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Annual Report

In these days of difficult economic situations, while we are continuing to seek ways of providing improved services to our members, it has become necessary to review the costs of producing the Annual Bulletin. Those costs rose dramatically in 1990. With this in mind, we regret that we have had to reduce the size of this issue by curtailing or excluding items which have appeared in previous years.

Meanwhile a sub-committee has been set up to consider the scope and future format of the Bulletin. Readers may be assured, however, that it will continue to be published on an annual basis.

Membership

The membership appears to have decreased this year which may be a reflection on the recession in the United Kingdom.

At the 30 June 1991 the total membership stood at 25,620, composed of 17,943 Annual, 4,281 Long Term and 3,396 Life Members.

Branches

This year anniversary cards were sent to the following Branches: West Lothian and Kilmarnock (Silver Jubilee), Lanark and Liverpool (fortieth).

The year saw the formation of four new Branches: Brighton (UK), Orlando (USA), Pietermaritzburg (South Africa) and St John's (Newfoundland). To these we extend a warm welcome and wish them every success. Altogether we now have 161 Branches.

Affiliated Groups

Ten applications for affiliation to the Society were approved during the year. By the end of the year the number of affiliated groups was 534. Again, while warmly welcoming the new groups we appreciate the continuing support of those groups of longer standing.

General Purposes Committee

The General Purposes Committee, under its Convener, Mr Alastair Aitkenhead, Chairman of the Society, met for meetings in October and January. Miss A. W. Miller, Vice-Chairman of the Society, took the Chair for the meeting in April. An additional Sub-Committee met in connection with Scroll Awards.

Much of the work of this Committee is routine and is concerned with applications for affiliations, applications to form Branches and various constitutions submitted for amendments.

In considering projects to be funded during the year from the Jean Milligan Fund, the Committee agreed that in addition to awarding scholarships the Fund would be responsible for the travel and course fees for the Music Course held in October this year. It would also support a teaching visit to Argyll and the two garden parties held as part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations at this year's Summer School.

Being concerned with the rising costs of producing the Annual Bulletin a small Sub-Committee drawn from General Purposes, Publications and Finance Committees was set up to consider its future. At the time when this report is being written one meeting of the Sub-Committee has taken place at which it was agreed that the Bulletin would continue to be published annually. A future meeting in September would consider how the publication and mailing costs may be kept down.



The plans for Project '91 (referred to in the Annual Report last year) were kept under review. Approximately 500 Scottish Schools agreed to participate in the day of dance on the 29 November. Project Packs containing materials and a cassette of dance music to accompany the programme were made available. Branches and other groups were asked to assist these schools with information about steps and formations.

Finance Committee

Under the Convener, Mr James Taylor, the Committee met on five occasions. The work of the Finance Committee will, as is customary, be outlined by the Convener when presenting the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet to the Annual General Meeting.

Publications and Research Committee

The Publications Committee, of which Mr Bill Clement is Convener, held eight meetings during the year and three recording sessions. Three musicians co-opted to the Committee were Miss Muriel Johnstone, Miss Kitty McLauchlan and Miss Jean Sim who, with Mr Robert Mackay as Convener, comprised the Music Sub-Committee.

This year there was no new Subscription Book, instead members were offered a free choice of Book. Unfortunately this caused problems for Branch Secretaries who, in many instances, had difficulty in ascertaining their members' choices, and for Headquarters who had the task of packing and posting the copies. This is a task normally carried out by our printer.

During the year all the dances from Book 15 and the two remaining dances from Book 14 were recorded. The LP (RSCDS 42) contains eight of these dances, however all fourteen dances have been recorded on two accompanying cassettes. Two cassettes are now available to accompany the book of Thirty Popular Scottish Country Dances and are considered to be a "best buy" because all thirty dances have been recorded full length.

Because Summer School 1991 was celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, the Publications Committee produced a special cassette in honour of the occasion. This was a cassette of Miss Milligan's talks to Summer School students in 1955 and 1963.

The Committee has been working on Volume 2 of Frae A' the Airts which is almost ready for printing. The music has been selected and is being arranged by Muriel Johnstone.

This Committee spent considerable time during the year discussing how best to produce future recordings – whether LPs, Cassettes, CDs or Compact Cassettes. While many requests had been received for CDs it was felt that more information was required. However, it is hoped that the Society will continue to record music for the older books and the next book to be recorded will be Book 16.

Work continued throughout the year on the new Manual but this will not be available before 1992.

Examinations Committee

The Committee held two meetings during the year under the Convenership of Miss Lesley Martin.

Much time was spent discussing the recommendations from the Examiners' Seminar (1989). Most of the decisions reached by the Committee have been ratified by the Executive Council and the main points have been sent out to all the Examiners and to Branch Secretaries.

This year's examination tour in North America was undertaken by Mrs Norah Dunn and Mr Alastair Aitkenhead. Although it was a very strenuous tour which lasted seven weeks, it was also a very successful tour. The Society's thanks go to the TAC and particularly to Mr David Pogson for co-ordinating the itinerary so well.

Mrs Johan MacLean and Mr Robert Mackay were invited to undertake the scheduled teaching and examination tour to Australia. Mrs Jean Lumsden of the Adelaide Branch is to be thanked for her help with organising the tour.

During the year examinations were held in St Andrews, Bristol, Cornwall, Doncaster and District, Liverpool, Hamilton (Ontario), Fredrickton, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Los Alamos, Miami, Atlanta, Washington, Boston, Ottawa, Toronto.



In the Preliminary Test 103 candidates passed and forty-six failed, and in the Teacher's Certificate seventy-four candidates passed and twelve failed.

A music course has been arranged for October of this year. It will be a recall course for pianists from the three courses already held but also combined with a course for violinists. The Course fees and travelling expenses of the students will be funded from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

Summer School Committee

The Summer School Committee met in October 1990 and February 1991 under the Convenership of Mrs Anna Holden.

With the Summer School celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year there was, as expected, an increased demand for residential places. To cope with this, additional accommodation was reserved at David Russell Halls.

The actual attendance at Summer School was 1004 (of which 180 were Non-Residents). Places were allotted to students from the following places of residence:

Argentina	1	Jersey	5
Australia	13	Kenya	1
Belgium	7	Luxembourg	1
Canada	32	New Zealand	5
Denmark	6	Portugal	2
France	35	Saudi Arabia	1
Germany	48	South Africa	8
Holland	11	Spain	2
Hong Kong	4	Sweden	10
Hungary	1	Switzerland	10
Italy	6	UK	736
Japan	25	USA	34

The Staff consisted of sixteen teachers and fourteen pianists for Course 1 and 17 teachers and thirteen pianists for Course 2. Miss L. Martin was Depute Director for Course 1 and Miss M. Duffield for Course 2. In addition to two administrative staff, we were once more delighted to have Mrs Sheena MacLeod looking after the tea arrangements.

Five applicants were awarded scholarships to attend Summer School this year.

Following discussion by the Summer School Committee and the Examinations Committee, it was agreed to limit the number attending the Teacher's Certificate class to fourteen students.

The Monday night Reception Dances held in the Sports Hall have now become an established feature of Summer School and once again the dancing was to the music of a different Band on each of the four Mondays. Optional afternoon activities were available on three days each week. The choices included a class for Highland Steps, a class of Alternative Dancing and two talks, one given by Dr MacFadyen, the Society Archivist, and the other by a physiotherapist on how to avoid sport and dance-related injuries. Another popular innovation of recent years which has now become permanent is the afternoon classes to give less experienced dancers the opportunity to practice for the evening social dances. Because of the extra events arranged as part of this year's celebrations it was agreed that there would be no demonstration dances in the Younger Hall on Tuesdays. It was also decided that dancers should apply directly to the Tourist Board for Younger Hall dance tickets.

As she had now completed her five years as Director of Summer School many tributes were paid to Mrs Anna Holden.

During the year there was discussion on the possible change of dates for Summer School so that courses could begin and end on a Sunday. It was agreed that this should commence in 1992 for a trial period, consequently the dates of the Annual Summer School in 1992 will be Sunday, 12 July to Sunday, 9 August.

We particularly thank Miss Lorna Walker (Warden of University Hall) 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. We extend our good wishes to them both for their forthcoming retirement.



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- Mrs M. A. Jeffcoat, Treasurer

At the end of another year we would like to express our thanks to all Secretaries and Treasurers of Branches and Affiliated Groups for their continued co-operation and especially for sending in their Branch details and requests for subscription copies promptly which has made it easier to proceed with the preparation of this Bulletin.

Members should note that during the period of Summer School, Headquarters will remain open and thus enabling visitors from overseas who may be in Edinburgh at that time to call in at Coates Crescent where members of staff will be happy to receive them.

As usual, Headquarters will be closed between Christmas and New Year, on St Andrew's Day and Edinburgh Public Holidays.

Annual General Meeting

The 1992 AGM will take place on 7 November 1992.

Your Chairman's Year 1990-91

The country dance year began with the AGM at Troon, hosted by the Ayr Branch. This was a splendid, well-organised event enjoyed by over 600 dancers.

This has been a busy year which included visits to fifteen Branches in the UK to join members in Day Schools, classes, anniversary celebrations and festivals, and two revues - "An Edinburgh Fancy" and "A Glasgow Flourish".

During the Examination Tour of North America and Canada I accompanied Norah Dunn to sixteen centres and met members from twenty-one Branches - an exciting and rewarding experience.

The schedule of sub-committee meetings held over many weekends included development of "Dance Scottish in Schools" and "Special Events" for our 60th Annual Summer School.

The Summer School, attended by over 1000 dancers world wide, was hectic but most enjoyable.

This is my third and final report as Chairman and I am left with a tremendous feeling of co-operation, goodwill and enthusiasm from all around the world, but especially a strong feeling of friendship.

I know your new Chairman will find the term of office challenging and most enjoyable.

Many thanks

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Branch Reports – Home

ABERDEEN Membership: 173 Annual, 40 Long Term, 91 Life. Classes per week: 9 (6 Adults, 3 Children's). Demonstration Team available.

Teachers at our Day School on Saturday, 21 April were Miss Anne McArthur and Mr Jim Rae, and accompanists were Miss Downie, Mrs Watson and Miss Young. The Alastair Hunter Trio provided the music for the evening dance. An experimental stall proved popular.

Summer Classes were held from April to June with Summer Socials during July, August and September; an open night was held on 19 September. MCs for these socials were the new preliminary test certificate holders; we hope the experience was valuable to them. These classes and socials were well attended.

Six regular adult classes recommenced in September, aimed at matching skills with teaching levels. Overall attendances were much as usual.

Three children's classes were held, but a teenagers' class had to be abandoned due to lack of support. The youngsters enjoyed their Christmas party, dancing to Ivy Mowatt and Ken Young's music.

Our thanks are due to the teachers, musicians and class secretaries for their services at the adult, junior and children's classes.

Auditions for new musicians were held, and we welcomed five new pianists to our team.

On the social side; some 180 dancers danced to music from the Maple Leaf Band at our Christmas dance, while the Alastair Hunter Trio provided the music for our Annual Buffet Dance in February. Alastair Hunter played for our Easter Social.

Eleven Junior and three Adult teams took part in the Scottish Country Dance Festival in March, and between them won, or tied for, several trophies. Teams from Airyhall and Cloverfield Schools competed at the David Finlay Memorial Rose Bowl Competition in Broughty Ferry, with varying, but encouraging success.

During the year we recorded with sadness the death of Margaret Wiseman.

ANNAN Membership: 35 Annual, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1.

Mrs Sheila Nicoll again guided the Branch through a number of new dances in the 1990/91 session. Numbers attending after the Christmas Holiday were disappointing, nevertheless, our two dances in November and March were well supported and much enjoyed. Members attended a number of dances in the area and hopefully we will see attendances staying at a higher level next session. Our thanks once again to Sheila for her constant good humour.

AYR Membership: 82 Annual, 52 Long Term, 62 Life. Classes per week: 8 (4 Adult, 4 Children's). Demonstration Team available.

Although disappointingly, membership has been slightly down, the Branch has had a particularly active and interesting year.

Classes were reasonably well attended – the children's classes showing an overall increase in numbers. The weekly Summer Dancing, now a well-established event in our annual calendar, continued to attract



Scottish country dancing night was held in the Walker Hall, Troon

to be joined by so many children from Kilmarnock and North Ayrshire Classes.

The Demonstration Teams had their usual weekly outdoor commitment for Kyle and Carrick D.C. At the Ayrshire Music Festival the ladies team won the Trophy in the Ladies Open Section.

The highlight of our year was the honour and pleasure of hosting the Society AGM. May we wish Dundee Branch as happy and successful a weekend in November 1991 as we in Ayr experienced in 1990.

AYRSHIRE NORTH WEST Membership: 79 Annual, 11 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

This has been a quiet but encouraging year. Both Branch classes have been successful with a joint party held at Christmas and Easter to mark the end of each session. Although the attendance at our first dance of the year in October in Ardrossan was a little disappointing the March dance in Saltcoats certainly made up for it, as did our New Year Ball in Seamill which had a near record attendance. Many thanks to all our loyal supporters.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our weekend school in Arran as hoped but plans are now well under way for the last week-end in February, 1992.

Our demonstration teams have been kept busy with a variety of demonstrations in the local area. Both the ladies and mixed team were trophy winners at the Inverclyde and Renfrewshire Music Festival in January and our mixed team repeated this success at the Ayrshire Music Festival in March.

Our thanks go to the George Fleming Band and Billy Gray's Scottish Country Dance Band for their help and support throughout the year.

BANFFSHIRE Membership: 80 Annual, 19 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week: 8 Adults, 6 Children.* We had quite a successful year and although our membership has decreased slightly the attendance at classes of adults and children is very good.

We had our Annual Rally in Keith in November 1990, had a good attendance. The music was supplied by Neil Copland and his Band.

Our Children's Dance was held in Fisherman's Hall, Buckie, during March and children enjoyed music supplied at the piano by Mr Bain. Again we had teams entered in the Aberdeen Music Festival. Adult and children, one Junior Team from Macduff won a trophy which is very encouraging.

dancers from a wide area. We warmly welcome visitors in the district to join us. Our thanks to guest teachers, Bill Zobel and Dorothy Leurs, ably assisted by pianist, Muriel Johnstone and Janey Barr, for a highly successful Day School which was followed by an equally enjoyable dance with music provided by George Stirrat and his Band. In addition to our normal Branch Dances we again organised three fund-raising charity dances, all with favourable outcome.

This year we attempted something different—a Ceilidh/Dance in February with Jim Macleod and his Band. Local artistes contributed to the evening with varied items to the delight of a very appreciative large company.

Especially encouraging was the Children's Party in March. Ninety children along with parents and friends, danced with such obvious enjoyment which, hopefully, augurs well for the future. We were pleased to

Our Annual Rally for 1991 will be held in Banff Academy Hall on Friday, 8 November 1991, music supplied by Colin Dewar and his Band. The Monthly Socials for Scottish Country Dancing held at Duftown during the summer are again very popular.

BATH Membership: 87 Annual, 9 Life. *Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

This past year has been quite successful with all our usual activities included. The Day School maintained its standards with over a hundred dancers attending and an excellent concert of music by two solo fiddlers to precede the evening dance. This was a 'dancers only' year but classes for musicians will be included again next year.

The demonstration team has been as much in demand as ever and as well acclaimed. After its appearance at the Sidmouth festival as 'Corrievreckan' it has accepted an invitation to a folk dance event at Porec, Yugoslavia, in the autumn.

Classes have been reasonably well supported with a distinct improvement in the numbers attending the beginners' group in a new venue. Much thought is currently being given to ways of making our classes more attractive to potential recruits so that they not only join but stay in membership once they have danced with us.

Our formal dances have suffered some financial loss, though no loss of enjoyment, through lower than normal numbers attending – perhaps the recession has been responsible.

Several visitors from home and overseas have danced with us this season including a complete family of four from Australia who stayed in Bath long enough to come to classes more than once; we are always pleased to receive visits from dancers who find themselves in the Bath area.

BEDFORDSHIRE Membership: 26 Annual, 12 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

A new venture for this year has been to encourage the local community college to foster a beginners' class, a successful venture. We are hoping that this initiative will increase the membership at the two other classes in Bedford and of the Branch.

The formal June Annual Ball was the highlight of the season, an event to be remembered, with dancing to the St Andrews Band the support of adjacent branches and groups.

Two record dances were held which proved to be a great success, where the opportunity was taken to introduce new dances to the programme.

Six social gatherings of members and friends were held and the great variety of programmes by the various MC's proved very interesting and popular.

A monthly demonstration class is held. Time is made available for a children's class to precede the demonstration class.

Locally in Bedford and Huntingdon five classes are held, supported by society teachers.

Members are kept informed of Branch activities by a regular newsletter.

BELFAST Membership: 224 Annual, 60 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week: 7. 3 fortnightly. Demonstration Team available.*

The 1990/1991 year began with a dance in memory of Kitty Lawlor, a hard-working member of this Branch for many years, who died last year, shortly after her 90th birthday. The proceeds from this evening went to Kitty's favourite charity, the Save the Children Fund. In October we had our annual weekend school at Stranmillis College in Belfast where Marjorie Duffield – on her first trip to the province – and Ian Hall put dancers through their paces. This was followed in November by our St Andrew's Dance where we danced to music provided by Suzanne Grey and her Band. The bad weather made the band's trip over less than pleasant, but they did eventually arrive safely, and we hope they will come back again in the future. In February we ran a Children's School and party, where sixty-five children were put through their paces by Nora Dunn, and were so lucky to dance to live music provided by Ian Muir and Derek Hamilton. The George Fleming Band once again played for our End-of-Season Ball in April, held again this year in Erskine House in Belfast. Two of our Classes have celebrated their 10th birthdays this year – Lisburn celebrated with a very successful dinner and dance, and Whitehouse are planning something for the Autumn. At our



AGM on 1 May, we were very pleased to make Freda Galway an Honorary Vice-President of the Branch. Freda represented Belfast Branch for many years on the Executive Council, and was also a member of the Finance Committee and richly deserved this recognition of her dedication and service.

