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*Mr Alastair S. Aitkenhead, Elected Chairman of the Royal Scottish Dance Society, November 1988*

## Annual Report

Once again it is time to prepare the Annual Report and Bulletin for a year which has seen much activity within the Committees.

### Membership

We depend on Branches for accurate membership numbers and in the majority of cases we get them; however, because there are still too many inaccurate returns we cannot feel confident that our figures are correct.

From the numbers given in the Branch reports the total membership at 30 June stood at 29,879 (last year 27,680), composed of 21,653 Annual (last year 19,395), Long Term 4,699 (last year 4,319), and Life 3,527 (last year 3,996).

### Branches

Anniversary greetings this year went to Banff Branch who celebrated its Diamond Jubilee and to Bramhall, Mornington Peninsula and Vancouver Branches on the occasion of their Silver Jubilees.

The number of Branches stands at 155.

### Affiliated Groups

During the year seven groups dropped out but despite this, the total number of groups is 549, an increase of 21 over last year's total.

### General Purposes Committee

The General Purposes Committee, under its Convener, Mr. A. Aitkenhead, Chairman of the Society, met for meetings in October, January, April and June, the latter being an additional meeting to complete unfinished business. As the Society continues to expand there is more and more work to be done by the Committees and this is reflected in the need for extra meetings.

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the Society's Constitution met on four occasions, in September, November, January and February. The recommendations on the Constitution will be discussed at the Executive Council Meeting in November this year.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Council that from ten nominations received, eight should be awarded the Society's Scroll. The presentations will be made at the AGM this year.

Consideration of Branch Constitutions, applications for affiliation and for Branch formation and also constitution amendments all continue to be an important part of the routine work of this Committee.

Under the Convenership of Mr Aitkenhead, a small steering committee organised the very successful Reel Aid. An account of this event may be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

When new publicity leaflets for the Society were first discussed by the Committee some 18 months ago it was not anticipated that they would take so long to produce. However, a three-fold, six page leaflet advertising the Society became available in the spring of this year.

### Finance Committee

Under the Convener, Mr James Taylor, the Committee met quarterly. The report of the work of the Finance Committee will, by custom, be made by the Convener when presenting the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet to the Annual General Meeting.

### Publications and Research Committee

The Publications Committee, under the Convenership of Mr Bill Clement, met ten times throughout the year. On two occasions the meetings were, of necessity, two-day meetings. Because of the immense volume of work undertaken by this Committee it had to hold an additional meeting on 30 June so that the agenda on hand could be completed. The Committee was enlarged by the co-option of Ms Muriel Johnstone and Miss Kitty McLauchlan who, with Robert Mackay as Convener, comprised the Music Sub-Committee.

The working party appointed to write the new Manual of Scottish Country Dancing met six times. It is the intention of this Sub-Committee to have the work completed by the end of this year and that the Manual should be ready for 1990.

Three records were produced for Books 11, 12 and 13. Keeping in mind the pressure from the Executive Council to record all dances full length, it was agreed to make the first move towards this with the recording of Book 13. This record has eight dances, full length, from Book 13; the remaining four dances will be on a later recording together with four dances from Book 14.

The decision in January 1988 to invite Branches to submit a new dance for consideration for the 1990 subscription copy proved an outstanding success. Altogether 103 dances were received at Headquarters. The standard of these was so high that the Committee decided that Frae A' the Airs should not be limited to one book but would, instead, be published in two volumes over two consecutive years. Sixteen dances have therefore been selected.

Another undertaking to be completed during the summer was the recording of the "Listening Tape". This, under its title *Songs and Music of Scotland*, was launched at Summer School. The cassette is not intended for dancing but for listening pleasure.

The Committee is currently planning a cassette of piano music for Step Dances. Ms Johnstone has been invited to play for this recording.

During the year the Committee discussed at length the whole policy regarding the publication of the subscription copy and it was quite unanimous in recommending that books of newly devised and traditional dances should continue to be published.

### Summer School

The Summer School Committee met in September 1988 and in January 1989 under the Convenership of Mrs Anna Holden. Although no new subscription copy was being published this year it was agreed that the priority for acceptance to Summer School would continue as in previous years, with special consideration being given to examination candidates and Branch teachers. It was also agreed that the maximum number of students in the Examination classes should be 18.

Normally, any names on the waiting list have been accepted by the time Summer School commences. However, this year there were insufficient cancellations and regretfully it was not possible to offer residential places to all who had applied.

One innovation this year was the decision to give Elementary and Intermediate dancers an opportunity to walk through the social dance programmes in the afternoons in preparation for the dancing in the evening.

There was no doubt that the excursions last year had been popular and it was decided, in response to requests, to have a visit on each Sunday throughout the course. The venues this time were Glamis Castle and Captain Scott's Antarctic exploration ship RRS Discovery, Dundee - each being visited on alternate Sundays.

One of the highlights of this Summer School was the dance for Reel Aid on 5 August held in the Union Debating Hall. It was arranged to coincide with the radio broadcast which had been recorded some days earlier.

Five applicants were awarded scholarships to attend Summer School this year and, in addition, two special scholarships were awarded to U.K. Branches where teachers were urgently required.

The staff consisted of 17 teachers and 12 pianists each week, three administrative staff for the first week and two for each of the other three weeks and with Miss A. W. Miller, Depute Director for Course 1 and Miss L. Martin, Depute Director for Course 2. Again we were delighted that Mrs Sheena MacLeod had agreed to continue to look after the tea arrangements.

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

Australia	13	Karachi	1
Austria	2	Luxembourg	2
Belgium	4	Netherlands	14
B.F.P.O.	3	New Zealand	5

Canada	34	Norway	3
Denmark	9	Nigeria	2
Eire	13	Portugal	4
France	18	Singapore	2
Germany	37	South Africa	4
Hong Kong	6	Sweden	3
Italy	1	Switzerland	21
Japan	3	U.K.	616
Kenya	4	U.S.A.	61

Total 885

Of these, 630 were resident and 255 non-resident.

Again thanks go to Miss Lorna Walker (Warden) and Miss Anna Ross (Domestic Bursar) who do so much to make everyone's stay comfortable and enjoyable.

#### Examinations Committee

The Examinations Committee met three times during the year, once under the Convenership of Mr A. Aitkenhead and twice under the Convenership of Miss L. Martin.

Examinations carried out during the year were at the Society's Summer School, TAC Summer School, Adelaide, New Zealand, Ayr, Glasgow, Kingston, Hamilton, Toronto, Winnipeg, San Francisco, San Gabriel, Los Angeles, Florida North and South, Central Kentucky, Northern Virginia, Fredericton, Nova Scotia, Doncaster and District, South Argyll, Leicester, Sydney, South-East Queensland, Lochaber. In the Primary Test 115 passed and 32 failed. In the Teachers Certificate Examinations 89 passed and 21 failed.

This year's examination tour in North America was undertaken by Miss L. Martin and Mrs N. Dunn. The Society's thanks go to the TAC and to Mr Bob Reid for their help in organising this tour.

The revision of the Examinations Syllabus should be completed in time for the Examiners Seminar due to be held in September and at which, matters relating to examinations generally will be discussed. Alterations to the Syllabus which will be effective from 1st September may be found on page 109 of this Bulletin.

In February a very successful Music Course was held for violinists and accordionists with Ms Muriel Johnstone as Director. An account of the Course may be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

At the time of writing, Dr MacFadyen is preparing for a five-week teaching and examining tour to New Zealand and Japan. Miss Jean Sim, pianist, has been invited to accompany him.

#### Headquarters

Staff currently employed are:

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We have had several changes of staff this year. Miss Gibson retired and two junior members left to take up positions elsewhere with better prospects. Because of the increasing volume of work it has been necessary to appoint an additional full-time Assistant Secretary.

All members are asked to note that during the period of Summer School when Headquarters is normally closed, it is now planned that the offices should remain open. We very much hope that by doing this, visitors from overseas who may be in Edinburgh during that time will be able to call in at 12 Coates Crescent where members of the staff will be very pleased to greet them.

Headquarters will be closed as usual between Christmas and New Year, on St. Andrew's Day and Edinburgh public holidays.

We should like to thank Secretaries and Treasurers of all Branches and Affiliated Groups for their helpful co-operation throughout the year and especially for sending in their Branch details so promptly. This information is required for the Bulletin and although it seems, in May, to be a long time until it is published, we have to get the contents to the printer by the end of June. It was disappointing therefore that four overseas Branches had not sent in their Branch details when this report was being prepared.

## The Jean Milligan Scholarships 1990

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

Applications for 1990 Scholarships must be received at Headquarters not later than 31 December 1989, and should be submitted through Branch Secretaries. No Branch may submit more than one recommendation.

Information required is as follows:

- (a) Name ..... Date of Birth .....
- Address .....
- .....
- .....
- Date of joining Society ..... Branch .....
- (b) Report from Class Teacher.
- (c) Recommendation from Branch (to be signed by both Chairman and Secretary) with reasons for nomination.

Note: One application form has been sent to every branch in July this year.

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**Aberdeen.** *Membership:* 171 Annual, 35 Long Term, 98 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Day School was held on Saturday, 9 April, with teachers Mr Bill Little, Mrs Lily Keith and Miss Wendy West, accompanists Miss Downie, Miss Kinghorn, Mrs Murray and Mrs Reid. The Drummond Cook Band played for the evening dance. Summer Classes were held from April to June, and again in September with Summer Socials during July and August.

Five regular evening classes and one afternoon class re-started in September, with a monthly technique class from October, catering for a wide range of interest and skills.

Some 180 dancers attended our Christmas Dance, and danced to music by the Maple Leaf Band, and the Annual Dinner Dance was held on 16 February, at which the Alastair Hunter Trio provided the music.

Children's classes and a class for older pupils were again held in various schools, and were well attended as usual. Their Christmas Party was held on 10 December and the youngsters enjoyed their afternoon of dancing to the music of Ken Young and Ivy Mowatt.

Twenty-one junior and four adult teams took part in the Scottish Country Dance Festival in March, and between them gained several trophies.

Our demonstration team danced at the Glasgow Garden Festival, on board the *Argonaut* in Aberdeen Harbour, on BBC "Take the Floor", in HM Theatre as part of Radio Scotland's 10th anniversary celebrations, and at a Tryst concert in the Arts Centre.

A very successful dance was organised by the Society on behalf of the Christian Community Chapel Appeal in February, and over £200 was raised.

A team from Airyhall School tied with Craigie Church Junior Team, for the David Finlay Memorial Rose Bowl danced for in Dundee; they also danced in a non-competitive festival there.

During the year we recorded with sadness the death of Miss C. Baxter and Miss H. S. Lindsay.

**Annan.** *Membership:* 41 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

In October our Branch celebrated its 40th anniversary by inviting past members to join us in an evening's dancing. Some forty current and ex-members joined by two retired teachers and Sheila Nicoll and our current teacher, spent a very enjoyable evening. Our cake was cut by Mrs Hyslop, a founder member, who also made and decorated the delicious cake with the society emblem. A display of photos brought along by past members were enthusiastically viewed and it was obvious by the noise that many old friendships were being renewed.

Our social dances are always very popular and dancing, for the two held this year, was to Callum Wilson and the Elmbank bands and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In March our most senior member, Christine MacDonald, celebrated her 80th birthday. Christine is still tripping the light fantastic and is held in great affection by us all. To mark the occasion we presented her with a society brooch.

Due to venue problems our class ended rather abruptly at Easter, but despite this we have all enjoyed our dancing with Sheila, our teacher, "doing us proud" once again.

**Ayr.** *Membership:* 104 Annual, 45 Long Term, 63 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 6 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch's regular events continued successfully throughout the session and included Summer Dances every Monday evening from the beginning of May till the end of August, a Day School in Craigie College in September, a Ball in December, a Children's Dance also in December, two informal Dances and two Charity Dances which raised a total of £425 for local charities. The Branch combined with Kilmarnock and District and North-West Ayrshire Branches to organise a Ceilidh which raised £1,003 for the Lockerbie Disaster Appeal Fund. Kenny Thomson and his Band gave their services free, local shopkeepers gave donations in kind for the raffle and the appeal for food was overwhelming. Altogether a memorable and enjoyable evening albeit in aid of a tragic event.



Left to right: E. Carlyle (Ayr), O. Cameron (Kilmarnock & District), E. Fulton (N.W. Ayrshire), Kenny Thomson (Cumnock), and Clare Galloway (Highland dancer).

Four adult classes were well attended as were our children's classes which is very encouraging.

Demonstration teams from our technique class and children's classes were active at local events and our adult teams gave four performances at the Glasgow Garden Festival. A very successful teacher training class resulted in five candidates gaining preliminary certificate and one full certificate.

A warm welcome awaits any dancer who may be in our area.

**Banffshire.** Membership: 88 Annual, 16 Long Term, 16 Life. Classes per week: 8 Adult, 5 Children's.

Our membership has stayed the same. In October 1988 we had a very successful Afternoon School, the teacher was Mrs M. Duffield from West Lothian, and it was well attended and enjoyed by all present. The dance at night was also enjoyed by all, the music was provided by Jack Stalker and his Band.

Our classes at our Branch have all been well attended. At the Aberdeen Festival in March 1988 we entered one adult team and four children's teams, two of the children's teams won trophies, one from Macduff the other from Portesser School.

This year being our Diamond Jubilee year, we are having a dance on Friday, 10 November 1989, in the Fisherman's Hall, Buckie (where our Branch was formed). The music will be provided by Jim MacLeod and his Band.

The summer monthly socials held at Dufftown were well attended.

**Bath.** Membership: 101 Annual, 9 Life. Classes per week: 4 Senior, 3 Junior. Demonstration Team available.

Our established intermediate and junior classes were well supported and our demonstration team, the Bath Scottish Dancers, was as much in demand as ever. The beginners' class, unhappily, had a lean year having been particularly successful the previous year, maybe success comes in cycles and next year will bring a host of keen beginners into the fold! The afternoon class which we ran as an experiment in the autumn term proved very popular so it was continued throughout the season.

As there seems to be a reasonable demand for a daytime class we intend to run it again in the coming season. Overall, despite the smaller beginners' class, it was a year of modest expansion with an 18 per cent increase in annual membership and more dancers active in classes than last year.

The three dances of our usual social programme with music provided by Peter Russell, the Border Players and McBain's Band respectively, were all well supported and the Day School held in March was also well attended. Tuition by Colin Robertson and our own teachers Erica Archer and Andrew Paterson seems to have been much appreciated. Certainly the Day School evening dance with music by the Craigellachie Band, which has strong links with this Branch, was much enjoyed by the "full house" of 120 dancers. Next year, as is our practice in alternate years, the School will include classes for both musicians and dancers.

**Bedfordshire.** Membership: 24 Annual, 12 Long Term, 6 Life. Demonstration Team available.

1988-89 saw a very slight increase in membership. The Branch continues to hold its Annual Ball in June, which has been well supported by members of the Branch and members of surrounding Groups. The St Andrew's Band again provided the music.

As well as the bi-monthly dances held at Oakley Village Hall, we held two further Saturday record dances which were most enjoyable.

The demonstration class meets every month and a number of demonstrations were undertaken throughout the year.

**Belfast.** Membership: 251 Annual, 61 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 7 weekly, 3 fortnightly. Demonstration Team available.

Belfast Branch was as busy as ever this year, despite a very slight drop in membership numbers. In October we welcomed Bill Zobel and Margaret Church whose enthusiastic teaching at our Weekend School got the dancing season off to an energetic start. November brought our annual St Andrew's Dance and a pleasant evening of dancing to the music of Alastair Wood and his Band making their first (and we hope not their last) visit to Northern Ireland. The Dance was made particularly memorable by a presentation to Miss Freda Galway who had retired after representing the Branch on the Executive Council for fifteen years.

The ten classes and the various informal social events organised by classes continued to be well attended throughout the year. April brought the active dancing season to an end with a well-attended children's dance and our annual "End of Season Ball" where more than 220 people danced, again to the music of George Fleming's Band. The 1988-89 annual report of the Belfast Branch would not be complete without a tribute to George Fleming himself, who died in June 1988. Northern Ireland has no Scottish country dance bands and had it not been for George accepting our first invitation in the 1970s to venture across the Irish Sea, and then not only doing us the honour of returning annually but also encouraging other bands from Scotland to give us a try, we might yet be dancing only to taped music.

**Berks/Hants/Surrey Border.** Membership: 120 Annual, 57 Long Term, 8 Life. Classes: 1 per fortnight.

This year membership has continued to increase, attendance was up at the Day School, the Summer Dance and the Ball in May, all very successful functions.

The most exciting venture during the season was the introduction of the fortnightly Branch class. Several teachers from the Branch taught, each for two successive classes. The variety has proved very popular.

The Branch now has sweatshirts and T-shirts in various colours, printed with the Branch logo. These have sold very well and will be good publicity at Summer School.

From the upward trend in attendance and the successful innovations, the outlook is good for the Branch and its many active clubs and classes in the area.

**Berwick-upon-Tweed.** *Membership:* 39 Annual, 3 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Again we are happy to report a successful year. Our classes were well attended and much enjoyed by members. Our Annual Ball was also well supported by dancers from neighbouring classes, as was our special dance run in aid of RNLI funds at Christmas.

We are always very glad to join in other dances in the district.

We look forward now to participating in the World Wide Reel Aid effort in August, with a dance in Lady Waterford Hall at Ford, with proceeds going to "Riding for the Disabled".

**Birmingham.** *Membership:* 130 Annual, 79 Long Term, 66 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 Adult, 2 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Birmingham Branch continues with its busy activities. The Summer Social was again held at Shugborough when we had a large attendance. The Autumn Ball and the Spring Dance were most enjoyable. The Annual Day School was held in March and again was most successful. A group of dancers visited Belgium for a Festival.

The Young People's sub-committee has worked hard in organising YP events. The Half-Day School was greatly appreciated by the children. Thought is going into revitalising the youngsters' interest and contact has been made with local schools and uniformed organisations.

The demonstration teams have been very busy and have enjoyed many engagements. There is a "Tattoo" planned for October as part of the Birmingham Centenary Celebrations and the Branch will be demonstrating *en masse*. We also hope to join in at Shugborough for "Reel Aid" on 5 August.

Classes are held regularly for all standards of dancers, the teachers all being holders of the Society's certificate.

Birmingham will see a change of Secretary and I wish my successor great joy in the three years ahead.

We wish Mrs Joan Moore all the best in her new position.

**Bournemouth.** *Membership:* 60 Annual, 10 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 (Thursday and Friday). *Demonstration Team available.*

Our annual day school and five dances have been a success and especially enjoyed by the many visitors, although generally the numbers were down on the previous year. The proceeds of the Christmas Dance raffle were donated to the Armenian Disaster Fund.

Friday Club Night continues to be well supported by loyal club members. Thursday night had a very uphill start but since Christmas has established itself as a small, happy and enthusiastic beginners group.

There were two other interesting events during the year: the Branch Secretary was married in August and the all-day wedding celebrations, including a Scottish dance, was attended by many members of the Bournemouth Branch; and two of our staunch members celebrated their 80th birthdays, Gladys Kendall and Laurie Rapoport, and both continue to dance with enthusiasm.

**Bramhall.** *Membership:* 24 Annual, 12 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our adult classes have had varying numbers this year which has meant our teachers have put in a great deal of enthusiasm to keep the continuity going. Both classes have been happy and many compliments have been passed as to our friendly atmosphere. Our dancing has been relaxed and we have enjoyed the season.

Our social events have included a Charity Dance, an introduction to Scottish Dancing, our 25th Anniversary Party, and the Annual Assembly. All these were well attended and enjoyed by all.

A children's class was started this year and although the numbers were not high, it has generated a great deal of interest.

The content of the classes has been varied and interesting and as usual, provided us with a great deal of fun.

We look forward to next year with anticipation.

**Bristol.** *Membership:* 46 Annual, 2 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Bristol Branch is very pleased to report a good increase in the number of members this year. Class attendance has also much improved.

Our Christmas Social (a new venture) with Ian Muir and the Craigellachie Band, was a great success. The "Welcome to Newcomers" Dance, with a walk-through before each dance was so popular it was over-subscribed. Peter and Edna Russell's music was much appreciated at several of our socials.

All round a very good year!

**Cambridge & District.** *Membership:* 21 Annual, 20 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

It has been a busy year – the demonstration team, complete with singer and musicians, now receive more invitations than they can accept. The open-air summer dance (to records) at Angelesey Abbey, which we repeated two years after its inauguration for Miss Milligan's Centenary, again proved popular with visitors. At the Annual Dance in October we featured the string sound of The Cambridge Fiddlers, which was very well received. Also biennial is the Day School for dancers and musicians, which now has a national constituency. This year's, the third, was the largest yet with Alastair MacFadyen as principal dancing teacher and Ron Gonnella coaching the musicians. As we go to press another round of certificate examination classes is getting under way under the guidance of Susan Nedderman.

**Carlisle & Border.** *Membership:* 60 Annual, 8 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Active membership has been maintained and this year weekly classes continued into the summer season.

The main events of our year have been the Weekend School in November which drew a capacity crowd of dancers from many parts of the country and the practised skills of Alastair MacFadyen and Nancy Dickson created a happy learning atmosphere in class and George Stirrat's Band was given a great reception at the Saturday evening dance; for our pre-Christmas dance our friends in the Lyne Valley Band gave a great lift to the start of the festive season; in February a large number of dancers came to our Day School and gave warm thanks to Anna Holden and Nancy Dickson for very enjoyable and instructive classes, and Bobby Crowe's Band provided the music for a good evening's dancing; our Highland Ball in April, to music by Rob Gordon's Band, was voted "a super night" by all who came.

These activities have been possible only with the support of dancers outside the Branch whose encouragement we have appreciated. Thanks to you all, and "Haste Ye Back" to our functions next year.

**Carnoustie.** *Membership:* 38 Annual, 10 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Monday evening classes have been well attended. Live music has added to the enjoyment on several occasions. The Annual Dance will be held in the Beach Hall, Carnoustie, on Friday, 20 October 1989, with the Maple Leaf Band supplying the music.

