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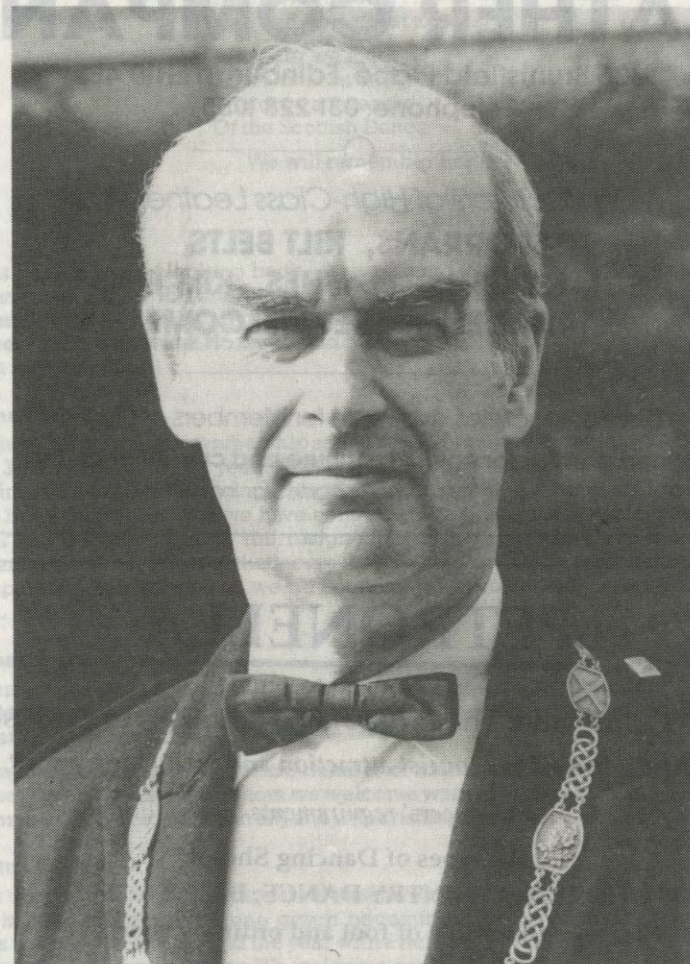
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## Annual Report

This Maid of Scotland,  
Here's to her . . . a toast:  
From town to town . . .  
Aye, and from coast to coast

Where'er we meet  
At the world's end perchance;  
Tread we a measure  
Of the Scottish Dance,

. . . We will remember her!!

(Danny Gallagher,  
Santa Monica 1975.)

This has been a year of looking back — not with regret, not even with nostalgia but with gladness and gratitude that one hundred years ago a little girl was born in Glasgow who was to be named Jean Callander Milligan and who was to revive Scottish dance and spread the enjoyment of it world wide. No one could have anticipated the growth of this Society to its present membership.

### Membership

At 30th June 1986, the total membership stood at 26,322 (composed of 18,163 Annual (last year 17,913), 3,966 Long Term (last year 3,565) and 4,193 Life (4,423 last year)). With a new Branch and an increase in affiliated groups this net increase of 174 may not seem remarkable but it should be remembered that we have continued the practice of transferring each year a number of 'lost' members to the resigned list. Unfortunately there are always some members who do not tell us of the moves they make. Our 'lost' members now number 433 as compared to 493 last year so we do continue to approach more realistic membership figures.

### Branches

Anniversary greetings were sent this year to West Lothian and Kilmarnock Branches who celebrate their Golden Jubilee and to Leamington Spa and London (Ontario) Branches who celebrate their Silver Jubilee.

There was a modest increase in the number of Branches with the formation of the Mid-Somerset Branch in England, whom we welcome warmly, bringing the total of Branches to 90 at home and 59 abroad (149 in all) and a flourishing Teachers' Association in Canada.

### Affiliated Groups

During the year under review approval was given to 24 applications for affiliation one of which is still pending. With one group becoming a Branch (Mid-Somerset) and a few Groups ceasing to exist we end the year with a net figure of 491 Affiliated Groups. This is a net increase of 18 over last year. We welcome our new affiliates.

### Examinations Committee

There were three meetings during the year, one under the convenership of Miss Margaret Anderson and two under Mrs Anna Holden who was appointed Convener in November 1985.

A new venture was undertaken by the Committee when the International Dance Teachers' Association approached the Society for assistance and guidance in instituting tests in Scottish Country Dancing. These tests were specifically for the under 16s and were by no means to be regarded as a preparation for teaching. The Executive Council ratified the Examinations Committee's recommendations that there should be co-operation with the

IDTA to help ensure good standards of Scottish Country Dancing. The Committee have since produced a syllabus for various grades (accepted by the IDTA) and have gone on to draw up appropriate marking sheets.

The Committee have also set up a small sub-committee to consider and draft a syllabus for beginners in Scottish Country Dancing and this work is at present in train.

Two overseas examination/teaching tours were carried out during the year ending review both of over six weeks. One was in New Zealand where Mr Alastair Aitkenhead took over the commitment when Miss Anderson, originally nominated, died suddenly last October; the other covered Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa and was undertaken by Mr Duncan Macleod and Mr George Mechan.

The Committee had hoped to arrange the course for pianists (recommended last year) in the early Spring but circumstances ordained that it could not be held until this Autumn. However, the syllabus was approved, Muriel Johnstone and Robert Mackay appointed as tutors, and arrangements made for the course to take place from 7th to 9th November, in Edinburgh. With the final date of receipt of applications set for mid-August, the course was already greatly oversubscribed by the end of June.

Among other items the Committee concluded that it was not advisable to have three examiners for an examination and indicated how every candidate could be seen by the two examiners throughout an examination; they also recommended membership of the Scottish National Council for Dance since Scottish Country Dance appeared to be the only type of dance not officially represented on that Council. No new examiners were appointed during the year but another potential examiner was invited to attend the 1986 Summer School.

Examinations were held in St Andrews (Summer School), New Zealand, Western Australia, Bristol, Dunfermline, Adelaide, Ayrshire North West, Birmingham, Leicester, Berks/Hants/Surrey Border, Edinburgh, Nairobi, Zimbabwe, Johannesburg, Cape Town, South Argyll. In the Preliminary Test 107 candidates passed and 40 failed, and in the Teacher's Certificate Examination 66 passed and 17 failed.

#### **Publications and Research Committee**

The Committee consisted of the eight elected members and the Immediate Past Chairman and three co-opted members, the last category being musicians whose expertise was required and who included Miss Muriel Johnstone who normally arranges the music in the Society's publications.

Six meetings were held under the Convenership of Mr Duncan Macleod and an additional 4 sub-committee meetings held for the purpose of recordings.

**Publications** produced during the year included the Saltire Reel (celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Saltire Society this year, and available now) and a very limited edition of a facsimile of the Festival Booklet which was issued first in 1924 as a guide to teachers and dancers entering teams in Country Dance Sections of Music Festivals and which was probably the first of Dr Milligan's writing on the subject of the Scottish Country Dance. Would-be purchasers should note that the price of the facsimile is £1 and not ninepence as shown on the original booklet!

The main production in any year is, of course, the subscription copy and in this special year when we are commemorating the birth of Dr Jean Milligan one hundred years ago, the Publications Committee took special pains to produce a book of traditional dances with a portrait of Dr Milligan on the front of the book while in the centre there was inserted some interesting reproductions of a by-gone age. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking Buccleuch Printers for the gift of the varnishing of the book-cover.

During the year Books 7 and 10 were gone over and prepared for reprinting and should be available shortly. "Alternative Tunes" has also been reprinted and is now on sale with an increased price of £2. Because of increased printing costs and the necessity to reduce

stocks and therefore order fewer of any reprints than formerly, prices of books, etc have increased this year. Current prices will be found in the Publications List further on in the Bulletin.

The Executive Council in May instructed the Publications Committee to include all the 'leaflet dances' in the next Pocket Edition (1987).

We have acquired the copyright of two publications. The firm who published "Know the Game — Scottish Country Dancing" decided this year to discontinue the publication. The material in the book was ours and the copyright is returned and for a modest sum we have purchased the film of the book.

"Hop Scotch" — a book mainly for school children — has also been acquired by the Society and will fall, in due course, to the Publications Committee for review.

Two tasks of considerable magnitude have been started in the life of this 1985/86 Committee. Having decided that the MacNab dances would be reprinted in one or two booklets the Committee have begun to prepare the dances for reprinting; this task though started will have to be continued by the next Committee.

A start has also been made on the recently devised dances which are being sent to Headquarters, but having a period of some 18 months respite from considering new dances the Committee is making good progress.

Videos: A video has been prepared, "The First Lady of the Dance", which gives an outline of the life of Dr Milligan and includes shots of the lady herself talking and demonstrating. The film is altogether delightful and is now available at the same price as the other videos.

It was decided this year to film the dances from Book 34 ahead of Summer School so that the video would be available right at the start and both Course 1 and Course 2 would be able to buy it at St Andrews.

All videos are now available in VHS, Beta-Max and in the format suitable for North America and Japan. Those in the special format for America/Japan are higher in price than the others.

Recordings: Three new records and cassettes were produced this year with music for Book 5 (Kenny Thomson), Book 6 (Neil Barron) and Book 34 (Alastair Wood). The record sleeve for RSCDS 23 (Book 34 dances) departs from the customary design and matches the book in colour and the reproduction of Dr Milligan's portrait. Track times are now incorporated in the information given on the sleeves of the Society's records. We have also entered into an agreement with TACSOUND in Canada to stock their record "Ready . . . And" for sale in the UK and Europe at the same price as our own records. Sales elsewhere will be handled by TACSOUND themselves.

Yet another innovation was the "Music for Teachers" cassette which the Committee issued at the request of the Executive Council. This contains music for teaching steps in jig, reel and strathspey time and should prove useful for teachers who have no recourse to live music. Mr Bill Hamilton and Mr Robert Mackay joined forces for the production of the tape.

#### **General Purposes Committee**

The General purposes Committee met under the Convenership of the Chairman, Dr MacFadyen. In addition to its three scheduled meetings during the year there were also several additional sub-committee meetings. The Sub-Committee for the weekend to celebrate Dr Milligan's birth a century ago were concerned to make arrangements for a Civic Reception, a bus tour of Glasgow, a Garden Party and a dance. The Garden Party arrangements included participation by children from many of our Branches which will certainly enliven the occasion. The Committee record their thanks to all the Branches who generously donated prizes for the Tombola. Dr MacFadyen had also liaised with Robbie Shepherd and so achieved a "Take the Floor" programme on radio to be devoted to Dr Jean Milligan.

It is not everyone who can come to Glasgow to celebrate and we know from their

Newsletters that many Branches organised very nice celebrations of their own and an affiliated group in Zimbabwe decided that at their Annual Ceilidh on 12th July they would include in the programme dances being done at Jordanhill on the same evening so that they would feel "very much part of it all" and be dancing in spirit with all the other members celebrating Miss Milligan's birth.

The Sub-Committee set up to make preliminary scrutiny of nominations for Scrolls found 15 nominations for consideration. The General Purposes Committee passed their recommendations to the Executive Council and in the event 11 Scrolls will be awarded this year.

The procedure for election to Standing Committees of the Executive Council which the General Purposes Committee had recommended and which had been ratified by the Executive Council last year had been put into effect in November 1985. It was noted that the new system had worked smoothly and had saved much time at the meeting and the Committee agreed that it should continue. It does mean, of course, that Branches must give their representatives the opportunity to say if they wish to stand for election to one of the Standing Committees.

Time was devoted to discussing the format of the Annual General Meeting. The Committee recommended that host Branches be advised that a formal meal was not necessary either on Friday (the Ball) or Saturday (the Dance). At the ensuing Executive Council meeting a motion was carried that only light refreshments should be served at the AGM functions and not a formal meal, the interpretation of 'a light meal' being left to host Branches.

The Annual General Meeting had itself decided that "Any Other Business" should not be an item on its Agenda but the Committee recognised that members were generally in favour of an opportunity to air their views, and to have discussion not necessarily requiring formal motions at the AGM.

The Committee decided — and it was agreed by Council — that an "Open Forum" should be held on this Saturday morning prior to the AGM. This Forum would consist of all Office-Bearers, all Conveners of Standing Committees and with the Society Vice-Chairman taking the Chair. Items on the Agenda of the AGM would not be discussed. The Open Forum Session will be open for all members to attend. Topics for discussion or questions must be submitted in writing no later than two weeks prior to the AGM.

The Vice-Chairman will have the final decision regarding selection of topics for discussion. There will be no decisions taken from the Forum and no Minutes recorded — it will be regarded as an opportunity to take note of views aired. As the arrangements for this year's AGM were already well advanced at the time (May) when this decision was made the Open Forum will not be initiated this year but will form part of the AGM Weekend from 1987 onwards so long as interest is maintained.

A great deal of the Committee's time was much less productively used for a problem which has given them great concern. This was the perturbing situation arising in one of the Society's Branches where a Life Member was expelled — something which has not happened ever before. While under that particular Branch Constitution a member could be expelled by the Committee of Management, the General Purposes Committee considered that the procedure which was followed leading up to the expulsion was faulty and that natural justice had been absent. As the Branch continued to ignore advice and suggestions from the Committee the matter went before the Executive Council in May when a categorical instruction was issued to the Branch from Council to put the matter on the Agenda for their AGM in June and to permit the expelled member to make an appeal against expulsion. Council now await confirmation from the Branch that this has been done.

Throughout the various meetings the Committee continue to consider applications for affiliation, for approval of Constitutions and in one case for approval to form a Branch. As will be seen under the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund elsewhere in the Bulletin they also considered the projects to be supported in 1986 from the interest of the fund.

Support for the Essay Competition was very disappointing and it remains to be discussed whether or not the competition should be an annual event.

### Finance Committee

Under the Convener, Mr James Taylor, the Committee met quarterly. At their first meeting the Committee were very saddened by the death of Mr Peter Wadsworth who had evinced promise of being a useful member and he himself had looked forward to joining the Committee.

The report of the work of the Finance Committee will, by custom, be made at the AGM by the Finance Convener.

### Summer School Committee

Under the Convenership of Mr Duncan Macleod, Director of Summer School, the Committee met in November (to plan the course for 1986) and in August to receive reports from the Director and Secretary as to how the Summer School had gone. Last year we had stuck our neck out and said that Summer School appeared to be settling down to around 850 students each year. We are glad to say that we have been proved wrong. It is fitting in this special year, 1986, to report that we have the largest Summer School ever with 925 members attending. Although a number of applicants had to be nudged about the date for payments of deposits the Committee had decided that if any member did not pay the balance by the due date their place would be forfeit. This policy certainly paid dividends as very few were late and only three lost their places. This year there were 64 cancellations — many fewer than last year.

The recipients of the Jean Milligan Scholarships were both Preliminary Test Candidates, one from the USA and one from Scotland. A third scholarship was provided by the General Purposes Committee from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund and was awarded to a Teacher's Certificate candidate from Australia.

Bobby Watson, the Highland Dancing teacher for many years, did not participate in this year's Summer School having decided to retire from this activity. There was no afternoon class scheduled for 'reel steps' this year but Mr Aitkenhead and Miss West took the afternoon spot with "Simple Ballroom and Party Dances".

We thank Miss Lorna Walker (Warden) and Miss Anna Ross (Domestic Bursar) very sincerely for all they did to make us welcome and comfortable and for the many "extras" laid on for us in this special year.

The Staff consisted of 17 teachers and 11 pianists each week and 4 administrative staff the first week, 3 the second, and 4 for the last two weeks.

Mrs Anna Holden and Mr Alastair Aitkenhead were appointed Deputy Director for the first and second course respectively.

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

Australia.....	15	Netherland.....	12
Belgium.....	5	New Zealand.....	3
Canada.....	52	Norway.....	4
Denmark.....	8	Portugal.....	2
Eire.....	5	Saudi Arabia.....	3
France.....	41	South Africa.....	10
Germany.....	48	Sultanate of Oman.....	2
Italy.....	1	Sweden.....	7
Japan.....	7	Switzerland.....	16
Kenya.....	3	UK.....	613
Luxembourg.....	1	USA.....	67
		A total of 925	

Of these, 248 were non-resident. 363 members completed the full two-week course and 562 attended for one week only, averaging 321 students per week.

### Headquarters

Staff currently employed are:

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

We had two changes of staff this year, one retiring and one junior member going for a better position.

During the year the reorganisation of the office in 1985 produced more agreeable working conditions and much more space for the storage of our large stocks of books and records and for the Strathspey Sales stocks of accessories. It also provides more room for extending the archives.

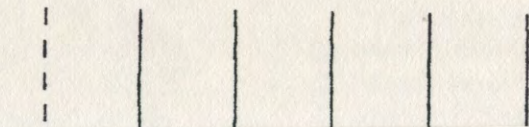
All members should note that during the period of the Summer School all the staff (except those on holiday) are at St Andrews and the Headquarters is closed. In order to suit the workload at Headquarters the staff must take one week of their annual holiday between Christmas and New Year and the Headquarters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

We very much appreciate the co-operation of Branch Secretaries and Treasurers especially in the prompt return of Branch details and request for subscription copies. So far as the latter is concerned we have tried to send off the books very soon after the receipt of the requests so that we hope all overseas Branches will receive their books in time for the start of the new session.

### Annual General Meeting

The 1986 AGM will take place on 1st November 1986, when Dundee Branch will act as hosts.

The cartoons in this publication are again produced by Gail von Heune, Ted Cannis, Gloria and Doug McConnell and Ron Moore of San Francisco Branch whom we thank for their contribution.



## THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

### BALANCE SHEET

at 30th JUNE, 1986

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## BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE, 1986

### AND RELATIVE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON THAT DATE

<p> <b>ASSETS</b>                  Fixed Assets                  Land and Buildings                  Furniture and Equipment                  Investments                  Long Term Investments                  Short Term Investments                  Other Assets                  Total Assets             </p>	<p>                 £ 3,683                  15,137                  2,242                  3,888                  1,838                  4,008                  58,203                  75,996                  69,935             </p>
<p> <b>LIABILITIES</b>                  Creditors                  Other Liabilities                  Total Liabilities             </p>	<p>                 £ 1,235                  4,858                  8,092                  13,985             </p>
<p> <b>MEMBERSHIP</b>                  Total Membership                  Total Assets less Liabilities             </p>	<p>                 £ 16,740                  31,011                  16,140                  50,900                  31,011                  16,140             </p>



## BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE, 1986

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I have audited the books and accounts of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1986, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

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 at 30th June 1986.

*Chartered Accountant.*

## REVENUE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1986

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	Redeem	Market Value	Bought	Cost
<b>Corporation Loans</b>			Aug. 72	£2,000
14.25% City of Edinburgh.....	11.11.86	£2,000	May 85	2,000
11.00% City of Edinburgh.....	30. 9.82	2,000	Oct. 79	2,500
10.25% Knowsley B.C.....	9.10.87	2,500		
		<u>£6,500</u>		<u>£6,500</u>
<b>Government Securities</b>				
£3,500 8.25% Treasury Stock 87/90.....		£3,430	June 73	£2,996
£1,520 14.5% Treasury Loan 1994.....		1,953	Mar. 80	1,495
£2,000 7.75% Treasury Stock 85/88.....		1,960	Mar. 76	1,525
£2,340 12.5% Treasury Loan 1993.....		2,726	Dec. 76	1,996
£3,140 12.5% Treasury Loan 1993.....		3,658	Aug. 80	2,999
£2,150 12.5% Exchequer Stock '94.....		2,526	Feb. 81	1,978
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£5,000 6.75% Treasury Stock 95/98.....		4,225	Nov. 82	3,990
£5,400 9.00% Treasury Loan 92/96.....		5,359	Nov. 83	4,985
		<u>£28,304</u>		<u>£24,095</u>
<b>Equities</b>				
M. & G. Charfund Unit Trust			May 82-	
7,150 Income Units.....		£28,285	June 86	£18,018
		<u>£69,354</u>		<u>£54,878</u>
<b>Deposits</b>				
Standard Property Investment Co.....		£539		£539
Bank of Scotland Moneymarket A/C.....		5,726		5,726
		<u>£6,265</u>		<u>£6,265</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<u>£69,354</u>		<u>£54,878</u>

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ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
for the year to 30th JUNE, 1987

<b>Income:</b>	
Subscriptions.....	£32,000
Affiliation Fees.....	2,500
Royalties.....	500
Donations.....	—
Investment Income.....	10,000
Summer School.....	—
Surplus on Publications.....	20,000
Strathspey Sales Ltd.....	2,200
Exam Fees, net of expenses.....	500
	<u>£67,700</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Staff Salaries.....	£35,000
Cost of Meetings.....	10,000
Printing.....	5,000
Post and Telephone.....	7,000
Office Accommodation.....	6,000
Audit Fee.....	500
Insurance.....	1,200
Repairs and Decorations.....	3,500
Archives.....	1,000
Publicity.....	1,500
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	400
	<u>£71,100</u>
Less: Summer School Allocation 1986.....	—20,000
	<u>£51,100</u>
Bulletin.....	8,000
Subscription Copies.....	4,500
Extension Work.....	1,000
Examiners/Teachers Overseas Travel.....	1,000
Depreciation.....	1,000
	<u>£66,600</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> .....	<u>£66,600</u>
<b>SURPLUS BEFORE</b> .....	<u>1,100</u>
	<u>£67,700</u>

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12 Coates Crescent  
EDINBURGH EH3 7AF

September, 1986

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If you want to take advantage of this investment opportunity - or simply want to possess a bone china plate crafted in St Andrews, Scotland - I would advise you to act without delay and return your purchase order form and remittance for £15.00 plus postage of £2.00.

Your plate will be despatched immediately.

Yours very sincerely,

JIM TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN  
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### Headquarters

Staff currently employed are:

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

We had two changes of staff this year, one retiring and one junior member going for a better position.

During the year the reorganisation of the office in 1985 produced more agreeable working conditions and much more space for the storage of our large stocks of books and records and for the Strathspey Sales stocks of accessories. It also provides more room for extending the archives.

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

We very much appreciate the co-operation of Branch Secretaries and Treasurers especially in the prompt return of Branch details and request for subscription copies. So far as the latter is concerned we have tried to send off the books very soon after the receipt of the requests so that we hope all overseas Branches will receive their books in time for the start of the new session.

### Annual General Meeting

The 1986 AGM will take place on 1st November 1986, when Dundee Branch will act as hosts.

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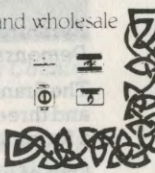
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**Aberdeen.** *Membership:* 167 Annual, 25 Long Term, 120 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 6 Children's.

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

At the Scottish Country Dance Festival in March the Branch was represented by seven adult and ten children's teams. Three teams from the Children's R.S.C.D.S. Classes entered the David Findlay Competition in Dundee in March 1986. The two teams from Airyhall were placed first and second and the Cloverfield team was third.

This year the Branch held two very enjoyable Balls, one in Amatola Hotel in December and one in Treetops Hotel in February. On Saturday 5th April 1986 we had a very successful Day School in Butchart Hall. The class was ably taken by Derek Haynes with music for the evening dance being provided by Drummond Cook and his Band.

We are looking forward to Tuesday 15th July when we hope to entertain a group of about 30 Scottish Country Dancers from Lakeside, Ontario.

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

Thanks to Mrs Sheila Nicoll we have, once more, had a very enjoyable dancing year as have the juniors' who have progressed well.

As a result of everyone's efforts, quite a few new members joined us this year and they have become very enthusiastic. Two successful dances were held by our branch and a number of members had several enjoyable evenings at neighbouring club dances.

**Ayr.** *Membership:* 126 Annual, 29 Long Term, 67 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult 7 Children *Demonstration Team available.*

Ayr Branch has had another busy and successful year. Classes have been well supported and a new class has now been firmly established in Cumnock.

As the Day School in 1985 was such a success, the Branch held a Week-end School in Craigie College of Education in September 1986 and in addition to regular annual Branch dances, a Centenary Ball in honour of the late Dr Jean C Milligan took place in May 1986.

The Branch lost two very much loved and valued members in 1985/86. Miss Margaret Anderson died suddenly while on holiday in India. Over many years she had done sterling work for the Society during her travels to many countries and she will be sadly missed by her many friends here and abroad. Miss Betty McMillan, an Honourary Vice-President and founder member of the Branch, died this year. She kept the Branch alive during the war years and showed a great and enthusiastic interest in its well-being to the end of her very long life.