BERKS/HANTS/SURREY BORDER *Membership: 139 Annual, 54 Long Term, 8 Life. Classes per week: 2.*

In February we enrolled our 200th member, there has been a steady increase in membership over recent years.

The Branch held its regular events during the season, Loseley Park Dance in sunshine again, produced a record collection for charity of £251; a Social Dance in October was held in Camberley; the Christmas Dance Party on 27 December has become a popular family event; the Children's Dance was not so well attended this year, but the young people who came along had a great time; the Day School attracted a record number of dancers, among whom was Alastair Aitkenhead, who spent some time in each class; the Annual Ball was off to a good start with the ladies being presented with corsages as they arrived, it proved to be a very happy evening.

The Branch Shop has had a record year, which included the sale of well over 300 copies of our Branch Book of Dances which was published in August and contained five dances devised for the Frae a' the Airts competition.

It has been a busy year for the Clubs and Classes in the area, most weekends there is a dance, often a choice of events. Classes and Club evenings are available every night of the week if you've got the inclination and the stamina! The Branch will issue a calendar of events at the beginning of the season again this coming year. The Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch looks forward to another eventful year.

BERWICK UPON TWEED *Membership: 24 Annual, 3 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1.*

We have had another successful year with classes well attended. Members continue to enthusiastically support dances in the surrounding area and are happy to have had reciprocal support at our own functions, namely our Christmas Dance, when proceeds of £120 were able to be donated to Seton Hall Residential Home in the town, and our February Ball. Our final event took the form of a Social Evening and Supper on 22 April, which was a great success and effectively rounded off an enjoyable season.

BIRMINGHAM *Membership: 120 Annual, 85 Long Term, 62 Life. Classes per week: 11 Adult and 2 Children's. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch year opened with greater attendance at the already successful Summer Social at Shugborough Hall with fine weather and an entertaining mix of social dancing and displays. In fact all regular adult functions viz. Autumn Ball, Spring Ball, Day School and Socials were fruitful socially and fiscally. The St Andrew's Dance, a new venture, was not so well attended but when the Committee rallied round to self-cater, the Branch did not lose money on the event. The dance will be held again this year on 30 November.

The young people enjoyed their Half-Day School in February and "broke even" thereby needing no subsidy.

In addition to their usual venture the Branch gave demonstrations at the Ashbourne Highland Gathering. Afterwards they then spent a week visiting and dancing in Austria and Switzerland. The Swiss came to Birmingham in May 1991 and it is hoped the Austrians will visit in 1992.

The proposed Preliminary Teacher's Certificate Class had to be abandoned due to a dwindling number of would-be students.

Membership reduced by eight overall in some cases only one partner in a marriage renewing. There is concern lest it is the start of a trend.

The increased workload borne by the Committee, their spouses and a small party of volunteers was a significant factor in keeping the increase in Branch running costs to nearly half that of the rate of inflation. This, combined with healthy support for functions, has led to a very good year for the Branch and contributed to a healthy financial base for the next year



BOURNEMOUTH *Membership: 75 Annual, 10 Long Term, 15 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

This year has been an important landmark in our Branch's history – 25 years old – celebrated by a highly successful Silver Jubilee Ball attended by 135 guests who enjoyed dancing to the excellent music of Frank Reid and his band. We were privileged to have as our guest of honour, the RSCDS Chairman Mr Alastair Aitkenhead who was delighted to see our children participating in the celebrations and dancing with such expertise and obvious enjoyment.

We have seventeen Junior Associate Members who for the third successive year have won the country dancing trophy in the 11 and under age group at the Slough Arts Festival. The 16 and under team were placed third this year and both teams (including the one and only boy!) are pictured here after the competition.

To further encourage the children's interest, their teacher, Marilyn Watson, instigated a competition to compare their own dance. The entries were of a high standard with interesting links of figures being introduced. The winner is called "The Glenmoor" a 40-bar jig composed by Lesley Higgs (photos – middle row, second right). Music has been arranged for it by Muriel Johnstone and so one day soon, dance and music will appear in print.

The Thursday beginners' night has had a very good season and although only a small class of about twenty pupils, it can boast nearly a 100% turnout every week, always punctual and attentive throughout the lesson, trying very hard to put everything the teacher says into practice.

Other functions organised throughout the year include a Cheese and Wine Dance, a Christmas Dance, a Ball and a Tea Dance for children and newcomers. The Day School in November was a hard-working day taken by Derek Haynes, who encouraged all present towards "greater things".

BRAMHALL *Membership: 9 Annual, 11 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

Even though our overall membership has fallen this year, the attendance at the advanced class has been very consistent.

The Wednesday social class has been fairly well supported. Members have enjoyed new and old dances both for the beginner and for those who are of intermediate standard.

The social events of the year which were most enjoyable, were the Opening Social, the Christmas and Hogmanay dances. Our social calendar ended with the Annual Assembly held in a new elegant venue, with super music and good food to make another enjoyable evening.

The demonstration team have been very active this year performing at a variety of events from estivals to fetes. There was audience participation with Methodist young wives, senior citizens and the Masons.

We look forward to the joy of another season of dancing.

BRIGHTON *Membership: 34 Annual, 9 Long Term. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

We are delighted to report the formation of the Brighton Branch on 17 May 1991. The founding meeting was supported by sixty-six people, forty-one present and a further twenty-five in writing. Our first public appearance was at the Lewes Festival of Scottish Dancing in June. Our first official function will be our Inaugural Ball in October.

The Brighton Branch was formed out of the former Hove-Hangleton affiliated group. Thus the Branch inherits two Beginners' classes, one general class, a children's class, and a very active Highland section. We are particularly proud of our children's class, and are keen to expand it.

BRISTOL *Membership: 38 Annual, 3 Long Term, 19 Life. Classes per week: 1.*

The Branch has had another successful season. We held four social dances during the year, including one specifically designated a Dancers' Dance where the programme was made up of some of the more exacting dances. As usual our Welcome to Beginners dance in February was fully booked, it being a feature of this dance that all the dances are walked through for the benefit of dancers who have been learning for only a short period, and for those attending who have not danced before and who might be encouraged to take it up. Even experienced dancers find the practice helpful, and it certainly makes for a relaxed atmosphere



The Branch class teacher Mr Peter Wright, ran a class for aspiring teachers during the year and attracted candidates from as far afield as Oxford and Exeter. The aspirations of some of the candidates were unfortunately shattered by some unsympathetic examining and the Branch is making representations to the Society concerning this.

In the coming season we shall be holding a day school (9 November) with Tom Steele as teacher and Nancy Dickson as pianist, and on 14 March 1992 we shall be celebrating our 30th Anniversary as a Branch with a Ball at which Alisdair Wood will be providing the music

CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT *Membership: 20 Annual, 20 Long Term, 9 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

There has been an increase in Branch membership this year and it is particularly encouraging to see so many new young members.

In March the Branch held a very successful day school for dancers and musicians. A men's Highland and ladies' Step Dance class were held as well as three levels of country dancing. The musicians attending the school played for the evening dance. It is indeed a luxury to dance to a band of twenty-five to thirty players.

The demonstration team gave several demonstrations during the year, culminating in a trip to Switzerland in August. It was a very enjoyable experience although sleeping in a nuclear bomb shelter was a dubious pleasure!

CARLISLE & BORDER *Membership: 65 Annual, 8 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has continued its weekly activities but attention has been focused on the three main events of our 40th Anniversary Season. The Weekend School in November was fully booked far in advance and Bill Ireland and Nancy Dickson fulfilled everyone's expectations. The Day School in February was well supported for Bill Hamilton's welcome return visit, and the dancers warmed to Nancy's music for the classes and to that of the Lyne Valley Band at the evening dance. The high spot of the year was undoubtedly the Anniversary Ball in April when many friends from Northern England and Scotland joined old and new members of the Branch for an evening's marvellous entertainment, dancing to our old friends Bobby Crowe and his Band who outdid their previous superb best at the Weekend School Dance. Right from the opening Grand March it was a joyous occasion for a capacity crowd of dancers who shared the celebratory cake and sparkling wine toast.

We would like to thank all those from outwith the Branch who have helped to make this a memorable year for us.

CASTLE DOUGLAS *Membership: 55 Annual, 4 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 1.*

The 1990-91 season began with the celebration of the 40th Anniversary since the formation of the Branch. A dinner-dance was held locally at the Urr Valley Hotel (previously known as Ernespie) on 22 September, 1990. Invitations had been sent to all known previous members and we were pleased to welcome approximately eighty past and present members most notably, Mr William Little, our present teacher, who had been the first Secretary and Mrs Mary McCann (nee Brodie) the first Treasurer. She was invited to cut the celebration cake. Mrs Florence Robb had been one of the first pianists at the classes. We were pleased she was able to attend (she is now in her 92nd year). Mr A. Aitkenhead was unable to be present, but the company was honoured to have Mrs J. Moore, the Society Secretary, as our guest. She spoke highly of the work of the Branch and said in this year she was pleased that Mr Little was to be the recipient of the Society's Scroll for his devoted service to the RSCDS.

Mr Little recalled many notable incidents that had taken place throughout the years and he paid respect to two people, the late Mrs Helen Walker and the late Mrs Peg Rae, who with others had been responsible for the formation of the Branch.

A most successful and happy evening was enjoyed by the company assembled.

The classes began with an increase in membership and the attendance was maintained throughout the season. Guests from Doncaster were again welcomed in the Autumn and we had visitors from Canada and Dunoon during the year.



The BBC programme was recorded from Kirkcudbright in October, when we joined dancers from the Kirkcudbright and Gatehouse of Fleet Branches.

Dancers in this Branch are fortunate to have the services of four pianists and we are grateful to them for sharing with us their gift of music.

Again the Annual Dance was a successful evening. Alan Gardiner's Band providing the music.

It is gratifying to report an increase in the number of children attending the junior link. The highlight of the session being allowed to join the adults at the Christmas Party and the finishing social.



CHELTENHAM *Membership: 124 Annual, 17 Long Term, 26 Life. Classes per week: 2 plus beginners. Demonstration Team available.*

We have enjoyed a happy and successful season with the highest membership for many years and an encouraging increase in the Beginners' Class.

Once again we had a nice warm, sunny day for our Summer Dance, held in the lovely grounds of Hartpury College - a new venue which was very popular.

Although the weather forced us to postpone our Christmas Dance it was eventually enjoyed by all on St David's Day in March.

Frank Reid and his Band played for our Annual Ball at the Pump Room, which attracted many dancers.

We were pleased to welcome Mary Stoker as our teacher for the Weekend School which proved very enjoyable and was well supported.

The Christmas Holiday at Kidderminster arranged by the Branch, celebrated its 10th Anniversary and a cake to mark the occasion was cut by Mabel Whitfield who for many years was one of our pianists before moving away from Cheltenham.

We are also pleased to announce that during the year we have had two weddings within the Branch.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE *Membership: 75 Annual, 22 Long Term, 7 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

Small Bands have had a very full calendar year of dancing facilities. Classes, Social Occasions, Summer Dancing, a Day School and Annual Dance, plus demonstrations. Our main achievement for this year was our first Day School. We were all very apprehensive at what seemed a major step, but with careful planning, good team work, we had a very successful day and teacher for the day was Mr Bill Little, accompanied by Mr Robert Mackay. Mr Mackay entertained us with a short musical interpretation enjoyed very much by all. We had an honoured guest join us - Mr Jimmy Atkinson. Mr Atkinson was one of the officers from the 51st Highland Division who devised the dance "Reel of the 51st Division" whilst in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. It was explained that originally the dance had been devised as a five couple dance for ten men. Later Mr Little, along with nine others, now took to the floor to demonstrate, accompanied by Robert Mackay. A unique occasion indeed. The Summer Dancing in the area now needs no introduction to and many dancing friends from far and near. We had a superb season. An assortment of well-known bands and well-balanced programmes. On our last evening we had 167 dancers plus all committee in attendance - phew!



The Committee were saddened to hear earlier in the year of the death of one of our Life Members plus long-serving Committee member, Miss Maisie Gay. Miss Gay, a quite unassuming lady, always willing to help in any way is very much missed.

CHESHIRE *Membership:* 20 Annual, 20 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch suffered a major setback in an otherwise successful year with the sad loss in January of Jimmy Fife, our dance teacher, music organiser, secretary and executive member. He is missed by us all, both in his official capacity and as a friend and fellow dancing enthusiast.

However, we have been fortunate in subsequently having Kathy Morgan as class teacher most Wednesdays and Pam Taylor taking regular "Social Dancing" evenings on the remaining Wednesdays – a successful formulae, which with Don Johnson organising the music, we hope will continue. Indeed, attendance at the weekly class, which had grown under Jimmy during 1990, has continued through 1991 – our average weekly attendance is now nearly double that of eighteen months ago – and with a younger average age too!, thereby ensuring that the skills and knowledge of our more senior members will be passed on.

During the past year, we held two dances – both of them successful and very enjoyable, and future events are being planned for 1991/92 season.

On the more formal front, three of our members should be taking their preliminary teaching certificates during the summer of 1991. We wish them every success.

All in all, despite the blow caused by the loss of Jimmy, we are looking forward with enthusiasm to the coming season.

CORNWALL *Membership:* 28 Annual, 11 Long Term, 1 Life.

Our first big venture as a newly-formed Branch was to hold a Teachers' Course in April 1991, at Tremough School, near Falmouth. We were delighted to welcome Mr George Lawson as Tutor and Mr Jack Judson as pianist. Candidates came from Winchester and Hereford as well as Cornwall and Exeter Branches. The candidates soon formed a happy team and worked very hard under Mr Lawson's expert tuition. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Anna Holden and Mrs Brenda Burnell as our examiners on their first visit to the Cornwall Branch. Both our Teachers' Certificate candidates and two of our Preliminary Test candidates were successful. Everyone enjoyed the course very much and felt that they had gained a great deal from it.

We are also holding Children's Classes, one for 10–11 year olds and one for 12 years and upwards, both at Tremough School.

We have held three dances during the year, all very successful especially the Beginners' Dance which included easy dances and "walk-throughs". This was enjoyed by even the most experienced dancers who found they had time for conversation between dances instead of studying their "cribs".

CROYDON & DISTRICT *Membership:* 99 Annual, 33 Long Term, 23 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 (1 fortnightly, 1 Children's-weekly). *Demonstration Team available.*

Although our membership has decreased slightly, classes and our Branch dances have been well attended. Our Ball in January was once more a sell out.

Our summer event in the grounds of Penshurst Place was enjoyed by over 100 dancers who came from far and wide. We are hoping for a fine day when we return to Penshurst on 7 July. Our Branch weekend at Eastbourne, under the tuition of Andrew Gillies, was fully booked and we were pleased to welcome dancers from the local area.

In April, fifty of us travelled to Torquay for a five-day holiday where we were pleased to be joined by a local teacher and some of his class members.

We are planning a sponsored Dance in aid of the Save the Children Fund in June. Our children's team are dancing at a local fete and our other demonstration team have performed at many events where they are much appreciated.



DONCASTER AND DISTRICT *Membership:* 35 Annual, 40 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed its 11th season, both classes and social dances being well attended. Membership was very slightly down from last year, but this made no impact on our various functions.

Our Day School, with Jim Rae teaching and Jack Judson accompanying, was as successful as ever. The Annual Ball that same evening was again a complete sell-out. Over 100 people dancing to the lively music of Bobby Crowe.

Mrs Stacey organised teaching classes again this year and were pleased to report 100% passes! Two Preliminary and eight Full Certificates were gained. Congratulations Moira for your excellent teaching and to Ms Crighton and Mrs Matthews of our Branch, both of whom gained Full Certificates.

Branch Teams attended the Leeds Festival and the ASCDS Festival at Retford.

Holiday groups went to Arran and Dumfriesshire, looking up old friends and local groups. Repeat visits are planned for this autumn.

DUNBARTONSHIRE WEST *Membership:* 133 Annual, 29 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 (plus Children's classes in 9 local schools). *Demonstration Team available.*

We have had another busy year. Our Classes and Dances were well attended. Our Charity Dance, run on behalf of St Margaret's Hospice, Clydebank, raised £985.13 and this was presented to the Hospice at a very happy evening where members of our Advanced Technique Class and Branch Committee demonstrated to the residents. Our Weekend School was again a very successful venture. Our teachers were Alastair MacPadyen, who taught the Adult Classes, and May Manderson, who was in charge of the children's classes, both ably assisted by Jean Sim and Dorothy Hamilton, who played for the dancers. Our Junior Dance was again noisy, happy and very enjoyable. The Branch took part in the Helensburgh '90 Exhibition for local organisations but unfortunately this did not result in any increase in local classes or Branch Membership. Our teachers again taught dancing in nine of our local schools and our adult dancers demonstrated to visitors from south of the border in two of our local hotels during the summer months.

DUNFERMLINE *Membership:* 40 Annual, 13 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 General, 1 Children's.

Our Branch continues to prosper. Being run on the same lines, activities surround our two classes; a general one and a children's. Quintin Morris provides us with excellent music for classes and dances, and played for our Children's Day School. This was a new venture for the Branch and proved very successful. In April we had a night with Dorothy Leurs and Robert Mackay as our guests. For this we had a record attendance of members and friends who were enchanted with the dancing and music.

DUMFRIES *Membership:* 80 Annual, 5 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year saw adult classes maintaining a very good steady membership with classes very well attended, including our Summer Class.

Of the social events the Summer Dance, Christmas Dance and the Highland Ball were very successful and greatly enjoyed by everyone.