**Castle Douglas & District.** *Membership:* 34 Annual, 4 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

We are happy to report an enjoyable season once again at Castle Douglas under the expert guidance of Mr W. Little. Fortunately, with the mild winter, members had no difficulty in attending classes.

We have again had a very varied programme of music provided by our pianists, Miss J. Maillie, Mrs J. O'Connor and Mrs D. Prentice.

Members of the Doncaster Branch were most welcome visitors to our class on 3 November.

Guests from many Branches helped make our Annual Dance in November a success, with music provided by Kenny Thomson and the splendid buffet supplied by Branch members.

Attendance at our Junior Link classes has been very good, with Mrs M. Burney's patient tuition and pianist, Mr W. Little. Our season ended in March with a social and buffet provided once again by the Misses McTurk.

**Cheltenham.** *Membership:* 104 Annual, 18 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 (plus Beginners' Class at beginning of term). *Demonstration Team available.*

In the Branch's 30th anniversary year we welcomed new members of all levels of experience, and membership rose by sixteen. Our dancing season has been extended at both ends, with informal extra classes to meet popular demand. All the main events were successful: the anniversary was celebrated at the Christmas Dance with a birthday cake and a glass of wine. The four-day Christmas Dancing Holiday continues to flourish and the Pump Room Ball with Frank Reid's Band was a particularly good occasion. At the Weekend School the "Twa Jims" - Jim Rae the teacher and Jim Arthur the pianist produced a fine new dance of that name and a new tune for it to mark their conjunction.

**Cheshire.** *Membership:* 18 Annual, 16 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had a good season. Three of our members joined a group touring in Czechoslovakia and danced at the Domazlice Festival. There are now members of the RSCDS behind the curtain! Arrangements are going ahead for the "Reel Aid" Dance with four affiliated groups joining in. We hope it will be very successful.

**Clackmannanshire.** *Membership:* 105 Annual, 19 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 4.

Clackmannanshire Branch have enjoyed another very busy and successful year. Our Branch team of dancers performed on several occasions at last year's Glasgow Garden Festival, these were happy "holiday type" outings, it was a pleasure to have been involved in such an event. Our Annual Dance was last year changed to a different date, this was obviously the correct decision made as ticket sales escalated - very gratifying.

Our Summer Dance season commences in June, these weekly events seem to go from strength to strength, we are continually amazed at the distance our dancing friends travel to be with us. Last summer we had nearly 1,400 dancers attend - overall - dancing to a variety of superb bands, obviously well chosen dance programmes, excellent company, our regular venue first class. With such a combination how could these evenings not be successful?

We produce in advance a complete booklet of programmes covering the whole season and for this coming 5th year, by April we had sold out.

We seem to be generating quite a bit of new interest in our Branch through organising various events, dances, outings, keeping our members informed of forthcoming events.

**Croydon & District.** *Membership:* 100 Annual, 33 Long Term, 23 Life. *Classes per week:* Adults (6 Weekly and 1 Fortnightly), Children's (Weekly). *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had a most successful year, increasing our annual membership to 100 and four new long-term members. Classes, four dances and our Annual Ball have all been well attended. Unfortunately, our summer event in the grounds of Penschurst Place was rained off, but forty dancers who turned up spent a happy afternoon dancing in the village hall. We are hoping for sunshine on 2 July this year, when again we hope to dance in the lovely grounds of Penschurst Place.

Our Weekend School at Dunford House, Midhurst, under the tuition of Andrew Gillies, was again fully subscribed. In January, forty dancers took part in a sponsored "dance in" in aid of the *Blue Peter* Kampuchea appeal, completing the fifteen dances in two hours, followed by a jacket potato supper - the event raised £725.

April saw eighty-three of us travelling by coach to Melrose in Scotland for a five-day holiday. Each evening we danced and were delighted to welcome visitors from Edinburgh and Hawick - defying a snowstorm to join us. We are looking forward to next year's holiday - where to, that is the question!

We were delighted that Andrew Gillies was awarded a Scroll at the Society AGM for his contribution to Scottish Country Dancing, not only in our area but world wide.

**Doncaster & District.** *Membership:* 39 Annual, 41 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a very successful year, our weekly class is well supported and our overall membership has increased.

A full programme of social dances was held and several demonstrations given. The Day School, with Ian Hall teaching, was a huge success, as was our Annual Ball where Bobby Crowe provided the music.

Once again a Teacher's Certificate class was held, and in the capable hands of Mrs Stacey, seven students passed the Preliminary and three the full Teacher's Certificate.

During the summer break a team of our dancers will be visiting Canada and Hawaii.

Next year we celebrate our 10th anniversary as a Branch, one highlight will be our Annual Ball on 21 April but for other events, see next year's report!

**Dumfries.** *Membership:* 82 Annual, 3 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 2 Junior Link. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year saw adult classes still maintaining a steady membership and the summer class has been very well attended. The Junior Link, maintaining a steady level also.

Again both adult and Junior Link demonstrating teams have been kept on their toes. All the teams turned out at Drumlanrig Castle at the end of April to demonstrate in aid of Dr Barnardo's Homes; unfortunately the event was marred by the miserably wet weather and the teams danced under very difficult conditions.

Of the social events during the year the Summer Dance, the Christmas Dance and the Highland Ball were the most successful and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Day School was once again another successful venture with expert tuition from Mr George Lawson and the delightful playing from Mrs More. The classes ended with a very enjoyable social evening.

The Junior Link teams entered the Dumfries Festival and much to the delight of the Branch the over-12s won the Strathallan Trophy.

**Dunbartonshire West.** *Membership:* 132 Annual, 28 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 3+6 school classes. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has again had a very busy and successful year. All the classes and dances were well attended and we continue to provide teachers for six local schools and these classes are proving very popular. Our Weekend School drew visitors from a wide area. Our teachers this year were Jim Rae from Lockerbie who took the adult classes and Nan Lawson from Paisley who taught the children. Our Annual Charity Dance held this year on behalf of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis was a very happy occasion which raised £1,079.25 for ME. Demonstrations were given by both adult and children's teams at the Glasgow Garden Festival during the summer months. Again during the summer, members of the Branch demonstrated in local hotels for visitors from south of the Border. We hosted a dance for the Trinity FP Scottish Country Dance Club last May and paid a return visit to Edinburgh in March. Branch members took part in a BBC recording for a "Take the Floor" programme from Helensburgh in July as part of the Dumbarton District Festival Week. After attending classes in Glasgow during the winter, one of our members attained his Teacher's Certificate and two others their Preliminary Certificates.

**Dundee.** *Membership:* 94 Annual, 27 Long Term, 90 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year the Branch has run three classes - one children's class and two adult classes - all with satisfactory attendance levels.

For the second year running, twelve teams entered for the David Finlay Rose Bowl competition. The joint winners being teams from Airy Hall, Aberdeen and RSCDS Perth Branch. Our 14th Non-Competitive Dance Festival attracted eleven adult teams and twenty children's teams. It was followed by a Social Dance which attracted a record 120 dancers. The guest teacher for our Day

School was Alec Gray, ably assisted at the piano by Alice Mann. It was followed by a Social Dance.

Once again the Branch decided to enter a team for Grampian TV's quiz series "Top Club" and, to our delight and surprise, found ourselves the eventual winners. This enabled us to donate £1,000 to our nominated charity, the Thistle Foundation for the Disabled.



This is not the only charity the Branch are supporting, for our contribution to "Reel Aid", the Branch is joining with Carnoustie, East Angus and Forfar Branches to host a dance in the Reid Hall, Forfar - the money raised to go to "Heartstart".

**Dunfermline.** Membership: 42 Annual, 11 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 1 General, 1 Children's.

This has been a happy and successful year with a good and well-attended general class which included some beginners who, prior to the class, had some special tuition. The children's class has re-started with a new and enthusiastic teacher.

At the Glasgow Garden Festival, two teams from Dunfermline participated in the demonstrations. The highlight of the year was our Diamond Jubilee Celebration held on 27 May 1989. At it we had a Day School taught by Mrs Anna Holden, accompanied by Quintin Marvis. The dinner was attended by many old friends, visitors from branches far and near, and the guests of honour included Mr Alastair Aitkenhead, Miss Wilma Miller, and Mrs Anna Holden. A presentation was made to Mrs Alice Cooper for services to the Branch extending over forty years. A dance followed, the music for which was provided by the Maple Leaf Band. The Dowager Countess of Elgin has been our Honorary President for sixty years - since 25 June 1929.



Cutting the cake at the Diamond Jubilee of Dunfermline Branch on 27 May 1989. Left to right: Mrs D. Scott, Mrs W. Logan, Mrs A. Couper, Mr Alastair Aitkenhead, Mrs Anna Holden and Miss Wilma Miller.

**Duns & District.** Membership: 100 Annual, 17 Long Term, 34 Life. Classes per week: 3 Adult. Demonstration Team available.

Our Branch has again had a successful year with three adult classes.

Social dancing is enjoyed throughout the year and many attend the dances that are held regularly in the district.

Due to the mild winter we had no cancellations. Our Residential Weekend in May was once again a tremendous success with three classes and two dances.

This year has seen the retiral of two of our teachers, Mrs Peggy Sponse and Mrs Margaret Patterson, also pianists Mrs Annie Swan and Mrs Jane Lough. We wish them all a long and happy retirement.

**East Angus.** Membership: 56 Annual, 2 Long Term, 9 Life. Classes per week: 3.

Despite the decrease in membership numbers the weekly classes have been enjoyed by enthusiastic dancers. Our Annual Dance was again held in the Montrose Town Hall on 28 October with Colin Dewar's Band. Miss McLauchlan had her usual stall of accessories.

This year our dance will be held on 12 October with the Maple Leaf Band.

**East Lothian.** Membership: 111 Annual, 32 Long Term, 10 Life. Classes per week: 1 Beginners' Class.

No Report received at the time of publication.

**East Stirlingshire.** Membership: 191 Annual, 31 Long Term, 22 Life. Classes per week: 7 Adult, 2 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

Classes have been well attended. In November we enjoyed the expertise in teaching of RSCDS Chairman Mr Alastair Aitkenhead. He delighted all with his choice of dances, Mrs Jenny Kirkwood supplied the music.



Falkirk College of Technology was the venue for our December Dance, this proved to be a happy, well-attended function with Jack Delaney's Band ensuring its success.

Burns Night was celebrated by a very successful dance. Happily it was held on 25 January in the College of Technology – the Bard would have been delighted with the singing of Branch member Alex Honeyman and expert dancing of John Wilkinson. The Lothian Band supplied the music.

As ever, the Falkirk Festival Ball held in March was a meeting place for friends old and new, "frae a' the airts". Again Jack Delaney's Band supplied the stirring music. We were honoured with the presence of "Man of the Festival", Mr James Middlemass.

The summer term class attracted large numbers in Laurieston School.

Teams entered for the Edinburgh Festival gained two trophies. The 7–10 year old girls won the Captain Bain Cup, while the teenagers gained the Youth Organisation Trophy.

We are looking forward to "Dancing Round the World" on 5 August. Clackmannan, Stirlingshire, and East Stirlingshire Branches are combining to hold an Open Air Dance in the grounds of Callendar House in Falkirk to the music of Jim Johnstone's Band.

**Edinburgh.** *Membership:* 490 Annual, 181 Long Term, 184 Life. *Classes per week:* 11 Adult, 4 Under 16. *Demonstration Team available.*

All classes were well attended making for a successful year. Informal dances, a family night dance, a beginners dance and the Branch Annual Ball were run during the year. A new teenage class was started which has proved worthwhile. The Junior Ball was held in the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, but regrettably the Children's Day School had to be cancelled owing to lack of numbers. Again our Weekend School in April was enjoyed by 130 residents coming from many parts of the country and some from even farther afield. The teachers were Lena Barclay and Graham Donald.

Our demonstration team have had a busy year with over forty demonstrations including the Glasgow Garden Festival, and at various venues throughout the city to entertain visiting conference delegates and local residents.

We were saddened during the year by the deaths of two of our long-serving members, Miss Agnes Loftus and Mr Wm. Brooks, a past Chairman of the Branch.

An Edinburgh Fancy was again staged at the George Square Theatre with a good number of people enjoying the show for the first time.

**Exeter.** *Membership:* 86 Annual, 34 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 3.

We started the year with three classes, and a considerable number of members regularly attending two classes, but half-way through the year the beginners were able to join the general class.

Next year we shall have a beginners class again for the new members. Our End-of-Season Dance in May 1988 and the Christmas Dance in St George's Hall were popular. The Annual Ball in April 1989 – with Frank Reid's Band in the Great Hall of the University – was most enjoyable and worked up to a terrific climax.

During the year we have appreciated the generous support of all our neighbouring SCD Groups and enjoyed attending their dances.

**Forfar.** *Membership:* 43 Annual, 15 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Summer socials were again held in June, July and August and although thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended, perhaps a few more dancers would care to join us.

The adult class on Tuesday evenings has been very well supported, also the Christmas and Closing Socials, but numbers were slightly down at the Annual Dance in November.

A group of our dancers entertained several local organisations during the winter months.

The Junior Class continues on Saturday mornings, numbers less than last year due to several older girls giving up dancing. The session closed with the Parents' Evening in May which is always very well attended by parents and friends.

"Reel Aid" Dance on 5 August in the Reid Hall, Forfar, was organised jointly with Carnoustie, Dundee and East Angus Branches – music by David Cunningham Junior.

Our Annual Dance will be on 9 November in the Reid Hall – music by Maple Leaf Band.

**Forres.** *Membership:* 53 Annual, 26 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 3 Junior. *Junior Demonstration Team available only.*

Membership has increased a little in the adult class and all functions have been well attended by dancers from the surrounding area.

A very successful Day School was held on 1 April under the able instruction of Mrs M. Power. All enjoyed her teaching. Junior membership remains high with good attendances at the three classes. They have given demonstrations on several occasions and took part in the Inverness and Aberdeen Festivals – their first time to attend Aberdeen and they came second in both classes entered, a tribute to Miss Ross. One of the girls completed her dancing requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Nairn numbers are small but the classes enjoyable. We hope to join the Inverness Branch in "Dance Around the World" as our Branches are too close to each other to have two successful dances.

**Gatehouse-of-Fleet.** *Membership:* 59 Annual, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1988–89 classes were very well attended and once again the membership has increased.

A Christmas Dance was very well supported by both our own members and those from neighbouring Branches. There was also a dance held during our local Gala Week which was well attended and was organised by the Gala Committee.

One class had to be cancelled due to gale force winds which prevented our teacher, Mr Little from attending, however this was compensated for by a night of social dancing at the end of the session.

Our demonstration team entertained at a St Andrew's Night Ceilidh in aid of church funds.

**Glasgow.** *Membership:* 346 Annual, 103 Long Term, 154 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a busy year, with all the classes maintaining a good attendance record, although membership showed a slight decrease. Congratulations are due to the successful candidates from our own Branch and surrounding Branches in the certificate examinations. Social events were very popular, and the Club at its monthly dances had an enjoyable season. The demonstration group was extremely busy with the Glasgow Garden Festival demonstrations giving Scottish Country Dancing good publicity. The Day School at Jordanhill College welcomed many visitors and members who enjoyed the teaching of Christian Catto, Margo Power and Jim Rae.

As host Branch for the AGM in November, welcome was extended to over 600 dancers to Jordanhill College.

The Youth Festival attracted sixty-five teams of young dancers. Margaret Fraser and George Lawson adjudicated the performances.

At the RSCDS AGM, the Society's Scroll was awarded posthumously to Mr Duncan McLeod.

**Hamilton & Clydesdale.** *Membership:* 128 Annual, 8 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

A good year – membership stayed up, and all our functions were well attended. We had a successful Day School last November with Mr G. Lawson, Glasgow, providing entertainment and encouragement, as well as education to the 101 attending two afternoon classes. A good dance in the evening to round off a good day. The Christmas Dance and the February Dance had the same band as the Day School – Jack Stalker. Our Annual Ball was held in Motherwell Civic Centre on Friday, 14 April, where 197 danced to the music of Jim Johnstone and his Band. The next event the Branch is looking forward to is running a Charity Dance on Tuesday, 3 October, at David Livingstone Centre. This is to raise funds for the Jubilee and dancing in a marquee will be to Jim Johnstone and his Band.

**Herefordshire.** *Membership:* 77 Annual, 5 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 5.

Membership up by three – we must try harder to encourage more members.

Usual social events have taken place most successfully. Various teams have taken part in local demonstrations but the highlight of the year is our Annual Ball held in May.

We hope to run a Preliminary Test Certificate class in the autumn.

**Inverness & District.** *Membership:* 56 Annual, 57 Long Term, 18 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 8 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Although classes have been smaller this year, attendance has been good.

Our demonstration team has had a busy year dancing at a variety of functions, including visits to Stuttgart in July and the Azores in August.

Our usual number of dances were held – Dinner Dance, Cheese & Wine Party, Children's Dance and our Annual Ball. In February we held a party to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the re-forming of the Inverness Branch.

**Isle of Islay.** *Membership:* 13 Annual, 10 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Another good year with an improvement in class attendances and a very successful week-end to finish with. The introduction of a Youth Association with classes at most primary schools and with classes taught by Ella Edgar resulted in an excellent Youth Festival of Scottish Country Dancing.

Scottish Country Dancers visiting our island are increasing each year, over fifty from the mainland swelled our numbers to almost full capacity for dancing on the Saturday night dance. Among our guests, and very welcome too, were Elam MacLachlan and her husband Duncan from Kingston, Ontario. On 27 May, Forrest and Helen MacDonald from Los Angeles visited us but unfortunately we did not have any dancing for them.

We hope to extend our Youth Festival in future years to encourage Scottish Country Dancing in the younger generation. We would welcome comments and suggestions on this – *please write to the Secretary.*

**Isle of Skye.** *Membership:* 26 Annual, 14 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2, plus 1 monthly. *Demonstration Team available.*



The Isle of Skye Branch has enjoyed a busy and successful first year. Our Weekend School in May, taught by Neil Grant with Ian Stirling at the piano, was a sell-out and seemed to be much appreciated by all attending. During the past winter a new class was started at the north end of the island and a series of monthly dances have been instituted and have proved very popular.

The highlight of our year was our Inaugural Ball which was held in Portree during October. We were delighted to welcome many old friends and particularly welcome were our guests of honour, Dr Alastair MacFadyen and Lt.-Col. Muriel Gibson. It proved to be a most enjoyable evening and we are grateful that so many people were prepared to travel long distances to help us celebrate our formation as a Branch.

**Kilmarnock & District.** *Membership:* 59 Annual, 3 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Although attendance at the weekly class was slightly down this year, the dancers showed great enthusiasm and Mrs Parker taught several new dances as well as the old favourites, accompanied by Mrs Barr at the piano. The two party nights and also the Spring Dance in the Grand Hall were successful events, the excellent music being provided by the George Fleming Band.

The newly formed children's class provided a challenge to the teacher, Mrs Sheila Cameron, and it is hoped to continue and improve next session.

Three members attended a certificate class organised by Ayr Branch, one gaining the Preliminary Certificate and another the Teacher's Certificate.

**Kirkcaldy.** *Membership:* 85 Annual, 5 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Children's, 1 Beginners, 1 General.

This year, we were pleased to welcome thirty-four new members, the increase being mainly in the adult beginners class. The children's class was re-started this year with a small but enthusiastic group.

In November, the St Andrew's Night Dance was attended by seventy-four members. During March, the Branch celebrated sixty years of dancing under the auspices of the RSCDS by mounting an exhibition showing country dancing activities since 1929. On 11 March, we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Fife Branch and we welcomed Dr Alastair MacFadyen (the Archivist), and Miss May Philp (a Past Chairman and Teacher of the Branch), to a Dinner Dance in the Crown Hotel, Thornton. The dance was well supported by members of other classes, including members from Dunfermline and St Andrew's, who along with Kirkcaldy, have their origins in the Fife Branch formed in Thornton in 1929. As always everyone enjoyed dancing to the live music of Bobby Crowe.

After Easter the beginners and general classes combined for four meetings in preparation for the "Dancing Around the World" event on 5 August.

A chair was donated to the Society in memory of Miss Nancy J. Arnott, our late Branch Teacher and Secretary for almost forty years. This chair, in the style of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, was designed and made by Mr T. R. L. Robertson, a Branch member and one of the country's foremost furniture designers.

**Kirkcudbright.** *Membership:* 55 Annual, 3 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Our Branch has enjoyed another successful season, with increased membership, under the guidance of its teacher, Mrs Jessie Hamilton. There were rarely less than five sets at the weekly class. It was a real pleasure last October to have a group from Doncaster dancing with our class.

Our two Branch socials were well attended and the Annual Dance in January, held in the Cochran Hall, attracted a record number of dancers. The Elmbank Band provided the music.

Members of our own and neighbouring Branches appreciated the summer dancing – now held in Kirkcudbright Town Hall. We are always delighted to welcome RSCDS members on holiday in Galloway. From among these enthusiasts, we were able to "field" mixed sets to dance in the Harbour Square during the town's Summer Festivities.

The boys and girls of the Junior Link continue to dance with great enthusiasm – and energy! – although numbers are slightly down this year.

**Lanark.** *Membership:* 40 Annual, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The Lanark Branch enjoyed another happy and successful year with eight new members joining the class, largely as a result of each member being asked to bring along a friend to the last two evening sessions last year. Another six new ladies came along this past March and consequently we hope they will also be joining our numbers when we recommence in September.

Jack Stalker's Band played for our St Andrew's Dance in November and George Stirrat's Band provided the music for our Annual Ball in March. These two dances were so well supported that we will require to move to a more spacious hall later this year to accommodate all those wishing to attend.

We are now looking forward to the "Reel Aid" Dance on 5 August and we hope to have some 200 dancers in the Carluke District Hall, where George Stirrat's Band will again provide the music. All proceeds will go to "Children in Need".

It is our intention to introduce a children's class in September and Mrs Mary Jamieson, a PE teacher who has taught Scottish Country Dancing in schools, has volunteered her services as a teacher.

**Leeds.** *Membership:* 141 Annual, 58 Long Term, 49 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Advanced, 1 Children's, 1 Beginners. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our dear President, Jean Little, died in office this year. Though one of the founding members of the Branch, she was still quite young and our heart goes out to her family. It has cast a shadow over a year of quiet success.