**Ayrshire North West.** *Membership:* 86 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch once again had a very successful year with a New Year Ball in the Seamill Hydro and three dances in the Civic Centre, Ardrossan. Summer dancing was once again held on a fortnightly basis in Saltcoats.

One of our black spots this year has been a serious falling off in attendance at children's classes.

**Banffshire.** *Membership:* 86 Annual, 13 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 7 Children

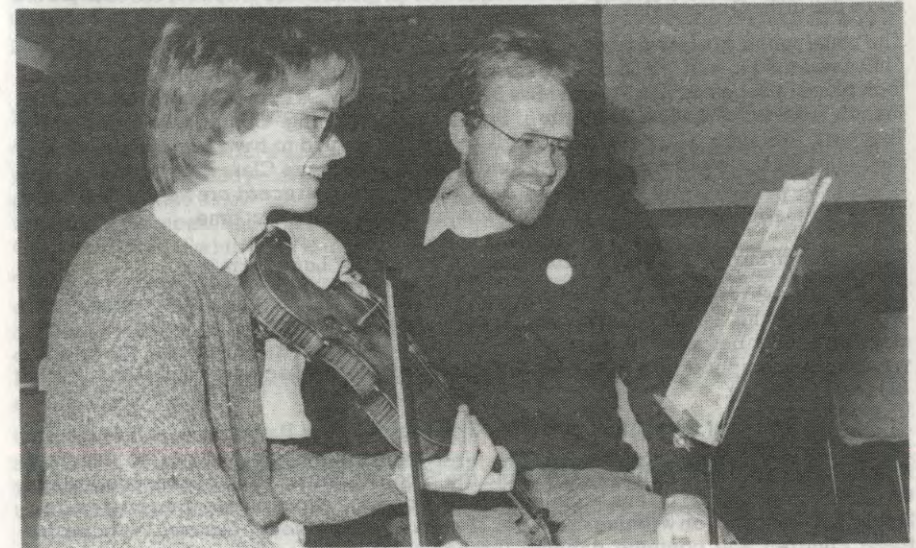
It has been a very busy year for our Branch. Membership has increased and our Adult classes and Childrens' classes are all well attended and enjoyed. We were very fortunate in having five Ladies pass their Teachers' certificate which is very encouraging and thanks to Miss A. McArthur's teaching.

Our Annual Rally, a great success, was held in November 1985 in Buckie where a successful Children's Rally was also held in March 1986, which was well attended and enjoyed. Our Annual Rally this year will be held in Longmore Hall, Keith, on 7th November 1986 with music supplied by The Glendaruel Band. Our Branch was represented at the North East of Scotland Country Dance Festival in March 1986 by three Children's teams.

**Bath.** *Membership:* 88 Annual, 1 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 3 Junior *Demonstration Team available.*

This year we held our first day school which was combined with a school for musicians, both were fully subscribed and thoroughly enjoyed. Dancers appreciated Mary Stoker's instruction (and dry wit!) and the aspiring players responded enthusiastically to Ian Muir's able direction. The informal dance in the evening was well supported and had a splendid atmosphere — how else could it be when we had the luxury of dancing to a twenty-piece orchestra provided by volunteers from the musician's school?

Classes have been well supported this season but attendance at the Annual Ball in February was adversely affected by weather conditions and an unfortunate clash of dates with another local group which occurred through a misunderstanding. It won't happen again! The Spring Dance was on the other hand particularly well supported and the season as a whole has certainly been successful. The Branch Demonstration Team, operating as 'Bath



*Ian Muir and a young fiddler discuss a technical point at the Bath Branch School for Country Dance musicians.*

Scottish Dancers', has had its usual active year and our Juniors provided a demonstration at the Autumn Dance as well as at the one or two outside functions. As always, we would like to have more young people dancing with our Junior classes but recruiting campaigns in

local schools have not helped; probably the best way to attract new pupils is by personal recommendation with which all Branch members can assist.

Visitors to Bath are always welcomed to our Tuesday classes in the season — ring the Secretary for details.

**Bedfordshire.** *Membership:* 29 Annual, 12 Long Term, 6 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Bedfordshire Branch continues its activities as in previous years holding bi-monthly dances on the last Sunday of the appropriate month and the Annual Ball in June. During the year, as an experiment, we held a Saturday dance and were delighted with the support we received. Branch membership has remained fairly static and more members would be most welcome.

The demonstration team has been very busy throughout the year providing demonstrations for local W.I. and Young Wives Groups, Church functions and fund raising events. The team also had the opportunity to participate in the Andy Stewart Show when it made an appearance in Northampton. Other than the demonstration class, the Branch does not hold any teaching classes but members continue to support two classes run independently, one on a Monday night which runs during the season, and the other on a Tuesday evening and is held throughout the year.

**Belfast.** *Membership:* 297 Annual, 52 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 10 Adult 1 Children *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has just held its 40th A.G.M. and is looking forward to a final Celebration with a ball planned to take place in November. The Season began with a Workshop held at Stranmillis College in October, the hard-working teachers being Miss Lesley Martin and Mr Charlie Todd. In November George Fleming and his band joined us once for a St. Andrew's Night Ball in the Queen's Hall, Newtownards and a dance on the following night in Comber.

The usual round of class parties at Christmas and the New Year kept members on the go until it was time to join the Lisburn Class and celebrate Burns' Night. A Children's Festival took place in Belfast in April when Miss Betty Mann and Miss Lorna Carson from Portrush Branch adjudicated. The N.I. three Branch Co-ordinating Committee organised a Teachers' Refresher Course also in April and we were glad to have Mrs Norah Dunn as Instructor for the week-end. She very kindly took a Children's Class before she left. The Season ended with a Ball in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, when a record crowd danced to the music of Jim Dawson and his band who were in Ireland for the first time.

**Berks/Hants/Surrey Border.** *Membership:* 67 Annual, 47 Long Term, 8

The Branch is very active, with events organised centrally and members supporting events organised by the 24 Clubs within the Branch area. Bracknell host an enjoyable social evening in October and the summer dance at Loseley Park was a success despite the weather and competition from the London Branch at Polesden Lacey (separate dates for the 1986 and in future).

At the Day School at Fleet in March, Mary Stoker and Derek Haynes put us through our paces. Congratulations to Muriel Taylor and Anne Walker on passing the Teachers Preliminary Test. The Candidates Class and the 'Stooges' gained valuable knowledge and technique from Bruce Frazer's excellent tuition. Congratulations also to the children from St John's Wokingham on winning the under 12 years cup at the Slough Festival. We hope that these children will continue dancing through their teens and into their twenties. A Beginners Class has been organised by the Branch to start at Frimley Green in September and run for 6 weeks. Intermediate and advanced instruction is given at most clubs throughout the season. The Teach-in of new dances was another successful Branch event which will be continued. New dances from books 32 and 33 have proved very popular during the year. The Branch Ball is planned for 25 April 1987 with Frank Reid and his Band. Venue probably Woking. See you there!

**Berwick-Upon-Tweed.** *Membership:* 32 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

Classes throughout the year were well attended and new members made welcome. Social dancing was also enjoyed, both in Berwick and also in the surrounding district, though bad weather did restrict numbers able to attend.

**Birmingham.** *Membership:* 137 Annual, 69 Long Term, 68 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 2 Children *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Annual Summer Social was again held at Shugborough Hall, Staffs, on the usual fine day we have come to expect. The Branch were involved in the City of Birmingham's Highland Gathering — providing arena demonstrations and organising social dancing for the public. The event was, unfortunately, affected by the inclement weather.

Our Autumn Ball, at a new venue, the QE Hospital, proved as enjoyable an occasion as usual. The Joint Ball, with the BMSS, was again held in the Great Hall of Birmingham University. We have also held several well attended socials, Burns being the most popular. Another Adult/Junior Social was held in October, a Junior Social at Christmas, and a Junior half day school in February — followed by a social attended by over 40 children. Fifteen teams danced at our 7th Annual Non-competitive Festival in April, which included demonstrations of Indian and Highland dancing, and country dancing by a teacher's team.

A very successful Day School was held in March, and in April we organised an Advanced Training Day, attended by over 40 teachers who were instructed by Mrs Mary Stoker, accompanied by Mr Robert MacKay. A preliminary test class was held, and six candidates were successful at the exam in March. Our demonstration team has danced 27 times, including at the first Folk Festival at Meriden, and for the City of Birmingham's 'Let's Dance' during April. We shall be dancing at Sevres, near Paris, at the end of May.

During 1986 the Branch is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and Anniversary glassware and teaspoons have been produced. A special social has already been held and a dinner is planned for the Autumn.

**Bournemouth.** *Membership:* 62 Annual, 9 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* Two

The term started off with a small recruitment of new members, our problem being once more, to maintain steady membership throughout the Branch. We have held six functions, one of which, was a new 'Hogmanay Dance' at the Hamworthy Middle School. This was a tremendous success and will surely be repeated. A successful Day School took place at the Glenmoor School where Bill Hamilton and Rita Marlowe taught very favourably.

The year has proved a truly busy one and the committee has worked extremely hard. We celebrate, in 1986, our 21st year as a Branch so a summer Dance was held at Summerbee School to mark the occasion. The evening was very festive, including the beautiful hall decorations, cake, and splendid programme chosen by one of our talented teachers, Mrs Pat Coulston, who was M.C. for this occasion. Commemorative plaques were given to those early day members.

Our summer socials continued until mid-July and these as always were very well supported, with our guest teachers adding to the success. We look forward to another busy year ahead and to new membership within the Branch as we have a talented assembly of teachers to teach them. Thank you to our friends who kindly support our events.

**Bramhall.** *Membership:* 40 Annual, 8 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

Although numbers have fallen this year the classes have been very enjoyable.

Our annual dance was a happy and most successful occasion. The Band was 'The Scottish Measure Band', a newly formed band of young musicians.

**Bristol.** *Membership:* 46 Annual, 3 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The past year has been a busy one with the Branch running a teacher's course which was most successful. The weekend school with Johan MacLean was very well attended.

Our 'Welcome to Beginners' dance was enjoyed by all with numbers well up on previous years and the 'Book 33' dance was much appreciated by members.

We look forward to our 25th anniversary on March 21st 1987.

**Cambridge and District.** *Membership:* 18 Annual, 10 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 2

This year has seen an expansion in classes, with the inclusion of a weekly advanced level class. The annual dance in October was well attended and McBain's Band provided excellent music.

A change of venue for the record dance in January provided a much better dancing surface than that previously used and greatly contributed to the success of the evening. The final function of this dancing season has yet to be held (at the time of writing). It is an open-air dance held in the grounds of Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property near Cambridge. This dance will be the Branch's contribution to the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Miss Milligan and a very fitting way to end another successful year's events.

**Carlisle & Border.** *Membership:* 51 Annual, 7 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult 1 Children's *Demonstration Team available.*

It was strange starting our weekly General Class without the superb up-lifting music of Nancy Dickson's piano. Fortunately, she is available to play for some of our activities, such as the Weekend and Day Schools. Her successor, Ann Allcoat, while being completely new to S.C.D., has made remarkable progress in coming to grips with the special technique necessary for our kind of music. In addition to the aforesaid class we have run a technique class for the enthusiasts who wish to try to improve their own standard of dancing.

Throughout the year we organized seven dances, four of them to good live music. For the first time in many years we held a dance in Canonbie Village Hall which was well supported and very enjoyable. In November, we were pleased to welcome back Anna Holden to teach at our Weekend School. Yet again she proved to be a great attraction, with our residential numbers exceeding 70. George Stirrat's Band delighted us with just the right tempo and fine selection of tunes. We had our usual mix of dancers frae a' the airts! We value their support and always look forward to the renewal of so many 'old' acquaintances. The music of the Lyne Valley Band gave us just the right spirit and atmosphere at Longtown for the build-up to Christmas celebrations and festivities. Dr Ian Hall 'reeled' up the M6 from Manchester to teach at our Day School in February, while George Stirrat's Band 'jigged' down from Cumbernauld once more to play for the evening dance. A good day and evening were enjoyed by all.

For our Highland Ball in March we provided a fine band, that of Bobby Crowe, a good sprung floor in an attractive ballroom in the Crown and Mitre Hotel, and yet we failed to attract enough dancers to form five sets. Never have so few enjoyed dancing to such good music in so much space! Sadly, economics dictate that this was probably our last Highland Ball.

**Carnoustie.** *Membership:* 46 Annual, 7 Long Term, *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children *Demonstration Team available.*

We are happy to report an increase in membership this year. The annual dance was a great success and classes have been well attended throughout the season.

Our dance will be held on 17th October this year.

Congratulations to our President, Mrs June Thomson on gaining her Teacher's Certificate at St Andrews.

**Castle Douglas.** *Membership:* 43 Annual, 4 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

Another successful and happy year was enjoyed by the Branch, although numbers were slightly down on the previous year, with an average of 34 members attending the adult class weekly. The junior class had, however, seen a decline in numbers, with only 13 attending on a regular basis.

Our Annual Dance was held on 29th November, 1985 in Castle Douglas Town Hall and was, once again, most successful. Music was provided by the Eskdale Scottish Country Dance Band.

**Cheltenham.** *Membership:* 92 Annual, 15 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 (and short Beginners Course) *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch opened the season with the now customary Summer Dance at Cowley Manor with outdoor dancing afternoon and evening in fine but cooler weather. As in previous years the occasion was most enjoyable including a nice buffet meal.

All tickets were sold for two successful events, a Christmas Dance and an Annual Ball at Pittville Pump Room, with live music in each case. An open evening in September attracted a good number of beginners for the crash course. Advanced and General classes were well attended throughout the year with slightly increased membership.

The Christmas holiday 4-day package of Scottish Country Dancing organised by the Branch was this year held at the Banbury Moat House Hotel. It was again a tremendous success with dancers attending from far and wide. The weekend school in February was at a new venue and again proved popular with Alex Gray as teacher.

**Cheshire.** *Membership:* 52 Annual, 7 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful second year. Our first Branch Ball, dancing to George Fleming's Band, was well supported and enjoyed by all.

Our demonstration team danced at several fetes and, for the first time, at the Dance Festival at Stockport — though under some difficulty as one couple did not arrive at all, their car having broken down on the Motorway. Four members of the demonstration team were invited to join the Galloway Dancers of Nottingham and had a hectic but enjoyable trip to the Corrèze region of France, dancing two and three demonstrations every day in towns and villages all over the area. The same four members will join the Nottingham group again this August attending an International Dance Festival at Montrejean in the South of France.

**Clackmannanshire.** *Membership:* 88 Annual, 14 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 3

The year has been more active than usual. Our Branch undertook to arrange a Summer Session, of Scottish Country Dancing, requested by the local District Council. The popularity of those twelve weekly evenings exceeded all expectations (one thing the bad summer weather had been in our favour!) with visitors attending from far and wide, including abroad. A variety of local bands provided the music. We are very fortunate in this area having the talented musicians we do.

The Branch had quite an encouraging increase in Annual Membership. Scottish Country Dancing continues to flourish.

**Croydon.** *Membership:* 87 Annual, 27 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 weekly, 2 fortnightly

We have had a most enjoyable year, increasing our membership and attendances at all our functions. These have included five dances, a ball, a weekend school at Eastbourne, open air dancing in a local park and at Hever Castle on a glorious Sunday afternoon. We have been impressed with the distances dancers have travelled, despite severe weather, to join us on these occasions. Robin Ellis and his Caledonian country band have again been

providing excellent music for our dances and November will mark the 60th occasion on which he has played for Croydon Branch. We now have a beginners, intermediate and advanced class as well as social groups in the area.

We were saddened by the death of Edge Craddock, our Vice President, who had been associated with the Branch for many years. We are however delighted to welcome in that capacity our hard working past chairman, Rita Quirk.

In May, we held a 'dance in' when dancers were sponsored for up to 20 dances; most of them made it to the bitter end and we hope to send a cheque for about £300 to Bob Geldorf's Sports Aid Appeal.

**Doncaster & District. Membership:** 67 Annual, 27 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 *Demonstration Team available.*

We held two weekly mixed ability dance classes from September to June, also an advanced class, gave numerous demonstrations, held parties and social dances, a Highland Workshop (Kate and Alex Gray), a Day School (Derek Haynes and Robert Mackay), the Annual Ball (the Lyne Valley S.C.D. Band), and celebrated 30 years of Scottish Country Dancing in Doncaster — are we nutters or just run-of-the-mill addicts? Seven candidates from our Certificate Class were successful at the examination in June, five obtaining full teaching certificates. For the first time, Branch membership exceeded 100, including Juniors, and much thought was devoted to the best arrangement of classes to suit both newcomers and experienced dancers.

An anguished advertisement for musicians, in particular a piper for Burns' Night, caught the eye of the media, which resulted in several mentions in local newspapers and appearances on Radio Sheffield — a nice bit of free publicity, and we found a piper. Altogether, a rather special year.

**Dumfries. Membership:** 101 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

This year saw classes very well attended with a marked increase in membership which is most encouraging. Unfortunately, there was no Festival this year owing to circumstances beyond our control. Social events were most successful as usual. At one Highland Ball two of our longest serving members Miss B Morton and Miss M Grant were presented with pendants by our Chairman. Demonstration Teams Adult and Junior Associates have been kept on their toes. Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board were promoting Hotels with press visits. The Branch were invited to dance for two nights at Kineightree Hotel, Newton Stewart. Under the direction of Mr Clement, a mixed team from the Dumfries Branch RSCDS (Wallace Hall F.P. Section) gave two excellent performances to complete a most successful session.

**Dunbartonshire West. Membership:** 129 Annual, 6 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Teenager, 5 Junior 1 Demo fortnightly *Demonstration Team available.*

We have increased the number of junior classes this year by writing to schools and offering a teacher at lunchtime; the response was very good. Outdoor dancing during the 'summer' was a wash-out allowing dancing on about seven occasions. The dancers who visited our twin town Thouers were given an excellent reception with visits to chateaux and vineyards. In November we had the honour of hosting the Society A.G.M. for the first time and we were delighted to hear and read all the compliments paid to the Branch. We have a very relaxed group of committee members now that the occasion is past. Dancers entertained the tourists at local hotels during the summer and according to the interest shown perhaps a number of groups will have gained new members. The Charity Dance and Draw raised £1,624 for Headline Helensburgh Talking Newspaper. The Branch Weekend with teachers Anna Holden and Mrs Sharp, Ayr, with pianists Jean Sim and Dorothy Hamilton was a great success although numbers were down a little. At the coffee morning on the Sunday Anna Holden gave an interesting talk on activities abroad.

**Dundee. Membership:** 98 Annual, 27 Long Term, 118 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Children's

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**Bristol.** *Membership:* 46 Annual, 3 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The past year has been a busy one with the Branch running a teacher's course which was most successful. The weekend school with Johan MacLean was very well attended.

Our 'Welcome to Beginners' dance was enjoyed by all with numbers well up on previous years and the 'Book 33' dance was much appreciated by members.

We look forward to our 25th anniversary on March 21st 1987.

**Cambridge and District.** *Membership:* 18 Annual, 10 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 2

This year has seen an expansion in classes, with the inclusion of a weekly advanced level class. The annual dance in October was well attended and McBain's Band provided excellent music.

A change of venue for the record dance in January provided a much better dancing surface than that previously used and greatly contributed to the success of the evening. The final function of this dancing season has yet to be held (at the time of writing). It is an open-air dance held in the grounds of Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property near Cambridge. This dance will be the Branch's contribution to the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Miss Milligan and a very fitting way to end another successful year's events.

**Carlisle & Border.** *Membership:* 51 Annual, 7 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult 1 Children's *Demonstration Team available.*

It was strange starting our weekly General Class without the superb up-lifting music of Nancy Dickson's piano. Fortunately, she is available to play for some of our activities, such as the Weekend and Day Schools. Her successor, Ann Allcoat, while being completely new to S.C.D., has made remarkable progress in coming to grips with the special technique necessary for our kind of music. In addition to the aforesaid class we have run a technique class for the enthusiasts who wish to try to improve their own standard of dancing.

Throughout the year we organized seven dances, four of them to good live music. For the first time in many years we held a dance in Canonbie Village Hall which was well supported and very enjoyable. In November, we were pleased to welcome back Anna Holden to teach at our Weekend School. Yet again she proved to be a great attraction, with our residential numbers exceeding 70. George Stirrat's Band delighted us with just the right tempo and fine selection of tunes. We had our usual mix of dancers frae a' the airts! We value their support and always look forward to the renewal of so many 'old' acquaintances. The music of the Lyne Valley Band gave us just the right spirit and atmosphere at Longtown for the build-up to Christmas celebrations and festivities. Dr Ian Hall 'reeled' up the M6 from Manchester to teach at our Day School in February, while George Stirrat's Band 'jigged' down from Cumbernauld once more to play for the evening dance. A good day and evening were enjoyed by all.

For our Highland Ball in March we provided a fine band, that of Bobby Crowe, a good sprung floor in an attractive ballroom in the Crown and Mitre Hotel, and yet we failed to attract enough dancers to form five sets. Never have so few enjoyed dancing to such good music in so much space! Sadly, economics dictate that this was probably our last Highland Ball.

**Carnoustie.** *Membership:* 46 Annual, 7 Long Term, *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children *Demonstration Team available.*

We are happy to report an increase in membership this year. The annual dance was a great success and classes have been well attended throughout the season.

Our dance will be held on 17th October this year.

Congratulations to our President, Mrs June Thomson on gaining her Teacher's Certificate at St Andrews.

**Castle Douglas.** *Membership:* 43 Annual, 4 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

Another successful and happy year was enjoyed by the Branch, although numbers were slightly down on the previous year, with an average of 34 members attending the adult class weekly. The junior class had, however, seen a decline in numbers, with only 13 attending on a regular basis.

Our Annual Dance was held on 29th November, 1985 in Castle Douglas Town Hall and was, once again, most successful. Music was provided by the Eskdale Scottish Country Dance Band.

**Cheltenham.** *Membership:* 92 Annual, 15 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 (and short Beginners Course) *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch opened the season with the now customary Summer Dance at Cowley Manor with outdoor dancing afternoon and evening in fine but cooler weather. As in previous years the occasion was most enjoyable including a nice buffet meal.

All tickets were sold for two successful events, a Christmas Dance and an Annual Ball at Pittville Pump Room, with live music in each case. An open evening in September attracted a good number of beginners for the crash course. Advanced and General classes were well attended throughout the year with slightly increased membership.

The Christmas holiday 4-day package of Scottish Country Dancing organised by the Branch was this year held at the Banbury Moat House Hotel. It was again a tremendous success with dancers attending from far and wide. The weekend school in February was at a new venue and again proved popular with Alex Gray as teacher.

**Cheshire.** *Membership:* 52 Annual, 7 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful second year. Our first Branch Ball, dancing to George Fleming's Band, was well supported and enjoyed by all.

Our demonstration team danced at several fetes and, for the first time, at the Dance Festival at Stockport — though under some difficulty as one couple did not arrive at all, their car having broken down on the Motorway. Four members of the demonstration team were invited to join the Galloway Dancers of Nottingham and had a hectic but enjoyable trip to the Corrèze region of France, dancing two and three demonstrations every day in towns and villages all over the area. The same four members will join the Nottingham group again this August attending an International Dance Festival at Montrejean in the South of France.

**Clackmannanshire.** *Membership:* 88 Annual, 14 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 3

The year has been more active than usual. Our Branch undertook to arrange a Summer Session, of Scottish Country Dancing, requested by the local District Council. The popularity of those twelve weekly evenings exceeded all expectations (one thing the bad summer weather had been in our favour!) with visitors attending from far and wide, including abroad. A variety of local bands provided the music. We are very fortunate in this area having the talented musicians we do.

The Branch had quite an encouraging increase in Annual Membership. Scottish Country Dancing continues to flourish.

**Croydon.** *Membership:* 87 Annual, 27 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 weekly, 2 fortnightly

We have had a most enjoyable year, increasing our membership and attendances at all our functions. These have included five dances, a ball, a weekend school at Eastbourne, open air dancing in a local park and at Hever Castle on a glorious Sunday afternoon. We have been impressed with the distances dancers have travelled, despite severe weather, to join us on these occasions. Robin Ellis and his Caledonian country band have again been

providing excellent music for our dances and November will mark the 60th occasion on which he has played for Croydon Branch. We now have a beginners, intermediate and advanced class as well as social groups in the area.

We were saddened by the death of Edge Craddock, our Vice President, who had been associated with the Branch for many years. We are however delighted to welcome in that capacity our hard working past chairman, Rita Quirk.