The Day School was again a successful venture with expert tuition from Mr George Lawson and the delightful playing from Mrs Muriel More had everyone dancing. The evening ended on a happy note with a Social.

The adult and junior link teams have been kept busy demonstrating all year, but in May The Save the Children Fund held a Charity Event at the home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch at Drumlanrig Castle and both teams took part.

DUNDEE *Membership:* 108 Annual, 21 Long Term, 83 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 (2 Adult, 2 Children's). *Demonstration Team available.*

In the past year, the Branch has run four classes, two children's classes and two adult classes.

Seventeen teams were entered for the David Finlay Memorial Rost-Boyd Competition under the revised rules, these teams were divided into two classes. The Senior Class had joint winners from Airyhall, Aberdeen and Craigie Church, Perth. The junior class was won by our own Forthill Class (photograph enclosed)



Our sixteenth Non-Competitive Festival attracted a total of twenty-one children's teams and fifteen adult teams and an unprecedented number of spectators. It was followed by an equally successful social dance.

This year our day school was back in St Stephens Church Hall where Miss Marjorie Duffield taught two very enjoyable classes. It also was followed by a successful Social Dance.

Our demonstration team have also had a busy year with demonstrations to a wide variety of audiences, culminating with a trip to the Goyt Valley Festival in April.

We look forward to another active year with the continued support and participation of our membership.

DUNS DISTRICT *Membership:* 87 Annual, 19 Long Term, 29 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch has enjoyed another successful year with three Adult Classes running weekly as well as a Children's Class, with some welcome new faces to add to our regular members.

Our monthly dances have been well supported throughout the year.

The residential May Weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with three classes and two dances. Guest teachers were Marjorie Duffield and Bill Zobel. A large number enjoyed coffee on the Sunday morning with Miss Muriel Gibson, retired Secretary of the Society, giving a very interesting talk on her work and experiences over the years. Our outside summer dancing still attracts many visitors every week.

EAST LOTHIAN *Membership:* 73 Annual, 32 Long Term, 9 Life.

Although our membership has again decreased we have had a busy year and a full social calendar. The highlights were the New Year Ball in North Berwick, an open dance in Haddington and a weekend at the Crieff Hydro in May, attended by over eighty enthusiasts. Our demonstration team has performed on several occasions in a variety of situations, the most memorable was on the opening day of Haddington History Week when the dances chosen were all of local significance, e.g. Haddington Assembly.

EDINBURGH *Membership:* 536 Annual, 194 Long Term, 173 Life. *Classes per week:* Autumn/Winter 12, Spring 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership again increased with a total of 903 members. Classes were well attended with a waiting list for a Beginners' and Advanced Technique Class, although the number of children attending classes was disappointing.

Informal Dances held throughout the year in Watsons and Moray House were popular enough and a new innovation of a class providing the programme, catering, attending to stewarding, etc., proved a great success.

A big disappointment was the cancellation of the Workshop in February, however, we have decided to try another one later this year. The new venture of a Ceilidh in January was an outstanding success and is to be repeated.

Moving the Branch Ball to the Assembly Rooms enabled 203 people to enjoy an evening of dancing to the Danelaw Band and to enjoy an excellent buffet supplied by Butlers.

Our Demonstration Teams have had a busy year at various venues for charities and other societies and have participated in "Take the Floor" programme for the BBC. Unfortunately a proposed visit to Russia was cancelled.

The Demonstration Group contributed a team of dancers to The Edinburgh Fancy 1990 which was a great success, with two very popular themes expertly displayed by dancers and artists alike. Cheryl Innes, the verse speaker, was a particular favourite as well as the children's items. Congratulations must go to the Producer and all participants and helpers alike. Plans are now well underway for the 1991 Productions between 30 July-3 August.

The Weekend School was attended by a large number of members who, together with residents, enjoyed a happy atmosphere during the classes taught by Bill Zobel and Linda Gaul.

The Committee thank all Teachers and Pianists for their hard work during the year and send best wishes to Mrs Gardner who retires after many years' service to the Branch. Thanks also to retiring members of Committee for their time and commitment during the last three years.



EXETER *Membership:* 87 Annual, 27 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 3.

This year we celebrated the 21st Anniversary of the formation of the Branch, at a Christmas Dance which was attended by 140, including fifteen founder members. Many of these are still dancing regularly, while other former members have come back to the classes this year.

Three weekly classes have been supported by a total of eighty-seven members, with sufficient newcomers to replace our losses. In addition we had our usual end of season and midsummer dances and our Annual Ball with Frank Reid's Band was a most enjoyable occasion.

FORFAR *Membership:* 30 Annual, 15 Long Term, 14 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Junior.

The year started with Summer School Socials in June and July. Despite holidays, the enthusiasm and attendance levels were high. Highlight of the year was undoubtedly our Day School in November. We welcomed Miss W. Miller and Miss A. Mann. Although the numbers for the classes were rather disappointing the evening dance was well attended with over 100 guests from surrounding areas.

Our Christmas Party and Closing Social were both a great success.

As in previous years the Adult and Junior Teams were invited to entertain several local organisations.

The Junior Class continues to flourish under the expertise of Mrs Johnston. Two teams entered the competitive dancing at the Arbroath Festival and did very well. The under 10's were second and the 10-12's first. They were awarded The Winifred MacDuff Trophy. The session ended with the customary parents' evening.

The 1991 Annual Dance is to be held in the Reid Hall on 14 November. Music by the Maple Leaf Band.

FORRES *Membership:* 38 Annual, 26 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The last year has been an eventful one for our Branch. We celebrated our 40th Anniversary with a class party and a very happy evening was spent with past and present members, including Mrs E. Forrester, who founded the Branch, and five previous Chairmen. Miss J. Banks, a scroll recipient at the AGM, was founder member and Branch teacher for 30 of our 40 years.

Our opening dance in September raised £125 for the Inverness Hospice and we are grateful for the support of dancers from a wide area who attend our class socials in Forres and Nairn. In spite of successful functions our annual membership has again fallen and in an attempt to gain new members, the class night will be changed from Friday to Monday. Our Nairn class continues on a Thursday.

Junior Associates, although smaller in number, continue to keep Forres Branch in the news by demonstrating at several local events - including the annual "Taste of Moray" at Brodie Castle. Among their achievements was an entry of five teams in the Inverness Festival, resulting in the award of two Shields and a Cup while the Primary School age won the Mrs Elizabeth Fyfe Award at Aberdeen Festival.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET *Membership:* 54 Annual, 3 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has increased this year and now stands at fifty-six. It has been especially good to have had so many new members joining the Branch and once again attendance levels have been consistently high throughout the year. Our Christmas Dance in December was very successful and enjoyed by all who took part, including dancers from several other branches.

One of the other highlights of the year was "Take the Floor" at the Lochran Hall, Kirkcudbright, on 24 October. Two programmes were recorded for Radio Scotland with music by Alan Gardener and Kenny Thomson. The programmes were broadcast in November and December.

The Branch was delighted to hear that Mr William Little had been awarded a Scroll of Honour by the Society for his distinguished service and dedication. Our thanks go out to him once more for his excellent teaching and to our pianists, Margaret Philip and Doreen Prentice, whose live music makes dancing so enjoyable.



GLASGOW *Membership:* 305 Annual, 114 Long Term, 141 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch Classes were well attended and our monthly Social Dances were enjoyed by members and visitors. The festival for Scottish Country Dancing attracted over seventy teams, from 8 year olds to 18 year olds, and the adjudicators were pleased with the children's performance. The Weekend School, the Branch Shop and the Club continued to play important roles in the activities of the members. Once again the Newsletter, with three issues, kept members in touch with events. The Demonstration Group gave two fine performances in the Crawford Theatre of the "Glasgow Flourish". The Branch is fortunate that so many members give freely of their time and talents to further the interest of Scottish Country Dancing.

HAMILTON & CLYDESDALE *Membership:* 81 Annual, 7 Long Term, 26 Life.

At the beginning of last session the weekly Society Class which met in Hamilton Grammar School had to be wound up due to lack of support. Its decline can be traced back to a change of venue from a hall in the Town Centre. This has led to an anomalous situation where there is a Society Committee co-ordinating the activities of eight associated and vigorous classes. The Branch held a most successful day school in November when our teacher was Mr James McMillan, Giffnock. All who attended enjoyed his tuition. The rest of the season has been successful, finishing with our Annual Ball in Hamilton Town Hall, which was a change of venue this year, and proved most enjoyable. 152 dancers danced to the music of Colin Dewar and his Band.

HEREFORDSHIRE *Membership:* 75 Annual, 5 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 5.

Membership up by only one – not very inspiring. While we seem to have a number of most enjoyable events, we really lose out because a lot of participants are too mean to join the Branch.

However, next year is our Silver Jubilee year so we'll need to see if we can do better.

We had a most enjoyable Branch Christmas Party and an excellent Ball in May to end our season, leaving only our AGM to come next month.

INVERNESS & DISTRICT *Membership:* 54 Annual, 58 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 5 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The membership has remained steady and classes have been well attended. The general class has again been extended through April and May. The Demonstration team has been active, dancing at various local functions. Teams from Inverness and Kingussie participated in the Inverness and Kingussie music festivals.

A variety of very successful social functions were held including Cheese and Wine Party, Christmas Dinner Dance and our Annual Ball.

This year we were happy to welcome a number of visitors from overseas to join us.

ISLE OF ISLAY *Membership:* 14 Annual, 10 Long Term, 2 Life.

With a small increase in branch membership and good class attendances we have made considerable improvement. A beginners' class at Portnahaven, organised by Patrick Halsall and Mary MacDonald, has proved to be very popular with the locals and holidaymakers, to that braw little scenic village in the north of our island.

Our weekend school also had a large increase in visitors, the classes on the Saturday morning, with Alan and Christine Mair in charge, were very popular and most enjoyable.

The Ceilidh on the Friday evening was the best so far, aye, many visitors and locals wanting to book tickets for next year. Our artistes excelled.

The Annual Buffet Dance on the Saturday night was also our best so far with sets of dancing, we could, maybe, have just squeezed in two more sets but any more would have made it a little uncomfortable. David Ross and Band supplied the music as he has done so for many years in the past.

Our Youth Festival was also a great success with eight teams competing. It is really a joy to watch the younger children dance.

Next year is our 10th Anniversary, we look forward to it and hope that many of you will extend your holiday with us. We had two extra nights following the weekend this year and the same is being planned for next year.



ISLE OF SKYE *Membership:* 33 Adult, 14 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

The membership of the Isle of Skye branch has increased this year. Classes for both adults and children are held in Dunvegan, Portree and Broadford. During the winter the monthly Saturday night dances included a Christmas dance and a Burns Supper dance and were very popular.

We were delighted to welcome Alice Murphy and her husband, Joe, to another successful weekend school in May, with delightful playing from pianist Nancy Dixon. Iain MacDonald and his Band again provided the music for the two supper dances.

The demonstration team continues to entertain the visitors to Skye and the locals throughout the year, dancing in hotels, schools, nursing homes, village halls, visitor centres and the village square in Portree.

KILMARNOCK & DISTRICT *Membership:* 58 Annual, 3 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Membership is slightly up this year and attendance at the weekly class has been consistent and enjoyable with Mrs A. Parker, Teacher, and Mrs Barr at the piano. The two party nights, and the Annual Dance, which was held this year in Troon, were successful social occasions, enhanced by the excellent music provided by the Fleming Band.

KIRKCALDY *Membership:* 71 Annual, 5 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 3, 1 Adult Beginners, 1 General, 1 Technique. *Demonstration Team available.*

During June, dancers from the Branch took part in the Forth Railway Bridge Centenary Celebrations in Dunfermline Glen. Teams from Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline joined with 1500 children from Fife Primary Schools to show the children that Scottish Dancing could be enjoyed beyond their school years. That same evening, a team demonstrated Scottish Country Dancing to American members of the Clan Lindsay and their Chief, The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

As a result of the Society's music course last year, we have enjoyed the services of a pianist at our Beginners' Class and we are most grateful to the organisers of the music course.

Members enjoyed a St Andrew's Night Social in November and welcomed members of other Branches to the Annual Dinner Dance in March to the music of Bobby Crowe's Quartet.

Later in March a team of ten dancers represented the Branch at the Dundee Festival.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT *Membership:* 48 Annual, 5 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Branch activities have followed their normal source this year. There was regular attendance at our weekly class, from September to Easter, good support for Social Dancing from Easter to July and then performances on Scottish Nights during Kirkcudbright Festivities. Members of the Doncaster Branch visited us again in October and we often welcome holiday visitors to our Social Dancing. Colin Dewar and his band contributed to the success of our Annual Dance in January and in April we ran a Charity Dance to help raise funds for the proposed Kirkcudbright Swimming Pool. Unfortunately, the Junior Classes have been smaller this year, but we have retained a core of enthusiastic boys and girls.

LANARK *Membership:* 50 Annual, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Lanark Branch has enjoyed another successful year's dancing and we welcome another five new members to our Tuesday Classes. Our Children's Class, which meets each Monday at 4 p.m., is thriving and we now have twenty-eight children aged from eight to eleven. We propose to establish an intermediate class for older children in the Autumn.

Although Lanark's worst snowfall of the Winter came on the day of our December Dance, those who braved the elements had a most enjoyable evening. Alan Gardiner's Band provided the music:



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our dances, where a warm welcome is extended to visitors. Our Day School in September 1990 was admirably taught by Wilma Miller and by the time this goes to press, the 1991 Day School will have taken place, having been taught by Mary Stoker.

Once again we had a complete sell out for our ever-popular Scarborough Weekend. The Annual Children's Festival proved to be another overwhelming success. The adjudicator, Ian Clarke, had much praise for the young dancers at this non-competitive festival. The weekly classes though not large continue to flourish and the children's class goes from strength to strength.

Our President, Brenda Burnell, travels far and wide examining new teachers of dancing and this year Brenda took a Certificate Class at St Andrews Summer School.

Avis Harrison, our class teacher, has once again been overseas teaching in both South Africa and Australia. By the time this is in print we will have had a special "Come and Try" dance in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation's campaign "Exercise for Life", and hopefully we will recruit more dancers to the Branch.

LEICESTER Membership: 70 Annual, 22 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year began with several changes to our committee. Dick Noden, Sybil Shaw and Hilary Wilson took well-earned retirement, having served the Branch for many years. Our thanks to them for their past efforts, much appreciated by us all.

The mainly new committee are pleased to report a very happy and successful year. Membership has fluctuated somewhat but our roll now stands at seventy annual members, nine life members, and twenty-two long termers. It is surely encouraging to know that all seventy of our annuals, three lifers and eleven long termers are regular branch dancers.

New also to the branch is our magazine "The Skipper", now into its 14th edition. This year saw the inauguration of an Annual Dance called the "Dick Noden" Social. Doris Buchanan composed a special strathspey entitled "Dick's Dram", or "the very civil servant" which the demonstration team was pleased to perform in Dick's honour.

Our Annual Ball and Day School were both enjoyable and well supported. The demonstration team, much in demand, consolidated its entertaining and varied programme at many events. It is unfortunate that the anticipated return visit of the Strasbourg group was not possible. However, a branch visit to Mennecy near Paris was undertaken by fifteen members under the auspices of the Countesthorpe Twinning Association. Another first was our participation in the East Midlands Dance Festival.

George Stirrat's Band played for us on the occasion of our 40th Anniversary Ball in March, which was held in one of the historic and restored buildings in New Lanark. Mr Alastair Aitkenhead and Mrs Johan McLean were our guests of honour. Mrs Bennie and Mr Watson (pianist and dancer of 39 years respectively) cut the celebration cake. Guests and members were captivated by a fifteen minute demonstration from our children's class.

LEEDS Membership: 139 Annual, 58 Long Term, 45 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Leeds Branch has once again enjoyed a most successful year. We have had live music at most of

With great sorrow we record the death of Brian Playfair who had a long and happy association with us.

In conclusion we wish for many happy returns for the Branch, extend our thanks to the whole membership and look forward to celebrating our 15th year in the near future.

LIVERPOOL Membership: 53 Annual, 27 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General. *Demonstration Team available.*

We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Liverpool Branch on 9 February and to mark the occasion one of our founder members, Mrs Rita Ackers, cut the birthday cake at our Spring Term Dance on the birthday itself. Another of our founder members, Mrs Rachael Phillips, proposed a toast to the Branch at the 40th Anniversary Dance in May, and in her speech brought back many memories from over the years.

It has been a busy year for the Branch with a well-attended Day Course in March and a Teachers' Course running from March to June, under the tutorship of Dr Ian Hall. Our classes have been well attended this year and membership has remained constant.

LOCHABER Membership: 21 Annual, 3 Long Term, 3 Life, 3 Junior Members. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult Beginners, 1 Main Class.

In September the main class commenced, with Mrs Anne McKenzie as our class tutor. The numbers were encouraging and increased as the classes proceeded. Anne soon had us practising for our Late Night Rally in November. The programme was very varied and interesting, which all added to the enjoyment of the evening. Anne also has an Advanced Class which meets on the last Monday of each month.

After the Christmas and New Year Holidays, we were very happy to have nine adult beginners and three junior members join the Branch. Beginners' classes were soon organised with some of the main class members joining in to add to the fun of learning.

In March, a very happy evening was spent with the schoolchildren who had formed part of the Scottish Country Dance Teams at the Lochaber Festival. Our tutor, Mrs McKenzie, compiled a very happy programme of dances, and adults and children had a great time. Home baking and refreshments were also enjoyed by adults and children alike.

During the session we have welcomed visitors from Germany and England, some beginners and others regular dancers.

LOCKERBIE Membership: 23 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1.