We have live music at all our monthly dances and the committee seems to think that bands, good already, are actually improving. We lost West Park, our venue from the beginning of the Branch, but the handsome hall at Beckett's Park has done quite well as a substitute. Did anywhere else but Leeds have trouble this year with floor-polishes that turned to powder when you danced on them?

The Branch advanced class, though still disappointingly small, is no longer declining. With live music and Avis Harrison a crack teacher, the low numbers are frankly puzzling. Avril Jones, our regular pianist for many years, has stepped down from weekly service. We should say here how she has "garr'd us lowp", as those who go to Summer School will know. Our regular Day School and Scarborough Weekend went well. You have to book well in advance to get in to Scarborough. We have been invited to take a team to Sweden in 1990.

**Leicester.** *Membership:* 94 Annual, 21 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year has seen our first venture overseas, firstly to an international folk festival in St Nicklas, Belgium, where we danced with representatives from Denmark, Germany, England and Spain. In September we visited Leicester's twin city of Krefeld, Germany, where we were entertained by, and danced with, a local folk dance group. Our performances were very well received and we were then invited on another twinning visit to Strasbourg. These visits were most enjoyable and we have benefited greatly from these experiences. We tried to be good ambassadors and are grateful to HQ for their support.

On the home front it has been another successful year with increased membership and attendances averaging over sixty at our weekly meetings. We enjoyed having Colin Dewar and his Band to play at our Annual Ball in November, which was well attended despite clashing with other events near by. The Hogmanay Family Party was a sell-out as usual.

We held our Day School at the University in March and we were most grateful to Mary Stoker for enthralling a very large, mixed ability class, together with her pianist Sandra Smith.

The demonstration class has met monthly throughout the year to practise for performances at various local functions and the Derby Festival - where we were proud to enter five teams - we wish other local groups could have done likewise.

A course leading to the full certificate exam was held during the winter for eight candidates from Leicester, Nottingham and Derby. We congratulate Margaret Crosbie, Heather McDermid and Mary Prior as the successful Leicester teachers.

On the horizon we have a joint dance with the local English folk dancers, entry in the Leeds Festival and participation in the "Dance Around the World" - not to mention St Andrews for the enthusiasts.

**Liverpool.** *Membership:* 47 Annual, 27 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Branch has once again had a successful year. The dances, both formal and informal, have been very enjoyable. At our Annual Dance in May we welcomed Rob Gordon and his Band who provided very pleasing music.

The sun shone on our Day Course in March which was very well attended. The classes were expertly taught by Christian Catto and Derek Haynes, and Mary Queen and Muriel Rimmer, both from Southport, were the musicians. It was voted a great success by everyone who took part.

The demonstration team has been busy with teach-in and demonstration evenings and participation in festivals.

We are now looking forward to our joint "Reel Aid" Dance with the Southport Branch on 5 August, and are hoping for a good attendance and a substantial donation to our local charity - Alder Hey Children's Hospital Intensive Care Unit Fund. Sandy Nixon and his Band will be playing on that evening.

**Lochaber.** *Membership:* 26 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The Branch has enjoyed a happy 1988-89 season, showing an increase in membership.

The attendance throughout the session was pleasing and well maintained. The classes were most enjoyable with the added interest of several of our trainee teachers "taking control" of the class in preparation for the "Certificate Course" beginning 1 March 1989. Our grateful thanks to Miss Margaret Fraser, Inverness Branch, for braving the elements to tutor the course at Spean Bridge Hotel. We are indebted also to Miss Vera MacDonald, our class instructor, for not saying too much when her musician was spirited away to play for the course. However, all was forgiven when Jack introduced Mr Jim MacCallum as replacement accordionist for the end of the session. Our second accordionist, Fiona MacGillivray, was delighted to be accepted for the weekend course in Edinburgh on 24-26 February. The course included six other accordionists and four violinists and it was most beneficial and enjoyable.

Thanks are due to all members and friends who gave of their time and also for the many donations given to the fund-raising stall on 29 October 1988.

The Webb Ivory catalogue again showed a healthy profit thanks to the support of members, friends and neighbours.

The Branch Dance on 25 November was well attended and much enjoyed. A pleasant social evening was had by all who attended the last night of the session before Christmas.

**Lockerbie.** *Membership:* 24 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1.

The 1988-89 session showed an encouraging increase in membership with twenty-four adults and four juniors attending.

Classes were held once weekly in the local Guide Headquarters under the tuition of Miss Betty Ferguson from Dumfries.

Members also supported and enjoyed social evenings held by neighbouring branches, with the Dumfries Highland Ball, the main event on the local country dance scene.

**London.** *Membership:* 379 Annual, 331 Long Term, 377 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Beginners, 2 Intermediate, 2 Advanced, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had another successful year and membership has remained steady. In June a course for Branch pianists was held and all who attended enjoyed being taught by Robert Mackay. Although the Branch was able to hold classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced dancers, there was a drop in the numbers who attended; however, our children's class continued to flourish as well as the ladies' step class. Three venues were picked for our open-air dancing

during the summer and although the weather was not particularly kind to us, those who attended enjoyed themselves. Chelsea Old Town Hall was the venue for a November dance when Bobby Crowe and Ian Powrie and his Band played for us. Those lucky enough to get tickets thoroughly enjoyed the event. Our Day School and Weekend Schools were both well attended. Our demonstration team has again had a busy year and took part in a folk dance festival in Samur, France, as well as at royal gala night and a pop music video.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Branch will soon be upon us and a suite of dances comprising a Jig "Crown Court", Strathspey "Porchester Hall" and a Reel "Westminster Reel" is to be published. It is hoped that there will be something to suit everyone among the special events which are being planned to mark this occasion.

**Lorn (Argyll).** *Membership:* 60 Annual, 14 Long Term, 33 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

A year, which saw an increase in enthusiasm in all our activities, began with a visit to the Glasgow Garden Festival by adult and children's teams - a new and enjoyable experience. The adult class welcomed new and former members with the male numbers now a quarter of the class. The local "body scanner" appeal benefited by our Charity Dance donating £100. The Weekend School's strength grows with a move out of the school into the Corran Halls. Classes were taken by Wilma Miller, with Robert Mackay providing the musical stimulus. Music for the dances was provided by John Renton's Band and Sandy Nixon's Band. We look forward to welcoming new and existing friends to all functions next year.

**Manchester.** *Membership:* 137 Annual, 56 Long Term, 110 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 Advanced, 1 Demonstration, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

A good year for the Branch with all classes keeping up well. In particular the beginner's class had shown a marked increase as also had the children's class. We are still able to have live music at all classes and this is appreciated by all our dancers.

The demonstration team has a practice night every Thursday, and has given a large number of demonstrations during the season. A team was sent to France this year, and further overseas visits are planned for the next season. The Branch's financial position is favourable now due to many long-term members, better attendances at all events and several large donations from demonstrations.

The Branch submitted an entry for the "Devise a Dance" competition, the results of which are awaited with interest.

**Mid-Argyll.** *Membership:* 44 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Weekly classes were well attended throughout the year and visits to and from other Argyll Branches and Clubs were much enjoyed.

Our Annual Charity Dance in November was well attended and a cheque for £328 was sent to Erskine Hospital. Everyone enjoyed our Annual Buffet Dance in March when we danced to the Maple Leaf Band from Dundee. We look forward to next year's dance on 17 March 1990 when the music will again be provided by the Maple Leaf Band.

**Mid-Somerset.** *Membership:* 34 Annual, 6 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Once again we have held two enjoyable dances with music by our regular musicians Hugh Ferguson and Tom Hall. The monthly socials have continued, well supported by visitors from other Branches though overall numbers have not been so high. The Day School in March was better attended and was a very successful, happy day - much enjoyed by all who came, and taught by Alec Gray. Our members have been to Day Schools and dances held by neighbouring Branches and several people hope to attend the St Andrews Summer School, including one member taking the Preliminary Certificate.

There have been several demonstrations during the year including the Glastonbury Festival of Dance where the dancing took place in the beautiful Abbey grounds.

**Milton Keynes.** *Membership:* 20 Annual, 10 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had another interesting year and class attendance has been good.

Our Annual Ball was held in February with music provided by the St Andrews Band. This year was a special occasion as it marked our 10th anniversary. The Mayor of Milton Keynes attended and everyone had a pleasant evening.

A representative from one of the local papers, *The Citizen*, came to a class - as a result of the article which appeared we acquired several new members. The local radio station "Radio Bedford" also saw the report and interviewed one of our members about Scottish dancing on a chat programme.

The demonstration team was in demand over the year with six displays given and several which had unfortunately to be turned down.

**Moffat.** *Membership:* 17 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Membership of the Branch has increased again this year with the influx of some new blood and the continued loyalty of previous members. Classes met on Monday evenings, 7-9 pm; eleven meetings in the autumn, and ten in the spring.

A very enjoyable Christmas Dinner-Dance was held in the Moffat House Hotel. In April the Branch organised a dance and raised over £300 for the local church. The dance was well supported by local Branches and clubs - the music was provided by the Elmbank Scottish Dance Band.

**Monklands.** *Membership:* 79 Annual, 24 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 7.

Two Social Dances were held during the session, both being very successful. The second evening was for Cancer Research in memory of the late Mrs Gladys Whyte (a Past President and long-serving committee member of the Branch). The sum of £200 was sent to the Beatson Oncology Centre, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

The children's class, under the leadership of Miss Irene Hair, finished their session with a magnificent display of dancing greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Once again the session finished with a Supper Dance in the Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie.

**Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District.** *Membership:* 172 Annual, 206 Long Term, 132 Life. *Classes per week:* 12 Adult, 4 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Branch suffered the sad loss of our Vice-Chairman, Chris Blair, who died suddenly on 20 September 1988. He had been a loyal member of the Branch since 1956 and a committee member since 1962. He devised and published Hogmanay Jig and Drumelzier and the Newcastle Collection of SCD Tunes; he also produced five records for the Branch - all are widely used. He will be a great loss to the Branch and to his many friends.

Our membership is 510 and we have enrolled twenty-five new members this year. Our usual dances have taken place and been well attended. Halls are causing us some difficulty in the coming year, several being altered and so no longer of use to us; so we have had to move our Highland Ball from the Newcastle University where we have been for very many years and use the ballroom at the Civic Centre. We started a Branch Evening in 1988 and after some teething troubles it seems to have settled down to be an interesting class. The Adult Festival was held in February and sixteen teams took part; we would like other Branches to participate in this enjoyable Festival. Our Children's Festival still proves to be a popular event, this year twenty-three teams took part - the children enjoy dancing to a band. We look forward to our dance on 5 August for "Reel Aid" - our proceeds going to the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman Hospital.

Our AGM this year started our Ruby Celebrations, with a super cake (made by a committee member) and wine - there will be further celebrations during the year.

**North West Ayrshire.** *Membership:* 81 Annual, 11 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The first function of the year was the dance in October followed by the New Year Ball in January

and another dance in March. In February we held our second very successful weekend in Arran. Our teachers were Anna Holden, Neil Grant and Nancy McLaren, the pianists were Muriel Johnstone and Muriel More.

**Norwich.** *Membership:* 80 Annual, 20 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Beginners, 1 General.

Membership of the Branch has remained at a steady level this year, and we are pleased to have a small group of juniors this year. We were pleased to welcome two visitors from overseas (one from Australia and one from Canada) to some of our classes during the year.

The Cuillins Band played at our Christmas Dance and the St Andrews Band played at our Annual Dance – both events being well supported.

At our last AGM Mr Graeme Butcher announced that he had decided to retire from the post of Branch Secretary/Treasurer after thirteen years. All members present at the meeting joined in thanking him for all the hard work he had carried out over the years.

**Nottingham.** *Membership:* 82 Annual, 28 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Branch this year has again been very busy with its various activities, but the highlight of the year has been our 30th anniversary celebrations. In March our President, Miss Margaret Donaldson, cut the celebration cake on the occasion of President's Evening, and in May we held our Annual Dance. The members too, have added their own contribution to events by taking part in a dance composition competition and the most successful of them will be published in an Anniversary Book of Dances. This year we hosted the annual festival of Scottish country dancing for the Association of Scottish Country Dance Societies which comprises various groups of Scottish country dancers in the East Midlands area. I am also pleased to report that our membership has increased this year.

**Oxfordshire.** *Membership:* 80 Annual, 9 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our membership increased again this year with most members supporting our Thursday classes. The number of new dancers increased – an encouraging sign for the future. Our Ball in October was successful, Rob Gordon and his Band providing a good sound to dance to. Margot Power made learning fun at the Day School in February, and Ian Muir's music was much appreciated. Nora Gregson, a Life Member of the Branch died after a short illness. On a happier note, two of our younger members, Ian Johnston and Fiona Knott, were married earlier this year – we wish them much happiness.

**Perth & Perthshire.** *Membership:* 102 Annual, 39 Long Term, 78 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Children's Monthly Advanced Circle. *Demonstration Team available.*

For the third year in succession we are pleased to report a slight increase in our membership. Our children's class continues to flourish and a number have now taken their IDTA exams. They also enjoyed dancing at last year's Glasgow Garden Festival, as did adult teams. Our adult classes though small in number are enthusiastic and enjoyable.

By the time this goes to print we will have enjoyed the "Day of Dance Round the World" and will be in the final run-up to the AGM to be held here in November. We are looking forward to welcoming dancers from all over the world to the "Fair City". It is nineteen years since the AGM was last held here.

We record with regret the death of Mr Allan P. R. Simpson, a member of the Branch since 1929.

**Peterborough & District.** *Membership:* 20 Annual, 28 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1.

Over the past year our weekly classes have been very well supported.

At the end of September our members supported the Wisbech Club at their Annual Ball which is a popular night.

We held our first dance of the season in October. The next dance was held in January and was a charity dance – all profit was given to two charities (the hospital at Home Service and Miss Jean

Milligan Fund). Dancing was to the Cuillins Scottish Country Dance Band and it was a very successful evening.

Another very pleasant evening – with Mr John Drewry, teaching – was held at the end of December.

Our Day School was held in May and was well supported. Mr Gray was the teacher and Mr Judson the pianist. We had a successful evening dance.

We should have had our AGM on 24 May but unfortunately we could not get a quorum and it has, therefore, been postponed until 4 July.

**Peterhead.** *Membership:* 48 Annual, 4 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

We are pleased to report another successful year in which membership has remained buoyant. We were delighted to see some new faces and welcome back our regular members.

Our book of dances celebrating the Peterhead Quartercentenary is proving to be quite popular and requests for copies have been sent from all over Britain.

A most successful Scottish Week Dance was again held in July and a Social Dance in March also proved to be very enjoyable. We danced to the music of Alastair Hunter and the dancers were most appreciative.

Sixteen Branch members attended the RSCDS AGM in Glasgow. It was sufficiently enjoyed by them to the extent that most of them have expressed the desire to go to Perth this year.

**Portrush.** *Membership:* 26 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

We still continue with two classes per week and a fairly good attendance. Our highlight of the year was our Saturday Class Dance held on 1 April when all attending participated in the theme of "come dressed as a dance". It proved very popular and contributed to the evening.

Once again we had our Weekend School which was held on 28–29 April, when we were pleased to welcome our teacher Mrs Alice Murphy who encouraged us with great enthusiasm, also our pianist Anne Campbell to whom we are indebted for joining us at short notice and giving of her great talent.

**Renfrewshire West.** *Membership:* 109 Annual, 42 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 2 Junior. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our regular adult and junior classes continued to be well attended this session, but unfortunately numbers were down slightly at our Day School in October. Nevertheless all participants had an enjoyable and instructive time under the expert guidance of Miss Dorothy Leurs and Mr George Lawson. The Day School children's class taught by Mrs Norah Dunn was very successful, as was the children's dance held in March.

The ladies' teams began the session with a few experiences/appearances at the Glasgow Garden Festival, dancing on grass, concrete or brick slopes in glorious sunshine or heavy showers . . . and occasionally sheltering from torrential rain in the British Rail pavilion instead of performing! The teams then went on to a very successful evening's dancing at the Inverclyde and Renfrew Musical Festival.

The Branch was disappointed at not being able to hold regular dances in the Gantock Hotel this year, but these continued as planned in the Gamble Halls, Gourock, with each class taking a turn at the catering. The Annual Ball moved back to its former venue, Greenock Town Hall, and was very enjoyable.

The session began on an exceedingly sad note with the death of our dear friend George Fleming, whose music, kindness, generosity and wry smile are sorely missed. However, we were all delighted when the other members of the band decided to keep playing together, providing us with stirring music at the Gamble Dances, the Day School and the Annual Ball. We are also grateful to our pianist Betty Cathcart and her Band for the Union Church Hall Dance and the Children's Dance.

**Richmond (North Yorks).** *Membership:* 40 Annual, 38 Long Term, 18 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful year with membership increased, though few of our members live in Richmond, most travelling some distance to attend our events.

An innovation this year was a monthly advanced/demonstration class. This was timely as we have had a busy year for demonstrations – one was on stage during a “Festival of Remembrance”. Expecting the usual bad weather the class was discontinued after Christmas but perversely the snow did not arrive until late April.

March saw a welcome return of teacher George Lawson to our Annual Day School and dancers representing most corners of the north of England had an enjoyable day together. Our dances also gave opportunities to welcome friends from far and near to the excellent music of the Eskdale Band in October and George Stirrat's Band in April. Everyone was delighted when George's band included a rendition in reel time of “The Lass of Richmond Hill”. A competition is now taking place for a dance to fit the music.

The Branch continues to hold socials on the first Friday of each month during the winter and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who attends.

**Rochdale.** *Membership:* 55 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

An uneventful year, though with a welcome influx of new members. After allowing for normal fluctuations we had a net increase of five members, thus more or less restoring the total membership to that of a couple of years ago. Both our classes have been maintained and continue to flourish. We held our usual Ball in March when we were glad to be back at Rochdale Town Hall. We were to have again danced to Callum Wilson and his Band, but the night before the Ball Mr Wilson rang to say that due to a sudden family bereavement he would not be able to get down. However, he had spent much time and effort in securing a substitute band for us – so all was well. We were very grateful to him for having gone to so much trouble for us at such a worrying time for him.

**Roxburgh, Selkirk & Peebles.** *Membership:* 105 Annual, 23 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 14 Adult + 2 Children's.

The Branch has had a very successful season which included a number of social as well as charity dances. These were all extremely well supported by members from all over the Branch.

**Royal Leamington Spa.** *Membership:* 52 Annual, 22 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch goes from strength to strength with numbers increasing steadily from year to year. Our weekly classes are well attended, usually with five full sets and sometimes six, with men well represented, even to the extent that occasionally we have one or two “spare”.

Our Annual Dance is always well attended and we have excellent relationships with other dancing groups in the neighbourhood whose dances we often attend in a party. As a result of this we have been successful in encouraging many of their members to join us as members of the RSCDS. The Branch holds a Summer Workshop during the months of July and August in order to maintain interest, when the Branch classes are officially closed, and at these evenings we work on new dances as well as brushing up on technique.

The Branch also has a Country Walking Section which meets monthly and has had two weekends away during the season, walking and dancing.

We are always happy to welcome incomers to the district as well as occasional visitors and would remind anyone who is in our area to be sure to bring their dancing shoes and come along to Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Trinity Street, Royal Leamington Spa, at 8.00 pm on any Thursday evening when they will receive a very warm welcome from a Branch which is noted for its friendly members.

**Royal Tunbridge Wells.** *Membership:* 69 Annual, 37 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 + 1 fortnightly. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch this year continued to maintain its membership and class attendance. Our picnic dance in the summer was, however, poorly attended due to the unsettled weather – but those who took the chance were rewarded by an enjoyable and dry evening. Our trip to Finchrocks, outside Goudhurst, was fully subscribed. Our Autumn Dance was again held at the Wold of Kent School in Tonbridge with Robin Ellis and his Band – and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The autumn finished with our Annual Christmas Party. Raffles were held, the proceeds of which were donated to the American Earthquake Appeal.

The new year had brought financial problems in its wake with the rental for the school halls we use having been increased by a few hundred per cent, and this has meant raising class fees to meet the increased expenses. Fortunately this hasn't affected numbers so far, but we are keeping a close eye on the situation. Our Annual Day School was attended by 194 students, one down on last year. There were elementary, intermediate, two advanced, one very advanced classes with morning and afternoon sessions followed by a social in the evening.

The demonstration team performed at a number of functions. All in all another successful year.

**St. Andrews.** *Membership:* 143 Annual, 33 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 Intermediate, 1 General, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

St Andrews Branch continues to be very active with an increased membership. A new beginners class was started again this year making an intermediate as well as the general class; we also have a very good children's class. Our Annual Day School proved very taxing with dancers finding muscles they did not know existed, under the expert teaching of Mrs Lena Barclay with the lively music provided by Miss Jennifer Wilson.

**Sheffield.** *Membership:* 69 Annual, 13 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 2 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership continues to increase and we have had another good year. Our class for younger children is progressing well and we have just started a class for 11–18 year olds – hopefully some of these will soon progress to the adults class.

Our Annual Ball in December was well attended and the music of the Manchester Scottish Country Dance Band was greatly enjoyed. Our Saturday night socials were as usual very enjoyable and this year, we added an extra evening in April.

As we cannot use our usual Monday night class hall on May Day we had a ramble and about twenty-five brave souls had a most enjoyable night out. The May Day and New Year's Day rambles have now become regular outings for class members.

Our demonstration team has danced at a few events and two class teams will again be dancing at the ASCDS Festival in Nottingham and at the Leeds Festival during the summer.

**South Argyll.** *Membership:* 74 Annual, 13 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Another successful year began with our Day School in October when Wilma Miller taught, with Robert Mackay as pianist.

Numbers at the Branch class have been gratifyingly steady with up to five sets of dancers grappling with the intricacies of Book 35.

An innovation for us was a Christmas Party in the Argyll Hotel, Dunoon – a delightful event and one to be repeated.

Highlight of our dancing year was once again our Annual Dance in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon, in March, when over 200 dancers including seventy-eight visitors from Northern Ireland, enjoyed the music of the George Fleming Band. The evening's raffle raised £200 for local charity “Heart Start”.