In May, we held a 'dance in' when dancers were sponsored for up to 20 dances; most of them made it to the bitter end and we hope to send a cheque for about £300 to Bob Geldorf's Sports Aid Appeal.

**Doncaster & District.** *Membership:* 67 Annual, 27 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 *Demonstration Team available.*

We held two weekly mixed ability dance classes from September to June, also an advanced class, gave numerous demonstrations, held parties and social dances, a Highland Workshop (Kate and Alex Gray), a Day School (Derek Haynes and Robert Mackay), the Annual Ball (the Lyne Valley S.C.D. Band), and celebrated 30 years of Scottish Country Dancing in Doncaster — are we nutters or just run-of-the-mill addicts? Seven candidates from our Certificate Class were successful at the examination in June, five obtaining full teaching certificates. For the first time, Branch membership exceeded 100, including Juniors, and much thought was devoted to the best arrangement of classes to suit both newcomers and experienced dancers.

An anguished advertisement for musicians, in particular a piper for Burns' Night, caught the eye of the media, which resulted in several mentions in local newspapers and appearances on Radio Sheffield — a nice bit of free publicity, and we found a piper. Altogether, a rather special year.

**Dumfries.** *Membership:* 101 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

This year saw classes very well attended with a marked increase in membership which is most encouraging. Unfortunately, there was no Festival this year owing to circumstances beyond our control. Social events were most successful as usual. At one Highland Ball two of our longest serving members Miss B Morton and Miss M Grant were presented with pendants by our Chairman. Demonstration Teams Adult and Junior Associates have been kept on their toes. Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board were promoting Hotels with press visits. The Branch were invited to dance for two nights at Kineightree Hotel, Newton Stewart. Under the direction of Mr Clement, a mixed team from the Dumfries Branch RSCDS (Wallace Hall F.P. Section) gave two excellent performances to complete a most successful session.

**Dunbartonshire West.** *Membership:* 129 Annual, 6 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Teenager, 5 Junior 1 Demo fortnightly *Demonstration Team available.*

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Membership is up this year which is encouraging. A successful dance was held in Montrose Town Hall on 25th October with dancers from Arbroath, Perth, Dundee, Montrose, Forfar, Brechin and Stonehaven attending. Music was by Bobby Crowe's Band and Mr Ian Bothwell was compere. An RSCDS Stall also did well.

**East Lothian.** *Membership:* 103 Annual, 31 Long Term, 10 Life

Highlight of the year — Presentation of the Society's Scroll to Mrs E Gilroy at the Helensburgh A.G.M. Then the Branch had its own little presentation ceremony a week later in Longniddry when our Lady Chairman, Miss Jean Grant, presented flowers to Mrs Gilroy and thanked her for all she had done for Scottish Country dancing throughout the years and wished her many more happy years of dancing.

Membership and attendances at the monthly dances remains fairly steady but it is hoped that a proposed advanced/teacher training class will encourage more interest throughout the county.

**Edinburgh.** *Membership:* 435 Annual, 142 Long Term, 206 Life. *Classes per week:* 10 Adult, 4 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

Pride and sadness typify this year for Edinburgh Branch. Pride in the Society's recognition of Miss Susan Inglis through the award of a Scroll at the A.G.M., sadness at the recent death of one of our Branch founder members and Honourary Vice President, Allie Anderson. Happily, Miss Anderson's memory will live on through her own dances which included 'The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh' and 'Miss Allie Anderson' devised in her honour.

These milestones aside, the Branch has continued to thrive during the year, all the classes being well attended throughout the session. Social events this year were limited to dancing occasions, much enjoyed by the membership and friends. Neil Mackie and Kathleen Livingstone made a welcome return in 'An Edinburgh Fancy', while at the Weekend School London's Rita Marlowe was joined by Bill Little and Vera Sim, and it was a delight to welcome new faces along with familiar ones. The School has gained a reputation for friendliness and this was surely reinforced in the largest attendance, both resident and non-resident, we have enjoyed since its inception. Demonstrations, too, have played an important role during the year, and with plans well ahead for the Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh finds itself very much in the forefront, eager to meet the challenge, and grateful to all those who have worked so hard in order to make the Branch successful during the year.

**Exeter.** *Membership:* 70 Annual, 24 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 1 Children's *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful season. Classes have been reasonably well attended, and socials (for the combined classes) have been held approximately once a month.

The main events were a Day School and dance in October, a New Year Dance, and the Annual Ball in April and end of season dance in early June. A children's class was started in February and it is hoped to continue this next season.

**Forfar.** *Membership:* 34 Annual, 10 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

A very successful '51st Anniversary Dance', attended by members and dancers from a wide radius, was held by the Branch in October. On two occasions we were invited to entertain locally for an evening and this was enjoyed by participants and audience alike.

We continue to enjoy a large membership and the members of our class are eagerly looking forward to the next session. Our Junior Class has been smaller this year but has achieved the aims of the Society in their dancing. One of our young Senior members, Miss Sheila Robertson has been assisting at the Junior Classes and hopes to gain her Preliminary Teacher's Certificate. The Branch is very proud to announce that Miss Robertson has been awarded a Jean Milligan Scholarship to attend Summer School. Our Annual Dance will be

held on October 13th in the Reid Hall with music by the Maple Leaf Band. We hope that many dancers from other Branches will come to share our evening.

**Forres.** *Membership:* 53 Annual, 24 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 3 Children,

Although the numbers have decreased, classes have been enjoyable and we were pleased to welcome some new members. The annual dance in September and the closing social at Easter were well attended but this time the weather let us down for the Christmas social — nevertheless, all three functions were successful.

The children's classes have been very well attended and the teams have performed on several occasions. Six teams took part in an Inter-Branch Festival in Inverness in April, gaining three firsts, one second and two thirds.

**Gatehouse of Fleet.** *Membership:* 49 Annual, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The 1985/86 season's classes were well attended and the membership increased by two from last year. Dances were held in December and March and were well supported by members from our own, and neighbouring Branches. We are fortunate in having Mr W Little for our teacher and Mrs M Philips as our pianist. Fortunately this year no classes were cancelled because of the weather. Our representatives on the Executive Council, Mrs W Wadsworth has moved to Kirkcudbright but has agreed to continue in this post for another year.

**Glasgow.** *Membership:* 352 Annual, 90 Long Term, 163 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had another successful year with an enjoyable and full programme of classes, dances, Club Nights and Festivals. A particularly enjoyable occasion was Day School in September taught by Mrs Nancy McLaren and Mr Neil Grant. The Branch's Christmas Dance moved venues this year to the Hospitality Inn and this proved to be a most popular change.

In July, Glasgow was twinned with Nürnberg and dancers from the Branch travelled to Germany to take part in the celebrations. In November Dr Alastair MacFadyen was elected Chairman of the RSCDS and to mark this the Branch Committee made a presentation to him of an inscribed goblet.

The 1985/86 season ended with our two Festivals, the Youth Festival and the non-competitive Festival at Govan, and another production of 'A Glasgow Flourish' by the Demonstration Group in the Mitchell Theatre.

**Hamilton & Clydesdale.** *Membership:* 125 Annual, 7 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The Branch has had another successful year although the attendance at functions was slightly down. The Ball was attended by 158 dancers and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Unfortunately the Branch could not muster sufficient numbers to justify the running of a second class at Uddingston.

Mr J Cunningham, our Chairman and former President, resigned at our A.G.M. in May 1986 after many years of service to the Branch and indeed to the Society.

**Herefordshire.** *Membership:* 70 Annual, 1 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 6

With Anna Holden instructing and Nancy Dickson at the piano the Day School (changed to October) proved excellent. An elementary class will be introduced to this year's School for the less experienced dancers which should prove helpful coming at the start of the new season. The Annual Ball in May proved to be 'a winner' enjoyed immensely by all.

Congratulations go to Morna Rintoul and John Gresty who gained the Teacher's Certificate.

The Children's Class at Abergavenny continues to thrive and joined with other Groups in South Wales for a Christmas Party. A 'Tea and Technique' class will be held again at Much Birch on the Tuesday of each month commencing in September.

**Inverness & District.** *Membership:* 108 Annual, 49 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 12 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

All classes were well supported, with a General Class extended throughout April and May. For health reasons, we were without our invaluable pianist, Mrs Pryde, till after New Year, and she was greatly missed.

As the Inverness Music Festival was not held this year, the Branch organised its own Festival in April, with Miss Lesley Martin as the much appreciated adjudicator, and pianist, Mrs Pryde who played magnificently throughout the whole 5½ hours. This event proved a great success, with an entry of 27 teams, including teams from Dingwall, Kingussie and Forres. There were no trophies offered but the Inverness teams all achieved high marks.

Social functions included two very popular dances, a Wine and Cheese Party, a dinner dance in December and ended with a 'Full House' of 200 (with a waiting list) for our Annual Ball in March. The demonstration team was kept busy dancing at functions from Eden Court Theatre to Beaulieu Festival — and children's teams also performed at the Round Table Gala. In all respects a very successful and rewarding year.

**Isle of Islay.** *Membership:* 14 Annual, 11 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

This year we have only just managed to retain our strength and our classes were not so well attended as last year. We must strive to improve in strength and also in class attraction.

Dances were held throughout the summer which were fairly well attended and attracted a number of visitors. Our annual weekend was very successful, thanks to our many visitors, David Ross and his Band, and George Lawson who I'm sure enjoyed it as much as we did.

**Kilmarnock.** *Membership:* 74 Annual, 3 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

Mrs A Parker taught a well attended class throughout the session, numbers averaging 45 for Monday evening, with Mrs Barr playing the piano for the classes. A very enjoyable party evening was held in December and a successful dance in the Grand Hall in April. George Fleming's Scottish Country Dance Band played on both occasions.

Three members of the Branch attended a certificate class during the winter and passed the Preliminary Test. This year the Branch celebrates its 50th Birthday and plans are in hand to mark the occasion with a Golden Jubilee Supper Dance in the Grand Hall on 21st November.

**Kirkcaldy.** *Membership:* 59 Annual, 7 Long Term, 24 Life. *Classes per week:* 2

During the year, members were saddened by the loss of three life members, one of whom Miss M C Gray was a Founder member in 1929, a Secretary and Representative till 1951 and a Branch teacher.

Members were particularly pleased to welcome into classes three German girls, Petra, Monica and Karin, who were attached to schools in Fife. At the A.G.M. in March, gifts from the RSCDS accessories list were presented by the secretary, Miss Arnott, as a token of friendship and a memento of their visit to Scotland, and in particular to the Branch. The Social evening in December, took the form of a Scots/European night, at which the three German girls delighted all with their Christmas songs to their own accompaniment of guitar or violin.

It was noted with pleasure that in Robbie Shepherd's 'Take the Floor' in November, Bobby Crowe had chosen to play two dances of his own composition, namely, 'Miss Nancy Arnott' and 'My Spouse Nancy'. The Annual Dinner Dance held in Anthon's Hotel was its usual success, with a good meal and great dancing to Bobby Crowe's Trio.

**Kirkcudbright.** *Membership:* 41 Annual, 3 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The weekly class, taught by Jessie Hamilton, has been lively and well attended. Revision nights continue to be popular and so do the end-of-term socials. From Easter to the end of June, there was weekly Social Dancing, the proceeds being donated to the local hospital. Both Junior and Adult teams danced on Scottish Nights during the Summer festivities.

The Lyne Valley Band supplied the music for our Annual Dance in February, which was most successful. The outstanding event on the calendar, however, was the Stewartry Dance in April, when the three Branches joined forces and welcomed friends from a wide area to dance to the music of George Stirrat. As a result, we were able to make a substantial donation to the local support group of the Camphill Village Trust.

**Lanark.** *Membership:* 31 Annual, 1 Long Term, 24 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

Although our members were slightly down, the Branch had a very successful year. Our dance in December was well supported by members from all over the region as was our Annual Dance, which, owing to adverse weather conditions was postponed until March.

**Leamington Spa.** *Membership:* 43 Annual, 21 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership remains at a very satisfactory level, with a number of new members to replace any losses. We have had a very happy and successful year with two dances which were well supported and our usual Christmas Dinner-dance which is always much enjoyed by members and their guests. 1986 is our Silver Jubilee Year and we have already held our Spring Dance which was a sell-out and look forward to our Silver Jubilee Ball in October next, when we shall be entertaining the Society's Chairman, Dr MacFadyen, and Mrs Gudger, who was instrumental in encouraging the formation of the Branch. Tickets for this event are fully booked and we have a waiting list in operation.

The problem of obtaining suitable halls for dances is a constant recurring headache but somehow we manage to overcome this by dint of constant enquiries and searches. We hold our weekly class at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Leamington Spa at 8.00pm; we have the reputation of being a very friendly bunch and do our best to maintain this by making everyone feel at home and one of us. So bring your dancing shoes whenever you come in our direction and we shall be delighted to see you.

**Leeds.** *Membership:* 166 Annual, 37 Long Term, 54 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Highland 1 Children, 1 SCD per month *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch activities continue successfully on most fronts with reasonable attendances. The Day School (September) was well taught by Margaret Anderson, the Weekend at Scarborough (April) by Dorothy Leurs and Bob Grant (excellent occasions both!), with the Children's Festival in the meantime (March).

The Branch again sent a 20 strong demonstration team abroad, this year to Aalesund in Norway with the usual rekindling of old friendships, and making of many new ones.

This year we tried a series of Saturday afternoon SCD classes, with mostly guest teachers. We also gained a few new dancers by holding a beginner's class at a mixed recipe 'taster day of dance' promoted by the Yorkshire and Humberside Movement and Dance Association. Our monthly social dances have continued with a succession of fine bands and enjoyable dance programmes. Our 'forthcoming attractions' include the Day School (20 September '86 — teacher — Lesley Martin of Aberdeen) and another much looked forward to Scarborough Weekend (3-5 April '87).

The Branch is pleased to announce that 1987 will be our Silver Jubilee Year! Plans are well advanced for a series of special events. We are to entertain visiting dance teams from Holland and Sweden, and will hold an Anniversary Highland Ball in October 1987. Details are also currently being finalised for the publication of a second 'Leeds Book of Scottish Country Dances' — available from February 1987.

**Leicestershire.** *Membership:* 75 Annual, 20 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 plus 1 Highland Demonstration Team available.

Last summer a large group of our members once again had a most enjoyable day at the Leeds Festival. Our classes resumed in September at the Holy Cross Centre where we are able to have four levels of classes every Thursday, and after our tea break, join together for social dancing. We hold a social evening every six weeks, then the teachers swap classes, so that during the year every class has the benefit of our five teachers.

The Lothian Band provided the music for our Annual Dance in October, which was well supported and a great success. We also held our normal Family Dance/Party to celebrate Hogmanay. Our Day School in March at Leicester University was an excellent day due to the tuition by Mina Corson and Bob Grant, — accompanied by Alice Mann and Moira Reekie. Our chief instructor Dick Noden had a successful Day School in Ireland, and Hilary Wilson took a Preliminary Test Course in Leicester during the winter — as a result of which we now have seven new teachers in the locality. We were disappointed that both the local Festivals were cancelled this year, but we are now preparing to support Ashbourne and Leeds.

**Liverpool.** *Membership:* 52 Annual, 27 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Demonstration Team available.

Branch membership has remained stable since last year and classes have been well attended, particularly the beginner's class which is very popular. The dances held over the year have once more been enjoyed by everyone. George Fleming and his Band provided the music at our Annual Dance in May.

The demonstration team has been very busy and has danced at Southport and Goyt Valley Festivals, as well as a number of public displays and 'teach-in' evenings. The team is also dancing at the Leeds Festival in a few weeks time.

We are looking forward to a visit soon by Mrs Gudger who will be guest teacher at one of our evening classes this term. Mrs Gudger was instrumental in founding the Liverpool Branch and we are always pleased to see her and to benefit from her great experience.

**Lochaber.** *Membership:* 19 Annual, 1 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children,

The main event of the year took place on 25th May 1985 when the Branch Day School was held. This proved very popular and was well patronised by dancers from near and far. The teaching of Alastair Aitkenhead and the playing of Jennifer Wilson coupled with the splendid surroundings made this a weekend to recall with great pleasure. The Dance, with Drummond Cook's Band, in the Croit Anna Hotel had an atmosphere second to none, and although this is not to be an annual event, the many requests for a repeat have been heeded!

Our efforts to keep up membership are steady and the Branch, although small, is a very happy one. The geography of the area makes it somewhat difficult for outlying enthusiasts to get to the class during the Winter, but the nucleus is there, and the encouragement to children is always a foremost consideration to this Branch. Unfortunately, this year, the Teachers Strike left us unable to attend a much depleted Music Festival but the children's attendance at Classes was undiminished. Another visit from a Society Visiting Teacher Team to both Adult and Children's Classes would reap rich awards.

**Lockerbie.** *Membership:* 15 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1

Lockerbie Branch had 20 classes during the winter months. These classes under the expert tuition of Miss Ferguson from Dumfries were well attended and enjoyed.

An end-of-season social was greatly enjoyed by members and visitors from neighbouring Branches. Thanks are due to Mr Bert Richardson from Dumfries for his assistance in providing the music for the social.

**London.** *Membership:* 434 Annual, 273 Long Term, 463 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 Demonstration Team available.

Membership numbers remain reasonably steady. The usual programme of classes, dances, ceilidh, day and weekend Schools was well attended by dancers from a wide area. The Branch continues to organise two children's dances recognising the need to encourage our future members. The youngsters really enjoy having their own dance with live music! To mark the Centenary of the birth of Jean Milligan the Branch is holding a formal Ball with the proceeds going to the Memorial Fund.

By the end of the season, the Demonstration team will have given over 40 demonstrations including one for Princess Anne. This year, because of the disbanding of the Greater London Council, we have only been able to organise a limited number of evenings of open air dancing; they are usually very popular with tourists of all nationalities as well as our regular dancers.

The Branch is having to face up to the imminent departure of Stella and Howard Booth — apart from other duties on the committee Stella (aided by Howard) is probably best known for the Bookstall which travels to many dances, festivals and day/weekend schools in the South of England. We thank them for their hard work and wish them happy dancing in the Lake District.

**Lorn (Argyll).** *Membership:* 54 Annual, 13 Long Term, 37 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

Although the annual membership dropped slightly this year, the classes were still well supported. Our Annual Dance in November saw an increase of about twenty extra dances and was most enjoyable. However, the year climaxed in March with 170 dancers and friends, old and new, attending our 25th Annual Weekend School. The Friday night ceilidh's collection gathered £113.01 for Strathearn Hospice.

After the usual Saturday classes we enjoyed a Sherry Reception and Dinner Dance with music by the Maple Leaf Band, Dundee. Our teacher was Miss Dorothy Leurs and our pianist, Mr Robert MacKay. We were pleased to welcome Dr Alastair MacFadyen and Miss Muriel Gibson as our guests over this weekend.



Manchester Branch celebrates its Golden Jubilee with guest Dr Alastair MacFadyen, Society Chairman.

**Manchester.** *Membership:* 123 Annual, 42 Long Term, 111 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 1 Children's, Highland Fortnightly *Demonstration Team available.*

This season has seen the end of our Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Dr MacFadyen (Chairman RSCDS) and Professor Iain Gillespie (Branch President) were our guests of honour at the Jubilee Dinner in November. It was lovely to meet so many 'old' friends from near and far and after excellent speeches there was only time for talking and no dancing! The rest of the year ran to the usual routine of classes—adult and children, Country Dancing and Highland. Dances were well attended with music by Sandy Nixon, Rattray Band and our own Manchester SCD Band. Bobby Crowe was at his best for our Ball at the magnificent Stockport Town Hall. The Ceilidhs are as popular as ever and produce some interesting talents!

Having said 'Goodbye' to our Golden Jubilee, we are now looking forward to our Diamond Jubilee in 1995.

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

Membership increased this year and the weekly classes were very well attended throughout the season. The children's class also grew both in numbers and enthusiasm.



*Mid Argyll Branch Committee with the Society Secretary at their 4th Annual Supper Dance in March.*

Our annual charity dance was held in November and after a most enjoyable evening we were able to send a cheque to Erskine Hospital for £240.30. This year we had our Annual Dance in Ardrishaig Hall and we were delighted to have Miss Gibson with us on that night. All enjoyed dancing to the Maple Leaf Band once again.

**Mid Somerset.** *Membership:* 27 Annual, 2 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

The 'Strode Scottish Dancers' were formed in 1981 with 10 members. The group became affiliated in 1983 and we were delighted to form the Branch this year.

Numbers attending classes have increased during the year, despite an icy cold hall in the winter terms but we now dance in the wonderful new dance studio at Millfield School. We organise two annual dances with music provided by Hugh Ferguson and Tom Hall. Our first Day School in March, taught by Bill Hamilton with Norman Bett as musician, and with a beginner's class taught by Sheila and Harold Barnes with Hugh Ferguson as musician, was a great success.

**Milton Keynes.** *Membership:* 21 Annual, 3 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a mixed year. The class attendances have increased with dancing continuing into a third session by popular demand! However, this has not been reflected in a similar increase in branch membership as several of our past members have moved away.

The Annual Ball, held in January, was enjoyed by all those attending. Excellent music was provided by the St Andrew's Band, and the Branch Members provided an equally excellent buffet supper. The demonstration team gave two displays this year, both well received.

**Moffat.** *Membership:* 20 Annual, *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

Unfortunately, membership has fallen this year, but we have enjoyed our Monday night class. Our Christmas Party was most successful with friends from other Branches.

We feel very proud as one of our members, Miss Clavering, received the Scroll of Honour at Helensburgh in November 1985.

**Monklands.** *Membership:* 49 Annual, 22 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 8

Once again our dancing season finished with a most successful Dinner Dance. As in previous years we are having a Monklands Community Dance on June 10th and on the 13th June a bus load will attend 'A Glasgow Flourish'. To stimulate interest in the Society and captivate the younger members it is proposed to start a new section for the 14 yrs and over group. This new section is to maintain and indeed advance techniques working towards the R.S.C.D.S. Teacher's Certificates and will be under the leadership of Miss J. Hair who at present runs a very successful childrens' group which is in great demand locally for demonstrations and musical evenings of dancing, singing and music.

**Newcastle-upon-Tyne.** *Membership:* 198 Annual, 197 Long Term, 136 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 plus 11 other classes *Demonstration Team available.*

We were pleased to enrol 21 new members this year, but despite this our numbers have fallen. Two founder Members of the Branch have died — Mis E W Scott who was instrumental in helping to start our Branch and Mrs O Beavis who was our first Honourary Secretary. The usual dances have been held; the highlight perhaps being the Highland Ball at the University. Classes have been reasonably attended, the Beginners' Class and the Children's class doing particularly well. The Children's Festival was the usual happy event — with a high standard of dancing. We are still examining Children for their Standard of Dancing Badge and several of them have now progressed into Adult Classes and become Members of the Society.

Once again we ran a Festival of Scottish Country Dancing, teams competing for various Trophies. This year Newcastle University team won the Mabel Ellison Trophy. We were particularly pleased to have Ian Powrie with us again playing with Bobby Crowe and His Band for the evening dance. Our next Festival is on 7th February 1987 — do enter a team. Many demonstrations have taken place and we are honoured to have been asked to send teams to dance at the Opening of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. The real

highlight of the year was when Mrs M McAulay was presented with her Scroll of Honour at the A.G.M. in Helensborough, the first person South of the Border to receive this Honour.

**North West Craven.** *Membership:* 80 Annual, 2 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has held steady during the year and attendance at classes has been maintained. Three dances to tapes were well attended but support for our Ball in November was disappointing. Our Day School was taken by Mr Bill Little of Castle Douglas with Mr Fred Hayes as pianist. It was well supported and enjoyed by all who took part. Mrs E Bradshaw, a Branch Member, gained her Full Certificate at St Andrew last year.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs Win Nock who was our Branch Secretary and Class Teacher for many years and was the wife of our Chairman Mr W Nock. She was our first Honorary Member and received the Society Scroll of Honour in 1984.

**Norwich.** *Membership:* 88 Annual, 19 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 2

This year our numbers increased considerably with most of the beginners who started in September staying with us until the end of the class season.

Increased numbers attended our Day School on 19th April, a total of 110 being instructed by Derek Haynes and Susan Nedderman. This compared with 80 dancers at our last Day School. Although all had an enjoyable and instructive day it was particularly gratifying to have a large 'less experienced' class.

We had live bands at both our dances, Rob Gordon at our Annual Dance on 17 May and The Cuillins at our Christmas Dance. Both dances were 'sold out' before the day.