Lockerbie Branch has enjoyed a happy 1990/91 session. Membership remains steady each week. Excellent tuition is given by Miss Betty Ferguson from Dumfries. The Branch is grateful to have the continued use of the local Guide Headquarters. Again the main event of the session was the Dumfries Highland Ball, which was much enjoyed by all the members who attended. Members also enjoyed social evenings with neighbouring country dance enthusiasts.

LONDON Membership: 382 Annual, 340 Long Term, 346 Life. *Classes per week:* 8. *Demonstration Team available.*

Although membership has remained at a steady level it has been a highly successful year with all classes being well attended and the branch has started a new class for university students.

The branch has continued to carry out its busy calendar of events with our ceilidh, Christmas charity dance, beginners' dance, and children's dances. At our Day School in October the teachers were Margo Dow from Edinburgh, Ian Hall from Manchester and Paul Plummer from London; although numbers were slightly down on previous occasions it was an enjoyable and successful event.

During the month of June the Branch will be using Parliament Hill Fields as its venue for open-air dancing.

The demonstration team has continued to entertain, maintaining its usual high standard at various events and functions throughout the year.



LORN (ARGYLL) Membership: 75 Annual, 14 Long Term, 31 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

A successful year with the membership of the Branch increasing both through the Branch class and from other classes in the area. The Annual Dance reached capacity of 100 dancers to John Renton's Band in November, while the Weekend School in March introduced us to Colin Dewar's Band and welcomed back Sandy Nixon's Band following on from the enjoyable classes given by Johan McLean and accompanied by Muriel More. The Children's Day School was well attended and has established itself as a regular event. Sadly in December Mr Ford Spence, a "Miss Milligan boy", died. He instigated Scottish Country Dancing in the Lorn area and was a founder member of the Branch.

MANCHESTER Membership: 117 Annual, 52 Long Term, 100 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

The first major event in the Manchester "season" is always our Day School on the last Saturday of September. 1990 was no exception and it was well attended by friends returning from far and wide as well as near-by. Everyone had a day of interesting and informative dance classes and pupils and teachers alike enjoyed the Opening of Season Dance in the evening. All left tired, but with promises to return in 1991 – we look forward to welcoming friends old and new.

Classes, Ceilidhs and Dances have been successful during the year and, as at the Day School, we have been privileged every evening to dance to live music. This burden is always carried on few shoulders, however, and as a Branch we are always seeking musicians as well as new members. It is particularly pleasing to report a flourishing children's class, but where are the boys disappearing to these days?

After the trip reported in the last bulletin to Oregon and Washington at Easter a Demonstration Team enjoyed the weekend of Le Quatorze Juillet "en feste" en France! This short trip was centred on Gap and was enjoyed by dancers and much appreciated by the audience.

The 31st Manchester Scots Night (always the second Friday in May) is only just over for another year and has again been a great success. In this, the dancers are joined by the Manchester Scottish Singers and the City of Manchester Pipe Band to present one evening of Scottish traditional music and dance at the Free Trade Hall. At this, as at all our events, we are delighted to welcome "frae a' the Airts".

MID ARGYLL Membership: 40 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 (1 Adult, 1 Children's).

Weekly classes were well attended throughout the year and visits to and from other Argyll Branches and Clubs were enjoyed. Our Annual Charity Dance in November was well attended and a cheque for £465 was sent to Erskine Hospital. Everyone enjoyed our Annual Buffet Dance in March when we danced to the Maple Leaf Band from Dundee.

We look forward to next year's dance which will be held on 21 March, 1992.

MID-SOMERSET Membership: 33 Annual, 7 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Classes have been well attended throughout the year. There has been a lively programme of events including three dances and several social evenings. The March Day School, taught by Bill Ireland, was a great success. There have been several demonstrations including an afternoon dancing on the lawns of Montacute House, a National Trust Property near Yeovil, where a collection raised £64 for cancer relief.

MOFFAT Membership: 15 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Classes met on Monday evenings 7.30-9.00 p.m. throughout the autumn and spring terms, in Moffat Academy. An enjoyable Dinner Dance was held at Christmas in Moffat House Hotel.

The Branch has enjoyed a successful year with membership increasing to former levels and the classes having the additional, regular support of new friends.



MILTON KEYNES Membership: 16 Annual, 9 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

During 1990/91 membership has remained steady and we have been well supported by our members. Classes are still held on Monday evenings but at the new venue of Bradwell Memorial Hall. This change of venue has proved very successful and is more convenient and comfortable.

Throughout the year we have continued to hold various social events. Mainly our record dance held in November which was very successful, and our Annual Ball in February. Regrettably our Ball was not very well attended. However, people who did support us enjoyed the evening, dancing to the St Andrews Band.

We were pleased to be able to congratulate one of our members, Annie Howes when she was successful in passing the Preliminary Test on the way to obtaining her Teacher's Certificate.

In February the Branch was greatly saddened by the death of one of our most long-standing members, Bob Osborne. He was always a keen supporter of the group and worked hard to ensure its continued success.

Although several requests were received the Demonstration Team has had to be disbanded because of the lack of male dancers.

MONKLANDS Membership: 62 Annual, 25 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 7.

Although we have had a slight drop in membership this year all seven classes report great enthusiasm and a high turnout of dancers each week. This proved to be true regarding the turnout at the two Social Dances held during the winter and also at our closing Supper Dance that was a sell out.

The Children's Class increased their members this year. Their display at the end of March was again very successful, allowing the children to show all they had learned and practised throughout the year.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE Membership: 140 Annual, 204 Long Term, 127 Life. *Classes per week:* 10. *Demonstration Team available.*

At our AGM Mr J. C. Douglas thanked Miss N. Salvesen, our Treasurer, for all the sterling work she had done during the thirty-four years she had been our Treasurer and then presented her with two crystal sherry glasses engraved with the Society Motif and a cheque from the Members and two Lakeland pictures by Heaton Cooper, from the Committee. We hope still to see her at our future functions.

Our Membership has declined again, now 471; we have enrolled fourteen new members and have nineteen junior members.

We have had a very good season, all dances being well attended, despite appalling weather in December and February; local bands coming to our rescue when the booked bands were snowbound. The Festival of Scottish Dancing was well attended in February – the weather stopped only one team from participating and we were pleased that two trophies went to teams outside the area. Many teams took part in the Children's Festival. We held a Pianists' Course and those attending were very grateful for the tuition from Mr R. Mackay. The Teacher for our Day School was Mr D. Haynes and this was well attended by our members and they seemed to have enough energy left to come to the dance in the evening; we hope to hold another one next year. Wallington suffered from inclement weather in June but the July one was fine. This year we celebrate twenty-five years at Wallington so we hope lots of people will attend. Demonstration Teams have been very busy this year, dancing very many times at the Garden Festival and also made a trip to Warffum, Holland. This June a team is going to Bolsward, also in Holland. We launched our new Book, "Life Begins at 40", last year and this year we have launched a cassette of the dances in the book, both have sold very well and also our other records and cassettes.

NORWICH Membership: 81 Annual, 23 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Children's, 1 Beginners', 1 Intermediate, 1 General.

Membership of the Branch has remained steady this year, with 50-60 adults attending classes on Monday. The Children's Class started with a very small number attending in September, but numbers gradually increased and at the end of the year they even started some Highland dancing with Mrs Sheila Eagling instructing them. We were pleased to welcome several members from other branches who joined our classes while on holiday in the area, and we were also pleased to see Diane Anton from Toronto once again.

Our Christmas and Annual dances were well attended as usual, the Cuillins playing for our Christmas Dance, and in May we were pleased to have Frank Reid's Band to play for our Annual Dance. For the first time this year we held a Charity Dance in aid of The British Heart Foundation, and this proved to be such



a success that we hope that a charity dance will become a regular fixture in our programme. In March it was decided to hold a dance with a programme of fairly simple dances to encourage beginners and people who may not have experienced the social aspect of Scottish Country Dancing. This event proved to be extremely popular (with experienced as well as newer dancers) and some of the children attended the first half of the dance.

Congratulations to Diane Mayson on passing her Preliminary examination at Summer School last year.

NORTH WEST CRAVEN *Membership:* 83 Annual, 3 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had a successful year although membership fell slightly. For the first time ever our Ball in December 1990 had to be cancelled due to weather conditions, although few stalwarts turned up and danced to tapes. The Ball was re-arranged in February 1991 when we danced to the Scottish Measure Country Dance Band (leader Andrew Lyon).

Two Branch dances to tapes were well attended and our Day School with Mr George Lawson (Tutor) and Mr Fred Hayes (Pianist) was supported by over 60 dancers. At the end of May a Charity Dance was held with Jim McDonald and his "Sounds Scottish" Band. As a result £140 was donated to Heart Concern at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

NOTTINGHAM *Membership:* 68 Annual, 28 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

During the year two of our members have achieved success with studying for their teaching certificates, one his final certificate and the other his preliminary. A Day School was held in October which was enjoyed greatly by those who were able to attend. A recruitment campaign was launched by some of our younger members and a lively ceilidh was organised which brought Scottish country dancing really alive, particularly to those who had never done it before, from this several new members emerged. A similar event is planned for the autumn of 1991.

OXFORDSHIRE *Membership:* 67 Annual, 11 Long Term, 11 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our membership numbers were slightly down, but class numbers remained at about the same level as last years, and summer social dancing was a gain very popular.

One of our members, Graham Davie, gained his Teacher's Certificate and joined Dennis Tucker and John Armstrong in providing enjoyable sessions.

Periodic technique classes helped to raise the standard of our dancing.

Our Ball in October was judged by some as the "best ever" due in no small measure to the music of Alastair Wood and his Band. They will be playing for us on 26 October.

Tom Steele with Ian Muir's music made learning easy and enjoyable at our Day School in February.

Here's hoping that this coming year's activities will prove as successful.

PERTH & PERTHSHIRE *Membership:* 92 Annual, 40 Long Term, 73 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership in the Branch has dropped slightly this year. One particularly sad loss being through the death of Miss May Bryden, who joined our Branch when it was formed in 1925.

The Branch was delighted to host a Day School in February, amidst the winter snow, when the guest teacher was Mr George Lawson from the Glasgow Branch, very ably supported by pianist Mrs Mae Stuart. The Dance in the evening was to the music of Jim Berry's Band, which rounded off a day enjoyed by one and all.

The adult classes within the Branch are thriving, but unfortunately our only children's class had to be disbanded at Christmas time due to lack of numbers. We are hopeful that the 1991 project "Dance Scottish in Schools" will stimulate some of the youngsters in the area and, who knows, the class might be resurrected by the time of the next report.

The Demonstration Team has been active, giving several performances at Blair Castle and some of our members have been fortunate to be included in teams which have danced abroad.



Some of you will know and others may have noticed that we have changed our Secretary/Treasurer. Miss Beatrice Nairn, our former Secretary/Treasurer, has demitted office after twenty-one years, valiant service. The Branch is greatly indebted to Bett for all the hard work and time she has given to the running of the Branch.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT *Membership:* 22 Annual, 20 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1.

Branch membership has remained steady this year, the new members being balanced by the loss of some of our more experienced members. Class attendance has also remained about the same as last year.

The 1990 Day School was held on 19 May when we welcomed Margo Dow and pianist Jack Judson to put us through our paces on a rather warm day. Support for dances in this part of the country is somewhat lacking at present and both our October record dance and the January Charity Dance were poorly supported, despite the music of the Cuillins Scottish Country Dance Band on the latter occasion. We were just only able to make small donations to our two charities, The Spina Bifida Fund and the Fund for a new Children's Hospital in Peterborough. The highlight of the year was the 10th Anniversary Weekend on 17-18 May. On the Friday evening a celebration dinner was held at the Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough, and this was attended by members both past and present, together with guests Jack Judson and George Kerr. On the Saturday evening we held the 10th Anniversary Ball, with music provided by Kafeozalum Scottish Country Dance Band, when we welcomed a large gathering of dancers from local groups for a very enjoyable occasion.

PETERHEAD *Membership:* 49 Annual, 4 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The Branch has had yet another successful year with some new members being welcomed along with the return of some "old faces".

The Scottish Week Dance and "Spring Dance" were well supported by old friends and new, some of whom travel considerable distances to join us.

A party of our members had a most enjoyable time at the AGM in Troon and are eagerly anticipating their weekend in Dundee.

The Branch expresses grateful thanks to its teacher, Mrs I. Cowie, and to its pianist, Mrs M. McDonald, who inspires us week by week with her beautiful playing.

PORTRUSH *Membership:* 33 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our two weekly classes showed good attendances throughout the year, and we had our usual party nights when we invited dancers from other Branches to participate.

Next year we celebrate our 40th year when we look forward to having a special evening organised to honour the occasion.

We were sad to lose a senior member of our Branch, Miss Joan Stubbington, who passed away after having attended the full course of our last year's Weekend School.

RENFREWSHIRE WEST *Membership:* 99 Annual, 41 Long Term, 19 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 2 Junior. Ladies only. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our membership remained fairly stable this session and classes continued as before, but because of increasing costs and declining attendances at dances, fewer social events were held.

At the Day School in October, both Adult and Junior classes enjoyed the expert tuition of Miss Wilma Miller and Mrs Margo Priestly.

In November one new venture, the St Andrews Night Supper Dance proved to be very successful, and in March our Annual Children's Dance and the Annual Ball were both very well attended.

Our thanks for the stirring music at our social functions go to the George Fleming Scottish Dance Band, the Dave Cunningham Trio and our own Betty Cathcart.

RICHMOND *Membership:* 41 Annual, 36 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The familiar pattern of our Branch year is followed round the seasons and we have enjoyed well-supported dances last autumn, to music supplied by George Stirrat, and this Spring to the West Telferton Caledonian Band.



The rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of our Demonstration Team who greatly enjoyed entertaining the crowds at The National Garden Festival last summer and it was quite a thrill to be part of that major event in our region. The weather upset arrangements for the Open Air Dance in June, but we effected a good compromise to suit the circumstances. However, there was nothing we could do but cancel the December Social when the snow closed in.

Our March Day School this year was as successful as ever and Branch Members and visiting dancers all benefited from the skilled teaching of Tom Steele.

This year has heralded the launch of our initiative to encourage young dancers in the area to feel part of the Branch and the Society. We had already made a successful start with a Family Fling which was followed by a Junior Workshop during the Christmas holiday and a second workshop after Easter. We have more than sixty Junior Associate Members between the ages of seven and thirteen and plan more events for them during the year. Throughout all our varied activities we greatly appreciate all the efforts of those who work hard to make Scottish Country Dancing so enjoyable for all.

We are now planning our 40th Anniversary Year Celebrations and look forward to a Dinner Dance in April 1992. We extend a welcome to members past and present to join us for what we hope will be an evening to remember.

ROCHDALE *Membership: 46 Annual, 1 Life. Classes per week: 2.*

The annual Highland Ball in Rochdale Town Hall was once again the highlight of our year. 132 dancers reeled and set to the music of the Craigowl Band and despite the problems caused to the catering staff by the discovery, earlier in the week, of mice in the cellars – “the best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men gang aft agley” – everyone enjoyed the evening.

Although there has been a slight fall in the number of our members, due largely to increased subscriptions, attendance at both of our classes has been good.

It is with sadness that I have to report the death in May of a former Chairman of our Branch, Mr C. J. (Chic) Watt. He was a great enthusiast for Scottish Country Dancing which he joined in with an infectious enjoyment. He will be greatly missed.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA *Membership: 43 Annual, 20 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

It scarcely seems a year since I agreed to take over as Branch Secretary, the time has passed quickly, the workload not what I had feared, and here is my first annual report.

Probably the most significant happening of the year was the redecoration of our meeting Hall, which meant that we had to find alternative accommodation for over three months. In fact, the class hopped about from one alternative to another and back, and I tried to keep everyone informed of what was going on. These moves cost us something, in attendance and cash, but recovery seems to be in sight.

Branch membership has fallen compared with 1989–90. Our annual membership is down by nine, to forty three, and long-term down by two to twenty. We still have our thirteen Life Members, giving us a total of seventy-six members.

The year’s special events have followed what has become a well-established tradition, with well-patronised end-of-term parties in December and July, and a summer session of dancing continuing into September. The 1990 dinner celebrated St Andrew’s Day rather than Christmas, due to demand on the venue.

We were very pleased to hear that Mrs J. Wardrop, one of our members, had been successful in her Preliminary Test.

And the year concluded with our May Dance. The moving of the date away from the Spring Bank Holiday resulted in the expected increase in attendance over the 1990 dance, and we enjoyed the usual fine weather.

Some preliminary arrangements for this dance had been made by Colin Wardrop, almost the last thing he did for the Branch. All of us lost a friend, and both the Branch and the Society lost a loyal supporter when Colin died. The proceeds of a collection from members were sent to the British Heart Foundation in his memory.



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS *Membership: 58 Annual, 36 Long Term, 6 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

A new intake of beginners in September has brought our membership back up to 100.

The Branch arranged another successful visit to the Finchcocks Museum of historic keyboard instruments which combined open-air dancing, a first-class supper and recital on various instruments from the collection by Richard Burnett.

Our Autumn Dance and Christmas Party were well attended but, sadly the numbers at our Day School were twenty per cent down from last year’s 150 and well below the 200 who attended the 1989 Day School. Spring Ball held in April was also less well attended but this did have the advantage of there being adequate room to dance and proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

Another of our members was successful in obtaining her Teacher’s Certificate and we now have four certificated teachers active within the Branch.

ROXBURGH, SELKIRK & PEEBLES *Membership: 82 Annual, 23 Long Term, 14 Life. Classes per week: 13, plus 2 Children’s.*

The Branch has had a successful season in spite of heavy winter snowfalls. Dances are held on Friday nights somewhere in the Branch and these have been well supported including those held to raise money for charity. The Branch is organising a Day School on 26 October 1991 in St Margarets School, Galashiels. Miss Marjorie Duffield is to be our visiting teacher.