We are delighted to report the success of Branch member Madalene Lee in gaining the Full Teaching certificate of the Society.

Summer dancing in the Queens Hall begins in June when we hope to welcome many visitors.

**Southport.** *Membership:* 69 Annual, 18 Long Term, 45 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Weekly (elementary, intermediate, juniors, children). 1 Fortnightly (advanced). *Demonstration Team available.*

There was a slight decrease in membership although classes were quite well supported, and ever-increasing demands for the demonstration teams (adults and children's) to be present at functions.

The 31st Annual Festival was successful with our President, Mrs Gudger, receiving the guests whilst Chairman, Jim Reid, was pursuing a new role of Festival MC. The George Fleming Band provided the music. The Children's Christmas Party and Christmas Dance followed, music for the latter by the Hoghton Band.

Suddenly and very sadly at Hogmanay we lost a stalwart member of the Advanced Class – Peter Russell.

The Ceilidh was held in January followed by the Day Course in February – tuition from Mr Bill Little and Dr Ian Hall, music from Mrs Huelwen Hall and Mrs Mary Queen.

Congratulations to Stephen Brown whose dance was selected for the Competition and also to the other devisers of dances and composers of music who made the evening so interesting.

The Cheese and Wine Social in March was followed by a very special evening in April, arranged in honour of our Treasurer for the past thirty-two years until her retirement 31 December – Miss Marjorie Heyes. A memorable occasion both sad and happy with all class members present together with Vice-Presidents, Miss Brown, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Ball and Founder Members, Miss Brown and Mr Alex Queen. Entertainment was provided by the demonstration team, Andrew Dewdney, George Mugridge, Helen, David and Mary Queen. Presentations were made as tokens of our appreciation for Marjorie's loyalty, service, efficiency, dedication and encouragement.

*Forthcoming events:* June – Summer Dance with the Scottish Measure Band in charge of the music. 5 August – "Reel Aid" Dance which we are organising with our friends from Liverpool Branch to Sandy Nixon and his Band. 11 November – 32nd Annual Festival with the Manchester Band playing on this occasion.



*Friends and colleagues of Miss Marjorie Heyes photographed at a special evening on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years as Branch Treasurer. Chairman Jim Reid made the presentation.*

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**South Wales.** *Membership:* 78 Annual, 27 Long Term, 18 Life. *Classes per month:* 1 Branch class per month but numerous other classes in area.

South Wales events continue to be fairly well supported but we could do with some new faces!

Our Festival of Dancing in July was a literal washout but highly successful. The Lothian really had the wind under their tails and provided a superb day's dancing. Day School suffered badly from a

combination of the postal strike and the closure of the Severn Bridge (is somebody up there displeased with us?). However, those people who did manage to get there had a superb (and exhausting) day's instruction from Mary Stoker. The Hallowe'en Party/Dance seems to keep growing, like Topsy, and our new venue proved to be a big success. MacBains played for our Annual Ball in February and did their usual sterling stuff. A thoroughly good evening was enjoyed by all. We changed the date for our Children's Party (Spring instead of New Year) and they seemed to come out of the woodwork! It was a highly successful event and, hopefully these children will retain their interest in Scottish country dancing.

Our "new departure" for 1987, a residential weekend at a country house hotel in mid-Wales, seems to have turned itself into a regular fixture. Once again, we had a super weekend last year and the planning for this year's is well under way.

Although we seem to have a fairly good programme of events, we could do with some fresh ideas and new blood. As we are approaching our 21st year, perhaps that will give us fresh impetus?

**Stirlingshire.** *Membership:* 105 Annual, 32 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

As well as having a busy year dancing, our autumn lecture taught us about the Scottish Thistle. We now look at the world through new eyes and continued our cultural theme with an excellent Burns Supper and Dance in January.

This year's Annual Ball was held in the Mayfield Centre with Ian McCallum's Band providing an excellent night's music. The Children's Half Day School was a roaring success with over ninety children attending and we finished up the year with a Day School taught by Dr A. MacFadyen.

A demonstration class started up early this year and has been training enthusiastically for a number of events this summer.

**Stonehaven.** *Membership:* 36 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our numbers were slightly down from last year, but attendance at class has been fairly good.

We started the new session with a dinner celebrating forty years of the Stonehaven Branch – the cake being cut by Mrs Betty Whyte, our pianist for thirty-eight years. Two founder members also attended the dinner.

We had a successful dance in December, supporting two local charities and the Annual Ball in May was again very successful. The demonstration team was kept busy over December and January this year.

**Stranraer.** *Membership:* 30 Annual, 2 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had a successful year with an increase in membership. All classes have been well attended and most enjoyable.

An open party was held before Christmas and also at the end of March. On Burns Night there was a party for class members only.

The demonstration team has been re-formed this year.

**Sutton Coldfield.** *Membership:* 57 Annual, 20 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

With an increase in members, the Branch is continuing to thrive. Classes are held on Monday evenings and a children's class is held on Saturday mornings. New members are always welcome.

The Annual Ball at the Town Hall and the Christmas and Summer Dances have been as enjoyable as ever, with music by the St Andrews Band, with Sandy Nixon, the Lothian Band, and Andrew Knight's Band. The five Saturday Socials have again been well attended drawing dancers from both our own and surrounding areas.

Our latest record "Another Celebration", is proving very popular and our second record "Second Celebration" which sold out last year has been re-pressed due to popular demand.

The successful season finished with a "Dance Weekend" once again held at Halsway Manor in Somerset.

**Teesside.** *Membership:* 97 Annual, 5 Long Term, 69 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The regular programme of classes was well supported during the year. We started the season with a beginners' class and an advanced class. Monthly socials provide the opportunity to put the teaching into enjoyable practice. Several bands have provided the music for some of our socials which were well supported and very much enjoyed by all.

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

**West Lothian.** *Membership:* 66 Annual, 67 Long Term, 38 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Another successful year with maximum numbers attending the Annual Dinner Dance at Bathgate in December.

The Children's Day School at South Queensferry well exceeded our expectations with over sixty children attending. Many thanks to Liz Kennedy, Stirlingshire Branch, who coped very well with the increased numbers in such a small hall. The Annual Day School moved to a new venue for us - Oatridge College, Ecclesmachan, with our usual good attendance. Our thanks to Miss May, Dick Kirkcaldy and Bob Grant, Edinburgh, for their instruction at the afternoon sessions which paved the way to a very successful dance to the music by Jack Stalker and his Band.

Over 100 dancers returned in October for another excellent weekend at the Pitlochry Hydro Hotel where Miss M. M. Gibson was our guest for the weekend. In November a smaller group of fifty dancers attended another weekend at a new venue for us, Dryburgh Abbey Hotel, which I think may be the first of many as arrangements are well under way for return visits to both hotels in 1990.

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

Despite the fact that we had to change the venue for our weekly class we had a very enjoyable season with most of our members attending regularly.

**Winchester.** *Membership:* 33 Annual, 6 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed a very good year with increased membership and consistently high weekly attendance at classes. Our teacher has continued to cope successfully with a wide spread of abilities and to introduce us to both modern and older, traditional dances.

Last year's End-of-Term Dance was enjoyable with a good attendance, but our St Andrew's Dance was again not so well attended, so we are suggesting a different format for the coming year. In contrast, our Burns Supper was over-subscribed - who says haggis is not popular in the south?

Our demonstration team was busy, with more engagements during the winter period than usual. We provided entertainment for a Burns Night Supper, dancing to the pipes, which needed some extra rehearsals but provided a generous donation to our funds.

Many of our members support dances organised by other groups and we must encourage this if we are to attract visitors to our own dances and promote membership of the Society.

**Wirral.** *Membership:* 65 Annual, 7 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 General, 1 Beginners. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed a considerable increase in membership during the year, with noticeably improved support for the weekly class. Threatened closure of the hall we used precipitated a hasty change of venue, a move from which we have benefited greatly. The Branch is now able to run a beginners' class. It is hoped that this will ensure a continuing supply of new members for the Branch.

Branch social functions have been well attended, particularly the Annual Ball which was a sell-out. The George Fleming Band provided the music - such a variety of tunes played with enthusiasm and skill makes it impossible for anyone to sit out a dance. The Branch was honoured by the presence of the Mayoress of Wirral at the Annual Ball.

The Branch has been pleased to welcome guests from other societies, not only to our social functions, but also to classes during the summer term.

A Christmas Dinner and Dance for Branch members (plus wives/husbands) at a local hotel has been a welcome addition to our social calendar.

The demonstration team continue their good work for the Branch, their performances invariably leading to an invitation to return the following year.

**Wolverhampton.** *Membership:* 43 Annual, 3 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

I am pleased to report a very successful year for the Wolverhampton Branch with a high level of support for the classes and the social events.

Our October Social set the year off to a good start. This was followed by a Christmas Party and Burns Evening. The highlight of the year was the Spring Ball which was held on a lovely warm evening to the superb music of George Stirrat and his Scottish Dance Band.

**Worthing.** *Membership:* 56 Annual, 9 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (1 per month).

It is always of great satisfaction to know that the interest in Scottish dancing remains high as shown by regular attendance at classes.

For the third year running we were happy to have our two young ladies from Canada attending our classes for three months.

The town held its Leisure Exhibition in February where there was a higher attendance than in the past and a great deal of interest was shown at the Branch's stand!

During the year our usual functions were well attended and we look forward to another year of promoting the joy of dancing.

**York & North Humberside Branch.** *Membership:* 51 Annual, 107 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 8. *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had another busy year with good attendances at both dances and classes. We held an Afternoon School in October where two of our Branch teachers, Malcolm Brown and Margaret Jepson, taught some of the dances from the new book. George Stirrat played at our Annual Ball at Malton in November on the only night it snowed all winter! In January we held a dance in Cottingham at which the Glendale Band played. Yet again, the Ceilidh was a resounding success, showing the hidden talents of our members. Our Annual Dinner was well attended - a chance to find out what our fellow members do other than dancing! The Charity Dance in May raised £175 for Yorkshire Cancer Research.

One of the highlights of the year was the competition held to select the Branch entry for possible inclusion in the Book "Frae a' the Airs". The dances were all of a very high standard and the winning dance was demonstrated at the Ceilidh that evening. Since then other entries have been included in each of our monthly dances.

The demonstration team has been busy throughout the year, the most hectic time was Burns Night when, together with our piper, we did two displays in different places.

We were delighted that one of our young members (the aforementioned piper) was selected to attend the Musicians Course as a fiddler.

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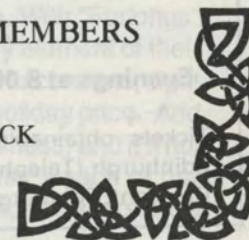
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TO: All Scottish Country Dancers  
FROM: The New Zealand Branch

Dear Dancers,

The New Zealand Branch will be hosting its annual Summer School in Christchurch in 1990/91. The School will be held from 27 December 1990 to 6 January 1991.

The venue for the School is Lincoln College, a short drive from Christchurch City. Lincoln is an agricultural college, set in superb grounds, with accommodation in single rooms.

Plans for the School are already well underway, and we are delighted to advise that Miss Lesley Martin of Aberdeen has accepted an invitation to teach at Lincoln.

Our Summer Schools follow similar format to the Society's Summer School at St Andrews. Morning classes are compulsory, and classes ranging from elementary to advanced are offered. Examination classes for both the Preliminary Test and the Teachers Certificate are also held (if candidate numbers warrant).

Afternoon classes are optional, and these can vary from Scottish Country Dance classes, to Irish dancing, to Greek, to Aerobics! The evening functions range from the formal functions such as Hogmanay and the President's Ball to more informal evenings such as a Ceilidh, Fancy Dress, Ladies Night, etc.

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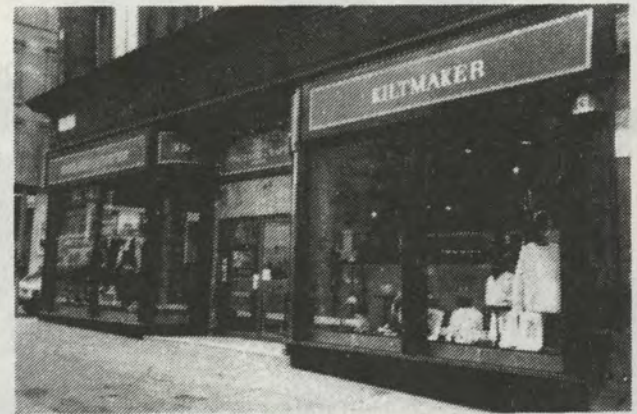
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This year will be a busy one for the Adelaide Branch as we are hosts of the 14th Australian Winter School. Last year we were fortunate enough to have the company of Dr Alastair MacFadyen and Miss Jean Sim during their trip to Australia. Dr MacFadyen presented Mrs May Sinclair with the



Scroll of Honour, awarded to her by the Society. This year we look forward to meeting the newly appointed Chairman, Mr Alistair Aitkenhead. Other visiting overseas teachers will be Mrs Maureen Robson from New Zealand and Mr Wes Clindinning from Canada.

**Atlanta.** Membership: 122 Annual, 32 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 8 (4 Branch, 4 Non-Branch). Demonstration Team available.

The Atlanta Branch has had another happy year of dancing, both in the Metro Atlanta area and in other parts of the south-eastern United States. Dancers from outside the Atlanta area who participate in our activities are designated "Outer Ring" members. Their support adds significantly to the success of our ventures.

The Branch has added two classes this year, children's and advanced technique. Both have been received with enthusiasm and plan to continue. Two members of the children's class have participated in demonstrations with the adults. One teacher candidate passed the preliminary test; another has just taken the test (results pending).

We hold a social dance each month. Two formal dances, the June Ball and October Gala, have live music, while the ten informal monthly socials have recorded music. The socials are held at various locations around the Metro Atlanta area and always attract several sets of energetic local dancers and sometimes "outer ringers" as well.

Atlanta held its annual fall workshop in October, preceding the Stone Mountain Highland Games. The teacher was George Will from British Columbia, with pianist Susie Petrov. The Branch also sponsored the annual workshop at Unicoi State Park in the North Georgia mountains in February, with good attendance despite a threatened snowstorm. This workshop was led by teacher Ron Wallace and musician Dr Peter Campbell.

Our dancers have participated in numerous demonstrations during the year, including the Georgia Renaissance Festival, the Atlanta Celtic Festival, and the Brewton-Parker Highland Games in Mount Vernon, Georgia. Under the leadership of teacher Ted Blaschke, the Atlanta Branch assisted with the Scottish country dancing at the Savannah Highland Games in May.

**Boston, MA. Membership:** 304 Annual, 6 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 20. *Demonstration Team available.*

Once again the Scottish Dance Society of Boston, Massachusetts, has had an active and full year. Our membership continues to thrive at over 300 members. We held two January 1989 Burns Night performances at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and sold well over 2,000 tickets! The programme included Jean Redpath, Alasdair Fraser, John Cairney, and many local dancers and musicians. One of our major fund-raisers of the year, a Scottish food booth at the New England Folk Festival Association, continued to be profitable. The Boston Highland Ball, held in May at the beautiful Mechanics Hall in Worcester, Massachusetts, sold out by the end of April, with music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent! We are looking forward to the 1989 Boston Branch Summer School at Pinewoods Camp which will include such teachers as Bill Clement from Scotland, Bruce Hamilton from California, and Margaret Zadworny from Winnipeg. Musicians include pianist Muriel Johnstone from Scotland, Shetland fiddler Arlene Leitch, and fiddler Jan Tappan from California.

We are very proud of so many members of the Boston Branch: I wish there were space to list them all. We continue to find thousands (literally) of volunteers available to work hard and unselfishly for the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Without these volunteers, we would not be able to take on the complex, but worthwhile, projects that we do. My gratitude is extended to our volunteers and to Headquarters for their continued support.

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

We only increased our membership by one this year, but we have an active and enthusiastic group.

Our one-day workshop in September was very successful, with two great teachers, Jean Noble and Bob Blackie, both from the Greater Toronto area. Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent played for the Evening Dance and also played for the advanced class during the day.

With great publicity beforehand, our Burns Supper was sold out and we had to refuse quite a few people - the hall's maximum capacity is 150 people.

The demonstration team was active throughout the year. Again this year our team was the only American team performing on Gala Day, a one-day occurrence in Toronto, when RSCDS teams from Ontario and Quebec perform for the public. Our monthly social dances continued to be successful.

We congratulate three of our members who passed the preliminary teachers test.

**Burlington (Ontario).**

No report at time of going to press.

**Calgary. Membership:** 62 Annual, 11 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Dancing in Riley Park for the month of August last summer was enjoyable - the nights we were not rained out!

We ran four Branch dances which drew an average of forty dancers per night. While this attendance was disappointing, we hope to improve attendance next season.

In January we ran a Burns Ceilidh, this event was a sell-out and a very successful evening. We served the basic supper as per tradition of haggis, tatties and neeps.

We held our annual Spring Ball in May at The Highlander Motor Inn with the Alec Jappy Trio providing the music. This was a very enjoyable evening.

There was also a teachers workshop on the same day. The teacher was Ruth Jappy and eight teachers attended.

The various clubs in the city danced at different nursing homes in Calgary. There was also demonstration dancing at the Royal Canadian Legion and Spruce Meadows Horse Show.

**Canberra & District. Membership:** 76 Annual, 56 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team occasionally available.*

The Committee elected at our last AGM has continued to conduct the affairs of the Branch with care and dedication. The Executive is Mr M. McLaren (Chairman), Miss M. McKenzie (Secretary), Mrs J. Middlemiss (Treasurer).

Members were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs I. Connolly in March 1988.

On 20 September 1988 the Branch became Incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory, and on 2 March 1989 became Incorporated in New South Wales. This was the culmination of a lengthy undertaking by the sub-committee of M. McKenzie and T. Middlemiss.

The Day Schools in ACT, Nowra and Cooma were successful. We also held a well-attended Weekend School in July 1988 at which we were happy to have Dr A. MacFadyen and Miss J. Sim as Headquarters visitors. We were especially pleased to hear what Miss Sim had to tell us on the pros and cons of music for Scottish Country Dancing. Our beginners, intermediate and advanced classes were held during the year and the Branch is very grateful to the teachers who undertook the instruction. Three of our members who attended the Summer School at St Andrews successfully achieved the Full Certificate - Elizabeth Arthur (who, alas, went off to Canada), Jessie Middlemiss and Jill Vardy.

The Branch organised a large number of dancers who performed in a local Floriade Festival in Canberra in October. We look forward to being able to contribute more on these lines to the local community in the coming years.

**Cape Town. Membership:** 44 Annual, 6 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 (General and Beginners). *Demonstration Team available.*

The main excitement for the year came from Maureen Lith, returning victorious from St Andrews as a fully fledged teacher of country dancing.

There were a number of demonstrations undertaken early in the season but with Maureen away for some ten or eleven weeks, it was decided to cut down on these until her return. Since then there have been a spate of displays for fetes, churches, old-age homes, etc.

Our usual highlights took place - there was an excellent turn-out for the June Dance, the skit being based on the "Bees of Maggie Knockater", our end-of-the-season Hallowe'en Party, the Hermanus weekend again held at the Riviera, with the Saturday evening dance this year taking place on the last evening of the year, once more with a skit which drew an enthusiastic encore. We also had a highly successful Burns Nicht at Kelvin in January.

Some good news on the financial front was that we approached the Department of Culture and Education and they have kindly sent us a cheque for the sum of £250 to help defray administrative costs and recurrent expenses. This is now available to us on an annual basis provided their application is completed in good time; we also need to give them particulars of our balance sheet and annual expenditure as well as a written report on our activities for the year. This is indeed a meaningful contribution from this Department.



Our hope for the Branch is that it will prosper and that the love of country dancing should continue to grow amongst its many devotees.

**Central Kentucky.** *Membership:* 34 Annual. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another successful year included two formal dinner dances. Our Harvest Ball was held at the beautiful Pendennis Club in Louisville, Kentucky, and our Spring Ball was again held at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, Kentucky. Both events included live music by Scots Measure, the area's own Scottish country dance band.

The Branch also offered two workshops this year. In December, Ron Wallace of Minneapolis, Minnesota, provided a most enjoyable workshop, which was followed in the evening by a dance. Live music for the workshop was supplied by Etienne and Elizabeth Ozorak. In March, we held a Devised Dance Workshop, taught by June Shore, to choose the dance to submit for consideration for the 1990 subscription book of dances, "Frae a' the Airts".

We again demonstrated and taught Scottish country dancing at two Scottish Games in Kentucky, the Kentucky Scottish Weekend in Carrollton, Kentucky, and the Glasgow (Kentucky) Scottish Games. We continued to hold classes on Wednesday and Thursday nights in addition to offering beginners' classes and a children's class.

In addition, the Branch hosted a candidate class for the 1989 Examiner's Tour. We were very pleased to have had candidates from five states - Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

**Chicago.** *Membership:* 63 Annual, 11 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Growth and change have been among the dominant themes for the Chicago Branch this year. Our membership has grown by 15 per cent, and we are especially pleased with the number of enthusiastic beginners who have joined us. In addition to our weekly basic and intermediate/advanced classes, we began a successful fortnightly family class this spring to build a base of young Scottish country dancers in the Chicago area.

Our annual spring weekend workshop had to move this year from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, which provides dance studios with wooden floors for classes and hotel accommodation. Over eighty dancers attended from throughout the United States. The teachers were Bob Grant from Edinburgh, and Georgina Finlay and John Middleton from Ontario, Canada, with music provided again by Tullochgorum from Boston.

January began with our annual New Year's Ball and Dinner with ninety-six dancers enjoying the music of Etienne and Elizabeth Ozorek. It ended with our demonstration team performing at Burns Night celebrations in Chicago and Indianapolis. The demonstration team gave fourteen other performances, including ones at the Illinois St Andrew Highland Games and the Annual Ball of the Madison, Wisconsin, Scottish country dancers.

The Branch also helped sponsor three concerts this year: two by Alisdair Fraser and one by Ossian to help introduce the joys of Scottish culture and country dancing to a wider audience than we can reach through dance programmes alone.