**Nottingham.** *Membership:* 65 Annual, 26 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 *Demonstration Team available.*

Annual Membership was down this year, but the overall class attendances were up by 2%. Branch activities continued in very much the usual pattern, with the Annual Dance, Presidents Evening, Christmas Party and four Saturday Socials, including one Family social. All these events were well supported as was the Day School which was held in March, when we had the pleasure of being taught by Bill Ireland, who was assisted on the piano by our own Branch pianist, Miss Nan Simpson.

As well as their normal bookings, the team took part in the D.H. Lawrence Festival and gave a demonstration at a Country Fair which was held in the grounds of Kelham Hall. We are delighted to report that one of our members has been successful in passing the Preliminary Test.

**Oxfordshire.** *Membership:* 40 Annual, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2

The disappointing trend of decreasing membership in recent years was reversed last season with a healthy increase in the number of annual members. This trend was reflected in the high attendance rate throughout the year at both classes.

Equally successful were the Annual Ball held in October, with Rob Gordon and his Band playing, and the Day School held in February, with Bill Ireland teaching and Joan Gilbert as accompanist. Both these events were sold out. The summer season of social dancing was again very popular, with a few occasional visitors from abroad and elsewhere helping to swell the numbers.

**Perth & Perthshire.** *Membership:* 71 Annual, 32 Long Term, 81 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, (Demonstration) 2 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

Our children's classes continue to be well supported and the Demonstration class has had their usual busy season. A Class run to go over Book 33 last Autumn was quite well supported but did not result in a further winter class. Many members continue to meet

weekly in the Perth S.C.D. Club, which is run under the auspices of the Branch. We have been quite busy with social activities, with two dances in the College of Further Education, a children's Christmas dance and a very successful Day School under the expert guidance of Mr Bill Little, ably accompanied by Mrs Mae Stuart and Miss Maureen Rutherford. These events were all much enjoyed.

During the season we have been much saddened by the loss of several Life Members, among them Miss Faerie MacLagen, one of our first Branch teachers and a recipient of one of our Branch Scrolls last year, also Mr Walter Stuart, previously a very active dancer and latterly our Branch auditor.

Our congratulations go to our new Branch Chairman, Miss Christian Catto, on being invited to join the Summer School staff.

**Peterborough & District.** *Membership:* 36 Annual, 16 Long Term, *Classes per week:* 4 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Peterborough and District Branch is about to celebrate its 5th anniversary with a dinner and dance, which is the main function this year instead of a day school. In addition we have had our two usual social dances, in October and January, which were better supported this year in spite of our branch membership being slightly down, aerobics and bridge being more 'in'.

The demonstration class has been going very well and all performances so far have been well executed, and enjoyed by those taking part. We are fortunate to be in the area where John Drewry spends Christmas and once more enjoyed an evening of personal instruction in some of his dances, a special treat for an English Branch.

**Peterhead.** *Membership:* 32 Annual, 5 Long Term, 30 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Class had another successful year although numbers were slightly down on last year. An innovation this year was the establishment of a Teacher Training Fund. This has been set up to provide financial assistance in the tuition of prospective new teachers and existing teachers.

Our thanks are due once again to our teacher Mrs Isobel Cavie and pianist, Mrs Millicent McDonald.

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

Our small membership has enjoyed a successful year. A number of social evenings were held including a Hallowe'en Party, a Christmas Party, New Year's Eve Party and a Visitor's Night. Five evenings were set aside for advanced classes allowing us to prepare a team for demonstration purposes. This team appeared at various functions on three occasions and was well received. We concluded our season with our traditional weekend school in Coleraine High School. We benefited greatly from the teaching of Anna Holden and were delighted to welcome back Nancy Dickson as our pianist.

**Renfrewshire West.** *Membership:* 120 Annual, 23 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 2 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

This session the West Renfrewshire Branch celebrated its Diamond Jubilee and to mark the occasion various accessories were produced, including a set of six coasters depicting views of Inverclyde, and a book called 'The Inverclyde Foursome' containing four new dances and a short history of the Branch. In October our first special new venture was a Day School with expert tuition given by Miss Wilma Miller and Mr George Lawson. This was a most enjoyable and instructive day, and hopefully will become an annual event. The Inverclyde District Council hosted a small Civic Reception for the Branch in Greenock Town Hall on our actual 60th Birthday, the 17th December, and the highlight of the year came in January when more than 200 enthusiastic dancers attended the Diamond Jubilee Ball in the



*Sir Simpson Stevenson, Provost of Inverclyde, Lady Stevenson, Stewart McMillan (Chairman), Miss E. M. Crawford, Founder Member, Miss Gibson and Dr MacFadyen at Renfrewshire West Branch's Diamond Jubilee celebration.*

Normandy Hotel, Renfrew. Amongst our guests we were honoured to have the Society Chairman and Secretary, Dr Alastair MacFadyen and Miss Muriel Gibson. Over 40 equally enthusiastic youngsters were given their opportunity to join in the festive celebrations at the Junior Ball in March.

Several teams took part in the Inverclyde and Renfrew Musical Festival, the Ladies retaining the Jean C Milligan Trophy and the Under 12 Team capturing the Cartsburn Augustine Trophy. The Branch donated a new trophy known as the 'RSCDS West Renfrewshire Branch Diamond Jubilee Quaich' to the Festival for the Square Dance Class. Regular dances were held in the Gantock Hotel, Gourrock, and at one of them two 'Take the Floor' programmes were recorded for Radio Scotland. Our thanks go to George Fleming and his Scottish Dance Band, and to all our members and friends for making this such an enjoyable and successful session.

**Richmond (Yorks).** *Membership:* 33 Annual, 34 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

Our teacher at this year's Day School was Mrs Peggy Spouse and both Branch members and dancers from other societies enjoyed a stimulating day. Monthly socials provide an opportunity for the Branch to welcome dancers who are not able to attend the weekly class. Both the Spring and Autumn dances were very well attended. We enjoyed dancing to the music of the Danelaw and the Eskdale bands — both new to Richmond.

Only two demonstrations were given this year — the first to a cosy W.I. in the winter, the second at a May Fair outside in the rain — an unforgettable experience, as the grass was already muddied by the village children's display of Maypole dancing! It is hoped that there will be better weather when class members past and present dance in June in a member's beautiful garden — midges permitting!

**Rochdale.** *Membership:* 53 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

A successful year — membership increased by one and both classes were well supported.

In March we held our Annual Ball at Rochdale Town Hall, dancing to the music of Callum Wilson and his Band. Numbers were slightly down (not altogether surprising when the atrocious weather was taken into account) but the function was enjoyed by all those present.

**Roxburgh/Selkirk/Peebles.** *Membership:* 95 Annual, 24 Long Term,

*Classes per week:* 14 Adult, 2 Children,

The past year has been a successful one. The weather was quite kind and only caused the cancellation of one event, which unfortunately was the Children's Ball. On the whole classes and social dances have been well supported.

The Branch Ball included a presentation to Mr Jimmy Mitchell who has played throughout the Borders for many years, and is now retiring.

**Royal Tunbridge Wells.** *Membership:* 50 Annual, 35 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Fortnightly *Demonstration Team available.*

There has been increased attendance at all three grades of classes throughout the year; the beginners class averaging two sets each week. The Day School was attended by 185 students, almost the same number as last year but included in this number were many new faces. The large number of applications for the Advanced Class meant dividing this class into two and hiring an extra hall at the last minute. John Linscott's unfortunate road accident a few days before the event meant that he was unable to take a class as arranged but his place was ably filled by Marie Jamieson.



*Cutting the celebration cakes at the Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch Ball. (Left to right) Jim Scahill, Jenny Cross, Dr Adam, Joan Aylward, Sue Staples, Eunicé Bartell, Tony Staples.*

The Annual Ball was arranged to celebrate both the Centenary of Dr Jean Milligan and the 10th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch. The problem of cakes and number of candles was solved by having ten cakes with ten candles on each

cake. 137 dancers attended the Ball including several of the original committee members who cut the celebration cakes.

A Social Evening involving both Scottish Country Dancing and Inspection of Antique Keyboard instruments will be held at Finchcocks, Nr Goudhurst on 21st June. The 100 tickets were sold by the end of April.

**St Andrews.** *Membership:* 159 Annual, 23 Long Term, 24 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The season ended with a 'House Full' Day School taught by Mrs Anna Holden from Birmingham and Dundee pianist Miss Alice Mann, finishing off in the evening with a successful dance. All classes — Autumn, General and Spring have kept very good attendance and the restart of the Beginners's Class has proved very helpful.

All Social events have been very well supported by other branches, and our thanks to members from the branch and dancers attending Summer School who supported us at the Summer Dances that the Tayside Scanner Appeal benefited by £400.

**Sheffield.** *Membership:* 52 Annual, 10 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

Another good year with membership holding up and both classes quite well attended. Our Annual Ball was held at Sheffield University, dancing to the Callum Wilson Band, and was a very enjoyable occasion. Numbers for most of our Socials were down somewhat this year due to the bad weather this winter.

The Demonstration Team have been active all year and danced for David Webster on the Scotland 1986 Show both in Sheffield and Hull. The team were joined by Class members when two teams entered in the RSCDS Festival — held in Lincoln this year — a very enjoyable day out.

**South Argyll.** *Membership:* 49 Annual, 6 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The Branch has held a very successful year with increasing membership. We ran our first Day School in October 1985 attended by 100 adults and 16 children who enjoyed the careful instruction given by Mr and Mrs George Lawson. We may repeat this event. Our Annual Dance held in February 1986 with George Fleming and his Band was most successful and we have booked George Fleming for next year's dance on Friday 6th March 1987 when we will again organise a bus to transport dancers from the Western Ferry to the Queen's Hall and take them back for the 11.30pm ferry.

A weekly class was held for those wishing to study for the teacher's certificates and six members took the Preliminary Test. At our A.G.M. in May, we showed the Society's video of Book 33. We had a very good attendance of members who enjoyed it very much and all agreed they could understand the new dances so much better from seeing the video. Summer Dancing during June, July and August was well supported every Wednesday in the Queen's Hall by both members and visitors to Dunoon.

**Southport.** *Membership:* 64 Annual, 14 Long Term, 51 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 1 Children, and 1 fortnightly *Demonstration Team available.*

Despite a slight decrease in Branch Membership, classes were well supported in particular, the Children's, Advanced and Elementary. An open evening to encourage new members to join was a great success at the beginning of the season. Social events have included dances, the ceilidh, and a cheese and wine evening. Tuition at the Annual Day Course held in February was given by Mrs M C Gudger and Mrs Anna Holden with music provided by Mrs Mary Queen and Mr Fred Hayes. The Demonstration Team has, as usual, been very busy throughout the season and, from requests received to date, it looks as if they will just 'carry on' throughout the summer season and into the next. The Children's

class provided a very successful demonstration in March and will join the adults during June to provide a joint demonstration for the handicapped children.

The 28th Annual Festival was well attended with The Eskdale Band from Penicuik providing the music and the Hoghton Sword and Rapper Team — the special item. Miss Laura Rintoul from Perth provided a cabaret spot for us in the evening singing delightfully, accompanied by Mr Fred Hayes. The 29th Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, 8th November, 1986 at the Floral Hall; dancing on this occasion will be to George Fleming and his Band from Kilmarnock with Mrs Gudger, as usual, receiving the guests. The afternoon display commences at 2.30pm and the Ball at 7.15pm. Southport Branch was formed in 1946 and this coming season will see us celebrating our 40th anniversary. The committee, who are a great team will be working even harder in view of this!

**South Wales.** *Membership:* 93 Annual, 27 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* Family class once a month

The Branch has had a busy and successful year again. Our Festival of Dancing in July was again most successful with groups participating from far and wide. We enjoyed the music of the Lothian Scottish Dance Band and the sun shone for us again. Numbers were a bit better at our Day School in Newport in September and we all enjoyed the instruction of Mr Duncan McLeod. The Family Class has flourished again this year, the children's dancing obviously benefiting from the class. In January the Branch held a Children's Party/Dance which was well attended and most enjoyable.

Our Halloween Party, Annual Ball and Spring Dance have been held as usual and attendances have been good.

**Stirlingshire.** *Membership:* 96 Annual, 26 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 2 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

The 'vital statistics' remain steady with the enthusiasm of the beginners class injecting 'new blood' in the Branch. Our Day School teacher last May was Mrs Nancy McLaren with Miss J Sim as pianist. Music for the dance was played by Jack Stalker's band, rounding off a very happy day. Only a matter of weeks after becoming Chairman of the Society, Dr MacFadyen was our Visiting Teacher, with Mrs Muriel More as pianist. Three generations danced to the music of the Strathallan Trio at the Christmas class party. On one of the coldest nights of the winter, we had, literally, to dance to keep warm at our Soiree where we were treated to a great night of music, songs and fun with the Milton Fiddlers. Ian MacCallum's Band played at the dinner dance in March, and will play again for us at the Day School Dance in May, with Mr Bill Little teaching the adult classes and Mrs Hope Little taking the children's class.

We are fortunate in this area, to have so many excellent musicians to call upon for classes and dances, providing live music to lighten the step, and the many patient teachers who give of their time so freely. It was with respect and gratitude that we marked, with a presentation, the retirement of Miss Jean Stewart who has been a member for 55 years and teacher of the beginner's class for 27 years — her many pupils are grateful for the sound grounding she gave them. We all wish her well.

**Stirlingshire East.** *Membership:* 168 Annual, 21 Long Term, 23 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 Adult, 2 Young Folk *Demonstration Team available.*

After eighteen years as Branch Treasurer Miss N Thomson retired from the post. Mr S Reid, Chairman, handing over a gift from the Branch at a function, paid tribute to the excellent and efficient service rendered by Miss Thomson during her tenure of office. She well earned the plaudits of our auditors — and every member of the Branch.

Membership has been maintained. A successful evening was held in Falkirk College of Technology with Mr Bill Little as tutor who taught in his usual inimitable manner. The December Dance in Woodlands High School proved as popular as ever. In March the Festival Ball attracted the usual company of dancers from far and near, dancing to the music provided by the ever popular Jack Delaney's Band. A party of dancers from the Branch

enjoyed an evening dancing at a B.B.C. recording of 'Take the Floor' in Glasgow. It is good to report the Teenage Girl's Team won the trophy for their section at the Edinburgh Festival. It is proper that we render thanks to those members who valiantly uphold our honour at the 'Top of the Town' contest.

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

Our class dropped slightly in numbers but members were enthusiastic as ever! We held a dance in November 1985 in aid of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Cot Deaths) and over £300 was raised. Over 170 attended our Annual Ball in May 1986. We enjoyed a visit from a guest teacher, Miss Wilma Miller, in March 1986.

**Stranraer.** *Membership:* 47 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch had a successful year with very good attendances at the weekly class.

The Christmas and End-of-Session dances were much enjoyed by members and friends and the party to celebrate Burns' Night was a happy and popular event.

**Sutton Coldfield.** *Membership:* 59 Annual, 10 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

Sutton Coldfield Branch had an enjoyable season of dancing. Class nights were well attended, with beginners and advanced dancers all accommodated. The Branch was delighted that the three members who took the Preliminary Test all passed. The five Saturday Socials have all been most enjoyable, as have the Christmas and Summer Dances, with music by Mike Ewing and the Caledonians. Around 200 dancers were catered for at our Annual Ball at the Town Hall, in November, with music by the Lothian Band. The season drew to a close with a 'Dance Weekend', for members and friends at Halsway Manor in Somerset.

Following the success of our first record 'Something to Celebrate', we have embarked on the production of a second, called 'Second Celebration'. The music again presented by the Lothian Band. (Available in the Autumn).

**Tees-side.** *Membership:* 127 Annual, 4 Long Term, 77 Life. *Classes per week:* 2

The weekly classes continue to be very well supported and comprise a beginners' class and an advanced class. The highland class is held fortnightly.

Several bands have provided the music for some of our monthly socials which were well supported and very much enjoyed by all. Our non-competitive Festival had to be postponed until next year due to sanctions in schools. We celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the formation of our Branch with a dance held in the Dolphin Centre, Darlington. Music was provided by Frank Reid and his Band. The superb music, the beautiful venue and the enjoyment of all the dancers made it a night to remember.

As our numbers have increased this year it augurs well for the next 30 years!

**West Lothian.** *Membership:* 69 Annual, 50 Long Term, 33 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The Branch had a very busy year with our 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

The Annual Dance at Bathgate in November was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable evening to the music provided by Jack Stalkerr and his Band.

Our first Children's Day School was held on 22 March 1986 and taught by Mrs Norah Dunn; it was attended by 32 children who voted it a great success and are now looking forward to the next one. The Annual Day School was also held on 22 March with capacity numbers attending — at which we launched our Book with the Winning Dances in our recent Competition, taught by Branch Teacher Miss Marjorie Duffield accompanied by Mrs

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**WEST LOTHIAN BRANCH**

Front row (left to right), Mrs Hamilton (Founder Member), Miss F. H. Adams, Mrs Drummond (Senior Member), Miss Duffield (Secretary). Back row (left to right); Dr A. MacFadyen (Society Chairman), Mrs I. Rae (Branch Chairman).

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Doreen McKerron on the piano and a long day was completed with a very successful Dance.

In May the Branch invited former now Non-active Scottish Country Dancers to the Ladbroke Hotel, Livingston for afternoon tea and a chat and we were pleased when approximately 50 accepted our invitation to this reunion. We were also pleased to welcome Miss F Adams and Dr Alastair MacFadyen, Chairman, who gave a very interesting talk illustrated by slides on the life of Dr Jean C Milligan. Many friendships were renewed and lots of happy dancing times recalled.

For the first time the Branch along with other Groups held a very successful 'West Lothian Charities Dance' with the proceeds of £486 divided equally between three local charities — Crossroads Livingston, Sue Ryder Foundation Uphall, and Abbeyfield Homes Linlithgow.

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

We had another enjoyable season with the members attending regularly. The highlight was our Annual Dance which was enjoyed by the members and visitors from other classes. We also enjoyed the hospitality of other classes at Whiteabbey, Belfast and Helen's Bay.

**Winchester.** *Membership:* 23 Annual, 3 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership showed a very healthy increase this year, following a write-up in a local Free News Paper. Classes have been well attended, despite three changes of venue. We move again in the Autumn, to what we hope will be a settled home for some time to come! Our three social dances were very successful, with Burns' Night being oversubscribed.

The demonstration team has been active throughout the year, appearing at the Girl Guides' Training Centre in the New Forest, during their 75th Anniversary celebrations, and at a Scottish Evening run by the Romsey Anglo-Scandinavian Society, as well as the usual round of fetes etc.

**Wirral.** *Membership:* 36 Annual, 6 Long Term, *Classes per week:* 3 *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch Membership continues to increase as a result of well supported Beginners' Classes.

A Dance in aid of the BBC Children in Need Appeal, raised £250. The Christmas Dance and the Annual Ball, at which George Fleming played, were both very successful. A new venture this year was a Christmas Dinner Dance for Branch members only, this was a huge success.

The Demonstration Team participated at Festivals at Southport and Stockport as well as at numerous private functions in aid of charities etc. Branch members continue to travel far and wide to support other Societies. The Branch is now rehearsing for participation in an International Festival in Germany in 1987 as well as the National Garden Festival to be held at Stoke.

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

Our 40th year has been a memorable one. Support for the class has increased, and we are once more engaged in some demonstration work, after several years with out a team. Our team took part on stage at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, in the December 'St Andrews Show'; in company with Isla St Clair and Alan Stewart.

The established social pattern was adhered to, and outside support has greatly increased. The Christmas Party was a happy informal, family occasion. Even Father Christmas heard about us and put in an appearance. The Burns' Night in January was again a sell out. The highlight of the year was the May Anniversary Ball. Mrs Margaret Morris gave a historical

resume of the Branch's 40 years, and presented a floral bouquet to our President and founder member Miss Helen Gardiner-Jones.

In our 40th year the aims of the Society have not been neglected, but the year will chiefly be remembered as a year of fun.

**Worthing.** *Membership:* 63 Annual, 9 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

We are pleased to report our increase in Class membership, and also an increase in numbers at our Social Functions, particularly at our End of Season Dance when the St Andrew's Band played for us in superb style. During the summer our Demonstration Team were asked to take part in an open-air display in one of Worthing's main shopping precincts — this proved very successful — though very hard on the feet.

As in most towns, each year in the main park a floral display is arranged by the Town Council to commemorate a particular Society of Organization. This year the R.S.C.D.S. has been chosen in view of the 'Centenary of Dr J Milligan'.

**York and North Humberside.** *Membership:* 49 Annual, 99 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 4, 3, 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Although total membership has increased by 19, concern is felt by some local groups that their numbers appear to be slowly dwindling; a paradox.

A team of dancers from this Branch was again invited to support Andy Stewart with his White Heather Show at Bridlington and they put on a very creditable performance. The highlight of the year was the Branch's Tenth Annual Ball held at Malton with music played by the Border Reivers Band. The ten Day Schools held since inauguration had had ten different teachers and all were invited as guests although few were able to accept. Our Charity Dance raised £110 towards the cost of a Selectron Scanner at the Princess Royal Hospital at Hull. Branch Dances have been held monthly at a variety of locations and all were successful and pleasant occasions. The Ceidlidh again tapped the hidden talents of our members.

The new committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs Barbara Douglas of Scarborough, has made an enthusiastic start in planning events for the coming twelve months including a 'Centenary Dance' (perhaps it should be called 'The Hundredth'...). The future looks good for the Branch and it's members.



**ADVANCE AND RETIRE**

## Branch Reports — Overseas

**Adelaide.** *Membership:* 95 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 *Demonstration Team available.*

1985/86 has been a busy year for the Adelaide Branch. The Branch conducted a training course for Preliminary Test candidates for the first time. All five candidates gained their certificates. We are also experiencing a membership boom.

As well as several Day Schools during the year the Branch presented an evening of 'Scottish Country Dancing Through the Ages' as part of the South Australian 150 Jubilee. We had the pleasure of a visit by Mrs Etta Gibson of Glasgow for a few days in June.

**Atlanta.** *Membership:* 137 Annual, 13 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 *Demonstration Team available.*

The past year has been as usual an eventful one for Atlanta dancers. A special effort was made to have Super Summer events ranging from dancing picnics and river rafting to symphony suppers under the stars.

The Branch was honoured to have Miss Muriel Gibson as a Distinguished Guest of the Stone Mountain Games in October, the Games providing an opportunity for the Branch to host dancers from all over the U.S. and Canada. Wes Clindinning from Toronto was the teacher of the workshop with Elma Greech also from Toronto providing the music. The Friday Gala and the Saturday Tartan Ball had several hundred enthusiastic dancers both evenings.

Instead of having our Spring Workshop in April we held a workshop on 1st March at Unicoi State Park Lodge one and a half hours driving time north of Atlanta in the Georgia mountains. We were pleased to have Simon Scott (Vancouver) as instructor and Susie Petrov on piano and Susan Worland on fiddle (both from Boston). Dancers from many surrounding States joined us for a memorable weekend.

The Branch was grieved to hear of the sudden death of Miss Margaret Anderson. We admired and respected her. She was a good friend to the Atlanta Branch and is missed by all.

We look forward to another successful year and welcome visiting dancers at our classes and other events.

**Boston.** *Membership:* 301 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 10. *Demonstration team available.*

The Branch again sponsored successful events at Pinewoods Camp, where two weeks of Scottish Country Dancing are now available, and closer to home with a Jean Redpath Burns Night Concert, a demonstration and food booth at the New England Folk Festival, and a sold-out Highland Ball. We are pleased to have a large pool of fine teachers, and many fine musicians — as an example, the dance party following the Semi-Annual General Meeting featured music by a band consisting entirely of members of the Executive Committee (the "Execu-tones", of course), many of whom are also Certificated Teachers! We are always pleased to welcome visitors, as we enter our 37th year as an incorporated Branch.

**Buffalo Branch.** *Membership:* 93 Annual. *Classes per week:* One *Demonstration Team available.*

This has been a very active season for our group. We had a workshop in September and have held several Saturday dances. We hope to continue with these during the forthcoming season. Our demonstration team has been busy and was involved in a television show in April. We were also invited to dance with an orchestra in one of our local parks, which sparked a lot of interest in Scottish Country Dancing. Many members of our group were involved in a Scottish Festival — the first in this area — where we did a large group demonstration and also several small demonstrations where we invited audience participation.