ST ANDREWS *Membership: 117 Annual, 35 Long Term, 21 Life. Classes per week: 1 General, 1 Beginners, 1 Intermediate, 1 Children’s. Demonstration Team available.*

The branch has enjoyed another busy year, with all social events very well attended. Membership remains good, although attendances at all classes were slightly down.

The Day School held on 18 May was as popular as ever, enjoying the teaching of Margo Dow, with pianist Alice Mann, finishing a very hectic day dancing to Colin Dewar’s Band.

SHEFFIELD *Membership: 66 Annual, 11 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 2 Children’s. Demonstration Team available.*

Last October Sheffield Branch held their first Day School for many years, and this was fully subscribed. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day which was taught by Margo Priestly, with Jack Judson on the piano. As it was such a success another Day School has been planned for October this year with Dorothy Leurs teaching. Our Annual Ball was also very well attended and the Manchester Scottish Country Dance Band played as well as ever for our enjoyment. We also ran a Children’s Dance again this year and this was also very successful, with seventy children taking part.

Although our main events have been well attended our class numbers have been down a little: however, membership remains similar to last year. As the premises used for our Monday classes are not ideal we have now been successful in finding new premises – we hope this will encourage members to attend more regularly and we also hope to recruit new members from the area.

Our Demonstration Team has danced on a few occasions and earlier in May took part in the ASCDS Festival in Retford. It is hoped that a team will take part in the Leeds Festival in July.

SOUTH ARGYLL *Membership: 68 Annual, 16 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 2 (1 Adult, 1 Children’s).*

Numbers attending dances have been steady. The children’s classes have been well attended. This year we finished with a Family Night when children, their relatives and Branch members combined to dance country dances and old time to music supplied by members of the local accordion and fiddle club.

From our Grand Summer Dance in June through our Day School in October, Christmas Party, Annual Dance in March to our advanced dance class in May, all our usual Branch events have been successful. However, the highlight of the year was a teaching visit from Headquarters by Alastair MacFadyen and Muriel More, who spent nearly two weeks visiting all local clubs.

Summer Dancing, every Wednesday evening in the Queens Hall, Dunoon, begins again on 12 June.



SOUTHPORT *Membership:* 60 Annual, 19 Long Term, 43 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 (1 Children's, 1 Elementary, 1 Intermediate) Fortnightly 1 Advances. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership – no change from last year. Classes steadily supported. Demonstrations by the Adults and Children's Teams in great demand as usual. Sadly, we report the loss of two of our Life Members at the beginning of the season, Miss Sally Brennan, founder member, vice-president and an ex-treasurer and teacher, during May, Mr Fred Hayes, who was also a pianist and had played at Summer School.

Mr Peter J. Little, CBE, an ex-chairman, was unanimously appointed President at the last AGM. The 33rd Annual Festival was most successful, with Sandy Nixon and his Band providing the music. We were delighted to welcome as our guest, Secretary Mrs Joan Moore.

The October Social, Children's Xmas Party, Xmas Dance Ceilidh, Spring and Summer Dances – all well supported, with the music for some of these being provided by either The Hoghton or, Scottish Measure Bands. The Day Course held in February was enjoyed by all those attending, with excellent tuition from Miss Dorothy Leurs and Mrs Margo Priestly and superb music from Mr Andrew Lyon and Mrs Muriel Rimmer.

Miss Rosalie Brown, Vice-President, presented a picture of Mrs Gudgar, painted by her sister Miss Mary D. Brown, to the Society.

We wish all prospective candidates taking the Teaching and Preliminary Examinations (organised by Liverpool Branch) every success.

We look forward to publishing our first book of dances during the coming season.

Forthcoming Events: 22 June, Summer Dance, The Hoghton Band, 9 November 34th Annual Festival and Ball, Floral Hall Southport with the Manchester Band. 14 December Christmas Dance, The Scottish Measure.

SOUTH WALES *Membership:* 80 Annual, 28 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Branch class per month but numerous in the area.

Following on from our 21st celebrations last year, this year has been somewhat quieter.

Our usual Festival of Dancing was celebrated in July and was notable on two counts; one was the beautiful weather which meant we could dance outdoors for the first time in three years and the second was that we managed to blow up the generator supplying the Lothian Band with their amplification. Undeterred, the band played on – they do a good line in humming!

Bill Ireland proved a hard taskmaster at our Day School in September, giving rise to dark mutterings of "never again" from some of our less stalwart souls as they crept around the next day.

Once again, we enjoyed a lovely weekend in November at the Pencerrig Country House Hotel at Builth Wells and the Craiggellachie Band played for our Annual Ball in February. Functions at which children have been especially welcome are the monthly family class, a party at Hallowe'en and a "Christmas" do in April.

We have increased our membership slightly which is good news, although we mourn the death of three of our very good friends and dancers within the last eighteen months.

STIRLINGSHIRE *Membership:* 89 Annual, 35 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 (6 Adult, 1 Children's). *Demonstration Team available.*

It has been another busy year for committee members who worked hard in organising seven events, in addition to the weekly classes, all for the benefit of our members.

Charlie Todd returned to teach Old Time dances to members and their families. Ian MacCallum's Band played for the Christmas Party, and the Fidra Ceilidh Band for Burns Night. Our Visiting Teacher was John Wilkinson. Jack Delaney's Band provided the music for the Dance following the Annual Dinner. On the following week three teachers were required at the Children's Half Day School with the Fidra again playing for the enthusiastic young dancers. Bill Zobel was our Teacher at the Day School, and despite a demanding day at his classes, dancers were reluctant to go home when they experienced the music of David Anderson's Band for the evening Dance. We are grateful to those teachers and musicians who gave of their time for our pleasure.

Now that the Demonstration Class is firmly established, teams have participated with success at festivals and have danced at functions, charity events and for visitors to the town and University.

We hope that numbers will increase again when we return to our usual meeting place in Allan's School for classes at the end of September. Happy dancing till then!



STIRLINGSHIRE EAST *Membership:* 175 Annual, 33 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 (7 Adult, 2 Children's). *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch started off the Session with a new Chairman, Mr Campbell Hunter, who was reared in the Branch and a new Treasurer, Mr Iain White, Long Term and member of Committee. Tribute was paid by Mr Hunter to the retiring Chairman, Mr Syd Reid, for his years of service. That stalwart of the Branch, Miss Nancy Thomson, had kept the Treasurership going in the interim period before Mr White took up his appointment.

Class membership has been well maintained. Mr Bill Little was our guest teacher in October and delighted all with his charm of manner and expertise in teaching. The Christmas Dance in Falkirk College of Technology was as popular as ever. A "Burns Night" Dance on 25 January was celebrated in fine style with Gillian Anderson singing to her own accompaniment on the Clarsach and Mr Alex. Honeyman, class member, rendering Scots songs in robust fashion. The Spring Ball in March, a meeting place of friends old and new from neighbouring Branches, was a huge success. A grand night was spent in the Park Hotel, as part of the Falkirk Festival Fringe, with Mr Charlie Todd teaching the Lancers, etc., in his own inimitable way.

The young folk won the Clermiston Cup at the Edinburgh Festival in April. They were awarded a plaque by Falkirk District Council in appreciation of their achievements at Edinburgh Festivals.

Honorary Life Membership of the Branch was conferred on Mrs M. Deans, Mrs Elizabeth Stammers and Mr Eric Day as a token of the esteem in which they are held for services to the Branch.

Summer Term Classes are in full swing under tuition by Campbell Hunter. The Branch gave a mass demonstration of Country Dancing on 1 June on the occasion of a visit by Princess Anne, who received the Freedom of Falkirk that day.

STONEHAVEN *Membership:* 38 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

We are pleased to report another successful year, membership remaining about the same as last year, but attendance at the class since the beginning of the year has been disappointing. We were unfortunate to lose our pianist, Mrs Betty Whyte, who had to retire through ill-health. Betty had played for the class for nearly forty years, but we were delighted to welcome Mrs Renee Gibson, one of our members, as pianist. Renee was the first pianist for the branch when it was formed forty-two years ago. At the Christmas Dinner Betty was presented with a "Ships Decanter" engraved with the RSCDS logo.

We had a successful dance in November, handing over £300 to the chosen charity and the annual dance in May was also well attended.

The demonstration team has also been in great demand over the winter months.

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

Another successful year in which membership has increased slightly. The weekly and monthly classes held in April, May and June were all well attended.

Social events included a class only Burns Night and two enjoyable open parties to which we were pleased to welcome dancers from other classes.

At the dance held in March, tributes were paid to Mrs Sheila Hunter who is retiring after twenty-five years as Branch Teacher. Mrs Hunter was presented with an engraved rose bowl, flowers and a specially made card signed by class members and was thanked for all the years of happy dancing.

We look forward to starting the new term with Mrs Dorothy Cairns as our new class teacher.

SUTTON COLDFIELD *Membership:* 45 Annual, 20 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

It has been another successful year of dancing at Sutton Coldfield. Our Annual Ball at Sutton Town Hall, with the St Andrews Band was well attended and very enjoyable.

We were pleased to welcome two bands who haven't played for us before, David Hall and the Manchester Band for the Christmas Dance, and the Hoghton Band for the Summer Dance.

Our five monthly socials also proved popular. It was lovely to see so many friends from other local societies supporting us.



Monday night classes, both General and Advances continue to flourish.

Our third record, "Another Celebration", with music by the Lothian Band, continues to sell steadily all over the world.

TEESSIDE Membership: 77 Annual, 5 Long Term, 72 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

We have had another busy year with good attendances at both classes and monthly Socials. Music at most of our Socials was provided by live bands and we were treated to a wealth of marvellous tunes, both old and new. We were also pleased to welcome dancers from outlying districts. Some members who had gone to live overseas and were home on holiday, also attended. It was lovely to meet them again.

For the very first time we had to cancel a class due to very severe weather. Roads were closed and the police advised everyone to stay at home. Thanks to a very good "relay system" the message was telephoned around and everyone was informed. Thanks to those who helped – it was a colossal task!

Even after allowing for normal fluctuations and natural losses we were pleased to find, at the end of the season, that our numbers remained exactly the same as last year.

Again we invite anyone visiting the area to attend any of the functions.

WEST LOTHIAN Membership: 70 Annual, 73 Long Term, 34 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

This year we were delighted to hold our first Children's Festival of Dance since 1938, over 100 children attended this event which was a resounding success, all involved having a very enjoyable time, with the children receiving certificates at the end of the day. Our invited guests included Mr A. Aitkenhead and Miss M. M. Gibson, music provided by Mr J. Stalker and his band.

Our Children's Day School was held at Broxburn, the teacher was Miss A. McArthur (Buckie Branch), musician Mr Iain Gent. The Adult Day School was again held at Oatridge Agricultural College, Ecclesmachan, and was well attended, the teachers for the day were Mr Alan Mair and Mrs Christine Mair (St Andrews Branch), Mrs M. Priestley (Edinburgh Branch) with J. Stalker and band providing the music for the dance.

Pitlochry Hydro Hotel dancing weekend in October was enjoyed by all the dancers and friends, as was our weekend at the South Beach Hotel, Troon, in February.

The Annual Ball in December was well attended and had a festive theme this year. Our memberships are slightly up on last year and it is good to note that we are encouraging new dancers into the Branch.

WHITEHEAD Membership: 16 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

We had another very enjoyable season with most of the members attending regularly.

We were all saddened by the sudden death in January of our oldest attending member Mrs Sally Luke who, in her 89th year, still enjoyed watching the dancing and listening to the music at our weekly classes. She is much missed by everyone.

WINCHESTER Membership: 39 Annual, 7 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed another successful year with good attendance at our weekly classes and an increase in membership.

Our recent Winchester Ball held at the Guildhall, Winchester, with the super music of Ian Muir and the Craigellachie Band, was most successful and is to be repeated on 7 December of this year.

Burns Night was celebrated with a supper and dance at the Weeke Community Centre, and fifty-six people sat down to haggis, tatties and neeps and enjoyed the dancing afterwards.

Our display team gave a lot of pleasure at a number of gatherings, and encouraged some watchers to join in a couple of dances afterwards. We are restricted, however, by the availability of dancers on occasions, especially the men, and are investigating ways to improve the standard of our performances.

To help our newer members we organised a beginners' course of six evenings in April/May to teach basic footwork and formations. We hope to repeat this on a regular basis. We are also assisting an RSCDS member to attend the Preliminary Test for the Teacher's Certificate. With the expansion of our numbers and eventually an extra teacher available, perhaps we can look forward to another regular class in our area.



WIRRAL Membership: 80 Annual, 6 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has once again enjoyed a full teaching and social year, the interaction between local groups becoming more pronounced.

The most notable event has been the initiation of a new beginners' class which has increased the membership by twenty-three and judging by the enthusiasm of the new members, this figure is expected to increase in September.

Two members of the Branch are attending teaching classes and will take their preliminary certificate at the end of June.

The Demonstration Team has an ever-increasing number of bookings, many now regular annual events together with new venues, which take them dancing well into August.

WOLVERHAMPTON Membership: 40 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Wolverhampton Branch has enjoyed another successful year with well-attended classes.

Our regular events during the year were well supported by members and visitors. Our annual events, an Autumn Social, a Christmas Party and a Burns Supper were the prelude to yet another highly successful Spring Ball. This year the music was provided by Bob Shakespeare and his band.

WORTHING Membership: 59 Annual, 9 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (Monday evening).

We are pleased to have an increase in Branch membership this year.

Our Social functions were successful, particularly our end-of-season Dance which, owing to a change of venue, met with everyone's approval.

The question of more RSCDS dances to be included in programmes, as raised at the Executive Council Meetings, November, is one which we fully endorse – an aim this Branch has always maintained.

YORK & NORTH HUMBERSIDE Membership: 53 Annual, 109 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership was slightly down last year, but this does not seem to be part of a trend as this year it has recovered.

The Branch organised a total of ten Dances during the year, three to bands and the rest to tapes.

The Charity Dance in June raised £180 for the St Martins Children's Hospice in Boston Spa. At our Annual Ball in Malton we danced to the Lothian Band, who, as usual, were an inspiration. For our New Year Dance we moved to a larger hall in Beverley, and the new young band from Manchester, Scottish Measure, played for us. They were promptly booked for the dance next year.

Our Day School in October was fraught with problems; the advertised teacher Alex Gray was unable to come, and was substituted by Malcolm Brown. At the evening dance, two of the Border Reivers Band were also unable to travel, and were replaced at the last minute by Branch members (producing a four-piece band entirely of Branch members).

The six other record dances took place in locations throughout the area, and included our Annual Ceilidh which as usual produced a wealth of hidden talent.

The Annual Branch Dinner, in Pocklington, gave an opportunity to meet members in a non-dancing situation.

Broun's Reel, the Branch quarterly newsletter, underwent a successful change in editor and production team.

In January we had flying visit by the Chairman, Alastair Aitkenhead, who was on his way south, and he managed to meet some of our members when he joined in at a Branch class.

Teams were entered at three festivals; Goyt Valley, and Leeds were their usual pleasure, but our first ever competitive entry at Newcastle was marred somewhat by a last minute withdrawal because of bad weather. Still, there is always next year!



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ADELAIDE *Membership:* 87 Annual, 1 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 10. *Demonstration Team available.*

The number of members remains much the same although there are some losses and gains. Some from the beginners' classes held last year. These classes will be continued in the current year and will be more extensively advertised.

The Annual Ball last September was a great success with over 100 dancers and with music provided by Jimmy Strachan's Band from Melbourne.

Branch classes continued to be well attended and we welcomed a number of visitors from overseas, including Edinburgh and Oxford and also from other parts of Australia.

Teacher training classes are in progress with three candidates for the Full Certificate and two for the Preliminary Certificate. The exams will be in July when Johann McLean will be the visiting examiner, accompanied by musician Robert Mackay.

A very successful Ceilidh for both Scottish Country Dancers and Folk Dancers was held in February, taking advantage of a visit to Adelaide by Billy Anderson. The evening combined an excellent blend of participation dances, varied entertainment by Billy and demonstration dances by the Branch Demonstration Team, including two Ladies Step Dances.

We anticipate another exciting and fulfilling year of Country Dancing in Adelaide.

ATLANTA *Membership:* 113 Annual, 35 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Atlanta Branch continues to support Scottish Country Dancing, not only in the Atlanta area, but also in other parts of the South East. We are pleased to report a small increase in membership, due chiefly to new dancers from three beginner classes. The Branch's Monthly Social Dances, Balls, and Annual Workshops are enthusiastically supported.

In October of 1990, in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games, the Branch sponsored a Workshop with teachers Mel and Ellie Briscoe and music by members of Tullochgorum, who played for our evening Gala dance. Barbara McOwen of Tullochgorum also led our first musicians' Workshop.

Our March weekend workshop at Unicoi State Park registered its largest attendance, including, for the first time, a class for beginning dancers. Teacher Geoffrey Selling led the intermediate/advanced group while Atlanta teacher Cass Brady taught the beginners. Musicians were Susie Petrov and Paul Woodiel. Over 100 dancers, from as far away as Miami in the south and Chicago in the north, attended this event.

Three teacher candidates from the Atlanta Branch passed their examinations at the TAC Summer School in 1990, and Atlanta was an examination centre for the Society's 1991 spring examiners' tour, with four successful candidates (three local, one visiting). Our candidates' class had the distinction of being the first Atlanta area class to have a "live" musician, pianist Carol Moss, who also played for the examination.