The 1989-90 season is the 10th anniversary of the Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dance Group that has grown into the Chicago Branch. We are planning a series of commemorative events, including the publication of a book of dances devised especially for the Chicago Branch and its dancers.

**Cincinnati.** *Membership:* 63 Annual, 8 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Cincinnati Branch started the 1988-89 season with our 30th anniversary workshop celebration with teachers June Shore and John and Jina Middleton who helped the Cincinnati group get started thirty years ago. This two-day celebration was well attended with dancers from all over the tri-state area and was preceded by a Friday night Ceilidh on board a riverboat cruising the Ohio River.

The demonstration team had an extremely busy year with numerous demonstrations including the International Folk Festival, Midfest, the Kentucky Highland Games, Hawk House, and the Caledonians' Burns Night celebration.

In October 1989 the Cincinnati Branch will have its annual workshop with teacher Bob Blackie of Toronto.

In addition to our busy dancing year, the Branch is now publishing a quarterly newsletter of Branch activities and related Scottish events.

**Delaware Valley.** *Membership:* 92 Annual, 39 Long Term, 19 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Weekly, 6 Fortnightly, 1 Monthly. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our year started as guests at the Crosslands Summer Ball and Lochwood summer parties, while classes continued over the summer in Newark, DE. Classes started in the fall in Moylan, Chestnut Hill, Bryn Mawr and Ardmore, PA, and in Wilmington and Newark, DE. Tanguy socials and Inverarity parties keep us busy between classes.

The demonstration team was kept even busier than usual. Their hard work and that of the teachers and all Branch workers kept the dancing running smoothly all year.

Our autumn Delaware Ball set the stage for more to come: our annual Hogmanay Ball and our Spring Ball and Brunch weekend.

We were delighted to greet a great number of out-of-town guests for the Spring Ball and Brunch, who in turn were delighted by the inspiring music of Alisdair Fraser and Stan Hamilton. If you enjoyed our weekend, or were unable to make it, please join us on 24-25 March 1990 for a repeat performance by this incredible duo. We look forward to your coming, and are confident you won't be disappointed!

**Delft.** *Membership:* 60 Annual, 17 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

This has been an exceptionally good year for the Delft Branch and we can look back on a year of upward trends in all our activities. Weekly classes were very well attended with all members showing a renewed positive and enthusiastic commitment to the Branch.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrew Gillies and Derek Haynes who, on separate occasions, travelled to Holland earlier than anticipated in order to teach our Branch class before moving on to their other engagements. Another highlight was Irene Bennett's visit organised by RSCDS HQ. Visiting teachers are always very welcome in Delft and their outstanding teaching has helped us to keep up a very high standard at classes and to instill fresh enthusiasm into our members.

Social events included three social dances of which our New Year dance was the most outstanding, breaking a new record of attendance. For this we are grateful to the neighbouring affiliated groups for their enthusiastic response to our invitation.

Last, but not least among the "social" events, we would mention our Whitsun weekend school taught by Bill Zobel. This was a truly international event with participants from The Netherlands, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Scotland, Switzerland and the USA. Bill Zobel's approach was very refreshing and interesting and, with Muriel Johnstone providing wonderfully inspiring music, the weekend can be classified as one of the most successful we have ever organised. We look forward to the next season, our 20th year as SCD group in Delft and 10th year as RSCDS Branch, with great anticipation.

**Detroit.** *Membership:* 35 Annual, 16 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Detroit Branch has completed another successful dance year. Branch members joined the Ann Arbor Tartan and Thistle Group for their annual dance in November 1988 at the University of Michigan. Our annual Christmas Ceilidh was held at historic Fort Wayne in December 1988, which as always was enjoyed by members and friends. The 9th Annual Ball was held at the Warren Chateau Hall in May 1989. A most enjoyable programme and evening was due to the work of Irene Vorshuk, Ball Chairperson. Our demonstration team was quite busy this past year.

They danced for the Detroit St Andrews Society, Lady Strathmoor, Daughters of Scotia, the Detroit Historical Society and the Alma Michigan Highland Games.

During the summer break we had a combined activity with the Windsor, Ontario Branch, a brunch at the Officers Club of the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. It was a very successful day and we were pleased to have three visitors from Scotland join us.

Thank you to Bill Isenhour, Immediate Past Chairman, for his work for the Branch.

**Florida North.** *Membership:* 82 Annual, 24 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 9.

Workshops or day schools were conducted by the Jacksonville Scottish Country Dancers in November and the Space Coast Scottish Country Dancers (Titusville) in March. We had live music for both events. This was the first year that our AGM was held for a three-day event! Friday night meeting and dance, Saturday dancing at the Highland Games with a Tartan Ball in the evening and Sunday at Epcot Centre (Disneyworld).

Most of the affiliated groups did benefit dances for the elderly and disabled populations. We had two new groups apply for affiliation that have been dancing for two years now.

There were five candidates presented when the examiners were here this spring.

**Florida South.** *Classes per week:* 1 Class for each group (6 groups). *Demonstration Team available.*

One group was added to Florida South - which is located in Cape Coral. Each of the groups performed demonstrations during the season, which were most successful and appreciated by audiences in the areas. The Junior Workshop and dance in Broward was both work and fun, and the Annual Clearwater Dance was a great success.

The Examiners came to South Florida in April for the Florida Candidate Examinations and we were very pleased with the results, after a lot of hard work by the candidates.

**Gothenburg.** *Membership:* 18 Annual, 3 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1.

We are now only four dancing couples but we refuse to give up. Nevertheless the Branch has still about twenty paying members.

During the spring of last year the Branch had a guest dancer, Moffat Coates, a Scotsman with great experience who took a great part in the dance teaching. Moffat was here for further education as a dental technician.

The Branch had a nice outing to the island Orust in June where we had a pleasant evening together with the Square Dancers of Gothenburg. We also arranged a garden party to say goodbye to Moffat.

Last autumn we tried to have Bobby Munro back as a teacher, because he was the teacher of the Branch many years ago. From the beginning it looked very promising with some new dancers. Unfortunately Bobby had to stop teaching because of his profession and too much to do. Since then there have been some problems with teachers but there have been some of the more expert members alternating as instructors.

In an attempt to find new members we have paid visits to other dancing associations. We have also tried to convert members of the Gothenburg City Pipe Band. The result is not so impressive so far.

Finally, the board want to thank the following members for conducting the dancing activities: Tomas Bergstrom, Jimmie Dellbing and Katarina Sjoberg.

**The Hague District.** *Membership:* 42 Annual, 7 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 + 1 monthly (demonstration team). *Demonstration Team available.*

1988 was a very festive year for our Branch. In 1958 the roots of The Hague District Branch were laid, so we celebrated our 30th anniversary by organising a long weekend at the Hook of Holland, where we were joined by many friends from Scotland and, to our great delight, by the Maple Leaf Band from Dundee. Especially the latter made it an unforgettable occasion.



*Our teacher blowing out the candles.*

In this year it was also twenty-five years ago that our co-founder and teacher Hans van Zon gained his teacher's certificate at the Summer School in St Andrews and this anniversary was duly celebrated at that weekend, because without his enthusiasm and endeavours, many times against heavy odds, our Branch would never have survived the times. We would like to repeat our thanks to him here.

We hope to be able to repeat such a weekend in the not too distant future and are looking forward to meeting our friends again at the Hook.

Our demonstration team was kept very busy as usual and due to an unexpected gift we were able to assist the team members in renewing a large part of the costumes.

Unfortunately many annual subscribers of long standing have terminated their subscriptions to the Society, because they did not have an active connection with Scottish country dancing anymore. The increase in the subscription fee seems to have discouraged them from continuing their passive support of the RSCDS, which is a real pity. Fortunately these were mainly passive members and it did not affect the classes directly.

**Hamilton (Ontario).** *Membership:* 238 Annual, 1 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 (1 Basic, 3 Intermediate, 1 Advanced/Social, 1 Advanced/Demonstration) + 4 Junior. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1988-89 season has been a busy and exciting one for the Hamilton Branch. Our Annual Weekend held in October 1988, at Niagara Falls, had the pleasure of having Andrew Gillies as our visiting teacher, also our own John Middleton, and Jean Hamilton from Toronto, all of whom taught such excellent classes. Our music for classes was expertly supplied by Bobby Brown, Kathy Fraser, Elma Grech, and joining us for the first time Derek Lawrence from Kitchener. Gladys McLellan hosted our Welcome Dance on Friday evening and Ian Radin provided a super programme for the Ball on Saturday evening. Music for the Ball was provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Our weekend this year will be held on 13-15 October 1989.

In November the Hamilton Branch invited members and friends of the Branch to submit a dance in memory of Mrs Ena Smith, one of our founding members, and through a panel of adjudicators a dance would be chosen. The winning dance was devised by Gene McKinnon from Guelph, entitled "Memory Lane". The Hamilton Branch will publish this dance as a leaflet with accompanying music which is being devised in memory of Ena by Bobby Brown. The winning dance and six of the other submissions will also be published by the Hamilton Branch.

Our annual workshop held on 3 December 1988 was a resounding success. Excellent teaching was provided by Sandy Bain, Doug Stevens and Francis Gray from Toronto. The music which was, as always, superb by Bobby Brown, Kathy Fraser and Elma Grech. The workshop for this year will be held on 2 December 1989.

The Hamilton Ball which was held on 1 April was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. During the first intermission a tribute was held to honour the memory of Mrs Ena Smith, the dance which had been devised in her memory was performed by a team of dancers who had known Ena, and both Dr Bob Smith and Mrs Gene McKinnon were on hand for this tribute. Music for the Ball was provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. The 1990 Hamilton Ball will be held on 8 April 1990.

Our Children's Gala Day which was held on 15 April 1989 was again a resounding success and all the children involved had a really great time.

**Hawaii.** *Membership:* 42 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Hawaii Branch had a busy, productive year. After a brief summer rest we re-grouped in September, holding our first social dance party in mid-October. In mid-November we enjoyed another of Mary Brandon's popular costume dance parties. Following a brief Thanksgiving-Christmas lull, activity surged again in January as we trotted out the wondrous results of our own devising, our original dance compositions. These were performed at a January dance competition, and the winner, John Denyes' "Wiki-Wiki Bus", has gone to Edinburgh's Publications and Research Committee for possible inclusion in the 1990 dance booklet. Hawaii's weekend institute took place on 11-12 February with Erid Fowler of the San Diego Branch as guest instructor. March found the Friday night technique class in full swing preparing for performances during Scottish Heritage Week and the Highland Gathering. All the performances were well-received. The Branch also manned a cold drinks booth at the Gathering. April brought a welcome visit from George Mechan, our representative to Edinburgh AGM. Canadian dance instructor Bob Blackie also came to town with an enthusiastic group of dancer-sightseers. They joined us for a class and we joined them for a wonderfully entertaining Ceilidh at their hotel in Waikiki. Also visiting at that time were Marge van Nus, instructor from Vancouver, WA, and her husband Fred. Marge joined several musical members of our own Branch in providing live music for an entire dance class. Back to technique class in May, we prepared for dance demonstrations at two retirement homes in the latter part of the month. Dancing extended into June before the Branch "retired" for the summer.

**Houston & District.** *Membership:* 69 Annual, 20 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Houston and District enjoyed another successful year of Scottish country dancing. Beginning with a wonderful workshop in October with guest teacher Ruth Jappy and guest musicians Alex and Maureen Jappy; our board planned an Anniversary Party, Thanksgiving Party and Christmas Party. A very special Spring Ball held in historic Ashton Villa, Galveston, with guest musicians Alasdair Fraser and Stan Hamilton, brought in Scottish country dancers from Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio. A most successful event.

Our dancers performed at Heather and Thistles Burns Night, high schools and community and church activities during the last year.

We are fortunate to have four active full certificate teachers and two preliminary teachers.

**Hunter Valley.** *Membership:* 157 Annual, 20 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 3 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The highlight of our year was undoubtedly the Bicentennial Ball. Logos, each bearing the name of one of the ships in the first of second fleets, were decorated with the painting of a sailing ship in full rig. Our thanks for the artistic work go to Florence Humphreys. Because of the special occasion, keen dancers were not deterred by distance and some travelled up to 450 kilometres to attend the Ball.

During July we welcomed Dr Alastair MacFadyen and his pianist, Miss Jean Sim. They arrived after a very busy week at Winter School in Sydney and conducted several much appreciated classes, including one for teachers.

The year for classes runs from February to November, thus avoiding the hotter summer months. However "Dancing in the Park" opposite City Hall one evening per week during January was again very popular and enjoyed good attendances. In order to improve publicity, it was decided, starting in May this year, to dance one Sunday afternoon per month in the new gardens on the foreshores of Newcastle Harbour.

The Branch demonstration team was much in demand during 1988 for Bicentennial displays, some of them in gardens of historic homes. Two hundred dancers put on a splendid massed display at the Highland Games and Tattoo, finishing with a specially devised dance incorporating two enormous figures of eight.

Mention must be made of Gordon Creed for his dedication to the teaching of several groups of junior dancers. Gordon is also a piper and member of the local RSL pipe band. There is a good rapport between the various clubs within this Branch and inter-club visits for socials are very well attended.

The 1990 Winter School will be held at Armidale on the New England Tablelands and the committee already has preparation for this event well in hand.

This year's beginners' class under Jan Dark is doing very well and its success bodes well for the dancing future.

**Johannesburg.** *Membership:* 101 Annual, 2 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

The end of the 1988-89 year saw the scene of the "great move" from the church hall which has been our home for the past twenty-six years to another Presbyterian Church, which has fortunately been able to accommodate our classes and most of our equipment. We look forward hopefully to years of happy dancing in our new venue. Meantime, the rest of the year had gone smoothly with enthusiastic classes, several demonstrations, two excellent Weekend Schools (our forty-fourth and forty-fifth) and a most enjoyable Highland Ball in October.

At the end of 1988 we had to say farewell to one of our teachers who has moved to the far northern Transvaal; it is sad to lose an enthusiastic teacher and beautiful dancer and she is greatly missed. However, the current year has ended on a high note with the news from Edinburgh of the award of the Society's Scroll to our principal teacher, Margo Monteith - we are all delighted at this recognition of her outstanding contribution to Scottish Country Dancing in Johannesburg for over thirty-years and also in Natal, the Free State and the Eastern Cape, where she has travelled long distances to conduct day and weekend schools and teacher training courses.

**Kingston (Ontario).** *Membership:* 102 Annual, 2 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year was an extremely busy one - in addition to all our normal activities, such as dancing in Confederation Park in June and July, weekly classes, monthly social dances including Burns Night, etc. - there were several special highlights during the year.

In October, the Branch enjoyed a visit from Andrew Gillies, then the annual workshop and ball in November again proved to be very successful.

However, the main endeavour of the year was the teacher candidate class and having the examiners, Miss Lesley Martin and Mrs Norah Dunn visit Kingston to conduct the examinations. This required complete dedication and commitment, not only from the five candidates and their tutors, but from the whole Branch. The membership responded by giving the candidates outstanding support.

We look forward confidently to another successful year - perhaps a little less hectic!

**Kitchener-Waterloo.** *Membership:* 129 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 (Basic, Intermediate, Social). *Special Interest Class Fortnightly (Jan.-May). Demonstration Team available.*

Our summer picnic was a success as usual but the weather was so hot we sought the comparative coolness of the Pavilion. In contrast our weekend at Jack and Iris Keith's cottage in September was very wet but this did not dampen the spirits of the campers - the Ceilidh was terrific fun. Open House in September resulted in another group of enthusiastic beginners. The Annual Ball

was held in November with a successful workshop following. We have changed the date of our workshop for next season, bringing it forward to September.

The Christmas Party in December featured a choral version of "The Montgomeries' Rant" instructions by members of the executive committee. The Burns Supper in January was a great success as usual under the chairmanship of John Prentice. A highlight of the season was a visit by Les Cumming of Australia who was a guest teacher in January.

The Branch gave a number of demonstrations during the year including two weddings of Branch members. We lost one teacher - Judy Motts who married John Smarzik and moved to Ottawa, but we gained a teacher when Elizabeth Arthur came over from Australia as the bride of William Nurse.

Our Spring Dance in April, to the music of the Bobby Frew Four, was a great success with a raffle held to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. The AGM held in May brought another successful year to a close.

**London (Ontario).** *Membership: 98 Annual, 2 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

The London (Ontario) Branch began the dancing year with a "Registration Dance" to which we invited friends to introduce them to Scottish country dancing. In addition to our weekly classes we enjoyed monthly dances and special events such as the Christmas Dance, Hogmanay, the February Ceilidh and Workshop. We returned to Circle R Ranch in January for a "reel" Scottish Canadian event. Our April Ball, in a new location, was more enjoyable than ever.

We are especially grateful to our teachers this year for giving so generously of their time and talents.

**Los Angeles.** *Membership: 233 Annual, 18 Long Term, 16 Life. Classes per week: 15. Demonstration Team available.*

Branch Fall activities were highlighted by another successful St Andrews Ball. Members from four other Branches and two affiliated groups joined with us at this traditional November event.

Four Branch members and one member of the Orange County Branch took the preliminary examination. One Branch member took the full certificate examination.

The Robert Burns Dinner Dance in January continued to be very popular. The "Immortal Memory" was given by Colin Gordon who was assisted by tenor Michael Reynolds and soprano Shauna Pickett-Gordon.

A "dance off" was held in February to select the Branch's submission for consideration in the "Frae a' the Airs" competition. The teachers committee selected the three finalists which were then danced at a monthly party. The dancers selected their favourite to be sent to Headquarters.

The demonstration team, under the direction of Joan Baker, had an active year, dancing at more than twenty events including Scottish games, festivals and clan affairs.

Our institute in Santa Barbara was enjoyed by over 100 participants. The teaching staff included Bob Blackie (Toronto), Wilma Fee (Los Angeles), Elinor Vandergrift (Seattle), David Quarrie (Chicago), and Frances Gray (Toronto). Live music was provided by the Thistle Band.

**Medicine Hat.** *Membership: 33 Annual, 5 Long Term. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

The Medicine Hat Branch has a smaller membership this year, but an enthusiastic group. A number of Lethbridge dancers are members of the Medicine Hat Branch and some from Billings, Montana. We hope to have some socials for all to attend. The Branch held another successful weekend workshop last November, 1988.

The Branch hopes that a class for Scottish Country Dancing can be organised through the Medicine Hat College. We would all love to see some new faces and new dancing partners.

**Melbourne & District.** *Membership: 350 Annual, 125 Long Term, 46 Life, 19 Junior/Advanced. Classes per week: 34. Demonstration Team available.*

This has been a continuing year of happy and successful events. The Branch Elementary and Technique classes have proved to be very popular and will be ongoing for another season. Our Demonstration Team has been acquitting itself well at a variety of functions. The Bi-centennial Ball was a great night, I hope our guests of honour enjoyed themselves. We are holding a Teachers' Refresher Course Weekend in July as our last one in 1987 was well attended by local and interstate teachers. Mrs Elma See will again conduct this Workshop-type weekend. Melbourne and District is also looking forward to participating in "Reel Aid" which is quite an exciting "First" for the RSCDS family.

**Montreal (Canada).** *Membership: 193 Annual, 1 Long Term, 16 Life. Classes per week: 2 Branch, 11 Group. Demonstration Team available.*

The year ended most encouragingly with a good increase in membership, a new class in St Lambert was organised and well attended by a group of enthusiastic dancers, and dancing in the park was most successful and enjoyable. Branch-sponsored activities included the Annual Ball with music provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent, a Bring-a-Friend Social in September and the Hogmanay Social at the Grenadier Guards Armoury. Other activities were five group-sponsored socials which included an enjoyable Burns Night. In October, members had the pleasure of attending an excellent class taught by Andrew Gilles of London, England, during his tour of Canada and the USA. Teachers for the weekend held on 2-4 June 1988 at John Abbott College were Margaret Zadworny, Maurice Whitby and Alex Small.

**Mornington Peninsula.** *Membership: 65 Annual, 2 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.*

1989 sees the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Branch. This will be celebrated at the June 1989 social.

The joint Victorian Branch's Weekend School at Marysville in the Dendenong Hills in early May 1989 was well attended, and we had a very successful weekend of instruction with good fun and glorious weather.

A group of our members flew to Flinders Island in the Bass Strait in August 1988 to meet and dance with some of our members there.

During the year we were pleased to have a visit from Dr Alastair MacFadyen and Miss Sim and we enjoyed the benefit of first-class instruction during this period.

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

There was wailing and gnashing of teeth when the Branch was given two months notice to leave "home", St Andrews Church Hall. Weekly Scottish dancing started in the new hall next door to the church fifty years ago and was part of the establishment, we thought. Before Kenya's Independence twenty-five years ago, RSCDS membership here often included the Minister himself, elders of the kirk, sidesmen, choristers and ladies of the guild. Today, however, in a changed society this situation no longer prevails.

We retired as gracefully as we could and the kindly church hall staff said they were sorry to lose us. Freddy Hutton composed a Strathspey to mark the occasion which ended by dancing out through the double doors in fours. After an inevitable diversity of opinion about what next, and where, the Dance Studio at the Kenya Conservatoire of Music was proclaimed as our new home. There were disadvantages, but with a sprung floor, mirrors, good lighting and proximity to the prestigious Norfolk Hotel, the move turned out to be an antidote for our flagging spirits. We have survived. Our annual ball, festival and monthly supper dances at the Sailing Club continues.

**New Haven.** *Membership: 74 Annual, 37 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.*

Classes were held in New Haven from September 1988 to the end of May 1989. Many of the Branch members dance in the Connecticut areas of West Hartford, Litchfield, Newtown and New Canaan also.

The New Haven Branch Ball was held in a new location this year, at the Town & Country Club in Hartford, with music by Tullochgorum. West Hartford group sponsored a Tea Dance, and New Canaan group had their 1st Annual Ball.

A short summer season will be held again this year in New Haven. We will always welcome newcomers to our Scottish country dancing. We take this opportunity to thank our teachers who give us so much of their time.

**New Mexico.** *Membership:* 48 Annual, 4 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

This season has been very successful for the New Mexico Branch. Colorado, Albuquerque and Los Alamos had an increase in beginners. Los Alamos hosted a dance-music weekend workshop in early May. Eighty-six registrants experienced the teaching of Marianna Harvey, Mary Murray and Bob Blackie at the workshop and live music by Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis was enjoyed by all. Two dance workshop scholarships were given to Los Alamos beginning dancers.