*Boston Branch members and out of town guests enjoying the annual Pinewood Benefit Ball in Salem, Mass.*

**Burlington.** *Membership:* 53 Annual, 1 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had another busy season led by our group of excellent teachers, Ian MacDougall, Margaret Morrison, Mary McCreadie and Pauline Vik, who combined to provide us with an interesting and varied programme. Our demonstration teams were active in Toronto, Hamilton, Paris and Aldershot, also performing at our Annual Dance with great success. Our Annual Dance in October 1985 was a successful occasion as we honoured Anne Burke, a former teacher, with a presentation and Life Membership for her contribution to Scottish Country Dancing in this area. A group of members chartered a bus in February, visiting the Jordan Winery in St Catharines, a pleasant diversion in the middle of the season. An excellent Guest Teacher, Wes Clindinning, accompanied by Elma Grech, provided us with fine instruction. The children's classes in Waterdown are growing and thriving, under the direction of Pauline Vik, with Karen Gauld assisting. They participated in the Children's Gala Day with great success.

Our end of season dance was Saturday May 3rd 1986, at which time, some of our members presented a new dance, devised by our own members, in honour of the late Jean MacDougall, a founding member of our group, and an excellent teacher. Several dances were devised and will be put in book form for the Fall season.

**Canberra & District.** *Membership:* 58 Annual, 58 Long Term, 30 *Demonstration Team available.*

After the A.G.M. in February 1986, a bar-b-que and dance was held. This was a very relaxed and friendly evening. Successful Day Schools were held in Nowra and Canberra. The dancers benefited from the expert teaching of Mrs Margaret Grey, Mrs Sandra Aylett, Mrs

Jean Fearson and Mrs Jean Conway. In October/November 1985 the Branch offered a series of Step/Highland classes and under the patient tutoring of Mrs Jill Northey and Mr Craig Lindsay our feet started to show some promise. A series of Technique Classes held in April/May 1986 were quite well attended and proved very beneficial to the dancers.

A number of Branch members attended the 10th Australian Winter School (Dookie, Victoria) and a most enjoyable time was had by all. We are looking forward, with great anticipation to the hosting of the 11th Australian Winter School here in Canberra in August/September 1986, and to welcoming dancers from all parts of Australia and New Zealand, as well as teachers from Scotland and New Zealand.

It might be of interest to other Branches to know that our membership is drawn from an area extending from Canberra 206 km to Nowra, 118 km to Cooma, 278.6 km to Forbes and 164 km to Cootamundra — quite a long way to travel to attend Day Schools, etc.

**Calgary. Membership:** 84 Annual, 9 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week: 7. Demonstration team available.*

We hope to build our membership for this coming year. Unfortunately we had to cancel our workshop and ball for May due to lack of interest and the financial situation of people in general. Dancing in the park last summer was fairly successful and only rained out a couple of evenings.

We are hoping to plan a cruise workshop in March '87 in the Caribbean if we can stimulate enough interest.

**Cape Town. Membership:** 29 Annual, 6 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week: 2 Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a very successful year with regular attendance throughout.

The demonstration team have been kept extremely busy with practices and the resultant display dancing. Socially we have been as busy as before with our usual number of dances, our dancing week-end at Hermanus and visiting of other groups. We are presently looking forward very much indeed to a visit soon of Messrs Duncan MacLeod and George Mechan.

**Central Kentucky. Membership:** 58 *Classes per week: 2 Demonstration Team available.*

Another successful dance year included two formal dinner-dances. The Harvest Ball included a full day's teaching workshop with Paul Sarvis and the introduction of the new area dance band, Scots Measure. The Spring Ball celebrated the 10th anniversary of SCD in the Lexington area and was attended by more than 100 members and friends including many former members.

The Branch demonstrated and taught SCD at two Scottish Games in Kentucky, the Kentucky Scottish Weekend and the Glasgow (Ky) Scottish Games. Demonstration teams from both groups comprising the Branch also performed for the Great Britain Heritage Weekend celebration in Louisville.

In addition to regular classes in the two cities, branch teachers also promoted SCD with classes in Nashville (leading to a new affiliate group!), and in Evansville, Indiana and Glasgow, Kentucky. Along with the branch sponsored dance parties throughout the year, the branch supported the activities of our nearby friends in the Cincinnati Branch.

**Cincinnati. Membership:** 38 Annual, 6 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week: 2 Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has performed numerous demonstrations the major ones being Woodland State Park, and the International Folk Festival. The group was also responsible for a Cultural Booth, the theme of which was Myths and Legends. We also participated in the Kentucky

Highland Games. The highlight of the year was being chosen to participate in the Opera Lucia Di Lammermoor at the Cincinnati Music Hall.

In February Sandra Binns, President TAC conducted a workshop followed by a Banquet and Ball.



*Members of Cincinnati Branch participating in the Opera "Luciadi Lammermoor" at the Cincinnati Music Hall.*

**Delaware Valley. Membership:** 113 Annual, 28 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week: 5, 6 Fortnightly Demonstration Team available.*

This year's success was again due to the hard work of many. With classes in Chestnut Hill, Bryn Mawr, Crosslands, Media, PA, and in Wilmington and Newark, DE, our teachers were kept busy. Special thanks go to Mr Robert Hunn, who taught two classes, ran the Demonstration Team and was Teacher Co-ordinator. All enjoyed our Delaware Ball, Hogmanay Ball, and perhaps the best, the Spring Ball and Brunch with Tullochgorum. Socials continued fortnightly at Tanguy, monthly parties were at McNairs and Newark, and two summer dances at Lockwood.

The end of an era has come to our Branch. For 31 years (before we were even a Branch) we have danced at the McNairs' home, including our first classes, first Hogmanay, and first A.G.M., and continuing through to our present monthly parties. But Robert McNair is leaving.

for a new life in New England. Best wishes, Bob, from all of us. We will miss you and all the special times at 32 Dartmouth Circle.

All are heartily invited to join us for our Hogmanay Ball and our Spring Ball and Brunch (March 14/15) with Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. (Both locations TBA)

**Delft. Membership:** 52 Annual, 14 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1, monthly 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The last season proved to be a sound year for the Delft Branch with all activities well supported and membership still increasing. Attendance at classes was excellent. In addition to the regular weekly class the branch organized a beginner's course and a monthly demonstration class.



*Assisted by members of Delft Branch, their teacher, Aad Boode, celebrates his 25 years of Scottish Country Dancing.*

Three social dances were held and attracted many dancers from neighbouring S.C.D. groups. A highlight was our teacher Aad Boode's 'Silver Jubilee Dance' on 1 March 1986 marking his 25th year of Scottish Country Dancing which suitably broke the record of attendance. With many members surpassing themselves to provide a lavish buffet the evening was a resounding success and immensely enjoyable. Our usual Whitsun Weekend Course was characteristically social but hard-working with this year's guest teacher Derek Haynes. Peter Russell and his Band once again provided wonderful rousing music to back up excellent instruction. Participants hailed from Belgium, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

**Detroit. Membership:** 69 Annual, 16 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Detroit Branch has had another busy year, beginning with the workshop in October. We

were fortunate to have George and Catherine Emmerson and Bill and Marie McLennan from London, Ontario, as our teachers. For the first time, a children's class was held during the workshop, with eight students attending.

Branch members participated in a number of demonstrations, including the usual Burns' Night Suppers, the annual Alma Highland Games, a special Sunday afternoon programme with the St Andrews Pipe Band, and dancing in Detroit's Hart Plaza at the All World Festival. Our sixth Annual Tartan Ball at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club was a beautiful event, made even more special by the presence of Miss M Muriel Gibson. We are glad to have had the opportunity to introduce her to our members, and are pleased that she was able to arrange her itinerary to attend our Ball.

**Florida. Membership:** 134 Annual, 31 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 10.

Fourteen candidates for the Preliminary Certificate and four for the full Certificate participated in a training course given by George Mechan. Several of the candidates will sit the examination next Spring when the RSCDS examiners are on tour.

Workshops were held in both Titusville (Space Coast Dancers) and in Fort Lauderdale (Broward Scottish Country Dancers). Both workshops were most successful and both were followed by an evening dance.

Permission was received to form two Branches out of the Florida Branch, so all of our members are looking forward to a very busy year.

**Gothenburg. Membership:** 21 Annual, 3 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

After a period of low activity the Gothenburg Branch is now coming to life again. During the spring term a weekly class was held, and this is a great improvement as only occasional meetings were held during the previous term. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming a few new members, a pleasure we hope to renew in the Autumn.

One of the teachers of the Branch, Lise Nordahl-Rueckert, has been teaching Scottish country dances to a group of children for the past three years. Her work has proved very successful, and her group has given a number of performances. A demonstration team has been formed by the more experienced dancers of the Branch, and two major performances will be given in May and June, one being the annual demonstration together with the Murray Pipes and Drums of Gothenburg at Gunnebo Castle South of Gothenburg. Gunnebo Castle was built in the late 18th century by the Scottish merchant John Hall, and a demonstration, featuring Scottish dancing and piping, has been given in front of the castle every summer for the past 12 years.

The weekly classes will be continued in the Autumn, hopefully with a number of new dancers.

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

Although the number of passive subscribers went down again this year, the Branch classes and workshops were well attended. The Branch provided our teacher to assist at the organising of a Scottish workshop at Flushing, which was very successful and well attended. The Branch demonstration team was kept busy throughout the year, mainly to show our dances in old people's homes, where they are very keen to know more about our traditions and costumes. A major change is being made in our evening class; in future we will meet on Fridays instead of Wednesdays. This might have a positive influence in gaining new active members.

**Halifax-Dartmouth. Membership:** 57 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Halifax — Dartmouth Branch this year divided into two sections: Bon Accord Group and

the Caledonia Group. Classes for both basic and experienced dancers were held twice weekly at the Findlay Community Centre and St Peter's Hall Dartmouth, beginning September 5th and ending in late May. Four socials were held during this period including a workshop led by John Drewry.

Our area dancers continue to enjoy a widening range of activities at Fredericton and Moncton, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, The Annapolis Valley and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and Montreal, Quebec, making the dance season a series of highlights to break up the long winter. The sixth International Scottish Country Dance School was held at King's College, Halifax in July 1985 and was again a most popular attraction to out of province dancers, mainly from Ontario and the U.S. The Demonstration team, The Bon Accord Dancers, continued to be sought by clan gatherings and conventions.

**Hamilton (Ontario).** *Membership:* 288 Annual, 4 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 Adult, 9 Junior 4 Area classes *Demonstration Team available.*

The Hamilton (Ontario) Branch had another successful year during which 58 new members were introduced to Scottish Country Dancing and junior associates reached 120.

The October Weekend got off to a good start with dancers from the U.S.A., Quebec and across Southern Ontario, gathering to enjoy the best of what Scottish Country Dancing has to offer in music, instruction and friendship. Weekend participants enjoyed a Welcome Dance, a Ceilidh and a Gala Ball.

The Annual Workshop in December was a success with 94 dancers attending. The Demonstration Class taught by Valerie Harris, sent the Matheson Dancers out to 16 Demonstrations. The Hamilton Branch is proud of its Matheson Dancers and the goodwill and interest in Scottish Country Dancing they generate.

Six Monthly Dances were held to bands and one to recorded music, all very well attended. On April 5th the Annual Ball was held in the Hamilton Convention Centre and 180 dancers enjoyed the music of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. The Children's Gala Day held in April was a delightful affair with the Grand March led by Piper Bill Malley, and there was also 'mass dancing'. The Adult Gala Day, sponsored by the Hamilton Branch, held in May saw 24 teams entered from the Hamilton-Toronto Area. The day was exceptional because of the quality of dancing and the atmosphere of happiness spread among dancers and spectators alike — making it a day long to be remembered. The hard work of the Hamilton Branch teachers was reflected in the technique of the 9 teams entered for this successful day of dance co-convened by Valerie Harris and Debra Morrison.

At the Annual General Meeting held on April 23rd, the various committees were commended for their dedication during the Branch year with a special recognition to Hugh Sutherland, the Branch Treasurer.

**Hawaii.** *Membership:* 35 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

RSCDS Hawaii Branch has had a busy, enjoyable year. Although our ranks never swell quite the way we would like, our enthusiasm is boundless and seldom is the class when we can't 'field' two sets, often three. We've greatly enjoyed the company of those dancing with us on a temporary basis, and are always sorry to see them depart. Our senior instructor Mary Brandon was away on a few months rest, and although we missed her terribly we were fortunate to have the willing talents of instructor David Brandon and Branch member Mary Frappia, who taught in her absence. The Hawaii Branch enjoyed a number of dance parties throughout the year, planned and hosted by different members. We plan to continue this popular means of additional socializing and dancing. On December 8 we enjoyed a mini-workshop given by RSCDS instructor June Shore, visiting from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. In February, as is practically a tradition now, we hosted our eighth SCD weekend institute, with guest instructor George Will from Vancouver, BC. We had a fine time, with a terrific 'pau hana' ceilidh at the end. ('pau hana' is Hawaiian for 'after work') March found a lot of us giving of time and talent at the Hawaiian-Scottish Association's Highland Gathering, where

we made a bit of cash for our treasury by selling soft drinks and commemorative buttons. The RSCDS Hawaii Branch will dance through June and then adjourn for summer break.

**Houston.** *Membership:* 68 Annual, 18 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 3

The Branch celebrated the Texas Sesquicentennial by making Texas bluebonnet tartan sashes and wearing them during demonstrations. In keeping with the spirit of Texas, the Branch had a big year. Weekly social dances during the summer were well attended. A successful 'Bring a Friend Night' and Branch publicity drive during August brought new members to classes which started in September. Our fourth annual workshop, held in September, was taught by June Shore. It was well attended by dancers throughout Texas and New Mexico.

Members presented programmes at Scottish and community events throughout the year. The Branch enjoyed three dance parties and the annual Spring Ball which was also attended by dancers from other Texas groups. The Branch looks forward to another big year and more Texas sesquicentennial celebrations.

**Hunter Valley.** *Membership:* 155 Annual, 21 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 10 Adult, 5 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

Once again we are happy to report an increase in membership and a busy year highlighted by some special functions. Branch classes have ranged from a beginner's class, charmingly conducted by one of our newer teachers, to a demonstration class under the tuition of two of our most experienced teachers. In addition, we had a highly successful day school, open to all.



George Gray, Jennifer Duewell, and Margaret Gray suitable attired for the 20's and 30's Garden Party at Morpeth Weekend School.

Our social occasions included a Hogmanay ceilidh which certainly welcomed in the New Year with laughter and good companionship. The venue was Cathedral Hall, one of the oldest halls in Newcastle, with lots of 'atmosphere' and set in a position to catch the sea-breeze — very welcome in our mid-summer heat. Our Annual Ball decorations featured paintings of Australian wild flowers, beautifully executed by one of our dancers.

78 dancers attended the Branch weekend school in March, coming from as far afield as Nowra, on the NSW south coast, to Maryborough, Q'land. The school was entitled 'Morpeth's Salute to Miss Milligan' so it was fitting that our visiting teacher, Les Cumming, from Canberra, should give a talk on Dr Milligan and that we should have our own garden party (for the benefit of those who cannot be at Jordonhill in July!) In a lovely garden setting, with dancers suitably attired for the 20's — 30's, we danced the Valeta, nibbled on cucumber sandwiches, light-as-a-feather sponge cakes and dainty biscuits, briefly interrupted by a group in neck-to-knee bathers who performed a 3 couple dance on the lawn before disappearing in the direction of the pool!

We look forward to our next Morpeth weekend school (20-22 March 1987) and, if you happen to be in the vicinity, we would love to see you there.

**Johannesburg.** Membership: 145 Annual, 2 Long Term, 8 Life. Classes per week: 5 Demonstration Team available.

Johannesburg can record another excellent year with good classes; a record number of demonstrations, some successful fund raising, another two enjoyable Drakensberg Weekend Schools and our usual Highland Ball.

An extra undertaking this year was the provision of candidates classes tutored by our tireless Margo Monteith who worked on a weekly basis in Johannesburg and also fitted in a course 600 miles away in East London to assist two far away candidates in the Eastern Cape. These efforts culminated in the visit of Duncan Macleod and George Mechan in May which was greatly enjoyed by all. The examiners have impressed us with their pleasant way of putting candidates at ease and of course everyone learned a lot from their teaching sessions both at home and at our May Weekend School.

**Kingston (Ontario).** Membership: 93 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.

Another enjoyable dancing season! From our participation in Folklore '85 and summer dancing in Confederation Park right through to the Children's Festival in Spring '86, we have enjoyed a successful year due to the enthusiasm of our members and the dedication of our teachers.

The 19th Annual November Workshop with instructors Phyllis McCullough, Frances Gray, Sandy Bain and June Shore again attracted a large attendance from near and far. The Spring Workshop, geared more to our local dancers, was also very successful. The Branch looks forward to the new season with anticipation and enthusiasm.

**Kitchener-Waterloo.** Membership: 109 Annual, 4 Life. Classes per week: 2 Demonstration Team available.

Our year began with a very pleasant picnic at Victoria Park with dancing outdoors. This was followed in August by a fun filled weekend of camping, dancing and socializing at the cottage of Iris and Jack Keith in Northern Ontario. Classes started with Open House in September, followed by a very successful workshop in November and our Annual Ball. There was a Christmas Party in December, a Burn's Supper in January and monthly dances in February, March and April. Attendances at classes, both beginner and social was excellent. The Annual General Meeting was held in May.

This is our 25th Anniversary year so special plans are being made for our Ball in November 1986.

**London (Ontario).** Membership: 107 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 3 Demonstration Team available.

This was an outstanding year for London (Ontario) Branch, R.S.C.D.S., memorable for several events celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Our first Hogmanay dance was a great sendoff for the year (to be repeated), and our annual Ball in April was graced by the presence of Miss Muriel Gibson, Edinburgh Headquarters, Scotland. Many of Miss Gibson's Canadian friends welcomed her to this area so it was a 'no tickets left' evening. Banners were specially made to decorate the Great Hall at the University of Western Ontario including Miss Gibson's own banner, the gift of Mrs Ethel McNaughton of the Detroit Branch where our guest was continuing her North American visit.



London (Ontario) Branch Committee celebrate with a successful Silver Jubilee Ball, April, 1986.

The Branch held a Christmas dance and February Workshop with special zest this year and we are looking forward to September's Kavalkade to which all members of London's Scottish community contribute.

**Los Angeles.** Membership: 300 Annual, 16 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 19 Demonstration Team available.

The Los Angeles Branch had a most successful year and marked its twentieth anniversary in April with an elegant ball which nine of the ten past chairmen attended. This commemorative occasion was marked by the cutting of an anniversary cake by founding Chairman Dr David Brandon and his wife Mary, who flew in from Hawaii. Many dancers were present from our 'offspring' branches in Orange City and San Diego. A special anniversary issue of the branch newspaper the *Ghillie Callum* recalled many happy occasions over the past years and began setting down the branch's history for the permanent record. Other major events of the year were the St Andrews Ball in November and the Burns' Dinner Dance in January, both of which had record numbers in attendance.

The Solvang weekend workshop in May proved as popular as ever, and we were joined by many dancers from sister branches in California and out-of-state groups as well. The Thistle Dance Band also celebrated its 20th anniversary year and provided lively music for these important occasions, and the 'Heathertone' trio volunteered several evenings of live music for monthly parties which were enjoyed by all attending. The demonstration team had one of its busiest years ever, one of the highlights being a performance at the spring concert of the Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles in Santa Monica. All in all, it was an excellent year with marked growth in the membership and increased membership participation. Mr George Mechan and Miss 'Chattie' Banks were two Scottish teachers welcomed by the branch while here on vacation and we bid them 'haste ye back'.

**Medicine Hat. Membership:** 25 Annual, 5 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Medicine Hat Branch had a smaller membership this year than in previous years, but despite the size were very enthusiastic. A successful workshop was held in November, 1985 where dancers renewed acquaintances. Several members of the Branch plan to attend the Vancouver workshop in August (in celebration of Expo and Vancouver's centennial).

A number of demonstrations are planned by the group during the spring and summer in the community.

**Melbourne & District. Membership:** 370 Annual, 115 Long Term, 46 Life. *Classes per week:* 31. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Branch has had a happy, busy year with various Scottish Country Dancing Activities. One of our country groups, Bendigo, conducted their first weekend school which was most successful and hopefully will occur again in 1986.

Those who have been associated with our Branch for many years heard with sadness of the passing of Mrs Nell McKinnon in July 1985. Nell was a life member of the RSCDS, a foundation member of the Melbourne Branch and served for a time as Branch Secretary. She was associated with the Ewing Group which she helped establish and taught for many years — Nell will be missed. Our condolences to her family.

In September 1986 the Branch will conduct a formal S.C.D. Ball in Melbourne. We have not had a function like this for a few years and our members are quite looking forward to the occasion.

**Montreal. Membership:** 171 Annual, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Branch and 10 Social *Demonstration Team available.*

The year has seen an increase in interest by members and an increase in the number of members the latter being due to the publicity (in some cases) given the Branch in the Montreal Gazette, the Monitor and the Chronicle. In addition to the ten social groups within the Branch, one basic and one intermediate/demonstration class was held throughout the year and twelve demonstrations were given during the season.

Sadly the Branch lost a founder member, Mrs Fran MacCulloch at whose funeral around fifty members were present as she was laid to rest to the sound of a lament on the pipes.

Social events included an opening social in September and five other socials throughout the year, a Burns' Social, the annual June weekend and an RSCDS Golf Day in July in pouring rain! The annual party in the Officer's Mess at the Grenadier Guards' Armoury was designated a Hogmanay Party this year and scheduling it between Christmas and New Year attracted increased attendance. The annual Ball, highlight of the social season, held in March at the Airport Hilton Hotel, Dorval, was well supported by members and friends. A Brunch the following day in Pierrefonds for out of town guests was also thoroughly enjoyed.

**Mornington Peninsula. Membership:** 114 Annual, — Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 8 Adult, 1 Children, *Demonstration Team available.*

Flinders Shire Scots held a wonderful Early Settlers Evening with dress and dialogue to match, bushrangers, convicts, lags and scotts mixed will together, for a riot of fun and dancing.

Our Branch celebrated its 21st Birthday at a Supper Ball held in July — Mr Kevin Connolly and Life Member Mrs Jean Currie did the honours with the cake — Kevin lighting the candles and Jean blowing them out (or perhaps trying to blow them out — they kept re-lighting). It was great to see so many past and present members and friends together. The highlight of our opening function at 'Coolart' was dancing with some 30 odd bushwalkers who just happened to be trying to sit under the trees, eight sets wearing princess slippers to tall hiking boots dancing the lite fantastic. Certainly a day to remember thanks to John Johnson and Ian McKenzie.

Miss E Oldham was invited to a weekend school held in Tasmania where her teaching was greatly appreciated. The children's class has increased in numbers which gives us hope for the future.

**Nairobi. Membership:** 57 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

Examinations dominated our year — anticipating them; preparing for them; sitting them. Our two teacher's certificate and four preliminary test candidates all passed, so the effort was well worthwhile. We greatly enjoyed the visit of the two examiners, Mr Duncan Macleod and Mr George Mechan, and were grateful that their stay with us in Kenya was one of sufficient duration to allow them to conduct classes and also to join us on our annual Branch Weekend Outing. This event was held this year at Nakuru, set in the Great Rift Valley and home of the world's largest concentration of flamingo. At the dance held during the Outing Mr Macleod and Mr Mechan found themselves co-opted into the demonstration team, which is rather more than they had bargained for. Another welcome visitor during the year was Mrs May Yarker. She came on holiday to soak up the sunshine, but we took unfair advantage of her skills as a teacher and made her work far too hard.

Examinations, visiting teachers, annual festival, annual ball, weekend outing — in all it has been a most enjoyable year of dancing; and with an influx of new faces joining us just recently, we look forward to another active and rewarding year.

**New Haven Branch. Membership:** 92 Annual, 35 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 8 *Demonstration Team available.*

New Haven celebrated its tenth year as a Branch this year with an increase in membership. This year was also the State of Connecticut's 350th anniversary, and one of our dancers composed a dance to honour this occasion, entitled The Charter Oak Reel (referring to an important event in state history), which has been published by the Branch. Another one of our class groups (Greater Hartford) was accepted as an Affiliated Group and we encourage their continued growth.

Live music in concert and for dance parties was a feature of this past year. The Branch hosted fiddler Ian Kennedy and his wife Mary in a concert which ended with spirited dancing. Social activities were numerous, including Hartford's summer parties, the Newtown Harvest Dance, several Christmas parties, the Branch Ball, the Purple Heather Spring Fling and end of term parties. Our ballroom skill were augmented by a vintage dance waltz workshop, and during the winter an advanced class was added on a biweekly schedule. The Hartford group was very busy with demonstration.