Dancers from the Atlanta Branch have spread their love of Scottish Country Dancing by means of demonstrations for the Georgia Chapter of the Organisation of Chinese Americans, Atlanta Folks

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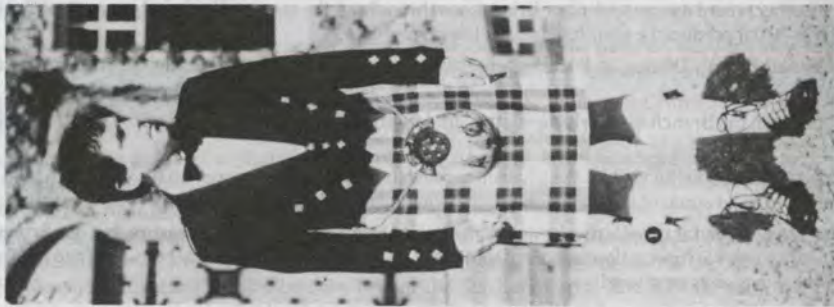
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BOSTON

Once again the Scottish Dance Society of Boston, Massachusetts, had an active and full year. Our membership soared to over 370 members.

We held two January 1991 Burns Night performances at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and sold out each performance! The programme included Jean Redpath, Alasdair Fraser and many local dancers and musicians. This year, a dancing drama of the Tam O'Shanter epic poem was the highlight of an exciting performance.

One of our major fund raisers of the year, a Scottish food booth at the New England Folk Festival, continued to be profitable.

We are thankful to Mr Alastair Aitkenhead and Mrs Nora Dunn for coming to the Boston area on their North American teacher examination tour. Boston Branch is pleased to announce eight new teachers: two received their Full Certificates, and six received their Preliminary Certificates.

The Boston Highland Ball, held in May at the beautiful Mechanics Hall, in Worcester, MA, sold out and we danced enthusiastically to the music of Tullochgorum (photograph taken by Ken Launie)!

We are looking forward to the 1991 Boston Branch Summer School at Pinewoods Camp which will include many local teachers as well as Alice Murphy from England, Averil Quarrie from Virginia, Ron Wallace from California, Mel Briscoe from Virginia, and Liz Donaldson from Maryland. In addition to many local musicians, Gilles Losier from Montreal, John Turner from Virginia, Peter Campbell from North Carolina, and Arlene Patterson from Michigan will join us.

Once again, we would like to credit our many volunteers who work throughout the year for the Boston Branch and for the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Without these volunteers, we would not be able to take on our many worthwhile projects. My gratitude is extended to our local friends and to Headquarters for their continued support.

BUFFALO, NEWYORK *Membership: 75 Annual. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

This year our membership increased to seventy-five, with one associate member, and again this year we have another large and enthusiastic Basic Class.

Our annual September Workshop was its usual success, with Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent playing for us and teachers Pat Coyle of St Catharines and Bob Millar of Toronto doing a fine job.

For the first time we had musicians playing our annual Burns Night dance – the "Music Makers" from Meadville, Pennsylvania. We also had the "Newton St Irregulars" from Fredonia State Teachers College, playing at two of our monthly dances.

This was a good year for marriages – two! Ed and Bonnie Hill and Bill and Jean Miller, the latter two being two of our teachers.

BURLINGTON, ONTARIO *Membership: 51 Annual, 1 Long Term. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

The Burlington (Ontario) Branch had another enjoyable and busy year of dancing on Tuesday nights at General Brock High School. We started our 1990-91 season with an Open House and Registration. Our Annual Dance, held on the last Saturday of October, was very successful, with the help of Fred Moyes and his talented accordion. Our demonstration team has been very busy this Spring and also with a couple of events during the Summer.

Many thanks to our teachers; Margaret Morrison, Edna Moyes, Linda Jones, and our children's teacher, Karen Gauld.

CALGARY *Membership: 59 Annual, 12 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 5 Affiliated Dance Clubs holds 1 class per week, branch held 1 class every 2nd week.*

The Branch was involved in hosting a one day workshop followed by eight weeks classes. As it was very successful, we continued with eight Technique classes for the winter session. We hope to continue the same programme for the 1991/92 season. The Branch also held dances once a month in October, November, February and March. As those were also successful, we will continue with the same programme. Burns



Nicht was held on Saturday, 26 January 1991 and we are looking at hosting a similar event in 1992. Our spring Ball held on 20 April 1991 was enjoyed by all to the music of Jack Rennie and the Heathertones. We are looking at doing demonstrations in July, August, September of 1991 and February of 1992 but nothing is finalized at this time. Enclosed is a photograph of some dancers in the Calgary region waiting to perform.

The 17th Annual Workshop, Banquet and Ball of the Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society, held in the Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta, was once again successful. The teachers were Alastair Aitkenhead and Bill Ireland from the UK, and Vicky Goodloe from the US. Mr Aitkenhead, in his capacity of Chairman of the RSCDS was principal guest and speaker at the banquet. Dancers and non-dancers from as far away as the UK, Australia and California were in attendance.

CANBERRA & DISTRICT *Membership: 82 Annual, 56 Long Term, 25 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

A course for the Preliminary Test was conducted during the year and two of our candidates, Elaine Arthur and Eileen Bradley, were successful. Congratulations to them.

Classes were held for beginners, intermediates and advanced dancers.

No Weekend School was held during the year, but plans are well advanced for a Weekend School in the year ahead, to be held at the Canberra Church of England Girls' School on 4-6 October.

An enjoyable Teacher's Workshop was held on 9 March. Our thanks to Les Cumming who was in charge of the class and to the Convenor, Catherine McMaster.

Day Schools were again held in our three main centres of Cooma, Nowra and Canberra.

Membership grows steadily from a figure of 145 last year to 163 this year.

A sub-committee has been elected to arrange our next turn at Winter School which will be held in July 1993.

CENTRAL KENTUCKY *Membership: 50 Annual. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.*

The year started off with dancers eagerly donning ghillies for our fall Workshop, "Sex and Violence in Scottish Country Dancing", taught by John Walton of Grimbsy, Ontario. The fun of learning new dances was enhanced as John regaled us with tales of love and tragedy behind the dances he taught.

Social highlights of the year were our Fall Ball at Louisville's Pendennis Club (music by Norb Spencer and Susie Petrov); our Hogmanay Dance and breakfast (music by Etienne and Elizabeth Ozorak, Kimble Howard, and Micky White); and our Spring Ball at Spindletop Hall in Lexington (music by Elma Grech).

The children's group that we reported last year has blossomed into three classes with a total of forty children, ages 4-13 years. Their demonstration group continues to delight audiences with their pint-sized pas de basques and skip change of steps that are truly "full of flight."

We're fortunate that two more Branch members earned their Preliminary Certificates at TAC Summer School. Larry Crist and Dennis Wood now join the other Nashville, Tennessee, teachers in teaching weekly classes through their Affiliated Group. These teachers have also been teaching regularly in Huntsville, Alabama, for the Tennessee Valley Scottish Country Dancers, which recently became an RSCDS Affiliated Group. Branch teachers are also teaching regularly through their respective Affiliated Groups in Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky.

Thanks to the hard work of members in Louisville and Nashville we again enjoyed Scottish Country Dancing at the Kentucky Scottish Weekend (Carrollton, Kentucky); the Glasgow Highland Games (Glasgow, Kentucky); and the Middle Tennessee Scottish Festival (Nashville, Tennessee).

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the Area Teachers' Association that was formed this year by teachers from the Central Kentucky and Cincinnati Branches. We appreciate their continued commitment to enrich dancing in this area.

CHICAGO *Membership: 61 Annual, 11 Long Term. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

Our dance-filled and fun year kept us happily busy in Chicago. Our Weekend Workshop in May was well attended by eighty dancers and very capably taught by Dr Martin Mulligan, Ms Wilma Miller and Dr Alastair MacFadyen. Music was again enthusiastically provided by Tullochgorum from Boston, one of our favourite bands.

This fall marked our first weekend retreat and dance at Starred State Park, an area noted for its beautiful fall display. The response was so enthusiastic we hope to enjoy this area again.



Our Beginners' Workshop and Open House have added some new and very enthusiastic dancers to our group. Our Auction-fund raiser rounded out our fall activity. The New Year's Ball, with music provided this year by Scots Measure, is always a favourite activity with ninety dancers attending. So far, the Chicago weather has cooperated with minimum snow and cold. Our "Almost Spring Fling" dance helps us chase away the winter doldrums and we look forward to our Weekend Workshop in late May.

We extend a warm welcome to any dancers visiting our area and hope to see you here.

CINCINNATI *Membership:* 56 Annual, 14 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Weekly classes and dances were held in Cincinnati and West Carrollton, Ohio, and a class was started at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Our fall Workshop was held on 6 October 1990, with Marjorie Easton from San Francisco as teacher and leader. This was a one-day Workshop with a Ball in the evening. In the spring we had another successful Workshop with Mrs Frances M. Gray of Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, teaching and leading. A Christmas Ball and a Valentine Dance were held and our members participated in dances sponsored by the Caledonian Society of Cincinnati, the Hogmanay Dance of the Central Kentucky Branch, and a day of dancing at the Kentucky Scottish Weekend.

Our demonstration team danced at the Cincinnati International Folk Festival, Burns Night Dinner, Spring Tartan Ceilidh, Kentucky Scottish Weekend, Coney Island Summer Fair, Middletown Festival and for several nursing homes.

The Branch publishes a quarterly newsletter with news of events and activities to keep members posted and to let others know what is going on in Cincinnati related to Scottish Country Dancing.

DELAWARE VALLEY *Membership:* 107 Annual, 47 Long Term, 18 Life. *Classes per week:* 5, plus 6 fortnightly. *Demonstration Team available.*

Summer dancing classes at Newark, DE, and dancing as guests at the Crosslands Summer Ball and Lochwood Barn Dances began our year. Country dance classes began in the fall with many new members at Moylan, Chestnut Hill, Bryn Mawr, and Swarthmore, PA, and in Newark, DE. We also began a very successful class for children, for the first time in many years. Step dance class offered for a change of pace in Wilmington, DE. Social dances were enjoyed at all class locations, plus monthly parties at Inverarity and fortnightly at Tanguy. A special emphasis on live music produced musicians at Newark, Bryn Mawr and Chestnut Hill, in addition to social dances and balls. Music by Local Hero, Celtic Fringe, fiddler Ruth Ann Coates and others were enjoyed by all.



Delaware Valley Branch (USA).

Our hard-working demonstration team were in demand at Highland Games in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and at the Harrisburg Farm Show.

A special tribute to Bob McNair was held as a McNair Party at the Morstein Estate, with Local Hero, in memory of him and all the McNair Parties we have had at his home. Our first ball of the year was the Delaware Ball, followed by Hogmanay at Swarthmore College, and finally the Spring Ball and Brunch with



Alasdair Fraser and Barbara Magone at the Valley Forge Military Academy (picture by Michelle Gaffney) and Swarthmore College.

Our Executive Committee has been working especially hard this year, with the result of our finally being incorporated, and in the process of applying for tax-exempt status. Many thanks, especially to our Treasurer, Rachael Rasmussen, and Member-at-Large, Terry Harvey, for their work on this.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all the hard-working teachers, ball chairmen, Demonstration Team, Executive Committee and all the other volunteers who made for such a successful and enjoyable year.

DELFT *Membership:* 58 Annual, 18 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Delft Branch has completed another successful year, with good attendance at our weekly class and membership remaining stable.

In September, January and March we had our usual social dances which were well attended, not only by our own members but also by dancers from other groups in the country.

In May we held our 18th Whitsun Course and were very fortunate to have Bill Ireland as teacher and Jennifer Wilson as pianist. Tuition was excellent and the music was a delight. Participants came from Belgium, France, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, England, Scotland and – last but not least – The Netherlands. So it was again a truly international gathering.

We look forward to next year with anticipation.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN *Membership:* 44 Annual, 19 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Detroit Branch has again completed another successful year with Iris Speirs as Chairperson. The 11th Annual Ball was held at Historic Fort Wayne, Detroit, in April 1991, as was the Christmas Ceilidh in December 1990. Both committees did an outstanding job and all who attended both functions said it gets better every year. Members supported our neighbouring dance groups in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada, by attending their Annual Balls and Monthly Dances.

The demonstration team was extremely busy again this year. Some of the highlights were: dancing at the Alma, Michigan Highland Games; The Windsor (Ontario, Canada) Public Library Burns Night; the Detroit St Andrews Society Highland Games; The City of Warren, Michigan Homecoming; St Johns-Bon Secours Senior Center, Detroit; Royal Oak Lodge F&AM Madison Heights, Michigan; and the Walled Lake Michigan Eastern Star Chapter. We have also been asked to show, along with RSCDS dances, the old time dances and this has been really well received. To Irene Vorshuk, demonstration chairperson, thank you for all the effort that you put forth on behalf of the team. The team is a great ambassador for the Branch.

The Branch held a Workshop in October 1990 with John & J'ina Middleton as teachers: all participants found it a very productive day. We also held three monthly dances at Drayton Avenue Church: September 1990, January 1991, and March 1991. All three were well supported.

To all those who helped and supported the Branch this year, THANK YOU.

FLORIDA SOUTH *Membership:* 79 Annual, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 groups, 1 class per week each group.

The Florida South Branch is thriving, with activities planned for every season. Our Hallowe'en Dinner and Dance were held in conjunction with the 1990 Annual Meeting. The Valentine Dance was a lovely affair, and enthusiastically attended. In April the Branch sponsored two candidates for the Full Certificate and we were glad to have the opportunity to meet and mingle with the examiners. The Board is planning a Workshop and Masquerade Ball for October 1991. We have inaugurated a Branch Newsletter, *in-Formation* which keeps members up-to-date on dance happenings both within and outside of our area.

GOTHENBURG *Membership:* 33 Annual, 2 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1.

It has been quite a hectic year. In the spring we gave five public performances and had one social evening. At the end of June we had a very pleasant visit during two days from the Leeds branch, when they gave several much appreciated performances, saw the sights of Gothenburg by bus and by boat, and joined us in a very enjoyable social evening. The autumn term started off with a very nice (and instructive!) evening together with Ms Jull Vardy from Canberra, Australia, and we were also visited by Ms Alison Danils from Bristol. Due to the fact that we have increased



in number we have had to move our training to larger premises, which in turn has increased our training possibilities considerably. In the autumn, we have had a beginners' course during the first half of all our weekly trainings, and subsequently gained four new members during the year. We are now thirty-three annual members including two long term members. We gave another two public performances, and the autumn term was terminated with a joint Christmas dance together with the International Dancers of Gothenburg.

THE HAGUE & DISTRICT *Membership: 34 Annual, 7 Long Term, 6 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

During the year we held a well attended New Year's Dance and two day Workshops, while at a special Reunion Day we met many old friends whom we had not seen for many years.

Our demonstration team was kept busy again and in April we gave our 200th performance (since we started counting!). A programme of dancing mixed with singing appears to appeal very much to our audiences, who have a chance to make their acquaintance with yet another part of the rich inheritance of Scotland.

Changing over to the Thursday night for our class proved to be successful and gave us a slight increase in the number of active dancers, while the beginners introduction course is now a fixed event and gives people a chance to get to know what Scottish Country Dancing is all about.

We were also very pleased to meet dancing friends from Chicester and St Andrews Branch.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO *Membership: 173 Annual, 5 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.*

The Ball in April was enjoyed by all those who attended. Our Workshop was successful.

A Reception was held for June Shore to celebrate her being presented with the Society's Scroll. It was well attended.

Our Weekend, in October, was a resounding success both socially and financially.

The Branch was saddened by the death of a valued member. Gladys McLellan will be greatly missed by all of us.

The Hamilton Branch is looking forward to contributing to the success of Toronto Branch's planned 512-some to be held in August 1991.

HAWAII *Membership: 34 Annual, 2 Life. Classes per week: 1.*

Looking back at our 1990-1991 year, two things are most striking: the energy and the ability of the members of RSCDS Hawaii Branch. We are not a large group - perhaps two dozen really active participants - but we accomplished a great deal.

Weekly Wednesday dance classes that resumed in September 1990 after a summer lull, were taught by senior instructor Mary Brandon. This year we had enough new dancers for David Brandon to conduct a class in basics. In addition, Mary Brandon offered a teachers' candidate class, with five dedicated members, and technique classes alternating with the bi-weekly candidates' classes. Two of our future teachers started a class of their own at the University of Hawaii, offering their services gratis to anyone interested in learning SCD basics.

In late February 1991 the 13th annual weekend institute was a hugely enjoyable and successful endeavour. Mainland guest instructors were Jennifer and John Kelly from Palo Alto, California.

Hawaii Branch "fielded" a demonstration team for performance at a Caledonian Society celebration in late summer, dancing at several shopping malls during Scottish Heritage Week the first of April, and dancing at the local Highland Games on 6 April.

We held three delightful social functions: a dance party honouring a group of New Zealand dancers visiting Honolulu in October; a charming Christmas party with dancing, held in the home of one of our members; and a blockbuster party celebrating the 90th birthday of Mamie Shoobraid, well-loved friend and mother of Mary Brandon.

We successfully organised and held two Branch fundraisers: an RSCDS booth at the Highland Games and an April garage sale.

HOUSTON & DISTRICT *Membership: 78 Annual, 21 Long Term, 5 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

The highlight of our dance year was a wonderful ball held at historic Ashton Villa in Galveston. We were ecstatic at the number of people who attended, especially those who came all the way from the East and the West coasts. All had a marvellous time. We also had our ninth Annual Workshop with Vicki Goodloe as our guest teacher, and our annual Branch anniversary dance.



Three of our teachers were invited to be guest teachers during the year at three weekend workshops in different locations: Carol Palmer at Dallas, Anne McAndrew at Sacramento, and Barbara Hazelwood at Los Alamos. We are proud of them!

We hold social dancing once a week during the summer, and we have three different nights of classes just about once a week from September to May, and welcome anyone who is in Houston on business or pleasure to stop by and dance with us.

HUNTER VALLEY *Membership: 135 Annual, 21 Long Term, 25 Life. Classes per week: 10.*

After many wonderful years of service, Nancy Tayler (past Secretary) and Brian Yare (past Chairman), retired from those positions because of the conclusion of their allowed term of office. Many thanks to both for their immense contribution to Royal Scottish Country Dancing in the Hunter Valley and Australia.