The workshop weekend started Thursday evening in Santa Fe with twenty fiddlers attending a fiddle workshop by Alasdair Fraser. Workshop events continued Friday with public concerts by Alasdair and Paul, Scottish dancing by the Los Alamos demonstration team and a late evening Ceilidh.

Classes started Saturday and continued to mid-afternoon with a short break for lunch. Afternoon activities ended with a concert by Alasdair and Paul in the Rose Garden of historic Fuller Lodge. It was a beautiful setting on a sunny afternoon in the mountains of Northern New Mexico. On Saturday evening, the Workshop Ball started outside on the lawn due to a power cut. The "grand march" and the remaining ball programme were held inside after power was restored. Activities continued after the ball with an all-night party. The workshop ended Sunday afternoon after a combined class and the annual AGM.

The New Mexico and Colorado demonstration teams performed at numerous Highland Games, Burns Suppers and other public and private places.

The Colorado dancers sponsored two formal balls: the Haggis and Harvest Balls and held monthly balls. Weekly advanced dancing classes are held by the Colorado dancers.

**New York.** *Membership:* 168 Annual, 5 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 at Branch Headquarters, 1 in Brooklyn, 1 in Nassau, New York, 1 in Teaneck, New Jersey, 1 in Kearney, New Jersey. *Demonstration Team available.*

The New York Branch got off to a lively start with a pre-season dance. Then many exciting events took place under the fine leadership of the President, Miss Joan Treble. The "Miss Jeannie Carmichael Ball" was a grand affair. Other highlights were the "Rerr-Terr Ball" arranged by the Hudson Valley class, the elegant "Island Fling" organised by the Nassau class, the second annual "All John Drewry Dance", planned by the Brooklyn class and the "Fish and Chips Dinner Dance" with Jim McIntyre's Band, run by the Kearny class.

We celebrated our 26th Annual Weekend at Holiday Hills in Pawling, NY, ably chaired by Enid Kuperman and Sheila Wilson and attended by 161 dancers. The superb staff of teachers included Margaret Zadworny from Winnipeg, Simon Scott from Vancouver, and Ron Wallace from California. The dancers did their very best dancing to the inspiring music of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent.

The teachers' committee, led by Connie Powell, invited Bob Blackie of Ontario to conduct a workshop for teachers with a view to improving teaching techniques and methods. Ann Hankins and Nancy Scott-Pryce gained their full certificates and are a welcome addition to our teaching staff.

There's always something exciting happening in New York and classes will be held throughout the summer. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. "The Jeannie Carmichael Ball" will be held at the Abigail Adams Smith Museum in New York City on 28 October 1989. The address of the Museum is 417 East 61st St. NYC.

**New Zealand.** *Membership:* 1437 Annual, 53 Long Term, 108 Life. *Classes per week:* 100.

The New Zealand Branch has enjoyed yet another successful year, although at time of writing, our dancing season is only some three months old!

In 1988 we were delighted to welcome Miss Lesley Martin of Aberdeen to our Summer School at Dunedin - a visit we shall long remember with much pleasure indeed.

Miss Dorothy Leurs of Edinburgh has accepted the Branch's invitation to teach at Summer School 1989-90 at Hamilton, and we are looking forward to re-newing our friendship with Dorothy.

Throughout 1989, the various day and weekend schools run under the auspices of the Branch were well supported, as were Saturday dances and balls - it appears, indeed, that we are experiencing a resurgence of interest in Scottish country dancing in New Zealand which is most gratifying. It is heartening to see so many "younger" faces at schools and social gatherings; a good omen for the future.

We were pleased to welcome many overseas country dancers to New Zealand during the last year, and hope that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming many more in the years to come.

To all country dancers everywhere, we extend our warmest greetings. We would be pleased to hear from you if you intend visiting "Aotearoa" (Land of the Long White Cloud).

**Northern Virginia.** *Membership:* 90 Annual, 1 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Many enthusiastic dancers, including some beginners, regularly attended weekly classes. Attendance was also very good at our special events, among which were a "Tea Dance" following the annual Alexandria Christmas Walk, Argyle V teaching weekend in October with visiting teachers Jeanetta McColl and Wes Clindinning, and informal dance parties. We co-sponsored with the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis, Maryland, a highly successful Spring Tea Dance, which will henceforth be an annual event. We also co-sponsored with the Washington Branch an annual dance party on the July weekend of the Virginia Scottish Games. Once again, we were fortunate to have many musicians from the Games contributing to the dance music.

Our demonstration team performed at the Washington Country Club Burns Night Supper, historical Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, retirement homes, and several other local festivals and functions. We again participated in the mass dance demonstration at the Virginia Scottish Games and also marched in the annual Alexandria Christmas Walk.

One Branch member took the preliminary teaching examination this spring, and two others were tested for full certification. Other dancers devised seven original dances and composed music; the dances were presented at our classes and one was chosen by the Branch for submission to "Frae a' the Airs".

We invite visitors to contact us and come join the dance.

**NW Craven.** *Membership:* 82 Annual, 3 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has fallen slightly this year. The usual classes and three dances to tapes were well supported. Our annual ball with Kenny Thompson and his Band was a great success. The day school in April was taken by Miss D. Lewis with Mr F. Hayes as pianist. It was very well supported and enjoyed by all who attended.

**Nova Scotia.**

No report at time of going to press.

**Orange County.** *Membership:* 67 Annual, 10 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

This was a very active and successful year. Our special activities began in October when we arranged a Scottish Country Dance Festival for the Ohio Games. December's Christmas Dance was a great success with the live music of the Lan Mara Band. In January a super Burns dance co-sponsored with the San Gabriel Branch, with fiddle music by Alasdair Fraser and Lan Mara. March brought our 6th Annual Shillelagh-Ceilidh Dance, another great evening with Lan Mara.

At this time we look forward to our Highland Games here in Orange County at the end of May. Last year was a tremendous success for Scottish country dancing. We held our first Games Dance, with Alasdair Fraser and Barbara Magone on the piano, a wonderful evening with a large attendance. This two-day affair, co-sponsored again by San Gabriel and Orange County Branches, included a mass demonstration each day, a Scottish country dance tent display and social dancing on the grass during the day. Our "MacMidgits" team danced their rendition of Corn Rigs in the main arena each day (back by popular demand).

Our many demonstrations this year included a 20-minute TV performance, and a 45-minute show, which involved pipes, highland dancing, step dancing and Scottish country dancing.

The sales of our book "The Plighted Troth" went very well, and our Andrew Rankine Fund is now growing, with hopes of a music workshop in the not-too-distant future. Another fund-raiser during the year was our Christmas Boutique, for which many members donated their time and talents to making items for sale.

**Ottawa.** *Membership: 270 Annual, 7 Life. Classes per week: 11. Demonstration Team available.*

An excellent publicity programme in the Fall produced forty-five new members, swelling this year's membership to 278. This increase, coupled with the ingenuity and creativity of the organisers of workshops and social functions, including the Jones Falls Weekend, the Annual Ball and the Beginners' Ball (to name but a few), made a banner year.

Next year's programme includes the Jones Falls Weekend on 22-24 September 1989, weekly classes commencing in September and running through May of next year, monthly dances, a Christmas dance on 9 December, a technique workshop on 3 February 1990, and the Annual Ball on 31 March.

**Paris.** *Membership: 46 Annual, 15 Long Term, 7 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

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Next year the Branch plans a few alterations in the organisation of its activities so as to welcome new dancers in the best conditions.

**Phoenix.** *Membership: 27 Annual. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

The Phoenix Branch focused on strengthening our organisation this year. Considerable effort went into updating our Rules! We streamlined certain areas of bureaucracy, tightened election by-laws and built up a more solid foundation for future growth. In terms of membership, we reached out to former members and tried to interest them in Branch activities. To build a broader base of dancers from across the Valley of the Sun (which is a metropolitan area 50 miles wide and 40 miles long), a beginners' class was started in the North West Valley. The class is successful and several of the beginners joined the Branch. This kept our membership stable although several people left Phoenix during the year.

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The weekend institute in February, with three visiting teachers and live music for the two evening dances, drew dancers from a wide area, as did the beginners' workshop in March. Besides dances and two balls, enjoyable social activities included picnics and a weekend campout in the Laguna mountains. A new musical group of local members enhanced some of the social occasions.

We had reason to congratulate four members who passed the preliminary teaching examinations and who have shared responsibility with other teachers for the four classes meeting every week.

Five editions of the Branch publication, "The Reel Thing" have kept all members informed of activities, as well as stimulating interest by publishing articles written by, or featuring, members.

The enthusiastic support and participation of many members keeps our Branch energetic and active.

**San Francisco.** *Membership:* 441 Annual, 2 Long Term, 31 Life. *Classes per week:* 19. *Demonstration Team available.*

We are pleased to report a very successful year. Our four major events the Asilomar Weekend Workshop and Ball, the Jean Patrick Memorial Ball at the Santa Rosa Highland Games, the June Event, and the Valentine's Ball, were all very well attended, had great music, and were thoroughly enjoyed. We have classes six days a week, regular monthly parties, numerous seasonal parties (especially at Christmas), and an assortment of additional events for no other reason than that we love to dance.

We're particularly proud this year of our musicians, who bring us such pleasure and our new teachers, who have worked so hard to earn their certificates.

We would also like to welcome our two newest Branch classes, the Santa Rosa and Monterey classes. Our Branch now extends about 140 miles, as the crow flies - but most of us needn't go far to dance!

**San Gabriel Valley.** *Membership:* 91 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

The San Gabriel Valley Branch is pleased to report a very full year for 1988-89.

High points included a Concert and Dance featuring Alasdair Fraser and Barbara Magone, November 5, 1988 (co-sponsored with the Caltech Folk Music Society), a most successful Burns Ball, January 21, 1989 (co-sponsored with the Orange County Branch), and our Spring Institute at Lake Arrowhead, held March 17-19, 1989, with Mary Murray (Vancouver), Bob Blackie (Toronto), and George Will (Vancouver) as our teachers.

The branch sponsored six weekly classes throughout the year, and held monthly dances, which were very well attended. In addition, the Branch fielded a Candidates' class, with examinations held in April, in which five candidates earned preliminary certificates. Our thanks again to the kind and astute examiners.

#### **Seattle.**

No report at time of going to press.

**South East Queensland.** *Membership:* 155 Annual, 29 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 14. *Demonstration Team available.*

Brisbane was the first port of call for Dr MacFadyen and Miss Sim on their Australasian tour in 1988. The Brisbane weather tried its hardest to make them feel at home by imitating Scotland, but overdid it somewhat. However they did not let this faze them, enjoying a visit to Expo '88 plus a day at the Gold Coast (without the sun). Our staunch band of dancers arrived for the evening classes with dripping umbrellas and raincoats. Our members resident on the Gold Coast hired a bus one evening for the 120-mile round trip, to they could also benefit from Dr MacFadyen's tuition. Everyone agreed that a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening time was had by all and Dr MacFadyen's visit was well worthwhile.

Scottish country dancing was represented at Expo in August, outside the British Pavilion. The Clansman and The Reel of the Royal Scots were among the dances demonstrated.

Teachers' examinations are to be held this year and by the time this goes to print we should have some more full certificate teachers to assist the Branch as, at present, the number of active full certificate teachers is somewhat depleted.

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

The Branch has continued its activities with weekly classes and social evenings. A small but spirited group has attended the classes. The social events have been popular, especially the Christmas and spring parties.

We are planning a "welcome to beginners" dance in the autumn, hoping to get new members.

The 20th Scandinavian Piping Festival will be held in Stockholm at the beginning of June, with two days of piping and dancing, and the Branch is taking part.

**Sydney.** *Membership:* 130 Annual, 9 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

In July 1988, Sydney Branch hosted the Bicentennial Australian Winter School. We were pleased to welcome Dr Alastair MacFadyen to teach at the school and Miss Jean Sim giving us the benefit of her musical skills and experience. Themes for the evening functions were drawn from periods in the 200 years since Sydney was first settled with many of the dancers dressing appropriately for the theme of the evening. MCs included Captain Arthur Philip, a Sydney wench, Governor Macquarie, a drunken goldminer. The Hunter Valley Band, Harp and Claymore provided music for the evening functions and some of the morning classes. Instead of minimum temperatures, July turned on its warmest weather for many years, thus adding to the total enjoyment of the 212 dancers present.

A continuing strength of the Sydney Branch is its Teachers' Liaison Group, consisting of all teachers of Scottish country dancing in the Sydney area. Besides providing six teachers for the Winter School, organising five day schools, 1988 saw the publication of its Bicentennial Collection of seven dances.

During the year three of our members, Dorothy Rosemond, Berenice Vale and George Wells celebrated fifty years of dancing with Sydney Branch and its precursors. The Branch of today acknowledges the contribution made by these three members.

**Tokyo.** *Membership:* 117 Annual, 71 Long Term, 2 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

Tokyo Branch is a kind of RSCDS office in Japan acting for more than twenty-five Scottish dance groups throughout Japan. The new subscription books, the bulletin and the Tokyo Branch Letter are distributed by the Branch.

The Branch does not have its own regular classes, however, three special classes were held by Mrs Matsuhasi, assisted by some branch members who attended Summer School last year to introduce new dances from Book 35. And there was a week-day class for members unable to attend the weekend events. Both these classes were very successful with approximately fifty members attending.



*Tokyo Branch Weekend Class on 18-19 February.*



The main event of the year was the weekend class 18-19 February. This was the second time to hold this event, the first being two years previously. The class was much enjoyed by the seventy members from many SCD groups in Japan who attended.

On the first day there were two classes - one was an intermediate class taken by Mrs Iwasaki and the other an advanced class taken by Mr Oyama. The class on the following day by Mrs Matsuhasi and Mrs Sato was for everyone. It is hoped that this weekend class will become the main annual event of Tokyo Branch. Other events are planned for this year which we hope will give members from different groups the opportunity to meet each other.

**Toronto.** *Membership:* 867 Annual, 1 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 30. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Toronto Branch enjoyed another busy and successful year. In co-operation with the Metropolitan Toronto Parks Commission, five evenings of "dancing in the park" were held in Sunnybrook Park in late May and during June. After the summer break, dancing resumed in September with the Toronto Branch weekend at Geneva Park on the shores of Lake Couchiching. Expert instruction was given by Ruth Jappy, Evelyn Watkins, and John Walton. Dancing to the music of Elma Grech and the Bobby Frew Four was a joy. During the Branch weekend John Christie presented the Branch with a wall hanging of the Branch logo. Throughout the year, seven monthly dances, including a family night and a beginners' night, were held with attendance varying from 125 to over 200. Ten newsletters informing members of events both within the Branch and in neighbouring Branches were published. Branch classes offered instruction at three levels and in addition teacher candidate classes were held.

The highlight of the year was the Tartan Ball held at the Royal York Hotel. Music was provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. We were privileged to have as our guests of honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Lincoln Alexander and Mrs Alexander. With teams from Ottawa to London and south to Buffalo, Gala Day in April was another outstanding success. As well, throughout the year many social groups hosted dances and balls. The dancing year ended with a well-attended AGM and dance.

**Twin Cities.** *Membership:* 77 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Demonstration Class, 1 Basic, 1 Intermediate. *Demonstration Team available.*

Minneapolis and St Paul dancers in the RSCDS shared good times in the past year, and plans have already been made to fill the dancer's calendar book for the 1989-90 season.

Many of our dancers enjoyed their autumn weekends at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, where successful performances of Scottish dance and tradition were well received. Our demonstration team kept a busy schedule performing at events in the Twin Cities area and around the state, such as the MacCalester College Scottish Country Fair.

The society conducted five lively socials throughout the year: a fall ice-breaker, a Hallowe'en costume party, a seasonal Christmas social, a Scottish Luau to bring in the spring and a final hat party to cap off the year. The highlight of many socials, besides the food and dance, were the thematic slide shows of the society's recent past created and presented by Lisa Fleming.

Our Annual Ball was held in November. With pleasing attendance and abounding merriment, the party reeled and jiggled to the sounds of Thistle Down, a regular favourite of the Twin Cities society. With that same enthusiasm a number of members participated in the Madison, Wisconsin Annual Ball in March, and the Chicago weekend workshop in June.

Our big news in May was word that Joy Cullickson successfully completed her certification examination, placing her in the ranks of our talented and revered instructors.

**Vancouver, BC.** *Membership:* 401 Annual, 4 Long Term, 29 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Vancouver Workshop and 25th Anniversary Ball were held at the University of British Columbia and were a great success. Our guest teachers were Marianne Taylor (Boston), Bob Blackie (Toronto), and Mary Murray (Vancouver) who were supported by some of our local teachers, namely Dorothy Hargreaves, Liz Johnston and May Loudon. The Alex. Jappy Trio provided the music for the ball on the Saturday evening. Vancouver Branch was officially formed

in July 1964 and to further honour the occasion a ball is being planned for November by the Past Chairmen of the Branch.

Vancouver Branch and the clubs in the surrounding area together enjoyed many social functions throughout the year, almost one every other weekend.

Our demonstration team under the hard-working directorship of Mary Murray continues to be an excellent ambassador for Scottish country dancing and the Branch. They perform at many public events and private functions as well as entertain patients in hospital.

Membership has declined slightly from last year but the enthusiasm of those who attend classes has not diminished.

The children's classes continue to be well attended as well as the various functions held during the year.

We look forward to dancing in Stanley Park and to a new season beginning in September.

**Victoria, BC** *Membership:* 140 Annual, 22 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 4.

Last summer three new teachers qualified at St Andrews and St Catharines, giving us a record seven. In July, "dancing in the park" brought our pastime into the public eye on Thursday evenings.

Alastair Aitkenhead himself started our season delightfully, teaching us one September evening. Our November workshop was taught by Joan Axford of Victoria, Wes Clindinning of Toronto and Liz Johnston of Vancouver. A Christmas Party with Vancouver Island SCD, New Year's Eve Ceilidh, Burns Night Dinner-Dance and May Ball completed our calendar.

Four classes and a social were our weekly staple diet. Membership and finances kept us on an even keel. Our dancers danced with and our teachers taught many Vancouver Island, mainland and US Northwest groups, sharing the company and fun of Scottish country dancing. Alex. Jappy's trio played beautifully for major functions.

**Washington, DC.** *Membership:* 166 Annual, 6 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Washington Branch continued its sponsorship of monthly potluck suppers followed by dancing. It held a contest to select an original dance for consideration for "Frae a' the Airts". The Branch joined the Northern Virginia Branch to sponsor a tent on Clan Row at the Northern Virginia Scottish Games in Alexandria to put on a mass demonstration of dancing. A dance party was held following Saturday's activities at the Games. Our own new Findhorn Ceilidh Band was augmented by fiddling contestants and judges who were in town for the Games' competition - truly a wonderful sound!

Plans are being made now to co-sponsor a dance with Northern Virginia on 5 August in order to join other dancers "around the world".

The two constituent groups were busy with classes, social events and demonstrations. St Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group celebrated Hallowe'en, Hogmanay, Burns Night, Valentine's Day and held its 16th IONA Weekend. Bill Hamilton came from England and Elinor Vandergriff from the state of Washington to be guest teachers.

Demonstration teams performed at nursing and retirement homes, the Kennedy Center, the 4th of July Celebration at Mt Vernon College, the Scottish Highland Fling Festival in Mt Airy, Maryland, and the Northern Virginia Folk Festival.

RSCDS of Washington held a Chrysanthemum Ball and mini-teaching weekend in November instead of its usual Cherry Blossom Ball in the spring. Marianne Taylor came from Boston while Branch member David Gilliam completed the teaching roster. Some highlights of the demonstration team's activities were performances at the Army-Navy Club, the Cosmos Club, the Scottish Highland Fling Festival, and the annual Rockville Scottish Festival.

Two directors of the popular Thistle School held in North Carolina each July are charter members of the Washington Branch. A number of Branch members attend this week-long event which attracts dancers from across the country.

**Western Australia.** *Membership:* 108 Annual, 24 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Although we have not had the dreamed-of big increase of younger members, we have continued to enjoy another year of dancing. The Branch runs regular classes, a monthly "hop" and an Annual Ball. With the balls, parties and weekly socials run by the three clubs in Perth, there is never a dull moment!

We were thrilled to have Alastair MacFadyen and Jean Sim stay with us on the last leg of their Australian tour. How could our standard and enjoyment of dancing and it's music not increase after such a visit?

This year we have very much enjoyed the live music provided by David Gordon and his Band, and our demonstration dancers have been busy fulfilling many requests. Later in 1989 we are looking forward to a visit from Alastair Aitkenhead during his trip to Australia.

**Windsor (Ontario).** *Membership:* 37 Annual, 9 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 3 (Basic, Intermediate, Advance). *Demonstration Team available.*

During July of 1988, we joined the Detroit, Michigan, Branch for a Sunday brunch, which was very enjoyable.

We started our 1988-89 season with an open house and registration at Oakwood Community Centre. Our Ball, held in October, was our first social and was very successful with the help of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. The Hogmanay Party at Roseland Golf Club helped bring in the New Year. Six monthly dances were held through the year and ending our socials and classes with a Pot Luck Supper on 31 May.

This year we held our workshop in March instead of June with teachers Pat Coyle and Bob Reid. The change in date was very successful and will be considered for next year.

A very successful year.

**Winnipeg.** *Membership:* 165 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

A busy year included a successful weekend held in March, plus our annual participation in Folklorama, the major fund-raiser for the Branch. The Branch demonstration class participated in fifteen demonstrations, with an additional sixteen performances given by the "Scottish Entertainers". These activities not only bring to attention the existence of the Society and raise a small amount of money, but are equally enjoyable to those dancing as to those being entertained. Branch membership continued steady and we welcomed one new teacher, who received her full certificate, as well as two of our number who successfully completed their preliminary certificates.

#### **Teachers' Association (Canada).**

Another busy year has been enjoyed by the Association. It has been especially busy for the membership secretary as membership has increased to over 600.