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

New Mexico Branch had a very successful first year. Class attendance has been excellent and enthusiasm high. In mid April we held our Inaugural Ball and Workshop with an attendance of over 80.



*Members of New Mexico Branch at their Inaugural Ball, April 1986.*

June Shore (Hamilton Ontario), Jack Rennie (Los Angeles), and Alexander Harvey (New Mexico) taught for us. Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis provided music for the Ball and also Concert/Dances. All in all a most successful venture and enjoyed by all. This will become an Annual Event.

We have two members who will take the Preliminary Test this summer; the membership wish them well.

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**New York.** *Membership:* 197 Annual, 4 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 *Demonstration Team available.*

This past year was a varied and exciting one for the New York Branch. Starting off with a lively pre-Season Dance, we then organised a successful 'Jeannie Carmichael Ball'. Outstanding events of the year were the delightful 'Rerr Terr' arranged by the Hudson Valley Class and the elegant 'Island Fling' run by the Nassau Class, the 'Robbie Burns Night Dance', and the fun-filled monthly dances. The Demonstration Team performed at many special events all over the city.

The Teachers Committee ably led by Joan Treble organised a work-shop on Books 1-4, as well as one on Book 33. We had a surprise visit from Mary and David Brandon from Hawaii and Mary taught some of the dances she has devised including the 'Circassian Quadrille'. The outstanding event of the entire year was the annual weekend at Holiday Hills, chaired by Sheila Wilson and Enid Kuperman. Superb classes were taught by a wonderful staff of teachers, Marg Krip, Beaconsfield, Canada, John Drewry, Aberdeen and Ron Wallace from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bobby Brown and Scottish Accent, always enhance our dancing pleasure, but this year they received a standing ovation for the quality of their playing at the Saturday Night Ball.

**New Zealand.** *Membership:* 1327 Annual, 60 Long Term, 124 Life. *Classes per week:* 94

The New Zealand Branch is pleased to report yet another increase in RSCDS membership and from this we can safely say that Scottish Country Dancing is 'in good heart' in New Zealand. Our Summer School in Auckland was well attended — two of the teaching staff were from Canada; and one of the candidates for the Preliminary Test came from Japan. Our Summer School this year is to be held at Lincoln College, just outside Christchurch. The venue for 1987/88 is yet to be finalised, but will be in the North Island.



*Phyllis Gale being presented with the Society Scroll by Alastair Aitkenhead, R.S.C.D.S. Vice Chairman.*

The highlight of our year to date was the visit of Mr Alastair Aitkenhead and Miss Kitty McLauchlan. They spent close to seven weeks visiting the Branch in April/May, and visited some 19 centres during this time. We kept them both very busy, so that as many of our dancers could benefit from Alastair's teaching and Kitty's playing — a wonderful visit enjoyed by all involved.

Whilst in New Zealand, Alastair Aitkenhead presented the Society's Special Scroll to Miss Phyllis Gale, one of New Zealand's examiners, and we in the Branch are delighted to have Phyllis recognised in this tangible way. For many years, Phyllis has given us the benefit of her knowledge and guidance; she is always there when we need her assistance and we are indeed fortunate to have someone like her in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Branch takes this opportunity of greeting all country dancers everywhere. We wish you a successful year ahead, and assure you of a very warm welcome if you should decide to visit us at any time.

**Northern Virginia.** *Membership:* 82 Annual, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 *Demonstration Team available.*

The Northern Virginia Branch has been very busy this year with many demonstrations and



several dance parties. Our demonstrations included one for the English Speaking Union's celebration of the Queen's Birthday at the British Embassy. One other demonstration of interest was the tenth anniversary celebration of Carlyle House, a colonial restoration, here in Alexandria. Our Branch had commissioned a dance, 'Carlyle House', for the opening of the museum in 1976, and we had the opportunity to dance it again. The Virginia Scottish Games saw demonstrations by our members, and we performed at several other festivals in Northern Virginia.

Our second annual Argyle Teaching Weekend took place in October 1985. Our guest teachers were Mr William Clement from Dumfries-shire, and Paul and Sarah Jean Thompson of Pennsylvania. We again sponsored classes for all dance levels as well as a special class for pipers to gain tips on piping for Scottish Country Dancing.

**Orange County Branch. Membership:** 86 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 *Demonstration Team available.*

The 3rd Annual Shillelagh-Ceilidh Ball was another in a series of successes. With attendance from San Diego, La Jolla, Los Angeles, and distant San Francisco, we all enjoyed dancing to the music of Fiddle Alasdair Fraser and pianist Paul Machlis.

For three short years we were very privileged to have Andrew Rankine in our midst. As a new branch, we were indebted to him for his music which made our functions special, attracting many to our dances. To honour his memory, we have inaugurated an Andrew Rankine Memorial Fund.

**Ottawa. Membership:** 256 Annual, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 13 *Demonstration Team available.*

A stimulating dancing year resulted from weekly classes, dances and workshops (Jones Falls weekend, Teacher's Workshop and Technique Day). Our entertainment Group



*Ottawa Branch demonstration team with Parliament Hill in the background.*

performed regularly and was specially evident on Ottawa's Scottish Heritage Day. The Demonstration Team joined the Anabarrach (Highland) Dancers for a spirited, entertaining 'Scottish Ramble' by way of photographic slides, music, dance and humour. A local band, the Brigadoons, enhanced a monthly dance in the inaugural year of playing Scottish Country Dance music. Bobby Brown's band again contributed to an enjoyable Annual Ball.

We look forward to 1986/87 events — weekly classes from September to May, monthly dances, a Christmas dance on December 6, Technique workshop on February 14, 1987 (tentative), Annual Ball on May 23, 1986. June, July and August dancing on Wednesdays in Vincent Massey Park and the annual Jones Falls Weekend on September 18, 19 and 20, 1987 (tentative).

**Paris. Membership:** 63 Annual, 15 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 *Demonstration Team available.*

Have kilt — will travel . . . far! We are pleased to announce that one of our members, Dr Michael VISO, a research veterinarian, has been selected for the French astronaut team.



*A Weekend School of the Paris Branch at the Chateau de Vaugrigneuse. Michael Viso, Astronaut, is in first row centre.*

Our second annual international ball at the Salons Concorde Lafayette with Neil Barron's Trio flying in from Edinburgh to make the music, was a great success. We are planning our 3rd Annual Ball for October 25th, 1986. Our demonstration team enjoyed a workshop with Alec and Kate Gray from Cardiff. For the second year, we held an 'Anglo-Scottish Ball', inviting two English Country Dance groups to join us. The idea was to introduce English dancing to our group and Scottish dancing to the 'English' dancers. It was a very enjoyable evening and resulted in several new members for our classes.

For our forthcoming international EASTER WEEKEND we are pleased to announce that Bill Zobel of Newcastle and Muriel Johnstone of Berwick-upon-Tweed will be joining us as teacher and pianist. The Neil Barron Trio returns to play for the two evenings.

The last of our four regular weekend schools this year will feature Bob Grant from Edinburgh. For our first weekend of the 1986/87, September 27-28, we have invited Mary Stoker to come over from London.

**Pheonix.** *Membership: 22 Annual, 1 Long Term. Classes per week: 1 Demonstration Team available.*

The Pheonix Branch has had a busy and successful year. Our second annual workshop, held in November, with visiting teachers John and Jennifer Kelly and Jack Rennie was especially noteworthy and has become an ongoing affair. We are currently planning for the next. We have held numerous demonstrations throughout the Valley of the Sun and have travelled to workshops and balls hosted by other branches and groups. We have several Teacher Candidates in training. For all of us it is proving an exciting and rewarding time.

**Pretoria.** *Membership: 26 Annual, 4 Life. Classes per week: 1 Demonstration Team available.*

In a successful year of dancing, our numbers though still small, have increased, making our weekly meetings so much more enjoyable. We now have a thriving beginners' class, an enthusiastic demonstration team and the beginnings of a technique class and advanced class. We have undertaken several demonstrations during the year; an outstanding one



*Pretoria Branch at the Pretoria Highland Games, March 1986.*

being at Pretoria Caledonian Society Highland Gathering where we produced two sets and were supported by the Johannesburg Branches three sets. The highlight of the year was the visit to South Africa of Mr Duncan MacLeod and Mr George Mehan who began an extensive teaching and examining tour of the country during May this year. A most enjoyable evening was spent with them in Pretoria on 7th May. Two of our members sat their Preliminary exam and one the Full Certificate.

**St Catharines.** *Membership: 80 Annual, Classes per week: 3 Demonstration Team available.*

After the excitement of our 25th Anniversary last year and the outstanding ball at the Park

Hotel in Niagara Falls, the current season has been back to normal. With the addition of two more teachers, classes are shaping up nicely. The demonstration teams were again busy this year especially through November/January. The Christmas Dance was very successful, much of the success being due to the excellent music provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. In the past two years we have appeared on television which always stirs up some excitement. The group enjoyed a very pleasant evening in March with Gladys McLellan of Campbellville as guest teacher.



*St Catharines Branch demonstration team at a Burns Night. (Left to right) front row — Wesley Turner, Tom Coyle, Gary Hennessy; back row — Dorothea McKenzie, Pat Coyle, Betty Hennessy, Sheila Hesler.*

Late last summer we spent two afternoons at different shopping centres dancing in a very relaxed atmosphere, attempting to encourage the onlookers, of which there were many, to join us in the Fall. From that we gained a couple of members — and a lot of fun dancing!

As has been the practice in the past, we have the pleasure of attending two 'super' events in June — the Tennis Ball which is held on a tennis court and the Beach Ball held within dancing distance of Lake Ontario. These particularly happy evenings we owe to Branch Members who take the trouble to organize such events and this year we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Tennis Ball. Now we are looking towards next season and hope it will prove to be our most successful yet.

**Regina Branch.** *Membership: 69 Annual, 8 Long Term, Classes per week: 4 Demonstration Team available.*

Once again the Branch enjoyed a successful year with an increase in membership. Members enjoyed a mini-workshop with Wes Clindinning and week-end workshop with Ruth Jappy, Mel Briscoe and Bill Scott. Also, our workshop ball had music supplied by Alex and Maureen Jappy — a first in Saskatchewan. We look forward to a return visit in October 1986.

The Branch again participated in the multicultural Festival of Pavilions which is our major fund raising effort.

**Sacramento.** *Membership:* 75 Annual, 2 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 4.

The Branch has completed a pleasant and busy year. We have enjoyed monthly parties during the class season and the year had some new twists; the June Ceilidh was the same, but our March party and Workshop moved up to April. We were inspired by the wonderful tutelage of Marse Van Nus of Vancouver, WA; Liz Johnston of Vancouver, BC; Oberdan Otto of Los Angeles, CA; and by two from our neighbouring San Francisco Branch: Jo Hamilton and Jennifer Kelly. Another big change was that our May Ball became the Snow Ball in December to escape the early summer heat. Once again we were honoured with the musical help of the San Francisco Players for both the Ball and the Workshop.

This year an added pinnacle was our invitational participation in the Sacramento Camellia Festival in March where Scotland was this year's theme country. 130 dancers from the San Francisco Bay Area, Stockton, Modesto and Sacramento Valley joined to perform five dances for the Festival. And in special tribute, our dance director, Dorothy Carr, had eight men perform "Reel of the 51st Division" to live bagpipe music.

**San Diego.** *Membership:* 76 Annual, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 3

Our membership is steadily growing. This year's high was 85, settling down to 82 by year's end. This year marked our decennial year which was celebrated by inviting all our past chairpersons to a spring Workshop and Ball. We danced to the lilting music of various musicians brought together for the event by Barbara and Robert McOwen formerly of the Berkeley Scottish Players.

Our Christmas Part featured the talents of Alistair Frasier and Barbara Magone. We were pleased to include our regular favourites, The Heatherstones and The Thistle Band at other dances. This year's invited teaching staff included Jo Hamilton, Anthony Moretti, Robert McOwen and Barbara McOwen. Our Julian Weekend in the Mountains again provided a fun-filled weekend for our local branches.

**San Francisco.** *Membership:* 357 Annual, 2 Long Term, 29 Life. *Classes per week:* 19  
*Demonstration Team available.*

The San Francisco Branch has had a busy and successful year. Our Asilomar workshop, held each autumn by the ocean in Monterey, was outstanding with Teachers Colin Garret (London), John and Jennifer Kelly (San Francisco), Sheena West (San Francisco) and George Will (Vancouver). Classes were superb, many of them graced with live music. Music for the Asilomar Ball was provided by The San Francisco Scottish Players with guest fiddler Alisdair Fraser — to the great pleasure of everyone present. This same group played for our annual Valentine's Ball, where the music was a great delight and contributed much to the enthusiasm of the dancers and the success of that event. Our information booth at the Santa Rosa Scottish Gathering and Games this past September drew a good response from the public, due mostly to the excellent demonstration of dancing given by our Branch and the Sacramento Branch. The high point of the weekend was "The Reel of the 51st Division" danced to the bagpipe by an all-male five couple set — they were grand to watch.

Several classes hosted special parties, particularly during the Christmas holiday; and fourteen classes participated in a local store chain's 'Best of Britain' publicity event, giving twenty demonstrations in all throughout the Bay Area. This activity was co-ordinated by Sheena West and earned a sizeable sum for our Scholarship Fund. June 1986 marked our first 'Golden Gate Fields Country Dance Festival' where Scottish country dancing teams, for the first time in this area, were adjudicated. Jennifer Kelly co-ordinated the event in which two Branch demonstration teams participated. We hope to see this become a yearly event, with many teams on the West Coast involved.

**Seattle.** *Membership:* 95 Annual, 64 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration team available.*

After a very active and fun filled summer, we again started our year at our Fort Worden

Weekend Workshop. There was a record attendance and everyone surely enjoyed and benefited from participating.

Over the year we started three new beginner classes and one for children. Our fall workshop was very well attended and we enjoyed the music of Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis at the evening party. Our spring workshop was also very well attended, and the Sunday morning classes and brunch were enjoyed by all.

A special thanks is due to all those members who have contributed their time and efforts in making this year the success it has been, and in supporting the traditions of Scottish Country Dance so it can be enjoyed by all.

**South East Queensland.** *Membership:* 154 Annual, 25 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 13

Plans and fund raising for the 12th Australian Annual Winter School have made for a busy and enjoyable year.

The May weekend school was again held in Banyo Seminary. Phyllis South was a teacher



*Keeping it up down under — Joy Stuart (Queensland), her daughter Carolyn Hole and granddaughters Alyssa and Emma (Sydney).*

and we also welcomed George Cooper from Victoria and Nan Mitchell and Neryl Adams from Hunter Valley to take the other classes. Joan Campbell from Boston, U.S.A. took time off from Halley's Comet visit to join us and Ellie Mills from Manchester, U.K. also attended at our weekend school.

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

We are happy to report that we have enthusiastic new members. During the year the Branch has arranged a monthly Social Evening, a St Andrews' Ball and for the second time a Burns' Supper. These events have been very well attended, not only by Branch Members but also members from other Scottish Societies in Stockholm and other friends. For the Burns' Evening our members prepared excellent Haggis and Neeps.

Our 2nd International Weekend Course at Rönnegerga, Lidingö, near Stockholm, was a renewed success. Much appreciated teacher was Bob Grant and we enjoyed very much, as usual, the music provided for us by our special friend, Jennifer Wilson.

**Sydney. Membership:** 135 Annual, 1 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 4, 1 Fortnightly *Demonstration Team available.*

1985 was another busy year for Sydney Branch with four classes being held regularly each week and all being well attended. We had a number of new dancers join us and most of the new dancers from the previous year continued on. Weekend day schools were held during the year and were well received. A large contingent of members travelled to Victoria to attend the Winter School held at Dookie and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In October, 1985 the Branch held another residential weekend school which was attended by 80 dancers from the Branch and other clubs throughout a widespread area. Classes were held over the three days together with an evening Social and a very successful Ceilidh in which all groups present participated. Members of the Branch from the Advanced Technique class gave several demonstrations during the year at various functions around the city. We were also pleased to be able to provide a team of dancers to augment the programme at the Billy Raymond Concert at the Sydney Opera House — this was very well received by the audience. November saw the Annual Scottish Australian Heritage week with many dignitaries visiting from Scotland. Once again the Branch arranged and participated in a mass display of Scottish Country Dancing at the open air concert which marks the end of the festivities.

**Tokyo. Membership:** 89 Annual, 42 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

In September, a workshop for the dances of the Book 33 was held. Mrs Masako O Naitoh, one of our teachers, introduced the Society's newest dances immediately after her return from Summer School at St Andrews. Beside her, some fellow members attended Summer School, while several visitors from abroad enjoyed dancing in our classes. Through these exchanges, we will get on good terms with other members of the Society. Branch membership has increased by the activity of each group.

**Toronto. Membership:** 942 Annual, 1 Long Term, 26 Life. *Classes per week:* 34. *Demonstration team available.*

The 1985/86 season began in June with summer dancing in one of Toronto's many beautiful parks. The evenings were well attended by many dancers and delighted the many spectators by their display of country dancing to the super music supplied by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent.

After our summer break, the season resumed with 148 dancers attending the annual weekend at Geneva Park. Dancers benefited from the extensive knowledge of the three teachers — Jean Hamilton and Jean Noble from Toronto and Jim McLelland from Nova Scotia. The high point of the weekend was the Saturday evening ball, with superlative music by the Bobby Frew Four.

Events held during the season included our monthly dances (7, including 2 family nights), Branch classes (4 levels of instruction) which attracted 95 dancers, our children's workshop which attracted 120 young dancers, the publishing of 10 monthly newsletters and a strong participation in the Hamilton Gala day. The highlight of the season was, once again, our Annual Tartan Ball held at the Royal York Hotel. The 397 dancers attending were treated to a sumptuous meal and fabulous music supplied by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent.

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

The Twin Cities Branch marked its tenth anniversary with a gala ball at St Paul's nationally acclaimed new Ordway Music Theatre. More than one hundred people enjoyed an elegant



*Twin Cities Branch demonstration team performing at the Scottish Country Fair in St Paul, Minnesota.*

dinner and danced to the music of the Thistledown Band. The Branch also published its first book of original dances to celebrate the occasion.

Classes were held two nights a week from September to May, with monthly socials dancing to Thistledown's music.

The Twin Cities Branch made a number of demonstration appearances in 1985/86, including seven weekends at Minnesota's Renaissance Festival, and the Festival of Nations and travelling to Fargo, North Dakota to perform.

**Vancouver. Membership:** 422 Annual, 31 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1985/1986 Scottish Country Dancing season has been a busy and exciting one. The various dances hosted by the Branch and the Clubs in the lower mainland were enjoyed by all who attended. The Branch's Burns' Supper was a great success in the new United Scottish Cultural Society Centre where the 1986/1987 Branch classes will be held. The Annual Easter Ball with music by the popular Schiehallion Band was once again a memorable event. The Vancouver Branch Workshop, already well booked, is to be held August 24th to 31st. Participants from around the world will be able to dance, visit Expo '86 and enjoy the many attractions of 100 year old Vancouver. They will also receive excellent instruction from Alastair MacFadyen (Scotland), Bob Blackie (Toronto) and Vancouver teachers Mary Murray and Simon Scott.

Members of the Demonstration Team took part in the opening ceremonies on May 2nd of Expo '86 dancing before Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The team will be involved in the opening ceremonies of British Week at Expo, July 8th to 13th, when they and other RSCDS members will take part in the activities during the Scottish part of this week, 11th to 13th July. It has been and continues to be an eventful year for RSCDS Vancouver Branch members.

**Victoria. Membership:** 147 Annual, 20 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 4

The 13th year of the Victoria Branch again saw a large participation in the social events both by local branch members and by RSCDS members from out of town. The classes at the November Workshop were much appreciated by the dancers and we were especially pleased with the music for the weekend, since Stan Hamilton joined Alex Jappy and Maureen Ricard to provide music for the classes and for the Saturday evening dance. The evening was rounded off by a rousing Ceilidh at the Officers' Mess where all the Musicians and Dancers were in fine musical form. It was an evening to remember.

The Christmas Social Dance Party was a joint effort of the Victoria Branch RSCDS and the Vancouver Island SCDS being a continuation from the tradition established in 1985; this year the Vancouver Island SCDS hosted the social. This was followed by a highly successful party at the Bay Street Armouries, courtesy of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. The traditional Hogmanay was again celebrated at St Martins-in-the-Field, followed by First Footing by those hardy dancers who had the strength to keep going. The nights celebrations finished with breakfast at Archie Nixon's House... The Burns' Night Dance which followed in January, proved to be very popular, with the traditional Burns ceremonies, dancing and partying.

Friday evening socials are held throughout the year, with a special emphasis on the last Friday in the month when food and drinks are provided to the dancers. Attendance has been particularly good this year with a substantial increase in Branch membership. An average of some nine sets have been participating in a well balanced programme provided by the teachers. The Branch has benefited this year from the hard work that Archie Nixon put into the Candidates class in 1985. We had an additional two teachers available to the branch, with an upgrading to the Teacher's certificate for another, thus enabling the Branch to spread its teaching load, and provide a more balanced approach to the teaching.

**Washington. Membership:** 1409 Annual, 7 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 3  
*Demonstration Team available.*

The Washington Branch celebrated its 10th Anniversary this year, with a successful dance and pot luck supper, with live music provided by our local group of musicians. We enjoyed our annual events- the Iona Weekend and Spring Ball, and continued our monthly pot luck supper dances.

The Branch introduced its newsletter 'Once and to the Bottom' and published four issues during the year.

**Western Australia. Membership:** 107 Annual, 24 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 8  
*Demonstration Team available.*

This year has again been a busy and active one for the Branch. During our hot summer period a small dedicated band of dancers prepared themselves, under the tuition of teachers Dawn Cromb and Pat Jagiello, to perform on the Perth Concert Hall stage during the Festival of Perth. This was only the first of many displays given during the year as our dancers continued to devote a tremendous amount of their valuable time to various organisations, mainly charitable, in an endeavour to illustrate the enjoyment to be gained from our dancing.

The highlight of the year was the visit of examiners, Kevin Connolly and Les Cumming, to adjudicate at teachers' examinations. These were the the first candidates presented in W.A. and a 100% pass result was rather exhilarating for all concerned, including the instructor, Dawn Cromb. Various social functions were held during their visit all of which were a great success.

Classes continued successfully with those being conducted in Perth outer suburbs growing rapidly, and we would envisage spreading into new areas with the additional new teachers now available.



*Members of Western Australia Branch with Mr Connolly and Mr Cumming (examiners).*

**Windsor (Ontario) . Membership:** 31 Annual, 11 Long Term, 3 *Demonstration Team available.*

The season got underway with an Open House and a showing of 'Take Your Partners'. Attendance at classes has been steady and, with an increase in membership again this year, we have had a most successful season. A workshop was again held in June and we all benefited from excellent teachers.

The Monthly dances have been well supported throughout the year and the Demonstration Team well received at various events. The Annual Ball held in October with music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent was greatly enjoyed.

**Winnipeg. Membership:** 172 Annual, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 *Demonstration Team available.*

In addition to its regular weekly classes, members of the Winnipeg Branch have been kept busy with dancing in the park in June, participation in parades during the summer months, our annual sponsorship of 'Mug Pub' during Folklorama, plus social evenings, mini-weekends, a branch weekend in October, Teacher's Workshop in November, music workshop in February, a New Year's Dance, Spring Ball, and numerous demonstrations offered in spare moments. For many of these events we enjoyed the fine playing provided by the members of our band, 'Scotch Measure'. Because of lower than anticipated registration, our annual weekend will be moved, on a trial basis, from October to March in the coming season.

A group connected with the Winnipeg Branch has been successfully operating for several years now in Thompson, a remote mining community in Northern Manitoba. Under the energetic and dedicated leadership of Mamie Hendren, some 35 children and 15 adults participate in weekly classes and maintains a close liaison with the branch in Winnipeg.