Our main aim in 1990-91 has been to promote communication between the wide range of class participants, stretching from Stuart Town in the west, Armidale in the north and Gosford in the south. To do this we have needed to stocktake in order to share more sensibly, and secondly purchase more resources to cater for the needs as surveyed by each class group. The production of our first Information Card and circulation to all members detailing the Branch Committee, venues and times of all classes as well as the calendar for 1991, has been a great success. For this we are greatly indebted to Florence Humphreys for her cover design and Dianne Beal for her tireless work in organising the format.

Harp and Claymore, the well-known Hunter Valley Band, have continued to provide that extra zip at our Branch functions. Our teachers always provide a great service to all participants either through their own classes, organising dancing in Civic Park, Opening Social, Morpeth Weekend School, Day Schools, Junior Social, Branch Ball, St Andrews and Hogmanay, as well as special demonstration sets furthering interest and friendship in the community. Elma See's dedication to children's classes is particularly noteworthy. Gordon Creed encourages the Juniors to dance at Socials and Displays. Margaret and George Gray, teachers for over twenty-five years have deservedly retired in order to spend more time with their own children and families and to travel and engage in their wide range of interests. Many thanks Margaret and George.

A special mention must be made of our dedicated Secretary, Jean Thorley and Treasurer, Phil Everson, who are always available to jot a note or answer questions at any time of the day or night; to Rita Price and Bronwyn Clarke (Armidale) for their enthusiasm and practical contributions at all functions; to Ros McKie and Elsa Cant for their compilation and typing of "The Rant" and to Heather Yare for all those afternoon teas; to Kerr and Gail Johnston for their work with the Bookshop; to Brian Yare for his tireless endurance in answering all matters regarding affiliation and liability and to our quiet tea ladies Doris Conn and Phyllis Martin for their services to the Branch.

Our visitors from Edinburgh, Sadie & Jim Allen were terrific welcome additions to the Hunter Valley. Their bright personalities and willingness to assist in any capacity at all functions will always be remembered.

KINGSTON, ONTARIO *Membership: 97 Annual, 2 Long Term, 5 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

The Kingston, Ontario Branch has enjoyed a successful year with a high level of participation by the membership. The Branch held a Teacher Candidate Class this past winter, cooperating with the Ottawa Branch and we are happy to report that two members gained their Preliminary Certificates at examinations held in Ottawa during the Spring Examination Tour. We also congratulate another member who passed her Preliminary Certificate at TAC Summer School 1990. Our summer dancing in Confederation Park attracts dancers from near and far and is enjoyed very much by the local folks as well as by visiting tourists. The classes and social dances throughout the year have been well attended. Our annual Weekend Workshop and Ball in November was very successful and we anticipate even bigger and better things in November 1991, when we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Kingston Workshop. We look forward to the coming year with continued enthusiasm as we endeavour to attract more new members.

KITCHENER - WATERLOO *Membership: 128 Annual, 1 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 6, 1 Social, 1 Intermediate, 2 Beginners, 1 Special Interest, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.*

Our season started with a picnic at Victoria Park Pavilion with dancing on the grass. We had a busy Fall, starting with thirty-five members attending the Lynx Lake, Northern Ontario camping weekend at Iris and Jack Keith's cottage, on 31 August - 3 September, with lots of dancing and a ceilidh. Our regular dancing season started with our Open House on 11 September, with some new members joining. On Thanksgiving Weekend 6-8 October we hosted twenty-five "Kiwi" Dancers from New Zealand and we had a dance in their honour.



Kitchener, Waterloo.

On 3 November we had our Annual Ball at the Waterloo Motor Inn, with music by the Bobby Frew Four, a very enjoyable evening. This was followed by our Christmas Party at Victoria Park Pavilion with our children's class participating.

Our Burns Supper continues to be a very popular function very much enjoyed by everyone attending, and very well organised by Mr John Prentice. We had a monthly dance in February and March. We ran a very successful Workshop and Dance in April, with the Bobby Frew Four playing for the evening dance.

Our demonstration team has had a very busy season dancing at various functions including the Fergus Highland Games Tattoo.

We successfully ran six classes including a children's class and a special interest class.

LONDON, ONTARIO *Membership: 87 Annual, 2 Life. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

We began our year with a free dance. We encouraged non-dancers to attend in an effort to recruit new members.

Our regular classes and monthly dances were well attended. On 24 October we were privileged to have Neil Grant conduct a class for about seventy dancers.

In November many of us helped celebrate the wedding of one of our favourite dancers, Judy Hodgins to Arthur Sloan, formerly of Scotland.

We celebrated Hogmanay with a dance at the Ukraina Club followed by a reception at Barry and Valerie Griffiths home.

Our January activity consisted of a Sunday afternoon of ski-ing, ice skating and walking at the country home of Dr and Mrs Charles Carmichael. Following this we gathered at nearby Coldstream Community Centre for supper and a dance.

We held a Ceilidh and Workshop at the end of February. Bobby Brown played at our Workshop and also at our Annual Ball, held at the Maltese-Canadian Club at the end of April. This was the 30th Anniversary of the organisation of our Branch and we were happy to welcome a number of people from out of town to celebrate with us.

In May we were invited to one of the elementary schools where two groups of children showed us some of their Scottish Country Dancing. We then joined them and some of their parents in several dances.

Our Demonstration Team continues to represent us at many events. This group is under the capable leadership of one of our teachers, Marie McLennan. We are grateful to her and to our other teachers, Doug Clark and Catherine Shaw.

LOS ANGELES *Membership: 211 Annual, 8 Long Term, 10 Life. Classes per week: 9. Demonstration Team available.*

A Southern California RSCDS dance in September 1990 began the Los Angeles Branch's 25th Anniversary year. This dance was jointly hosted by the Orange County, San Gabriel Valley, San Diego, and Los Angeles Branches and was a big success. The Branches hope to continue cooperating when planning future events.

The traditional St Andrews Day Ball and Burns Supper and Ball were attended by dancers from all four Southern California Branches. We were honoured to have Mr John Currie, Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and a native of Glasgow, give The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

Two very well attended beginner dances were held, one in the Fall and one at the end of February.

On 4 May we celebrated the anniversary of our Branch with an additional Ball, where we danced to the music of the Thistle Band. The Thistle Band and our own demonstration team were also celebrating their 25th anniversaries and this was commemorated with two beautiful cakes served at the Anniversary Ball.

The Annual Branch Dance Institute was held 24-27 May in Santa Barbara. Alastair MacFadyen and Robert MacOwen made up the teaching staff. Anna Holden, who was originally scheduled to also teach, unfortunately was forced to cancel because of illness. A scholarship, sponsored by the demonstration team, was awarded to two beginner dancers to attend the Institute.

The Branch is now in the process of compiling a video of all the wonderful events which made up our 25th Anniversary year. A book of approximately twenty-five dances, written by Los Angeles Branch members, is currently in press.

MEDICINE HAT *Membership: 34 Annual, 6 Long Term. Classes per week: 2 Monday/Wednesday evenings. Demonstration Team available.*

The Medicine Hat Branch had a very good 1990-91 season of Scottish Country Dancing. A basic class was held on Wednesday evenings from September-December. Monday evening was a very successful social class.

The Branch Workshop was held in November, with Ruth Jappy, Robert Millar, Harry Hartley as teachers - Jack Rennie's Heathertones provided the music for the evening dance. It was a successful evening - and weekend.

Christmas Social was held at the home of John & Brenda Conley

Classes resumed in January - with one class on the Monday evening at the Cultural Centre.

A very successful social evening of dancing was held on Saturday, 23 March 1991 - lots of newcomers - we hope to see these visitors attend the basic class in September.

Thanks to the dancers for making this past year such a success, reminding us that Scottish Country Dancing is fun, and our thanks to Elizabeth Kean for her dedication to the Branch in her teaching over the past year.

Medicine Hat Branch Workshop - 25-27 October, 1991

Jack Rennie's Heathertones

Teachers: Bob Blackie, Louise McGillivray

MELBOURNE & DISTRICT *Membership: 33 Annual, 121 Long Term, 45 Life. Classes per week: 33. Demonstration Team available.*

The Scottish Country Dancing year got off to a flying start in February, with the President's Grand Get-Together Social. A "grand" time was had by all.

During March and April, overseas visitors - Avis Harrison from Leeds and Duncan Smith from Boston, USA - gave up some of their holiday time to conduct two excellent classes for Branch members. An additional bonus for twenty-four ladies were the Step Dancing classes conducted by Avis.

The Annual Melbourne/Mornington Branches social/teaching weekend at the mountain resort of Marysville, once again proved to be a most enjoyable occasion for the 100 members who attended.

We are looking forward to welcoming Johann Maclean and Robert Mackay in July and this year one of the classes will be conducted at Ballarat, so that Branch members who dance with country groups can have the opportunity of attending.

Plans are almost finalised for the 16th Australian Winter School, which will be held at Dookie Agricultural College Campus in North East Victoria from 21-28 September. Well over 200 dancers from all over Australia are expected to attend and indications are that it will be the School "with the mostest". One of the highlights will be a paddle-wheel steamer cruise on the Murray River, which includes a visit to the old river port of Echuca.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA *Membership: 70 Annual, 3 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 3, plus 1 Children's class.*

The Branch commenced the year with a picnic at Coolart, an historic home at Somers; this was followed by dancing in the stables and was enjoyed by dancers and onlookers alike. We have some new members this year who are very enthusiastic to learn the art of Scottish Country Dancing from our excellent teachers.



The combined Melbourne & District and Mornington Peninsula Branches weekend school at Marysville early in May was enjoyed by the large number of members who attended. We found the classes very constructive and stimulating. The lovely Autumn weather enabled those with energy to spare to walk or climb and take in the sights (with resulting aching limbs).

The Branch had many opportunities to demonstrate their abilities at various functions, including Burns Night and dancing on Australia Day in Ballam Park, Frankston, in January. We have also entertained elderly citizens, who always enjoy watching Scottish Country Dancing and some of the more able ones join in a simple dance. Later this year we are invited to join in civic ceremonies when Frankston celebrates its twenty-five years as a City.

Flinders Shire Scots group was invited to fly to King Island, situated in the Bass Strait near Tasmania, for a weekend to entertain the residents. They demonstrated Scottish Country Dancing and this was greatly enjoyed by everyone; so successful was the trip that Flinders Shire Scots have been invited to return next year.

We were pleased to be able to resume the children's class this year, which unfortunately had to close last year due to lack of numbers. We will be having a Family Social late in June when children, parents and Branch members will join together for an evening of dancing.

This year the Branch is looking forward to two overseas teachers, Johan Maclean and pianist in July and Lesley Martin in October.

NAIROBI *Membership:* 48 Annual. *Classes per week:* 1.

The year was marked by a departure and a visit. Freddy Hutton left us after fifty years in Kenya to live in England, where some lucky branch will benefit from Nairobi's loss. We miss him and wish him well. An official visit from Mrs Mina Corson was a welcome contact with headquarters. Though we did not manage to put forward any examination candidates, we enjoyed and benefited from the visit. Otherwise, the dancing year was punctuated by a well-attended Annual Ball and a weekend trip. Though our membership over the years is declining due to expatriates moving on, being a part of the worldwide community of Scottish Country Dancers, and the joy of the wonderful dances and music, continue to spur us on.

NEW MEXICO *Membership:* 50 Annual, 3 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1991 Scottish Dance Workshop held in Los Alamos was a success, with outstanding performances by the teachers Barbara Hazelwood, Duncan Smith and Ron Wallace and musicians Alasdair Frazer and Paul Machlis.

During the examinations held by Mr Alastair Aitkenhead and Mrs Norah Dunn as part of the North American Examinations Tour four candidates passed the Teacher's Certificate and five candidates passed the Preliminary Test.

NEWYORK *Membership:* 167 Annual, 6 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

The New York Branch got off to a lively start with a pre-season dance. Then many exciting events took place under the fine leadership of the President, Miss Ann Hankins. The "Miss Jeannie Carmichael Ball" a truly grand affair, took place at the Officers' Club on Governor's Island. Other highlights were "The Rerr-Terr Ball", arranged by the Hudson Valley Class, the elegant "Island Fling", organised by the Massay Class and the fourth Annual "All John Drewry Dance", planned by the Brooklyn Class. Again the Summer Dance at the United Nations, planned by Jack Cole, Sally Freedman and Jim Ferguson, raised over \$1200 for UNICEF. The New York Branch has been invited to repeat the Summer Dance this summer.

The Teacher's Committee, led by Connie Powell, invited June Shore to conduct a Workshop for Teachers with a view to improving techniques and methods. The Branch will miss Sadie Lapiner, a teacher and a founding member, who died this past year.

Our 28th Annual Weekend at Holiday Hills in Pawling, NY, chaired by Sheila Wilson, Jim Ferguson and Enid Kuperman, was an outstanding event. Superb classes were taught by a brilliant staff of teachers, Alastair MacFadyen of Strachur, Scotland, Mary Murray from Vancouver, BC and Bob Blackie from Ontario, Canada. Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent not only played for the Ball, but they provided live music for each class, that was truly inspirational. The outstanding feature of our Ceilidh was "The Shepherd's Crook" danced by our teachers, Alastair, Mary and Bob.

There's always something exciting happening in New York and Branch classes will be held throughout the summer. There will be dancing in Central Park during the month of July, led by Nancy Scott Pryce.



Visitors are welcome to join us. The "Miss Jeannie Carmichael Ball" will be held at the Officers' Club on Governor's Island, NY, on 9 November 1991.

NEW ZEALAND *Membership:* 1442 Annual, 52 Long Term, 103 Life. *Classes per week:* 102.

The New Zealand Branch has enjoyed another successful year. It was a great pleasure to welcome Miss Lesley Martin of Aberdeen to our Summer School in Christchurch 1990-91. A chance for many members to renew their acquaintance with Lesley. An added pleasure was the attendance of Miss Jean Sims who was on a private visit to New Zealand. Jean played for classes and also for evening functions. A lovely surprise and a wonderful bonus for those attending Summer School.

Various Day and Weekend Schools held throughout 1990 were very well attended by enthusiastic dancers. Club Balls and Dances were also well supported throughout the year.

The 1991-92 Summer School is to be held in Wellington (27 December 1991 - 5 January 1992) and there is always a warm welcome to all visitors from overseas.

Following on from the successful Winter School held at Blenheim in 1989 our next Winter School is to be held in Whangarei (120 kilometres north of Auckland) during May 1992.

Also looking to the future the 1992-93 Summer School will be in Dunedin (for details refer to the advertisement elsewhere in this Bulletin). A chance too for overseas visitors to incorporate a tour of our beautiful South Island either before or at the conclusion of the school.

The New Zealand Branch extends warmest greetings to Scottish Country Dancers everywhere and invite you to let us know when you plan to visit Down Under.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA *Membership:* 93 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch membership continues close to 100, with ninety-three annual and four life members. Throughout this year, the Branch attracted a lively beginners' class, while maintaining strong general and advanced classes. We were pleased, as well, to have held a children's class on Thursday evenings, taught by Peter Eccles.

Northern Virginia has eleven certificated teachers, with eight active teaching. On occasion, some of our teachers guest teach at Scottish Country Dance groups in the area, such as Annapolis, Baltimore, and St Columbia's.

Since April 1990, our demonstration team has performed over eleven demonstrations, including: Woodstock Court Days; Ashlawn Plantation; the Mass Demonstration at the Northern Virginia Scottish Games, planned and directed by Elaine Brunken; Landmark Shopping Center; All-Scottish night at Fort Ward Park; Washington House; Goodwin House; George Mason Library; Gadsby's Tavern; at the Lyceum for the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Preview; and in the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk, as parade participants and in Old Town Market Square.

Demonstrations scheduled for the next few months include: Northern Virginia Folk Festival; the mass demonstration at the Northern Virginia Scottish Games; Stratford Plantation, Ashlawn Plantation; and Fort Ward Park on two occasions.

A Branch repertoire of dances for the year was established and published in September 1990. Very favourably received, a few of the dances in the repertoire will be changed on a yearly basis.

RSCDS teaching weekends and area dance parties continued to be popular and well attended. The Branch sponsored its Annual Teaching Weekend (Argyle VII), and several dance parties, including the dance party in conjunction with the Northern Virginia Scottish Games, the February Winter Dance Party, and the Annapolis Tea Dance co-sponsored with the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis, MD.

Our 1990-1991 term ended with social dancing on 16 May 1991. For the rest of the summer, dancers look forward to regular social dancing every Thursday evening. Fall term begins 5 September.

NOVA SCOTIA *Membership:* 72 Annual, 4 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

An ambitious dance year opened in September, when John Drewry, the great diviser, conducted a Workshop sponsored by our Bon Accord Dance Group. In October twenty-five New Zealanders on a North American Tour joined us for four days to be billeted by Branch members and to be our guests at a specially organised dance and pot luck supper.

Five Friday Night Socials were held throughout the fall and winter months. The Christmas Social was a festive event when for the first time we had live music by Duncan Keppie and the Macadians. Bon Accord



held its fall "Get to know you" Social, while the Caledonia dance group sponsored a Valentine Workshop, ably taught by Elizabeth Nurse, followed by a social evening with music by the Macadians. The Teachers' Spring Ball will be held in Prince Hall at the University of King's College in mid-May.

The International Scottish Country Dance School will again be held at King's College in mid-July, under the direction of Pat and Ike Kent. This week-long summer school combines mornings of instruction by three experienced teachers, afternoons of sightseeing in our scenic province and every evening social dancing to the music of the Macadians. Last summer brought students from as far away as Texas and London, England.

We were delighted that John Wood gained his full teacher's certificate at the TAC Summer School in St Catherine's, Ontario.