The year started with the Association's annual weekend and AGM which was held in conjunction with Summer School at Brock University in St Catharines, Ontario. Mr Bill Little from Castle Douglas was teacher for the weekend and introduced Book 35. In addition, Bill and Mrs Nina Corson taught Summer School classes and conducted the examinations for the teacher candidates. More recently, the Association arranged an examination tour of North America by Miss Lesley Martin and Mrs Norah Dunn on behalf of the Society. The tour was successfully completed.

The TAC Sound and TAC Books divisions continue to be healthily busy as they provide records, cassettes, books and leaflets to their clientele. Not only do they provide these popular services but they also provide answers in their areas of expertise to members' queries.

The 1989 weekend and AGM will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. After the successful Vancouver venture of two years ago, the invitation to hold the AGM in the Atlantic Provinces this year was accepted. Arrangements are well under way and we look forward to another most successful event.

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### SIDE ONE

1. **FAVOURITE REELS** – Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. La Russe, Roxburgh Castle. The Bottom of The Punch Bowl, The Flowers of Edinburgh. (*All Trad. arr. B. Crowe – MCPS*).
2. **ON CESSNOCK BANKS** (*Trad.*) – William Williamson.
3. **MARSHALL MEDLEY** – Muriel Johnstone, Kitty McLauchlan, Robert Mackay – *Piano Trio*. Chapel Keithack, Miss Wharton Duff, Lowe's Hornpipe. (*All Trad. arr. M. Johnstone – MCPS*).
4. **A BORDER AIR** – Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. Durisdeer. (*Trad. arr. R. Kerr – MCPS*).
5. **FA'GAIL LIOSMOR** (*Pursell/Martin-Hardie*) – Johan MacLean.
6. **MARCH, STRATHSPEY AND REEL** – The Festival City Fiddlers. Directed by Yla Steven. The Gay Gordons (*Scott Skinner*), The Forth Bridge (*W. Blyth*), The Auld Wheel (*Scott Skinner*).
7. **DREAM ANGUS** (*G. Churchill-Bayley & Ferguson*) – Margaret Church.
8. **SET OF REELS** – Jennifer Wilson – Piano, Ray Millbourne (*I. McPhail – Stebelin Music*), Miss C. M. Barbour (*I. McPhail – Stebelin Music*), Randel's Reel (*G. Mitchell*).
9. **GAELIC WALTZES** – Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. Turn Ye to Me, The Cuckoo, The Castle of the Glen, O I Love the Maiden Fair, Ho Ro my Nut Brown Maiden. (*All Trad. arr. B. Crowe – MCPS*).
10. **PUIRT-A-BEUL** (*Trad.*) – Johan MacLean.
11. **PIPING SELECTION** – Alexander Harrison – Bagpipes. Idir Deighie Gus Breo (*Trad.*), The Strathspey King (*Scott Skinner*), Ragtime Pipers (*R. Mathieson*), Dancing the Baby (*Trad.*).

### SIDE TWO

1. **JIGTIME** – Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. Lamb Skinnet, The Braes of Elchie, Teviot Bridge, Scottish Reform. (*All Trad. arr. B. Crowe – MCPS*).
2. **HE'S AYE KISSING ME** (*Hook-Bayley & Ferguson*) – Margaret Church.
3. **DANCE SELECTION** – Kitty McLauchlan – Piano, Petronella, Ben Bhragghie, Philippa's Jig. (*All arr. Margaret Murray McLeod – Alba Music*).
4. **DEAR OLD GLASGOW** – Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. Kelvin Grove, The Banks of Clyde (*Trad. arr. B. Crowe – MCPS*) The Glasgow Highlanders (*Trad. arr. M. Johnstone – MCPS*) Lochiel's Welcome to Glasgow (*Trad. arr. B. Crowe – MCPS*).
5. **DANCING IN KYLE** (*Pritchard/Duguid-Kerr's Music Corp.*) William Williamson.
6. **COILSFIELD HOUSE** (*N. Gow*) – The Festival City Fiddlers. Directed by Yla Steven.
7. **A WEAVING LILT** (*Arr. Kennedy-Fraser/Macleod – Boosey & Hawkes*) Johan Maclean.
8. **PIANO DUET** – Muriel Johnstone and Robert Mackay. Fingal's Cave, Lawers House, Scots Hornpipe, Miss Gibson. (*All Trad. arr. M. Johnstone – MCPS*).
9. **SKINNER MELODIES** – Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. D. Morrison's Seven Thistles, Miss Laura Andrew, Carnegie's Welcome to Glasgow (*All arr. B. Crowe – MCPS*).
10. **KISHMUL'S GALLEY** (*Arr. M. Kennedy-Fraser – Boosey & Hawkes*) Margaret Church.
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Obviously a weekend is a terribly short time in which to try to cover the many aspects of playing for Scottish Country Dancing but even so, the improvement in the eleven musicians taking part was quite apparent. Under the expert guidance of Bobby Crowe (accordion) and Yla Steven (fiddle) the students worked all day on Saturday on technique and other practical aspects of playing for dancing. Undaunted, they all agreed to have an evening session when we discussed tempo, interpretation, sources of music, choice of alternative tunes and the intricacies of "Bow and Curtsey" and the lead in, in preparation for the Sunday morning session which concentrated on different problems which arise in class situations. At this session the musicians were encouraged to get up and dance in a mock (not quite AMOK!) class. The tricky task of acting as teacher in this situation where the emphasis was always on the music rather than on the teaching of dancing was extremely well tackled by Chairman Alastair Aitkenhead, who had stepped into this role at the very last moment. The picture was completed by a splendid concise talk on the history of Scottish Dance music given by Robert MacKay.

We started our weekend with a convivial dinner on Friday evening and finished with a lunch for a dozen very good friends on Sunday. A happy, enthusiastic atmosphere was present throughout the weekend and as is always the case when two or three musicians are gathered together, there was much discussion and exchange of ideas, and a good deal of humour.

I am most grateful to all the students for returning their Questionnaires from which I can only gather that they want more!

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And the visit did more – for Scottish Country Dancing became more widely known in this area of Switzerland, and neighbouring France, as the local English language radio station carried a 45 minute interview programme with the team.

To the Society we say "Thank you very much indeed" and to Bill and to Jennifer we repeat the call that ended their last teaching session and was echoed at the airport, "Haste ye back to Geneva".



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The photograph shows the Chairman of the Society, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead, accepting the chair from the designer, Mr Robertson.

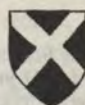
Thanking Kirkcaldy Branch for their generous gift, Mr Aitkenhead said that Miss Arnott would long be remembered.

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## Pas des Basques

When I was first asked to go and teach Scottish Country Dancing to a group of Basque dancers I jumped at the opportunity – and then, as the euphoria of jetting off to Spain for a weekend wore off, I began to have doubts: how do you start teaching a group of people who are not only complete beginners but who do not even understand your language? These doubts increased as I sat in Bilbao airport reading signs in English, Spanish and some language where the letters X, Z, T & K abounded – what was this incredibly difficult-looking language?

However, my fears were allayed the minute I met the group in San Sebastian. The Basques are extremely nice people and very good dancers. By the end of the first lesson they had mastered slip-step and skip change and by the end of the weekend had added pas de basque to their repertoire. I had decided that strathspey was definitely a “no-go area” for the first weekend but as they took a well-earned rest during the Sunday morning class I decided I would show them what it looked like. Imagine my surprise when, in the huge mirror which filled one wall of the hall, I saw that the “Pied Piper of Perth” was being followed by the group dancing beautiful strathspey steps! By the end of my return visit five weeks later, most of the formations had been covered and they were anxious to learn “some other steps”. I may say that I take little, if any, credit for the standard of their dancing – they are quite simply “natural dancers”! This was demonstrated at one of their performances which I was fortunate enough to attend. It was a spectacle I shall long remember – one full of animation, enhanced by beautiful costumes. During my two visits I also learned some Basque (the strange language I had encountered that first day at the airport) – in fact, by the end of each lesson I didn't know whether I was speaking English, French, Spanish or Basque! Even the names of most of the class were Basque – which made learning them somewhat difficult. I found I had to devise complicated means of remembering Inaki, Osema (pronounced Oshema), Arantza, Maite, Zuberoa and Ainhoa – thank goodness one or two had comparatively easy names like José, Jesus and Fernando!

As I said at the beginning, the Basques are super people – I was wined and dined like royalty and the kindness I was shown would take a lot of beating. In fact, as I strolled along the promenade in a temperature of 26°C at 9.30 p.m., a lone Scot amidst hundreds of San Sebastian folk out walking at the end of a hot, sunny Sunday, I didn't feel in any way “alone”. I had made friends – good friends – here in San Sebastian, thanks to the medium of Scottish Country Dancing. Thank you to Juan Antonio and the members of Ikerfolk and thank you to the Society for giving me the chance to go – or “eskerrik asko” (as they say in Basque!).

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## Worldwide Survey of Branches

This survey was carried out in the spring of this year at the request of the Executive Council to provide Standing Committees with a more intimate knowledge of Branches than that provided by the annual returns on membership.

At the time of the Survey the Society had 154 Branches throughout the world, 130 co-operated in making the returns which showed that we had a total membership of 27,680, composed of 3966 Life Members, 4319 Long Term Members and 19,395 Annual Members, divided into three age groups. 16/25 years (3%), 26/60 years (78%), 61 plus years (19%), this shows us to be a "middle of the road" Society, lacking in young members. It was also reported that at least 25% of the total membership are classified as non-active; most of these we would assume, fall into the later category.

A resolution from the Executive Council is on the agenda, to be debated at this year's Annual General Meeting to offer a 50% reduction in the annual subscription to young people between the ages of 16/25 years. This is considered to be a long-term encouragement to students and young people to take out membership of the Society.

Many Branches have more teachers than classes but the survey showed four Branches to be seriously low in membership and understaffed. As an aid to improving the teaching position the Society has offered Scholarships to these Branches inviting members to attend the Teachers' Class at this year's Summer School.

The lack of music "makers" is a concern throughout the Society, pianists are becoming more scarce, some Branches are employing accordionists as an alternative, and overseas, in particular, are very dependant on the Society's recorded music, some teachers preferring records to tapes. Music courses at HQ have proved to be very successful, these will continue, and a new idea is to be considered, where Branches have sufficient members interested in "in-house courses" which could be taken by Society music teachers.

A considerable number of families have children interested in the Scottish Country Dance, but only a small number of Branches arrange classes for children, this must be a subject for consideration by the Society to encourage the young.

We would like to thank all Branch Secretaries who made the returns and in particular those who expanded on the questions found to give an insight into their Branch activities which will prove most valuable to those concerned in the study and recommendations to ensure the continuity and advancement of our Society throughout the world.





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## Annual General Meeting

5 November, 1988

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 5 November, 1988, in Jordanhill College of Education, Southbrae Drive, Glasgow.

### PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mrs M. C. Gudger (Hon. Vice-President), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Chairman), Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman), and an attendance of 512, of whom 189 were delegates.

In the Chair: The Earl of Mansfield

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss F. H. Adams, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt.-Col. Colin Mitchell, Mr H. Barnes, Mr W. Cross, Mr and Mrs Dewdney, Mr J. Drewry, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr W. J. Ireland and Ms. M. Johnstone.

### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Welcoming delegates and members to the Meeting the President extended a special welcome to those who were to receive the Society's awards. He then read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in which she warmly thanked the Executive Council and all members of the Society for their loyal greetings on the occasion of the 59th Annual General Meeting. As Patron of the Society, Her Majesty had been delighted to receive this message and sent her best wishes to all for a happy and successful occasion.

Lord Mansfield said it was a good thing to reflect that indeed we do have Royal Patronage and to realise our privileged position. He went on to say that the Society had had a good year as far as growth was concerned. Scottish Country Dancing was an activity which held the interest of so many people, an interest which was steadily increasing world-wide. The early founders would be proud if they could see how the Society grew in strength from year to year. This has enabled it to withstand the losses it has suffered from time to time, some of which, sadly, are listed in this year's obituaries. We have been blessed with many enthusiasts who have given time, labour and love to the Society and who are exemplified by those who are with us today to receive the Society's Scroll.

Lord Mansfield also said he was impressed by the number of overseas Branches who participate through their delegates and representatives in the business meetings of the Society. The Society was in a flourishing, healthy state and he was sure that all present would share his wish that this should long continue.

### MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 31 October, 1987, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Miss I. Paton (Ayr Branch) proposed and Mr R. J. Turnbull (Richmond, North Yorks Branch) seconded their adoption, which carried unanimously.

Dr. A. MacFadyen now took the chair.

### APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr R. Mackay (representing San Francisco Branch) seconded by Miss C. Catto (representing Detroit Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

- (a) Miss A. W. Miller (Duns & District Branch) seconded by Mr D. Gray (Edinburgh Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, The Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Glenconner, Mrs M. C. Gudger, Lt.-Col. Colin C. Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.
- (b) Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) proposed that Lt.-Col. M. Muriel Gibson be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. He paid tribute to Miss Gibson's thirteen years of twenty-four hours a day commitment to the Society and in proposing her appointment he had three things in mind. Firstly to ensure that her great knowledge of the Society should not be lost. Secondly to ensure that the Society met, and kept, contact with her at least once a year, and thirdly to ensure that she had a use for all the wonderful hats she had accumulated over her years with the Society! Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman) seconded the motion which was carried with acclamation.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1988-89

- (a) **CHAIRMAN:** Mr Alastair S. Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Miss A. W. Miller was elected by ballot.
- (c) **SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:** There being six nominees for six places and with the unanimous agreement of the delegates, the following were declared duly elected: Miss C. Catto, Mr J. Drewry, Mr G. Lawson, Miss D. Leurs, Mr A. Mair and Miss A. B. W. Mann.

#### ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report for the year 1987-88, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks. Presenting this, her fourteenth report, the Secretary said that when she had decided to retire, she considered that the Annual General Meeting was the appropriate time to do so since it was the end of the working year. Miss Gibson then informed the Meeting that the membership had increased during the year by more than 600; there were two more Branches, Portland (Oregon) and the Isle of Skye, and the number of affiliates had also increased. She went on to outline the work completed by the various Committees and drew attention to the formidable task ahead of re-writing a Manual of Scottish Country Dancing.

Summer School, despite being divided between two university halls, was its usual success. An innovation introduced this year was an excursion on the middle Sunday of each course. The excursions were so successful that they will be extended to each Sunday in next year's programme.

One fact which particularly delighted her was that the capital in the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund was well over £50,000 which she had so wanted it to reach before she left Headquarters. Finally she wished her successor happiness and success in her work for the Society.

Dr. I. P. Gormley (Isle of Skye Branch) moving the adoption of the Annual Report, thanked Miss Gibson for all her dedication and work over the last thirteen years. Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Miss L. C. Martin (Aberdeen Branch) in proposing Mrs Joan A. Moore as Secretary of the Society, told the meeting that Mrs Moore graduated with a B.A. from Trinity College, Dublin, and her early career was in secondary teaching, first in Dublin and then in Northern Ireland. From there she moved to Scotland, where she became Field Officer, North of Scotland, for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and more recently Secretary to the Scottish Accident Prevention Council. Mr W. A. Gray (South Wales Branch) seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

#### ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch), presenting the Accounts and Balance Sheet, a copy of which had been in delegates' hands for some time, said it was worth noting that the subscription income of £34,000 does not cover the staff salaries and falls short of the administrative expenses by some £56,000. Growth in other sources of income is slowing down, surplus on sales of publications is up only 5.7% and we were able to recover only £20,000 from the Summer School (the same as in 1987).

Although income from investment was up 14% we could not assume this would continue. Our investment policy to date had been successful and had contributed to the health and growth of the Society. It had also made possible one of Miss Gibson's great ambitions, namely, to see the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund stand at over £80,000 before she retired. In fact it was now about £57,000. Mr Taylor congratulated Miss Gibson on the way she had fought and guarded the profit from this fund to the great benefit of our members throughout the world.

On the revenue side our problem was that as income growth slowed down costs and demands for members continued to rise. We responded to more requests for grants, paid more for examiners' expenses and teachers' overseas travel, now with accompanying pianists. At the last Finance Committee Meeting it was agreed that all internal continental travel would be paid by the Society for official teachers/examiners on tour overseas and for the accompanying pianists.

Mr Taylor pointed out that the Society has to compete for staff in the real world and must provide them with modern office equipment. The Society was losing an extremely valuable asset in its Secretary. Everyone has said that she did the work of several people and had the memory and speed of any computer. If this was true, and Mr Taylor said he could vouch that it was, then we should be budgeting for more than one person to take her place. From the 100 persons who requested application forms and the job description, sixty returned applications forms and we could only assume that the other forty were frightened off by the magnitude of the work load. Nine were selected and interviewed by a committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Conveners of all standing Committees and our Treasurer. Mrs Joan Moore was selected and accepted the post. Mr Taylor congratulated her and wished her well in her new position.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor said we would see from the Appropriation Account that we had strengthened the main accounts with the surplus from the year. He said that we do not, like many other charities, have to reach to crises, we have reserves to tide us over a lean year but those reserves themselves contribute to our income. If we deplete them, the proportion that we have to fund from subscriptions will increase.

Last year Mr Taylor had said that "It was most unlikely that VAT would apply to any Branch." However, this year one Branch was involved and a VAT Consultant was engaged and the problem resolved. But any UK Branch nearing a total turnover of £22,500 should get in touch with our Treasurer, Mrs Jeffcoat.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for next year show for the first time ever a deficit, of £9100.

He then thanked the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Finance Committee for their devotion to the duty of keeping our Finances on an even keel.

Before thanking Mrs Isobel Baillie, the Auditor, for her valuable contribution, Mr Taylor advised the members that the gifts to be presented to Miss Gibson by our President, Lord Mansfield, are financed from the "Staff Fund", as Miss Gibson has no pension provision from the Society.

Mr Taylor then moved for the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Seconding the motion Miss M. Duffield (West Lothian Branch) thanked Mr Taylor for his full and comprehensive report.

Mrs Linklater-Shirras (Inverness & District Branch) asked why in 1987 the audit fee was £500, £600 in 1988 and an estimated £1,500 in 1989 budget. Mrs Jeffcoat, Treasurer, replied that there were two reasons for this apparent increase. Firstly the fee shown for 1988 and 1989 includes an element for VAT consultancy work. More significantly there had been a printing error in the 1989 budget figure which occurred because proof reading took place by fax machine during the postal strike. The audit fee had been £500 for the last three years and was not expected to be materially different next year.

The Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Isobel Baillie as Auditor was proposed by Mr J. H. Wilson (representing Nairobi Branch), seconded by Mrs M. McIntosh (Dunbartonshire West Branch) and carried with acclamation.

#### RESOLUTIONS

(a) Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved:

"that with effect from 1 July, 1989, the annual subscription be raised to £5, the subscription as at present being divided in proportion of 50% to be retained by the Branch and 50% to be forwarded to Headquarters. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1 July, the increased subscription will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1989."

Mrs A. Murphy (Carlisle & Border Branch) seconded the motion.

(i) Mr J. Woods (Monklands Branch) moved that the second line be amended by the deletion of "£5" and the substitution of "£4", and this was seconded by Miss N. Rintoul (Monklands Branch).

Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) opposed the amendment. After some discussion both for and against, the amendment was defeated by a large majority.

(ii) Mr W. A. Gray (South Wales Branch) moved that after the second "1989" be inserted:

"Second and subsequent members of the RSCDS in any one household should pay £3 only per annum."

Mr J. Gardner (South Wales Branch) seconded this amendment. Mr R. Turnbull (Richmond, N. Yorks Branch) spoke against the amendment. After some discussion this amendment was defeated by a clear majority.

The original motion was then put to the Meeting and was carried with an overwhelming majority.

(b) Miss M. Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded by Mrs M. Power (representing San Diego Branch) moved:

"that with effect from 1st July, 1989, new Long Term Memberships no longer be extended to Royal Scottish Country Dance Society members."

In the course of discussion Mr J. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne & District Branch) proposed that the motion be remitted back to the Executive Council for further consideration and this was seconded by Miss M. Barker (London Branch).

The President asked the proposers of the motion if they were prepared to accept the remit of the motion to the Executive Council. Miss Brander, on behalf of the Los Angeles Branch, said they were willing that the matter be referred back to the Executive Council and accordingly withdrew the motion.

The meeting approved that the motion should be remitted back to the Executive Council.

(c) Mr J. Carswell (West Lothian Branch), seconded by Mr Waterson (Glasgow Branch), moved the motion:

"that the Executive Council of the Society consider the effect that the present subscription book system has had and is having, on the traditional dances of Scotland and recommend to next year's Annual General Meeting whether or not to retain it or substitute alternatives."

Mr G. Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch) moved that the motion should be amended with the addition after "alternatives" of: "and that the Executive Council review their whole policy with regard to the publication of dances", which was seconded by Mrs A. E. Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch).

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority and the resolution as amended was carried by a large majority.

(d) Miss R. Henderson (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Mr R. Bone (Glasgow Branch) moved:

"that the 1988 AGM of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society give sanction to the Executive Council to elect or co-opt three or more members of the Society to carry out an

overall review of the Constitution, the results of such review, in so far as by then carried out, to be presented to the 1989 AGM of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society together with a forecast of when the completed review will be presented to the Society to be voted upon."

Dr. A. MacFadyen spoke against the motion. On a vote being taken, the motion was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield presented the Scrolls to the following members:

Mr Andrew Gillies (Croydon & District Branch), Mrs Helen Jensen (St Andrew's Society, Denmark), Mrs Margaret Macwaters (Ottawa Branch), Mrs Margaret Parker (Ayr Branch), Mrs Sheena Macleod who received the Scroll posthumously awarded to her husband, Duncan.

Mr Aitkenhead said Scrolls had already been presented to Mr Noel V. Lillie (Seattle Branch), Mrs Mary D. Sinclair (Adelaide Branch), Mrs Freddy Sverdlove (New York Branch) and Mrs Nixon who received the Scroll posthumously awarded to her husband, Archie.

Lord Mansfield, then presented the "Past Chairman's Badge" to Dr MacFadyen. He told the delegates that in addition to his Chairman's duties, Dr MacFadyen was also the Society's Honorary Archivist. That he had spent some eighteen months producing "An Album for Mrs Stewart" and had recently returned from an arduous six weeks teaching and examining in Australia. Accepting his Badge, Dr MacFadyen said he had enjoyed his three years in office and thanked all those who had supported him, in particular the Secretary and the Executive Council.