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## One Man's Meat

Today you asked me who's the best,  
 A teacher cuts above the rest.  
 The answer I can give to you  
 Is lots are best but best for who?  
 The RSCDS protects  
 Standards, weeds out and selects  
 Those who have the precious gift  
 To show, to learn and to uplift.  
 They train their teachers so they know  
 What they should and how to show;  
 Not just to take exams and pass  
 But how to help and hold a class;  
 To choose their music and rejoice  
 In happy pupils; make the voice  
 Pleasing, audible and bright;  
 Mind their manners, be polite.  
 Teachers all should love to dance,  
 Do homework and leave naught to chance;  
 Use incidents as they arise  
 And *never* be caught by surprise.  
 But teachers don't come from a mould.  
 Some are gentle, some are bold  
 With theories, ideas of their own.  
 Some clown, perhaps but none's a clone.  
 Some will help you once or twice  
 But then you've had it, never thrice!  
 Others like to ease the strain  
 On pupils' legs and skill and brain.  
 Some are sticklers for the rules.  
 Some don't gladly suffer fools.  
 Some grate on one. Some grow on one.  
 Some talk too much and some are fun.  
 But what are *you*? Are you stable,  
 Mathematical and able?  
 Or are you timid and erratic,  
 Retiring and not too emphatic?  
 You must know your sort and type,  
 Use judgement when the time is ripe  
 To change your teacher as your needs  
 Grow to flower from little seeds.  
 I've had my bests, can name a few  
 Changing as I learned and grew --  
 Margaret, Bob and Alastair,  
 Johanna, Mary G and Claire.  
 I offer no apology.  
 You have to use psychology  
 To choose — and this is really true,  
 The best's the one who's best for you.

Mary Ravnkilde.

## The Four Margarets And A Notebook

My story begins on Saturday, 11th May 1985. Just prior to the commencement of the Executive Council Meeting, held on that day in Edinburgh, the late Margaret Anderson, recently returned from an examination tour of North America, placed a small package in my hand and said:

This belongs to Margaret Macwaters of Ottawa, and I am sure that you would be very interested to see it.

Sometime later that day, I was able to inspect the content of the package. It was a black bound notebook; a note inserted inside indicated that it was Margaret MacDonald's notebook. Who was Margaret MacDonald?

The contents of the notebook were set out at the beginning in a neat and clear hand. There were nine country dances, all of them familiar and described in subsequent pages as we know and dance them. It was when I came to what were listed as 'Aesthetic Dances' that my interest really began to grow. Titles such as 'Dance of Mists in Autumn', 'Entrance of Summer' and 'Shortest Day' were very familiar because they had been named and described to Miss Adams and me by former students of Dr. Milligan when we were preparing *Dance With Your Soul*. Was this then the notebook of one of Dr. Milligan's students?

My conviction that it was strengthened as I examined the contents further. Page seventy-five was headed 'Show of 1917 (December)'. I was aware that Miss Milligan, with the help of her students and former students, had frequently arranged dancing displays in Glasgow, usually for charity. On another page there were the initials, including those of Margaret MacDonald, of the participating dancers; all of them I was able to identify with the help of earlier researches into the life of Dr. Milligan. The description of a dance entitled 'Russian March' contained the following words:

Stamp two together, hop, balance, balance.

Those words immediately brought to mind a meeting I had had in the Spring of 1979 with one of Dr. Milligan's former students. After casting aside her stick, which she then needed to aid her walking, and after insisting that I would be the 'lady' because she had always been the 'gent', my instructress proceeded to demonstrate the Russian March which Miss Milligan had taught her in the early 20s. 'Stamp, two, together, hop, balance, balance,' she chanted as we danced, much to the astonishment and amusement of the onlookers who were also taking tea in the Ceylon Tearoom, Buchanan Street, where our meeting took place. These coaching words, she assured me, had been used by Miss Milligan. Another former student,



Margaret Currie.



Margaret Macwaters.



Margaret (MacDonald) Callan.

Mrs. Peg McAulay of Newcastle, has since described the same dance and sung the same words to me.

By now I was convinced that the notebook handed to me by Margaret Anderson was indeed a significant written record of Dr. Milligan's interest in dance before the formation of The Scottish Country Dance Society. It was, of course, necessary to prove that Margaret MacDonald had been one her students. Unfortunately, the College records at Jordanhill at that particular point in time were not available to provide the evidence.

I wrote immediately to Margaret Macwaters expressing my great interest in the notebook and requesting more information. Her reply informed me that the notebook had come into her possession because of her known interest in Scottish country dancing. Margaret MacDonald, from Clydebank, had married in 1921 and had emigrated with her husband, Robert Callan, to Canada. Now aged ninety-one the writer of the notebook was no longer able to help, but her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Currie, was very willing to assist in any way that she could. Her mother had been a student and a teacher in Glasgow and she thought that the name 'Milligan' had been mentioned. There were amongst her mother's possessions some old certificates and photographs which she would allow Margaret Macwaters to investigate and copy. Would these provide the evidence I was looking for? I eagerly awaited the next communication from Canada.

Eventually it arrived, a sizeable envelope from which emerged copies of certificates which finally proved that my original hunch had been correct. Margaret MacDonald had been a student at Dundas Vale Training College, the staff of which Miss Milligan had joined in 1909, during the years 1912 to 1914. A teaching appointment in Glasgow followed the completion of her training. The College records have since confirmed these details.

The next stage in the story concerns two photographs of a group of Miss Milligan's dancers. Although they reached the RSCDS Archives from two different sources, the two photographs obviously record the same events. One of them was included in *Dance With Your Soul*, but at the time of publication, the co-authors were not able to state exactly when and where the photographs was taken. Further research has established that they record an appearance of Miss Milligan's dancers at a Garden Fete held at Queen Margaret College, Glasgow, in May 1914. Was it possible that Margaret MacDonald was present on that occasion?

A copy of the group photograph was sent to Margaret Macwaters whose letters in reply began, 'Eureka' Margaret Currie and her husband, separately and positively, had identified Margaret MacDonald in the group.

There is a finale to the story. In pursuit of an entirely different matter, I had occasion to look through the RSCDS Log Books compiled by Miss Florence Adams; I came upon the programme of a dance display arranged by Miss Milligan in The Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, on March 27, 1914. I had forgotten until I turned it over that the back of the programme listed the dancers who participated. To my great delight, there amongst them was the name of Margaret MacDonald.

Mrs. Currie has been most generous in sending me photographs of her mother, via Margaret Macwaters, to copy and some to retain.

I am very indebted to all four Margarets who, by their combined efforts, have made possible a further glimpse of Dr. Milligan's dancing interests of seventy years ago and have demonstrated once more how far reaching, both in time and distance, has been the influence of the co-founder.



Margaret Anderson with the author.

Alastair MacFadyen

## LOST AND NOT FOUND

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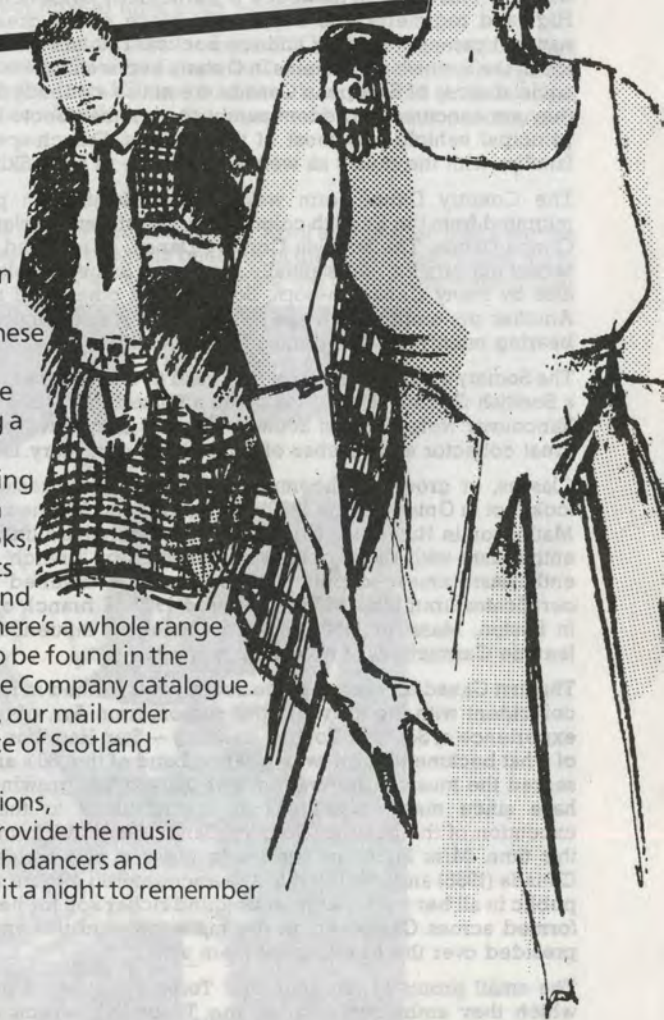
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## Round the World with the RSCDS

### Scottish Country Dance in Canada — 1986

George S. Emmerson

Canada is very much a product of the Scottish people. Its early exploration, fur trade, mounted police force, educational institutions, government and administration, have disproportionately been the province of Scots or the descendants of Scots, both Gaelic and English-speaking. Considerable regions remain bilingual in Gaelic and English to this day. This Scottish influence is particularly evident in the importance accorded the Highland regiments, the ceremonial place of the great bagpipe, and the peculiarly national games — curling and ice hockey. The latter developed from shinty, placed on ice in the Scottish settlements in Ontario and is still there called 'shinny'. The indigenous social dances of European Canada are not so evidently Scottish, but the music to which they are executed is predominantly so, or rather, Scoto-Irish, as is ours. The violin is its principal vehicle and most of the fiddlers, French-speaking as well as English, are familiar with the music as well as the name of Scott-Skinner and even Gow.

The Country Dance form was certainly familiar in pioneering Ontario whence it migrated from the English colonial centres of New England and was (and is) there called Contra-Dance. The Scottish Country Dance, as restored by the RSDCS, in contrast, is a recent importation, substantially supported in the first place by immigrant Scots and now also by many Canadian-born, Scottish and other, and many native English and Irish. Another generation shall see this public predominantly Canadian-born, but probably bearing mainly Scottish names for some time.

The Society's influence began to spread to Canada after the Second World War although a Scottish Country Dance club was affiliated in Vancouver as early as 1931. Notable in Vancouver were the first Scottish Country Dance researcher, Hugh Thurston, and the great collector and teacher of Scottish dances, Mary Isdale MacNab.

Classes, or groups, concentrating upon the new, restored, Scottish Country Dances, took root in Ontario in the 1950's, forming round Matthew Sutherland in Toronto and Jean Mathieson in Hamilton. These teachers entertained little inclination to encumber their enthusiasm with the problems of affiliation or 'branch' status. Nevertheless, from this enthusiasm emerged potential teachers who travelled to Massachusetts to take their certificates from Miss Milligan around 1957. A branch of the Society had been formed in Boston, Mass. in 1950. The great teaching influence there, and in New York, was Jeannie Carmichael of honoured memory.

The first Canadian branch of the Society was formed in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1954, almost coincident with the arrival in that region, from Ayr, of two exceptional musicians with experience of Scottish Country dancing — Stan Hamilton and Bobby Frew — the nucleus of what became the renowned dance band of the '60's and '70's. Ed Brydie hitherto had served the musical requirements of balls to that growing public. Several dancers who have since made distinguished contributions to the scholarship, repertoire and execution of the Scottish Country Dance emerged from this fertile seeding ground at this time. Miss Milligan then made the first of a series of missionary expeditions to Canada (1958) and I doubt that she encountered a more receptive and devoted Scottish public in all her travels abroad or found richer soil for her ideas. Several branches were formed across Canada in all the main towns in the ensuing years and Miss Milligan presided over the formation of them all.

The small group of Hamilton and Toronto teachers combined to form a local forum which they ambitiously called the Teachers' Association of Canada. This has now emerged as a substantial and influential body vying somewhat with the Society itself, conducting an annual summer school, publishing a journal, and also vending records and publications and supplies.

When the attention of the Toronto conurbation with its great Scottish resources was stimulated, it was inevitable that it should become the centre of gravity of Scottish Country Dance in the world. There must be over two to three thousand dancers meeting weekly in numerous groups in the region served by Toronto Branch. Only about 1000 of these are also members of Toronto Branch. As regards music, there have long been two or three first class bands serving the Toronto-Hamilton axis, notably Stan Hamilton's memorable band of international renown and now Bobby Frew's and Bobby Brown's bands which sprang from it. Bobby Brown, a native of Denny, has published these splendid records featuring Caper Breton fiddlers and others.

There are also one or two musical combinations serving Scottish Country Dancing in other centres of this vast country, such as the Schiehallion band of Vancouver, and many which have come and gone from time to time in all regions.

As regards dancing, the lists of clubs and branches in the RSCDS bulletin give but a hint of the widespread pursuit of Scottish Country Dance in Canada and, in certain regions, its astonishingly high quality, in the Jean Milligan tradition. It could well grow to seem indigenous to Canada in time, as already have the pipe band, Highland dancing and Scottish dance music.

### New Zealand

To be invited to tour the classes in New Zealand during April and May of 1986 gave me cause for concern and excitement — excitement because of the opportunity to see many of the towns and cities of such a land as well as meeting the dancers of whom I had



Mr Alistair Aitkenhead and Miss Kitty McLauchlan during their tour in New Zealand 1986.

heard and concern in following in the footsteps of Miss Milligan who toured in 1972 and Alastair McFadyen who visited both islands in 1983.

I was more fortunate than either of my predecessors — I had the added advantage of having a pianist with me — Kitty McLauchlan — known to the dancers in New Zealand, having been there by invitation of the New Zealand Branch on two previous occasions.

The tour was very well organised and we met thirty different classes as well as having an opportunity to talk to groups of teachers in several Regions. This was in addition to examining three groups who had been prepared for the Preliminary Test and Teacher's Certificate before our arrival.

The weather was kind to us — only two days' rain out of a total of 43 with the warmth of the sun matched only by the friendliness of every dancer we met — they were so pleased to have a representative from Headquarters in Scotland come to visit them and they were totally taken over by Kitty's playing. There are so few Scottish Country Dance players on the other side of the world and to have someone of Kitty's calibre was obviously a great treat.

We very much appreciated being taken to see a great number of awe inspiring sights of natural beauty on both islands. Our hosts were extremely generous in giving of their time and energy to ensure we were comfortable and well entertained.

There were two highlights on our tour — I had the privilege to present Miss Phyllis Gale with the Scroll of the Society, and during our visit to the North Island we met Mrs Florence Lesslie and Kitty played a dance tune composed for her. She sends her best wishes to everyone and in her words I would end this brief report — 'Scottish Country Dancing is immediate friendship'.

Alastair Aitkenhead

### IS THIS A RECORD?

No, it is not a round black, flat, shiny disc to which we refer! It is the list of entrants to the Nairobi Branch Festival of Scottish Country Dancing in June, 1986, where the school teams were made up of the following nationalities: Afghanistan, American, Arab, Australian, Danish, Dutch, Egyptian, Finnish, German, Greek, Goan, Indian, Irish, Japanese, Korean, Kenya Africans, Lebanese, Scottish, Seychelloise, Swedish, Welsh, West African.

Even the Tower of Babel could hardly do better or any other list of names conjure up such a rich mosaic.



Miss Muriel Gibson with Mr and Mrs Bill McLennan, her hosts, during her visit to London (Ontario) Branch.

### Canada/USA

Even the Secretary spread her wings this year and escaped from Headquarters to make some exciting journeys. In addition to various very happy occasions with Branches in the UK she made her first trip across the Atlantic to Atlanta Branch to speak on the administration of the Society and to have the thrill of being an 'honoured guest' at the spectacular Stone Mountain Highland Games.

In April this year she made her first visit to Canada at the invitation of London (Ontario) Branch to celebrate with them their Silver Jubilee. After a wonderful Jubilee Ball there was sightseeing (Niagara included of course) and lovely hospitable invitations to members' homes. The following week saw her at the Detroit Branch Ball, Michigan, another lovely experience and then back to Toronto where the TAC Committee entertained her to dinner before she returned home to Headquarters and 'auld claes and parritch'.

Muriel would like to thank all the Branches who invited her to be their guest — at home and abroad — and all who entertained her so kindly and hospitably. She greatly appreciated meeting the Branch members personally, seeing the very varying conditions within which Branches function and finding how enthusiastic are the grass roots of the Society.

## ESSAY COMPETITION

An Essay Competition (for members between 16-20) was held this year the stipulated subject being 'Jean C. Milligan'. This is the Essay submitted by Miss Caroline Hotchkiss (aged 17) of Newcastle upon Tyne & District Branch.

### In Gratitude

Miss Jean Callander Milligan began a class of Scottish Country Dancing in Glasgow. They published their own book of twelve dances, held a dance, and then similar classes began in Edinburgh, Perth and Aberdeen, and the Scottish Country Dance Society was formed from there in 1923. The classes spread to England and now, in the year of the centenary of her birth, the Society has increased to 149 branches, in eleven countries world wide, with hundreds of affiliated groups.

Miss Milligan is remembered, by those people who knew her as a teacher of dancing, as a small, silver haired lady, usually dressed in navy blue and white. However, far more important than her appearance is her great charisma; the power that she had to make people want to do their best for her, and continue her work. The success of the Society has been largely due to her vitality, vision and varied aims, and the continuing work towards achieving these.

One of Miss Milligan's main aims in founding the Society was to preserve country dancing in one of its oldest and most traditional forms. Neither she nor Mrs Stewart, the co-founder of the Society, wanted to lose dances or tunes as a result of their not being performed frequently. They rediscovered dances from the mid-nineteenth century by finding people who had actually danced them and asking them about the steps and formations. Miss Milligan's mother was also able to give invaluable help in this, as she had danced many dances as a child, and was able to decipher some of the more obscure instructions. For example, the Allemande was a meaningless phrase occurring in several dances which could not therefore be performed, until Mrs Miligan identified and explained it as a means of progression. As a result of this work, many of the dances that we dance today are those that were first recorded in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, such as the Duke of Perth. Many tunes have been preserved in the same way, and many dances can now be performed to the tunes which were originally written for them.

It was also important that the dances should be preserved in their correct, or original, form, and to achieve this Miss Milligan tried to enforce that the figures were correctly executed. In 1923 there was a growing tendency to 'romp' through dances, and an 'element of hooliganism' was creeping in. It was to save Scottish Country Dancing from this, and to prevent dancers being put off dancing that she and her friends began the Society. Miss Milligan would not therefore allow unnecessary fooling in the dances, as this ruined the patterns, and lessened the enjoyment for some dancers and spectators. It is now possible to dance many of the most popular dances in any part of the World, knowing that there will be no differences, and that wherever there is a branch or associated group of the society, dancers would be made to feel welcome, and be able to see dances being nicely performed.

However, Miss Milligan was determined that people should realise that 'nicely' does not mean too studiously, precisely or meticulously, for in this form of dancing much of the enthusiasm and joy of the dance is lost. She saw dancing as an exhibition of a happy, social feeling, and the picture of the music; an activity in which anybody of any age group could take part, and which would enable people to make new friends and develop a new interest. As she told the Queen, at a demonstration in Edinburgh when a comment was made on the gaiety and happy atmosphere of the dancing, 'it is not dancing unless it is gay'. She still insisted on the correct steps being taught, but did not

mind if the feet were not perfect, considering instead that the correct position of the dancers to be more important. She would not teach continuous technique during her classes, but, in an attempt to keep the pupils' attention, would liven the lessons up with the addition of a few jokes and many dances.

Although Miss Milligan laid much emphasis on the correct technique, in some areas this has been stressed too strongly, beyond what she would have wanted. As a result, the dancing is too perfect and appears stilted, without the natural joy that should be present. Fortunately, this has only occurred in a few places, and elsewhere the dancing remains as she intended it to be.

The main reason for Miss Miligan founding the Scottish Country Dance Society might therefore seem to be to emphasise the enjoyment that could be derived from this activity. She certainly placed more importance on this than on anything else, and would allow nothing in the Society that might appear to reduce the amount of enjoyment that can be obtained from either taking part in, or merely watching the dances. This emphasis on enjoyment can still be felt today, everywhere that Scottish Country Dances are performed, and has contributed to the increase in popularity of the dancing.

From this it can be seen that we owe much to Miss Milligan, as the founder of our Society. She has established a worldwide family group, the bonds of which are strengthened by the Annual Summer School at St Andrews, the Annual General Meeting with delegates from every branch, and the teaching tours, which she began, to countries such as France, Holland and America. Miss Milligan wanted dancers to be apostles of friendship, taking their message with them through the whole world, and in dancing everyone is made welcome, whether they are practised or inexperienced. The enjoyment from the dancing is such that some people are prepared to travel five hundred miles in twenty four hours, to attend a Highland Ball and a Children's Festival, at opposite ends of the country, or to go abroad to weekend residential courses. The knowledge that this is helping to preserve a traditional form of dancing can only add to the enjoyment.

Our debt to Miss Miligan, for all that she has begun, is extremely great, and must be told to all new members of the Society, so that this remarkable, charismatic lady is never forgotten.

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This year the Memorial Fund interest was used in three ways.

Firstly, it had been decided at the end of last year that finance would be provided in 1986 for a visit of two teachers/examiners to Africa. The last visit had been four years ago and it was time for further contact with our Branches and affiliated groups in the Dark Continent. Mr Duncan Macleod and Mr George Mehan took on this task and went off on 20th April to Kenya for a week's sojourn with Nairobi Branch. From there they continued to Zimbabwe and then to Johannesburg on 4th May. Ports of call in a busy schedule included Pretoria, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, East London, Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth and the Johannesburg Weekend School. The last week of the tour was spent in and around Cape Town and then it was a return home on 2nd June. Although usefully busy with examinations and teaching, Duncan and George had kind and hospitable hosts throughout their trip who entertained them and took them off on sightseeing trips. Both teachers arrived home having enjoyed their journeying and were closely followed by letters of appreciation from those they had left behind.

It is a matter of regret to the Society that it is not possible to include the Group in The Gambia on these trips.

Secondly, when it was found that there were three equally deserving candidates for the two annual Jean Milligan Scholarships (funded from Summer School), the General Purposes Committee agreed to provide a scholarship from the Memorial Fund interest and so enable a Teacher's Certificate candidate to attend Summer School this year.

The third project was a course for pianists. Originally planned for the Spring it had to be postponed to the Autumn and will take place during the second week in November. While participants will pay their own travel expenses, hotel accommodation, tuition and all other course expenses will be provided from the Memorial Fund interest.



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(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.

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But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men survive for 3 score years and ten  
And some of them, the chosen few, stay pickled till they're 92!

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(as at 1 April 1986)

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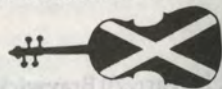
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## Obituaries

### ALLIE ANDERSON

Miss Allie Anderson went to school in Aberdeen and while there was taught by the well-known dancing teacher, Cosmo Mitchell. She was a Scottish Country Dance enthusiast all her life and actually started teaching Scottish Country Dancing at home in her native Shetland in 1913 while waiting till she was 18 for admission to Dunfermline College of Physical Education. Most of her teaching career was spent in James Gillespie's High School for Girls in Edinburgh and it is with Edinburgh Branch that she will always be associated. She became a member of the Society when it was founded in 1923 and was a founder member of Edinburgh Branch in 1924 and also a former Chairman.

Attending the first Summer School at St Andrews in 1927, she continued to teach there for many years. In collaboration with Mr J. M. Duthie she wrote "A Complete Guide to Scottish Country Dancing" in an attempt to explain the technical terms used in the dancing.

Miss Anderson trained the Edinburgh Branch Demonstration team for many years. In 1930 she trained the first mixed team to cross the Border to England to compete for the McLachlan Trophy in London. The team from Edinburgh won the trophy and several years ago Miss Anderson presented it to Edinburgh Branch and it is now worn by the Branch Chairman as a Chain of office.

She had the honour of being presented to members of the Royal Family on several occasions. Together with Mrs Florence Lesslie she devised the dance "The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh" and "Prince Charles of Edinburgh". She was greatly involved in the early days of "An Edinburgh Fancy", the first TV show from Edinburgh, the many broadcasts of "The Kilt is My Delight" and the first Edinburgh International Festival in 1947.

In 1980 she was presented with a special Scroll jointly awarded by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and the Saltire Society "in recognition of her service to Scottish Country Dancing and to the Cultural Heritage of Scotland". Her contribution to the work of the RSCDS was again recognised in 1981 when she was appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

Although greatly crippled in recent years, Miss Allie Anderson maintained her interest in the Society and its work. She died in an Edinburgh Nursing Home on 29th May 1986, in her 91st year.

M.M.B.

### MARGARET H. ANDERSON (1916-1985)

Born in India, Miss Margaret Anderson retained a life-long love of the East though at eight years old she returned to Aberdeenshire where she was educated. She was a member of the Girl Guides where Doris Slater, one time Secretary of Aberdeen Branch of the RSDCS was Captain, and it was here that she was probably first introduced to Scottish Country Dancing.

