnipeg	20-23 May
Carlisle & Border	6 February	Peterborough & District	21 May
Southport	13 February	Stirlingshire	28 May
Ottawa	13 February	Montreal	Early June
Cheltenham	13-14 February	Chicago	3-5 June
Hawaii	13-14 February	Boston	4-16 July
London	19-21 February	Sydney (Winter School)	9-16 July
San Diego	19-21 February	South East Queensland	August
Ayrshire (North West)	26-28 February	Glasgow	September
London (Ontario)	27 February	Seattle	September
Tokyo	February or March	Johannesburg	September
Bath (including School	March	Buffalo	September
for Musicians)		Cincinnati	10-11 September
Seattle	March	Ottawa	16-18 September
Sacramento	March	Leeds	17 September
Kingston (Ontario)	March	South Wales	24 September
Birmingham	5 March	Ayr	26 September
Lorn (Argyll)	11-12 March	York & North	October
Leicestershire	12 March	Humberside	
Berks/Hants/Surrey	12 March	Dumfries	October
Border		Western Australia	October
Richmond	12 March	Renfrewshire	1 October
Chester St. Andrew	12 March	Herefordshire	8 October
Society		Northern Virginia	21-22 October
Hunter Valley	18-20 March	Regina	23-25 October
		Hamilton & Clydesdale	19 November

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3 - 5½ £15.50, 6 - 12 £18.50

Strathspey

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