#### PRESENTATION TO MISS MURIEL GIBSON

Before asking the President to present Miss Gibson with the keys of the car which the Society was giving her, Dr MacFadyen paid tribute to her many talents, amongst them being her agility of mind and persuasiveness in argument. Her wide knowledge of the Society and the advice she imparted had been invaluable and he had greatly appreciated her help during his years as Chairman. He had recently learned that Miss Gibson had been invited to join a charitable organisation, the Scottish Knights Templars, as a Dame Commander.

Having received the keys of her car from Lord Mansfield, Mr Aitkenhead, the new Chairman, presented Miss Gibson with a cheque and gift of jewellery from the Branches and Members.

In reply Miss Gibson said she was quite overwhelmed by everybody's kindness and generosity and would find it very difficult to express her thanks adequately. She talked briefly about her years with the Society and said that she had been able to work with Dr Milligan for three years. She paid tribute to the Chairmen and Committee Conveners under whom she had served. Many Branch Secretaries had become more like pen friends and in many cases friends. She paid a special word of thanks to her staff, particularly the Assistant Secretary for her loyalty and support. She concluded by saying that on looking back on her service with the Society she could see only good times.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1989

The President confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday 4 November 1989 in Bell's Sports Centre, Perth.

#### VOTE OF THANKS

Miss M. Barker (London Branch) proposing the vote of thanks said that organising the Annual General Meeting is becoming an arduous undertaking as the attendance grows, and we were very grateful to the Glasgow Branch for assuming this responsibility yet again. The Branch had requested that nobody should be singled out for thanks because the Management Committee had shared equally in the preparation. Miss Barker warmly thanked the Branch for all their hospitality and hard work; Dr Bone, the Principal of Jordanhill and Mr David Wilkie, the catering officer for

helping to make things run smoothly; Lord Mansfield for giving time in a busy schedule to come and chair the meeting and also for the personal interest he shows in the Society.

The Open Forum had been interesting and useful and the Chairman of the panel and Conveners of the Committees were thanked for answering the questions.

Miss Barker took the opportunity to thank Miss Gibson for all her efforts on behalf of the Society and hoped that her new interests will give her great pleasure and satisfaction.

Finally, good wishes were extended to the new Secretary, Mrs Moore, and it was hoped she would enjoy working for the Society.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

## THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1990

### INCOME

	£
Subscriptions .....	51,000
Affiliation Fees .....	3,000
Royalties .....	700
Investment Income .....	9,000
Summer School .....	(3,000)
Surplus on Publications .....	25,000
Strathspey Sales Ltd. ....	4,000
Examination Fees, net of expenses .....	500
	90,200

### EXPENDITURE

Staff Salaries .....	50,000
Cost of Meetings .....	12,000
Printing .....	5,000
Post and Telephone .....	7,500
Office Accommodation .....	8,000
Audit Fee .....	750
Insurance .....	1,300
Repairs and Decorations .....	3,000
Archives .....	500
Publicity .....	2,500
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	500
	91,050
Less: Summer School Allocation 1989 .....	(25,000)
	66,050
Bulletin .....	12,000
Subscription Copies .....	6,000
Extension Work .....	—
Examiners/Teachers Overseas Travel .....	7,000
Depreciation .....	2,000
	93,050
TOTAL EXPENDITURE .....	93,050
DEFICIT BEFORE APPROPRIATIONS .....	(2,850)
	90,200



ROYAL SCOTTISH  
COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY  
REVENUE ACCOUNT for the

COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY  
year ended 30th JUNE, 1989

1988		£	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	£
34,495	Staff Salaries .....	44,649		
1,513	Recruitment costs .....	1,128		
9,699	Meeting Expenses .....	11,659		
3,590	Printing and Stationery .....	5,519		
6,932	Telephone and Postage .....	7,105		
500	Accountancy Fee (VAT) .....	—		
600	Audit Fee .....	650		
6,129	Office Accommodation .....	7,192		
1,248	Insurance .....	1,193		
2,035	Repairs and Renewals .....	2,005		
69	Archives .....	12		
256	Publicity .....	2,195		
61	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	443		
50	Subscriptions .....	95		
67,177		83,845		
(20,000)	Less: Allocated to Summer School .....	(20,000)		
47,177		63,845		
10,319	BULLETIN .....	11,261		
1,150	EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS .....	4,316		
7,544	SUBSCRIPTION COPIES .....	3,394		
2,530	EXAMINERS/TEACHERS OVERSEAS TRAVEL DEPRECIATION	3,482		
1,736	Furniture and Equipment .....	1,778		
9,614	BALANCE: being surplus for year .....	—		
80,070		88,076		

1988		£	SUBSCRIPTIONS	£
34,080	Received from Branches .....	23,300		
	Paid direct to Headquarters .....	5,663		
	Life Members .....	193		
	Long Term Members .....	3,534		
		32,690		
2,998	AFFILIATION FEES .....	2,036		
143	DONATIONS .....	38		
	FEES FROM STUDENTS:			
	Summer School (1988) .....	130,948		
	Less: Expenses .....	130,618		
(526)		330		
	Examinations .....	855		
	Less: Expenses .....	277		
434		578		
11,759	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS .....	10,144		
	ROYALTIES:			
	Books and Music .....	736		
26,231	SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS .....	23,050		
2,800	STRATHSPEY SALES LTD. ....	2,737		
1,372	TAX REPAYMENT FOR PREV. YEARS .....	33		
—	BALANCE: being deficit for the year .....	15,704		
80,070		88,076		

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1989

APPROPRIATIONS:		£
5,000	Publications Reserve .....	—
5,000	Overseas Travel Reserve .....	—
5,000	General Reserve .....	—
6,443	BALANCE carried to Capital Account .....	(15,704)
21,443		(15,704)

9,614	BALANCE brought down .....	(15,704)
11,829	Gain on Disposal of Investments .....	—
21,443		(15,704)

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1989

56,676	STOCK in hand at 1st July 1988 .....	54,051
25,550	PURCHASES .....	37,525
26,231	SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT	23,050
108,457		114,626

46,862	SALES of Books, Records and Tapes .....	43,809
7,544	SUBSCRIPTIONS COPIES .....	3,394
54,051	STOCK at 30th June 1989 .....	67,423
108,457		114,626

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE, 1989

1988		£	£
£	<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
	Balance at 1st July 1988 .....	55,866	
	Add: Surplus (Deficit) for year .....	(15,704)	
55,866			40,162
	<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND</b>		
	Balance as at 1st July 1988 .....	619	
	Less: Transferred to Revenue .....	(193)	
619			426
	<b>LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP FUND</b>		
	Balance at 1st July 1988 .....	26,113	
	Received during the year .....	8,173	
	Less: Transferred to Revenue .....	(3,534)	
26,113			30,752
	<b>RESERVES</b>		
	Publications .....	25,000	
	Overseas Travel .....	26,000	
	General .....	30,300	
81,300			81,300
	<b>FEES PAID IN ADVANCE</b>		
	Summer School (1989) .....	128,939	
	Centenary Weekend .....	—	
	Bulletin Advertisements .....	—	
	Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees .....	4,995	
132,272			133,934
	<b>SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES</b>		
9,073			9,599
305,243			296,173
	<b>JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND</b>		
	Capital: Balance at 1.7.88 .....	47,404	
	Donations received .....	3,034	
	Proceeds sale of Investments .....	8,507	
47,404			58,945
	Income: Balance at 1.7.88 .....	4,562	
	Income .....	3,455	
	Less: Spent .....	(1,907)	
4,562			6,110
	<b>STAFF FUND</b>		
	Balance at 1.7.88 .....	14,197	
	Interest .....	635	
	Less: Spent .....	(11,377)	
14,197			3,455
371,406			364,683

1988		£	£
£	<b>PREMISES</b>		
	At cost .....	6,139	
	Less: Depreciation to date .....	4,728	
1,411			1,411
	<b>OFFICE FURNITURE &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
	At cost .....	17,784	
	Less: Depreciation to date .....	12,859	
6,265			4,925
	<b>LOAN TO STRATHSPEY SALES LTD</b> .....		9,000
9,000			
89,184	<b>INVESTMENTS (M.V. £83,593)</b> .....		69,837
54,051	<b>STOCK (at cost)</b> .....		67,423
128,499	<b>SUMMER SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNTS</b> .....		130,337
7,589	<b>SUNDRY DEBTORS &amp; PREPAYMENTS</b> .....		10,780
9,244	<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b> .....		2,460
305,243			296,173
	<b>JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND</b>		
	Investments (M.V. £42,682) .....	44,373	
	Deposit Account .....	18,683	
	Debtor .....	1,999	
51,966			65,055
	<b>STAFF FUND</b>		
	Investment (M.V. £1,020) .....	1,004	
	Deposit Account .....	2,246	
	Debtor .....	205	
14,197			3,455
371,406			364,683

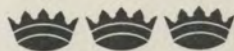
MARILYN JEFFCOAT, FCCA., Treasurer

JAMES TAYLOR, Convenor

I have reviewed the books and accounts of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1989, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge were necessary for the purpose of my review.

The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account which are in accordance with the books of account give in my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as at 30th June 1989.  
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August 1989

I. A. BAILLIE, Certified Accountant



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## Reel Aid 1989

Some twenty-four months ago the idea of a 24-hour dance was put forward by one of our Branches. About the same time a proposal to have a "Day of Scottish Dance around the World" was put on the table at one of the Standing Committee meetings. The General Purposes Committee liked the idea and Reel Aid was established but almost foundered because of the problem of finding a suitable date. A compromise was agreed, a steering committee of three began the administration and for the first time in the history of our Society every Branch and Affiliated group was contacted. The exciting project captured the interest and imagination of Scottish Country Dancers around the world, especially when groups were asked to donate to their charity - the majority choosing to contribute to those who couldn't dance.

This Worldwide Day of Dance has done much to bring together in many tangible ways dancers from A' the Airts and the undernoted statistics reveal the spread of our dancing.

To make definite contact throughout the 24 hours of August 5, students at the Second Course of the Summer School at St. Andrews rose early, long before the piper awakened others, and dancing continued throughout the day and into the morning of August 6 - truly the connecting link among others in the chain of dancers around the world. One link was made up of a single set of eight dancers, others were many links of 500.

It is proposed to issue a final bulletin at the AGM in Perth but we do know that the following numbers committed themselves to dance for Reel Aid 1989.

(a) Number of dancers	12,000
(b) Number of dancers 7 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.	8,000
(c) Number dance groups	192
(d) Number of countries involved	17
(e) Number of charities benefiting	57
(f) Number of bands playing	37

REEL AID was RELAYED to the world and offered REAL AID.

Many thanks to all.

A.S.A.



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## Summer School 1990: 23 July - 20 August

Members wishing to attend should send a **stamped addressed envelope** to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF, marked "Summer School" (a letter is quite unnecessary) by 31 January, 1990. Overseas members who cannot stamp the envelope should include an international reply coupon. Application forms will be despatched as soon as possible after requests have been received and should be returned to Society Headquarters **not later than 1 March 1990**. Those hoping to join an examination class should also request a syllabus (20p) and an application form for candidate training. Summer School application forms are not normally available until the end of December.

### DAY, WEEKEND AND OTHER SCHOOLS - (Nov. 1989 - Oct. 1990)

(Full details obtainable from organising Branches)

1989			
Hamilton (Ontario) (Annual Weekend), Niagara Falls	13-15 October	Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	March
Kingston (Ontario)	3-5 November	Hunter Valley (Weekend)	March
Medicine Hat	3-5 November	Richmond	March
Phoenix	3-5 November	Winnipeg	March
Victoria	4-5 November	Aberdeen	7 or 21 April
Bournemouth	11 November	Doncaster & District	21 April
Florida North	17-18 November	Sacramento	21 April
Croydon & District	17-19 November	Leeds	20-22 April
Carlisle & Border (Weekend)	24-26 November	North-West Craven	28 April
Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	November	Washington DC (Weekend)	April
Hamilton (Ontario)	2 December	Isle of Islay	4-5 May
New Zealand (Summer School)	28 December- 7 January	New Mexico	4-6 May
		New York (Weekend)	18-20 May
		Vancouver	18-20 May
		Peterborough & District	19 May
		St. Andrews	19 May
		Duns & District	19-20 May
		Isle of Skye	25-26 May
		Los Angeles	25-28 May
		Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	May
		Johannesburg	May
		Stirlingshire	May
		Chicago (Weekend)	1-3 June
		Delft	1-4 June
		Hunter Valley (Winter School)	7-14 July
		Boston (Summer School)	July
		Toronto (Weekend)	14-16 September
		Ayr	22 September
		Ottawa	22-24 September
		Buffalo	29 September
		Manchester	29 September
		Sydney (Weekend)	29 September- 1 October
		Glasgow	September
		Johannesburg	September
		Detroit	6 October
		Herefordshire	6 October
		Renfrewshire West	6 October
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Carlisle & Border	3 February		
Cheltenham	3-4 February		
London (Weekend)	9-11 February		
Southport	17 February		
Hawaii	17-19 February		
San Diego	17-19 February		
London (Ontario)	23-24 February		
Atlanta	23-25 February		
North-West Ayrshire (Weekend)	23-25 February		
Ottawa (Members, Visitors)	February		
Birmingham	3 March		
Lorn (Argyll) (Weekend)	9-10 March		
Leicester	10 March		
Mid-Somerset	10 March		
Bath (Musicians)	17 March		
Royal Tunbridge Wells	17 March		
San Diego	17 March		
Edinburgh (Weekend)	30 March-1 April		
Dunbartonshire	30-31 March		
Florida North	30-31 March		
West Lothian	31 March		



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### DAY, WEEKEND AND OTHER SCHOOLS – (Nov. 1989 – Oct. 1990)

(Full details obtainable from organising Branches)

#### 1989

Hamilton (Ontario) (Annual Weekend),	13–15 October	Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	March
Niagara Falls		Hunter Valley (Weekend)	March
Kingston (Ontario)	3–5 November	Richmond	March
Medicine Hat	3–5 November	Winnipeg	March
Phoenix	3–5 November	Aberdeen	7 or 21 April
Victoria	4–5 November	Doncaster & District	21 April
Bournemouth	11 November	Sacramento	21 April
Florida North	17–18 November	Leeds	20–22 April
Croydon & District	17–19 November	North-West Craven	28 April
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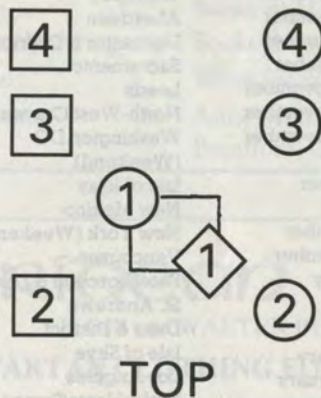
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West Lothian	31 March		

Hamilton (Ontario) (Weekend)	12-14 October	Dumfries	October
Houston & District	12-14 October	Northern Virginia	October
London	13 October	Ottawa (Teachers)	October
Atlanta	18-19 October	San Francisco	October
South Argyll	21 October	Western Australia	October
Berks/Hants/Surrey	October	Kingston (Ontario)	2-4 November
Border			

## How Do You Do . . . ?

### Madge Wildfire's Strathspey

Bars 13-16 the first couple turning with two hands, moving down the centre of the dance, opening out to face corners (the man dropping his left hand and the woman her right).



Before opening out to face corners the first couple should be positioned as shown in diagram: so that both the first man and first woman should have the same amount of turning to corners.

### Sugar Candie

Turning to corners should be the same as in *Madge Wildfire's Strathspey* for the first couple, except that the turn on bar 15 should be fairly tight in order to get well round, endeavouring to reach as near as possible the position in the diagram before opening out to face corners.

### Royal Wedding

The first couple dance down with nearer hands on bars 5 and 6 when they face one another, join both hands turning halfway round on bar 7 and opening out as above on bar 8.

## New Year's Honours List 1989



### MISS BRIDGET WRIGHT, MVO

In the New Year's Honours List for 1989, Miss Bridget Wright was awarded the MVO (Member of the Royal Victorian Order) for her service as Bibliographer in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle. The Royal Victorian Order is an Order which the Queen can bestow on those who serve her in the Royal Household or in other direct personal ways.

Having grown up in Durham City, it was in her first term reading classics at Cambridge University that Bridget took up Scottish Country Dancing and became an enthusiastic member of the university's Strathspey and Reel Club. During subsequent training as a librarian she continued to dance with groups in Durham and London, and within a month of arriving in Windsor had joined two local classes.

She dances regularly in and around Windsor and has several times attended the first fortnight of the Society's Summer School at St Andrews and has danced in the demonstrations.

### MR G. K. F. HOLDEN, OBE, MC, TD, FRICS

The Society is pleased to record that Kenneth Holden was appointed an Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in the New Year's Honours List, 1989.

Ken is a Life Member of the Society and well-known to many members at home and abroad as husband of Anna Holden who is currently Director of Summer School. Anna, son Campbell and daughter Diane, were delighted to accompany Ken to Buckingham Palace in February, where the Honour was bestowed by Her Majesty the Queen during a most impressive ceremony in the State Ballroom.

The award was for work over a period of many years as Honorary Chairman of the West Midlands Branch, Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, otherwise known as SSFAA.

## Obituaries

### MARY C. GUDGER

*Died - 15th August 1989*

It was in the nineteenth century that Mary Clark Nicol started to dance. Born into a musical family in the Falkirk area, her mother encouraged her to dance properly, while her father and grandfather were musicians and her uncle Jimmie was a fiddler of more than local repute. Small wonder then that she was steeped in the music and dance of Scotland.

A student of Falkirk High she was heard quite recently stoutly defending the prowess of their hockey teams. On entering teacher training she naturally became one of "Miss Milligan's Young Ladies" and just as naturally became confirmed in the interest in our dancing which grew in to her life-long concern. She joined the Scottish Country Dance Society as a member of the Glasgow Branch.

Moving over the border to take up a teaching appointment, she settled in Stalybridge where she met and married Sam Gudger. During the 1930s Miss Milligan visited Rochdale at the invitation of the education authority and Mrs Gudger became involved in a period of intensive activity during which she travelled many hundreds of miles to introduce people to "the dance" and to take classes from which in time grew many of our present branches in the north of England. She taught the Rochdale Branch class from its inception to the year of her death, representing that Branch on the Executive Council for many years. She served also as a valued member of the publications sub-committee.

When the Summer School returned to St Andrews after the 1939-45 War "Mrs G" joined the teaching staff and continued this service into the 1980s. During this long period she became known and held in great esteem by dancers and teachers throughout the world. To be prepared by her for a certificate examination was at the outset a daunting experience which developed into a very rewarding one. Her carefully structured criticism and scrupulous fairness were appreciated by her fellow examiners and examinees alike.

Her proudest moment came, when in 1986 she was appointed to be a Vice-President of our Society, a signal and very well deserved honour.

A shrewd, determined and painstaking lady, she will be missed in the Society and by her many friends who grew to love and respect her.

*J.K.M.*

### MISS NAN SHAW

*Died - September 1988*

The Belfast Branch was saddened this year by the death in September of one of its founder members - Miss Nan Shaw.

Whilst attending a local Belfast Scottish country dancing class in the 1930s, Nan learned of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and made the trip to Scotland to gain her preliminary certificate. She continued as an enthusiastic member of the class under the teaching skills of Miss M. A. Boyd, but on learning that Belfast Branch could not be officially recognised without at least two certificated teachers, she determined to make this happen. It was wartime, however, and Nan had first to prove that her journey was "really necessary". She was able to do this on the grounds that the certificate class was for educational purposes and, aided in full by Dr Milligan who arranged a special exam just for Nan, she crossed the Irish Sea - but not before every one of her dance books had been firmly sealed with sealing wax in Northern Ireland to be opened on arrival only by the Scottish authorities! Nan passed her test and gained her certificate, to the delight of Belfast class, since petrol restrictions made it increasingly difficult for Miss Boyd to travel to Belfast. It was Nan who kept the spirit alive during those difficult years.

In 1946 the formation of Belfast Branch was agreed by Headquarters and it remains today a lasting tribute to the dedication and achievements of Nan Shaw.

*Lottie Kane  
May 1989*

### MISS NANCY J. ARNOTT

*Died - 28th March, 1988*

Miss Arnott died suddenly but peacefully in her own home less than two weeks after she had organised the dancing at the Kirkcaldy Branch AGM on the 16th of March.

She had been Branch Secretary for 37 years and had taught in the Branch for 41 years. Her teaching in Kirkcaldy started in 1947, when she taught the advanced class, and continued until the end of the 1987-88 session. Her death came as a great shock to her many friends both at home and abroad.

During her long career Miss Arnott became well-known in many parts of the country dancing world as she had taught, demonstrated and examined at the Summer School and had been on teaching and examination tours abroad.

Nancy researched diligently among old manuscripts, enabling her to donate much material to the archives and to bring to the attention of the Society several dances which the Society has since published. Her service to country dancing was acknowledged in 1984 when she was presented with the Society's Scroll.

*Anne E. Stephens*

### ALLAN P. R. SIMPSON

*Died - 6th November, 1988*

A well kent face has gone from the Country Dance scene in Perth with the death on 6th November, 1988, of Allan P. R. Simpson. Allan joined the Society in 1929. In the early days of the Society it was permissible to take both parts of one's certificate in a short space of time. Allan did just that - obtaining his Preliminary Certificate at St Andrews in 1947 and his Teacher's Certificate later the same year in Edinburgh.

He regularly attended Summer School over the years and often heard Miss Milligan talk about "the man in the helicopter" watching the dancing. In the end he actually arranged for a man in a helicopter to take photos and no-one was more surprised than Miss Milligan! He himself was a keen photographer. Once he had stopped actively dancing he continued to accompany the Gowrie Group of Dancers on their trips abroad as "official photographer". Regularly referred to as the "Duke of Perth" he was indeed a well kent face.

*Perth Branch*

Obituaries

Mrs. HARRY J. ARNOTT

20th - 21st March 1981

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