Later she trained Guide and Ranger Companies for Scottish Country Dance Festivals and as Guide Commissioner (Aberdeen) she arranged mass outdoor displays.

Miss Anderson inaugurated the Aberdeen Branch of the Scottish Women's Keep Fit Association in 1952 and until 1964 was Chairman or President of the Branch. As Chairman of the Training Committee she trained leaders locally and nationally and as National Honorary Vice-President was involved in drawing up The Training Manual for the Scottish Keep Fit Association until her death.

After her training at the Marsh Physical Education College in Liverpool she taught in Aberdeenshire and in after school hours organised a remedial clinic for children with postural defects and physical handicaps. In 1946 she was appointed Senior Lecturer at Dunfermline College of Hygiene and Physical Education lecturing on the Theory and

Practice of Youth Work and Remedial Treatment of school children, teaching Scottish Country Dancing as part of the Youth work programme. In 1964 when Craigie College of Education was opened she was appointed Principal Lecturer in Physical Education.

In 1945 she became a fully qualified RSCDS teacher teaching Aberdeen Branch classes, serving on the Branch Committee, and representing the Branch on the Executive Council. During this time she visited Nairobi to teach and adjudicate. On her transfer to Craigie College she joined Ayr Branch where she became an invaluable member of their Committee. She again served on the Executive Council first as an Elected Member and then as the representative for the TAC from November 1977. Appointed an examiner in 1963 and elected to the Examinations Committee in 1977, she was appointed Convener of that Committee in 1978, retaining that appointment until she died.

It was perhaps as Examinations Committee Convener that Miss Anderson made most impact on the Society. Determined that high standards should be set, the new Syllabus was laid down for the Preliminary Test and the Teacher's Certificate Examination, and the 'Notes for Tutors Conducting RSCDS Examination Courses' produced. As an examiner she had toured North America and Africa and had taught in New Zealand. She was a regular teacher and examiner at the Society's Summer School and had taught and examined at the Summer School of the Teacher's Association (Canada).

Quiet and reserved, Margaret Anderson was a perfectionist and a fervent upholder of the traditional dance as laid down by Dr. Jean Milligan. She was a good ambassador for the Society and to her many talents added kindness and humour. It was while in India on holiday that she died suddenly on 20th October, 1985. Where she had first seen light of day, she last saw it, leaving our Society with a very great sense of loss.

M. M. G.

### FRAN MacCULLOCH

Fran MacCulloch, died on 30th August 1985. Fran goes back to the beginning of S. C. Dancing in Montreal. She was there at the first class in 1954, the first Ball, the first Weekend, the night we became a Branch and many, many other occasions which are 'highlights' in the Montreal S. C. Dance story.

Fran's knowledge of Scottish Country Dancing was deep and she was an organiser, someone who always knew what to do and was willing to do it — a hard worker who put her all into anything she tackled and the Montreal Branch certainly gained by this. She was on the Branch Committee in various capacities and was Branch Secretary for many years as well as Secretary of our weekends — the list goes on and on like Fran's tireless energy, never-ending hospitality and quiet courage.

She was known and loved by many, not only in Montreal but in many areas in Canada and the States. Her friendship and her helpfulness were the mainstay of many newcomers, indeed everyone looked to Fran for many things and were never disappointed. — Fran, a friend who will be sorely missed.

B. S.

### NELL MACKINNON

A life member of the Society and one of the founder members of Melbourne Branch, Nell Mackinnon encouraged all her family to be active dancers. In her time she had been Branch Secretary and helped to found the Ewing Group. Although she herself had stopped teaching and then dancing in the mid '70s, due to a foot problem, she still retained her interest in the Society.

She took up weaving and spinning making beautiful rugs, wall hangings, shawls, etc. She was an enthusiast of tradition in this as well as in her dancing and remained active until her sudden death on 5th July, 1985.

K. P. Mack.

## WIN NOCK

Mrs Win Nock died on 25th July 1985 after a long illness.

A founder member of N. W. Craven Branch, she was class teacher for 16 years and Branch Secretary for 14. She was elected the Branch's first Honorary member and was awarded the Society's Scroll in 1984.

In the early days of the Branch, and with the devoted support of her husband, Bill, she took a leading part in extending the membership and activities of the Branch. Always ready to help and encourage all dancers she supported Scottish Country Dance activities in all parts of the North of England.

The growth of Scottish dancing in the area owes a great deal to Win's energy and devotion and the confirmed existence of the Branch is a memorial to her work.

## JOHN SETON (1908-1986)

John (Jack) Seton, father of Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand, passed away at his home in Tauranga on 7th June, 1986, after a brief illness.

Jack, with his wife, Isa, and son, Ian, emigrated from Glasgow to New Zealand in 1950, settling in Hastings. He became bailiff and later a probation officer in the Justice Department, attached to the Magistrate's court where his twenty-five years' service in the Glasgow Police stood him in good stead, eventually being promoted to District Probation Officer in Tauranga.

He was soon greatly in demand by local societies as a percussionist and taught drumming to pipe-bandsmen both locally and nationally. A deep love of the culture and traditions of his homeland led to his membership of the Hastings and Districts Scots Society, the City of Hastings Highland Pipe Band, and the Pipes and Drums of the Hawkes Bay Regiment, while he was founder and first tutor of the Hastings Scottish Country Dance Club which he formed in 1951. Jack Seton was also involved with the establishment of the Hastings Highland Games, the largest Scottish Meeting in New Zealand. For several years he led the grand parade and organised massed displays of Scottish Country Dancing at this event with his home becoming 'open house' to pipers and dancers from all over New Zealand.

By 1952 he had travelled throughout the entire country seeking out groups of Scottish Country Dancers and encouraging the formation of local associations. In January, 1956, a New Zealand Society was formed with Jack Seton the first President, holding that office for five out of the first ten years and the office of Immediate Past President or North Island Vice President for the intervening years until 1968.

The first Summer School of Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand held at Napier in December/January, 1954/55 was organised by Jack Seton with a small committee of three and from that first tiny seed has sprung the Annual Summer Schools of New Zealand, retaining the format, friendliness and family participation of the first school.

Jack had a warm friendly manner, a grand sense of humour, combining to make him the most outstanding Master of Ceremonies I have ever met. He was a talented drummer and tympanist and in 1960 formed a small Scottish Country Dance Band — another 'first' in New Zealand — which became the inspiration for the so popular dance 'Seton's Ceilidh Band'.

Jack Seton was an outstanding Son of Scotland. He did indeed regard his Scottish heritage as a sacred trust and spent his days in his adopted country fostering the culture and traditions of Scotland with dedication, vigour and outstanding success. He was an inspiration to us all, a friend without peer, and a man of stature whom I was greatly privileged to have known. No one man more fully deserved the accolade . . .

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant'

B. F.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd November, 1985

MINUTES OF THE FIFTYSIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 2nd November, 1985, in the Victoria Halls, Sinclair Street, Helensburgh.

## PRESENT

Mrs M G Parker (Chairman), Dr A MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman), Miss F H Adams (Hon Vice President) and an attendance of 435 of whom 169 were delegates.

In the Chair: Mrs M G Parker

Before officially opening the meeting Mrs Parker made mention of the recent and sudden death of Miss Margaret Anderson whose untimely demise had left the Society bereft. Not only had she, as Examinations Committee Convener, sought to put the examinations on a proper professional footing, but in herself was a delightful person — friendly, and dedicated to the Society. Mrs Parker undertook on behalf of all present to extend deepest sympathy to Miss Anderson's relatives and friends.

## APOLOGIES

The Earl of Mansfield, The Duke of Atholl, Lord Glenconner, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Miss Allie Anderson, Lt Col Colin C Mitchell, Mr and Mrs H Barnes, Mr W Clement, Mr D Haynes, Mr W Ireland, Miss D Kinghorn, Miss M McCartney, Mr K Smith, Mrs M Stoker, Mrs Van Taanam, Mr H Van Zon.

## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen for which she sent her warm thanks to the Executive Council and all members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, gathered together for the 56th Annual General Meeting, for their kind message of loyal greetings. As Patron of the Society Her Majesty had been delighted to receive this message and sent her best wishes to all for a very successful occasion. Mrs Parker then welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially those dedicated members of the Society who were present to receive the Society's Scroll in recognition of their services to the Society. She said that the host Branch, West Dunbartonshire, and the Dumbarton District Council had done all in their power to welcome the Annual General Meeting to Helensburgh and to provide hospitality to those attending. She informed the meeting that the Earl of Mansfield was unable to attend owing to domestic circumstances and that he had written to her to say how disappointing it was for him not to be present as he looked forward to his dealings with the Society and he had asked her to give his apologies to the meeting. Mrs Parker was glad to report that in spite of difficult times the Society continued to expand and to flourish.

## MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 3rd November, 1984, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read. Mrs. R. Brodie (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Miss B. N. Fawdry (Birmingham Branch) proposed the adoption of the Minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

## APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr. B. Frazer (Berks, Hants, Surrey Border Branch), seconded by Miss M. A. Rae (Duns and District Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in his appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

## APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Miss M. M. Brown (Edinburgh Branch) seconded by Miss F. Martin (East Stirlingshire Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of

the Society of Miss Florence Adams, Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Glenconner, Lord Hugh M. Douglas Hamilton and Lt. Colin C. Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1985/6**

- (a) **CHAIRMAN:** Dr. A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

Dr. A. MacFadyen took the Chair

Dr. MacFadyen thanked delegates for the opportunity they had afforded him to serve the Society in the office of Chairman which he considered a great privilege. He would endeavour to be worthy of the honour.

He then took the opportunity to pay tribute to his immediate predecessor in office and said that Mrs. Parker was a lady of many talents who led a very full and active life. She had had a very successful career in education combined with active involvement in local government culminating in her appointment as Provost of Kilmarnock and the award of MBE. He said that Mrs. Parker was also an acknowledged expert on Robert Burns and much in demand as a speaker and adjudicator in this respect. She still, however, managed to give a great deal of time to Scottish Country Dancing and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society finally serving over the last six years as Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

He had come to know Mrs. Parker as a warm and friendly person with a great sense of humour. On occasions such as this she always provided a decorative touch to proceedings. Dr. MacFadyen then presented Mrs. Parker with her 'Past Chairman's Badge' and on behalf of the entire membership thanked her most sincerely for all she had done for the Society over the past many years, but especially during her Chairmanship.

Replying, Mrs. Parker thanked the new Chairman for his remarks and told delegates that while in the Chair she had enjoyed three wonderful years. She had visited many Branches during that time and had invariably been received with the utmost hospitality. She had been fortunate during her term of office in having the support of good and hardworking conveners of Committees — Mr. Macleod who gave such valuable service both as Director of Summer School and Convener of the Publications and Research committee, Mr. Taylor who as Convener of the Finance Committee had wrought a veritable metamorphosis in the Society's finances. She thanked the members of those committees and of the Examinations and the General Purposes Committees for their work and support while she had been in office and she acknowledged her indebtedness also to the Secretary and staff at Coates Crescent.

Mrs. Parker congratulated Dr. MacFadyen on his appointment as Chairman and hoped he would enjoy his term of office as much as she had done.

- (b) **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Alastair S. Aitkenhead was elected by ballot.
- (c) **SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:** The following were elected by ballot: Miss I. Bennett, Miss M. M. Brown, Mrs. N. Dunn, Miss A. Mann, Miss L. Martin, Miss D. Paterson.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Report for the year 1984/85 included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks and in presenting it the Secretary said that over the years she had seen the steady expansion of the Society and that though this year there appeared to be a net loss of 8 members world wide giving us a membership of 26,148, yet we had three more new Branches in the period under review and many more affiliated groups. She drew attention to the changes in the examination requirements and said that the

Society was to be congratulated on having such good emissaries in the examiners/teachers who undertook to give their time and knowledge freely for the official tours organised by the Society.

Miss Gibson briefly outlined the work completed by the various Committees throughout the year (detailed in the Report) and emphasised the desire of the staff at Headquarters to be of service to members.

Miss L. Martin (Aberdeen Branch) moved the adoption of the Annual Report. Mrs. A. Murphy (Carlisle and Border Branch) seconded the motion and the Report was adopted 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 that while 1984 had not been a good year so far as a surplus was concerned we had seen the benefit this year in the increased subscription decided by the 1983 Annual General Meeting.

The upgrading of Headquarters had been completed to give more office space, to improve the amenities for staff, the committees and visitors and to provide additional storage space for our expanding stocks, especially now that we had acquired the publishing rights from Paterson's Publications for Books 1-5 and 'Won't You Join the Dance.' It would be noted from the accounts that the value of stock had increased from £37,495 last year to £52,688 this year. Unfortunately the extra stock rooms had been won at the cost of losing tenants and the revenue from their rent (£1,150). Mr Taylor said that he had reported to the Executive Council that the cost of the improvements (£10,221) would come out of capital; however it had been possible to take it from revenue as could be seen from the Appropriation Account and the Society's good investments remained intact. It was also intended to purchase a complete word processing system including printer.

He announced the formation of the trading activities into a limited company — 'Strathspey Sales Co. Ltd.' — owned by the Society and all profits being covenanted to the Society. These will be shown in the Balance Sheet next year. The company was incorporated in April and commenced trading on 1st July, 1985.

Reviewing the Revenue Account, Mr. Taylor said it was worth noting that the subscription income was totally inadequate to run the Society. The Summer School in 1984 had made a loss but although this year's School also showed a deficit it was considerably smaller. It was essential for the Society to provide a teaching school and a meeting place for both overseas and home members to get together as a family unit and we had to endeavour to keep accommodation costs to students as low as possible.

Turnover on Sales was up by 5% giving a surplus of £22,389 mostly from records whilst turnover on accessories was up by 50% on the previous year giving a surplus of £5,313. Interest on investments and deposits had also increased and at £10,842 was up 28% on the previous year, this result being attributable both to careful investment and high interest rates. The investments and deposits of £67,808 had a market value of £75,583, the Equity stock adding most to this value.

On the expenditure side Staff salaries had increased by 11% but we had to keep pace with inflation and the going rate for the job if we wished to retain staff — essential as it was in a small office like ours to have a loyal work force.

Overseas travel for examiners/teachers had increased by £739 to £2,224 in the year under review but this again was essential expenditure to maintain the links with our overseas Branches.

However, with a change of printer we had achieved savings on the publication of the Bulletin.



From the Balance Sheet it would be seen that the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund had increased by £4,676 and now stood at over £30,000. Mr. Taylor, on behalf of the Society, thanked Branches, Affiliated Groups and individuals for their donations and acknowledged the legacy from the late Group Captain Huxley and also the efforts of the organisers of raffles at Summer School who between them had gathered in £826. He also thanked Miss Gibson for her administration of the Fund.

Looking ahead examination/teaching tours have been planned at regular intervals to Australia, New Zealand, and Africa in addition to the regular visits to North America.

A new fund shown in the accounts is the Porter Bequest which the Society, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Porter's will, merely administers in order that the interest is used to assist a student from the Maritime Provinces of Canada to attend the Society's Summer School in Scotland.

Mr. Taylor said it would be seen from the Estimates that we anticipated administrative expenses would rise by 7% next year and we had made the necessary increases for inflation and allowed a contingency safety margin of £4,500 on our overall income of £64,000. Given the commitment of the Finance Committee and the staff under the leadership of Miss Gibson (Secretary) and Mrs. Jeffcoat (Treasurer) he felt there need be no fears for the future. Lastly, he thanked Miss M. A. Matheson, the Auditor for her professional services.

Mr. Taylor moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Mr. John Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) seconding the motion pointed out that the surplus revenue this year had been largely used in refurbishing the basement premises at Headquarters and improving toilet facilities but the surplus had accrued from sales of accessories, records and books thanks both to purchasers and to the HQ staff who sold them. The surplus budgeted for next year was only 7% of the revenue income.

He praised Mr. Taylor's work as Convener of the Finance Committee as it was largely due to his drive and initiative that the finances of the Society were in such a healthy state. He thanked Mr. Taylor for this and also thanked Mrs. Jeffcoat, our excellent Treasurer, for all her meticulous work.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were unanimously adopted.

### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment as auditor of Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A. was proposed by Mr. J. Fyfe (Cheshire Branch), seconded by Mr. J. B. Dickson (representing Montcal Branch) and carried unanimously.

### RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Miss M. Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded by Dr. J. Reinstein (Paris Branch) moved:
- (i) 'that, due to the differences between various published editions of RSCDS dances, henceforth all RSCDS dance publications will have the date of current revisions on each page.
  - (ii) that the name of the RSCDS editor be indicated on those pages where there are substantive changes in the score.
  - (iii) that henceforth:
    - (a) if a dance is recognisably the same as its source, then its reference shall be in the usual form.
    - (b) if the dance has been edited by the RSCDS from, or is closely related to, its source, then its reference shall be in the form 'with a difference' or some equivalent phrase.

- (c) if the dance shares its name and less than half of its figures with its 'source', then its reference shall be 'inspired by' or some equivalent phrase.
- (d) if the dance does not fit into one of the above categories, then its reference shall be 'devised by the Publications Committee' or whomever is responsible'.

- (b) Mr. W. Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) moved on behalf of the Executive Council that paragraph (1) be amended by the deletion of 'each page' in the last line and the substitution of 'every book/leaflet'.

Mr. R. Mackay (representing Detroit Branch) seconded Mr. Hamilton's motion.

Miss Brander intimated that Los Angeles Branch was prepared to accept the amendment and on a vote being taken the amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The resolution as amended was carried by a large majority.

- (b) Mr. W. Cross (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Mr. J. Waterson (Glasgow Branch) moved

'that the 1985 AGM of the RSCDS give powers to the Executive Council to elect or co-opt 5 members of the Society to review and re-write where necessary the Constitution of the Society'

Mr. J. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

After some discussion both for and against the motion the vote was For the motion: 32, Against the motion: 109. The motion was therefore rejected.

- (c) Mr. T. Macleod (Dundee Branch) seconded by Mrs. Cruickshanks (Dundee Branch) moved:

'that the present division of the membership subscription, 50% being retained by the Branch and 50% forwarded to Headquarters, be altered to allot two-thirds to the Branch and one-third to Headquarters with effect from 1st July, 1986.'

Mr. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

On a vote being taken a substantial majority were against the motion which was rejected.

- (d) Mrs. Linklater-Shirras (Inverness and District Branch) seconded by Mr. J. Walker (Inverness and District Branch) moved

'that in the event of any motion before the AGM having more than one section or sub-section, each one should be voted on separately by the delegates present.'

After discussion the voting was: For the motion 61 Against the motion: 76 and the motion was defeated.

- (e) Mr. I. M. Birnie (Bramhall Branch) seconded by Mrs. J. Birnie (Bramhall Branch) moved

'that 'Any Other Business' be included in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting'

Miss D. Paterson (Glasgow Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

After discussion for and against the motion it was defeated by a large majority.

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr. MacFadyen announced the awards while Mrs. Parker (now immediate Past Chairman) presented the Scrolls to the following members: Miss Molly Clavering (Moffat Branch), Miss May Collie (Peterhead Branch), Mrs. Elizabeth D. Gilroy (East Lothian Branch), Miss Susan

Inglis (Edinburgh Branch), Mrs. Margaret McAulay (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch), Mrs Olga Meyer (New York Branch), Miss Margaret Prentice (Glasgow Branch).

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986

The Chairman confirmed that the date of the next Annual General Meeting would be on 1st November, 1986, in Dundee.

#### VOTE OF THANKS

Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch) said that for many it would be a first visit to Helensburgh. Apart from the beauty of the surroundings, the area had produced many famous sons and daughters, in particular John Logie Baird, the inventor of Television, and she wondered how the Weekend might have been presented by the Media.

It had been ably directed by Jack Gregor (Chairman, Dunbartonshire West Branch) with Mrs Mary McIntosh as Link Man assisted by a competent and hardworking team. If the event had followed the normal pattern of AGMs with all the attendant requests and problems, "Some Mothers Do Have 'Em" was probably in Mary's mind, while we had "The Navy Lark" getting the school shipshape for the dances and the prop department giving the dancing areas a real tartan flavour. "Upstairs, Downstairs" might have described Friday with the generous hospitality of the Provost and Councillors of Dunbarton District Council upstairs, and downstairs the equally generous hospitality of Dunbartonshire West Branch. Thereafter we had the "Magic of Dance" to the music of David Ross and the Lothian Band.

We had had a choice of channels on Saturday morning with some adopting the advice "Take the High Road" to view the beauty of the Three Lochs, some watching "Travelogue", many emulating "Fame" with the experience of Johan MacLean and Alastair Aitkenhead, accompanied by Muriel More and Jean Sim, and others contenting themselves with 'Breakfast TV'.

The Provost and Councillors of Dunbarton District Council had provided further hospitality in the form of lunch for the Executive Council prior to the meeting itself.

Miss Paterson suggested that the Annual General Meeting might be likened to a "Party Political Conference", or to "Any Questions" though she felt the spotted bowtie image was not sartorially correct for the RSCDS. In the "Awards of the Year" what a pleasure it had been to see all the Scroll recipients. Whatever category the AGM might slot into, it had been, as usual, "Mastermind"ed by the "East Enders" and skillfully executed by Mrs Parker and Dr MacFadyen.

After each programme credits appear and Miss Paterson was sure that the meeting would wish to join her in thanking the Provost and Councillors of Dunbarton District Council, the Headmaster of Hermitage Academy, Jack Gregor, Mary McIntosh and the Dunbartonshire West Branch Committee, Miss Gibson and the Headquarters staff, Mrs Parker for all her work while Chairman and Dr MacFadyen who was to be congratulated on his appointment as Chairman of the Society and on undergoing his baptism of fire so successfully in conducting the meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

## Summer School 1987: 20 July — 17 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 1987. 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 1987. 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 SCHOOL — (Nov. 1986-Nov. 1987)

(Full details obtainable from organising Branches)

<b>1986</b>		<b>1987</b>	
San Francisco	31 Oct-2 Nov	West Lothian	21 March
Windsor (Ontario)	1 November	Perth & Perthshire	21 March
Medicine Hat	1-2 November	Lethbridge S.C.D.	
Phoenix	7-9 November	Club, Alberta	27-29 March
Kingston (Ontario)	7-9 November	Edinburgh	27-29 March
Hamilton & Clydesdale	8 November	Florida	28 March
Victoria	8-9 November	Mid Somerset	28 March
Bristol	15-16 November	Forres	28 March
Carlisle & Border	21-23 November	Melbourne & District	March
Croydon	21-23 November	Melbourne & District	April
Kitchener-Waterloo	29 November	San Diego	April
Hamilton (Ontario)	6 December	Bournemouth	April
New Zealand	28 December 86-7	Dunbartonshire West	3-5 April
Delaware Valley	31 December	Aberdeen	4 or 11 April
		Vancouver	17-19 April
<b>1987</b>		Washington	24-26 April
Paris	January	Bath	26 April
Carlisle & Border	7 February	Stirlingshire	May
Hawaii	13-15 February	Duns & District	May
Cheltenham	14-15 February	Paris	May
Southport	14 February	Doncaster & District	May
San Diego	February	Johannesburg	May
London	February	Portrush	1-2 May
London	March	Isle of Islay	1-2 May
Paris	March	New Mexico	1-3 May
Liverpool	7 or 14 March	St Andrews	16 May
Birmingham	7 March	Peterborough & District	16 May
Lorn (Argyll)	13-14 March	Los Angeles	22-25 May
Winnipeg	13-15 March	Montreal	5-7 June
Berks/Hants/Surrey- /Border	14 March	Florida	6 June
Richmond (Yorks)	14 March	Delft	5-8 June
Leicestershire	14 March	South East	
Delaware Valley	14-15 March	Queensland	27 June — 4 July
Royal Valley	20-22 March		
Royal Tunbridge Wells	21 March		

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 Melbourne & District July  
 Los Angeles 5-12 July  
 Melbourne & District September  
 Johannesburg September  
 Buffalo September  
 Glasgow September  
 Houston September  
 Ottawa 18-20 September  
 Ayr 25-26 September  
 South Wales 26 September

1987  
 Manchester 26 September  
 London (Ontario) 26 September  
 York & North Humberston October  
 Belfast October  
 Dumfries October  
 Detroit 3 October  
 Herefordshire 10 October  
 Nottingham 17 October  
 Sutton Coldfield 23-25 October  
 Kingston (Ontario) 6-8 November  
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