To improve communication between Branch members and SCD groups in the Maritimes, three informative Newsletters were published during the year.

ORANGE COUNTY *Membership: 55 Annual, 9 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.*

Looking ahead, we would like to invite all to join us in the Spring of 1992 for our first Southern California Regional Institute in San Diego the weekend of 10-12 April. Teachers will be Mary Murray, Elinor Vandegrift, Wes Clindinning, Alex Gray, and Tony Moretti, Jr. Playing for the ball will be Alasdair Fraser and Muriel Johnstone. Live music is being planned for classes (all of which will be held at San Diego State University in studios with wooden floors). Planned and sponsored by the Los Angeles, San Diego, San Gabriel Valley, and Orange County Branches, this institute owes its inception to the enthusiastic response of our dancers to the "Reel Aid" Dance of two years ago, which was jointly put on by three of the above Branches and provided such camaraderie for the participants. For further details contact Secretaries of the above Branches.

Looking back, we can say that it was another great year. Our September Dance, the first of the season, was an inter-branch affair, co-sponsored by the four Southern California Branches, and hosted by the LA Branch. With 150 in attendance, and dancers coming from as far away as San Diego, it was an exciting evening, with live music provided by Jack Rennie's Thistle Band, and with many old friendships renewed. In October, the Highland Games in Chino were the site of a Scottish Country Dance Festival under the direction of Gary Stratton with adjudicated dancing at various levels and social dancing on the grass.

Other social events of the year included monthly dances, the Andrew Rankine Memorial Christmas Ball with music by Lan Mara; the Burns Ball (co-hosted with San Gabriel) and with music provided by the energetic playing of Alasdair Fraser and Barbara Magone; and in March, the 8th Annual Shillelagh Ceilidh Ball and Music Workshop, again featuring the incomparable music of Alasdair and Barbara (who stepped in at the last minute for Stan Hamilton who had to cancel due to severe back problems). Coming up at the end of May will be the Costa Mesa Games with demonstrations and a social dance with Barbara and Alasdair playing for us once more.

In April 1990, six aspiring SCD musicians applied for the Andrew Rankine Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded for the first time ever. Sharing the award were two fiddlers, Andrew Ferrier of San Diego, and Shona LaMottee of Vancouver, BC, who both chose to use their portion of the prize money to attend Valley of the Moon Fiddle Camp in California. The winner(s) of the 1991 award will be announced at our 8 June AGM. For musicians who are interested in applying for 1992, or for those who wish to donate to the fund, write to RSCDS/Orange County Branch, PO Box 26271, Santa Ana, CA 92799, USA. Appreciation is extended to Marge Rankine, who masterminded a very successful fundraiser at Old World Village in Huntington Beach, which garnered well over \$500 for the fund in February.

The demonstration team has been busy with various performances throughout the area.

Congratulations to Gary Stratton, who received his Teacher Certificate this spring.

All in all, it has been a very productive and rewarding year.

ORLANDO *Membership: 30 Annual, 8 Long Term. Classes per week: 4.*

The newly-formed Orlando, Florida Branch held its first AGM. The evening ended with a Social Dance and Supper. The first committee of management was elected at the meeting, with Chairperson Muriel Owens, Secretary Leona Senyk, Treasurer John Krampert and Vice-Chairperson Judy Eaton. The Branch's first project was the production of a book of dances, devised by various members, with original music written by Dave Fergusson. Other special events are planned for the coming season. Members of the Branch were also involved in a demonstration for the Retired Military Association at nearby Patrick Air Force Base, at the end of "Desert Storm".



OTTAWA *Membership: 265 Annual, 7 Life. Classes per week: 10. Demonstration Team available.*

Led by Barrie Jackson, Executive Committee Chair, the Ottawa Branch set a high standard for our 1991-92 Silver Jubilee year.

Membership was about 270, despite a near-tripling of annual dues, caused by substantial increases in rental fees for facilities.

Some seventy members "kicked off" the new dancing year at the September Jones Falls Weekend. The Newcomers' Dance introduced over thirty guests to the RSCDS, and as a result our beginners' class numbered over twenty-five.

A successful Christmas Social was followed in March by the Annual Ball at the Ottawa Skyline Hotel. Some 250 enthusiastic dancers, including guests from across Canada and the Northeastern US, danced the night away to Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Among the Ball highlights were the reading of a congratulatory message from Her Majesty the Queen, and the presentation by the Montreal Branch of an engraved crystal and silver punch bowl set, commemorating our Jubilee. To cap things off, the April Beginners' Ball attracted 140 dancers.

Branch members contributed to their local community. For instance, they participated enthusiastically in a Scottish Ramble, a music and dance "tour of Scotland" attended by over 4000 spectators.

Assisted by class convenors, and ably coordinated by Margaret Macwaters, Chair of Teachers, our teachers toiled selflessly through the long Ottawa winter, and inspired four members to attend the teacher candidate class, run by Frances Reekie.

The dedicated Jubilee Committee members, led by General John de Chastelain, raised the necessary for the upcoming Jubilee Year celebrations. Noteworthy accomplishments included a Branch history in written and video format, a Brunch Cookbook of Scottish recipes, and the publication for sale of Branch members' "25 Dances for 25 Years".

We look forward to welcoming visitors to our Jubilee Homecoming Weekend and Ball on 16-18 November 1991.

PARIS *Membership: 34 Annual, 15 Long Term, 7 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

Again we are happy to report a busy and successful year, starting off with our International Ball to the music of McBain's.

There has been a slight increase in membership and, what is worth mentioning, a good number of enthusiastic beginners.

We have repeated the formula of the previous year: evenings of "social dancing with a little teaching" in our new hall on Mondays. They have been well-attended and particularly appreciated by beginners and intermediates, who can be more easily integrated in a small group of experienced dancers.

We had the pleasure of welcoming dancers from Scotland, the USA, New Zealand and even Mauritius.

We still dance once a month in the American Church and these evenings always have a festive flavour.

A special Day School for beginners was held in January and it proved so popular that we shall concentrate our efforts on responding to the wishes of these beginners. We plan to organise regular Day Schools for them.

A class of Highland Dancing and Step Dances was held once a month and very regularly attended by keen dancers. Our team gave several demonstrations, some of them being interspersed with "audience participation dances".

Philippe Rouseau was our guest teacher for our June Weekend.

A part of us went down to Montpellier to support the Summer Ball of the Montpellier group, which has now become a tradition.

There will be no Ball in Paris in October as the Paris Branch will organise the International Easter Weekend in Angers. Our guest teacher will be Derek Haynes. Jennifer Wilson will be his accompanist. The Craigellachie Band will provide the music for the balls. With such prestigious people we hope that the event will be as successful as our Easter Weekend in Rheims in 1987.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA *Membership: 37 Annual. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

We now have two fully certified teachers and two who have passed their preliminary examinations. Three candidates were recipients of the Branch Teacher Certification Scholarship Plan. Phil Gillies received his Full Certification and Carolyn Engel-Wilson and Peggy Lew successfully completed their Preliminary

Exam. We are indebted to our teachers for their talent, dedication and fine work. We anticipate another fruitful year of Scottish music, dance and community involvement under the direction of our Dance Director Madeline Forman. Our classes were well attended and social dancing classes were continued through most of the summer.

Our Demonstration Team meets regularly and has performed for numerous civic and private events including The Caledonian Christmas Dinner, Sun Cities Scots Burns Dinner, Caledonian Burns Dinner, Phoenix Highland Games, City of Phoenix St Patrick's Day Celebration, Sun Ridge Folk Dancing Festival, Sun City Travelog of Scotland, and Shriner's Jesters Club. Training for this team provides the opportunity for intermediate and advanced dancers to rehearse together. The format for these appearances includes more than dancing. An effort is made to provide our audiences with a real taste of Scotland. The programme is enhanced by pipers, accompanied songs in English and Gaelic, and explanations of the origins of the music and dances to offer a complete cultural experience. Our audiences have expressed appreciation for this expanded presentation and have requested return engagements for our services. Our musical members and/or dancers find these requests both gratifying and stimulating. We are proud of our Scottish heritage.

Many of our members have attended Workshops given by Branches in neighbouring states and in Tucson. Once again, Scottish Country Dance is alive and well in the Southwest United States, especially in the Valley of the Sun.

PORTLAND, OREGON *Membership: 67 Annual, 1 Long Term. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has completed another good year. One of our important activities is the Highland Games in July. We get a lot of interest in our dancing at our booth at the games. We also give away as prizes sets of twelve weeks of free dancing instructions. Our beginners' class begins right after the games while the interest is there.

This year we had instructions for preliminary candidate training. It has been a learning experience for all of us. We now have one more person to help with the teaching.

Our demonstration team was active in the surrounding communities. They danced for The Kirkin' of the Tartan, Highland Games, Burns Night Celebration, The English Speaking Union, and various other festivals.

We had our Annual Workshop and Ball in March which was well attended. A local musical group provided the music for the evening. It is nice to see everyone dressed up for the Ball.

We danced through the summer, but as one big class of beginners and intermediates. Another way of getting everyone acquainted is with our summer hikes, a weekend camping trip and our family 4 July potluck and dance.

PRETORIA *Membership: 25 Annual, 4 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.*

1990 was an active year for the Pretoria Branch. Many hours were spent practising for either the State Theatre performances or for the impending preliminary examinations.

The invitation from European Immigration Company was once again extended to take part in a national folk dancing show. It was held in the prestigious State Theatre in Pretoria. Two mixed teams were led onto the stage by a piper and a flagbearer lad. The St Andrews flag was displayed as a fine backdrop. The TV cameras relayed shots of the happy smiling "light-footed Scotsmen" for all TV viewers to see. In the Grand Finale the country dancers pas de basqued to the rhythm of Lambardo. The highlight of the year was meeting the doyens of Scottish Country Dancing, namely Mina Corson and Stanley Wilkie. The Branch



Scottsdale Demonstration Team, Phoenix, Arizona.

members enjoyed being taught by two charming experts. The Branch gained three new prelim teachers during their visit. We were also privileged to be taught by Avis Harrison during her stay in South Africa.

There were five displays of dancing during the year. These included dancing at Jan Smuts Fete in Irene, on a bandstand at the Rand Easter Show in Johannesburg and at the Pretoria Gathering. Social evenings were held with the Boer-dancers, Dutch, German and other groups. Two successful social dances were well attended and enjoyed by all dancing enthusiasts. Even Babs Wood attended the November Social while holidaying in South Africa. Many members attended the weekend schools in the Drakensberg. The September Weekend School was rather special as Mina Corson and Stanley Wilkie were the teachers.

The year culminated with a pleasant evening of wining, dining and country dancing in the stately atmosphere of the Pretoria Club.

ST CATHARINES *Membership: 90 Annual. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has completed a very successful year. Excellent attendance at classes has been particularly gratifying, and is a tribute to our teachers whose patience, dedication and unfailing good humour keep us coming back each week to learn, to meet with friends and to enjoy "the dance".

Several special evenings were held throughout the year, including an Open House in September, party nights to celebrate Hallowe'en, Hogmanay, Burns Night and Valentine's Day, and a "guest teacher" night when we welcomed Gene MacKinnon of Guelph, who led us through a most enjoyable evening of step practice and dances. Two particular highlights of our Branch year were the Christmas Dance in early December, and our Annual Ball in May, which was held this year at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Niagara Falls. On both occasions the hall was filled to capacity, and excellent programmes were danced to the inspired music of Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent.

Although classes end in mid-May, there are always two or three well-attended dance parties during the summer months. These informal parties have been hosted for many years by some of our longtime members, and we are most grateful to them for their generous hospitality. Summertime is also the busiest season for our demonstration team, which fulfils many engagements throughout the Niagara Peninsula.

ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND *Membership: 12 Annual. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.*

The newly-formed St John's (Newfoundland) Branch is pleased to report a very successful year, the highlights of which would be our acceptance as a recognised Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

In addition to the weekly classes, several dances were held as well as the popular Family Night Socials. The demonstration team performed in several events, which included the Burns Supper, the Hogmanay Blood Donor Clinic and the Ethnocultural Show, etc.

Our Branch is most fortunate to have the addition of live music at their socials and demonstrations - a local band called Rhum, Eigg and Muck.

The members would like to extend their thanks to our excellent teachers, with a special mention of Noreen MacLennan for her expert instruction, her enthusiasm and kindness shown to all Branch members.

In conclusion we look forward to hosting a dance weekend Workshop this summer, which has become known as the "Newfie Encounter".

SACRAMENTO *Membership: 96 Annual, 2 Long Term. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Team available.*

Sacramento Branch celebrated its tenth anniversary at our Annual Spring Workshop and Ball which was held in April. Dottie Carr, an original member and present teacher, wrote an informative history of the Branch and shared with us a collection of photos and mementos. We were delighted to have Vicky Goodloe from Kentucky, Anne McAndrew from Texas, Liz Johnston from Canada and Jennifer Kelly, David Newitt and Alan Twihigg from San Francisco as instructors at our Workshop and as guests at our Gala Ball. Janet Kurnick, one of our members, was honoured during the evening for organising the band which has provided live music for all of our monthly parties since 1986.

We have enjoyed a variety of events this year, beginning with a summer series of classes. Our September "Chance to Dance" evening introduced the interested public to our activities and attracted many new dancers. Our Christmas party welcomed the beginners to the sociability and fun of monthly parties. The demonstration teams performed for many area events and groups and was joined by our children's group



at the new Roseville Library's Family Night in January as well as for Burns Night. The May Ceilidh and the June picnic concluded the activities for the year.

With the enthusiastic participation of our membership and the talented, dedicated teachers that we are fortunate to have, we look forward to our second decade of dancing.

SAN DIEGO Membership: 103 Annual, 5 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Serving the greater San Diego County, the Branch provides five classes weekly year round, located in the City Centre, North County and University areas. With 114 members, the Branch sponsored monthly theme dances including a newcomers introductory party, a Robert Burns theme night, St Andrews Night and a Betwixt and Between party, with music provided by "Bratach Bana", a band composed primarily of San Diego Branch members. Demonstrations were provided by our members at many public and private occasions throughout the year.

In addition we held a full day beginners' Workshop, taught by our own teachers and our 15th Annual Institute featuring guest teachers Jeanetta McColl, Geoffrey Selling and Ron Wallace, and musicians John Taylor, Andrew Imbrie, and Jock Rennie and his Thistle Band. Both events were well attended by our members and visitors came from as far away as Britain and Canada.

San Diego hosted four all-day technique classes taught by guest teachers, a winter retreat weekend with dancing and ceilidh, a summer picnic and garage sale to raise funds for additional sound equipment.

We were pleased to add two new full certificate and two preliminary teachers to our number of teachers this year.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Interbranch Council formed this year, the four Branches in Southern California will join forces in 1992 in sponsoring a Weekend Institute to be held in San Diego in April, replacing the separate institutes traditionally held by each of the Branches in the area. We hope to be able to host dancers from far and near who make vacation plans around this very special event.

SAN FRANCISCO Membership: 402 Annual, 4 Long Term, 31 Life. *Classes per week:* 20. *Demonstration Team available.*

The San Francisco Branch is continuing to enjoy the benefits of an active and enthusiastic membership. Weekly classes are well attended, and the regular Branch events, such as monthly social dances and holiday parties, are graced by the presence of a growing number of local musicians. The monthly parties continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month, except summer months, at locations throughout the Bay Area. The season always begins with an informal dance held in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Highland Games in September. Karen Gurkey ably handled the preparations for the 1990 dance. Last year's 25th Anniversary Valentine's Ball was a beautiful event organised by Arlene Baxter and featuring music by our own band, Fiddlesticks and Ivory, led by fiddler Kim McGarrity.

The Asilomar weekend workshop, held in the fall, continues to be the biggest event on our calendar, attended by well over 200 dancers, plus teachers, staff and musicians. In 1990 the weekend teaching staff consisted of Mel and Ellie Briscoe from Alexandria, Virginia, Wes Clindinning from Toronto, Georgina Finlay from Hamilton, Ontario, Jo Hamilton and David Newitt from San Francisco.

In June 1991 we held the first Branch-wide picnic in many years and had a glorious time dancing on the grass, playing games, and enjoying the warm California sunshine.

The Branch's weekly classes are active in sponsoring their own events and social activities and continue to serve as the strength of the Branch. In addition to the many Country Dance classes, we have two demonstration teams, the Red Thistle Dancers and the Dunsmuir Dancers. Many of our social classes also provide demonstrations for various events and groups. Under the direction of Jennifer and John Kelly, the Red Thistle Dancers have performed annually at a major San Francisco event, the Ethnic Dance Festival. This year they were celebrated as one of the longest running groups to participate in this prestigious and competitive festival. The Dunsmuir Dancers honoured their retiring director, Sheena MacQueen, and welcomed their new director, Ron Wallace. The Branch is also pleased to have Step Dance classes available from Jo Hamilton and Ron Wallace.



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY Membership: 95 Annual, 3 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

In October 1990 the Branch celebrated its fourth anniversary, in appropriate style with the now annual Autumn Ball—a festive start to the season and a pleasing reflection of the energy and enthusiasm which inform our activities. RSCDS membership in the Branch continues to increase and this year we made our century. Our March 1991 weekend Institute at a snow-covered but sunny mountain retreat east of Los Angeles was an outstanding success, an augury of which was its oversubscription. Jodi and Sam Reynolds established and led the masterly, seamless organisation. Teachers Ruth Jappy, Marjorie Easton and Jimmy Lomath conspired with musicians Andy Imbrie, Linda Danielson, Margo Leslie, David Franklin, Jan and David Tappan to inspire and make perspire in an exhilarating, memorable amalgam of clean, crisp mountain air and incisive, sometimes uproarious, dancing. David Franklin will be remembered particularly for his stirring, exhorting (and very early) bagpipe reveilles, an incitement to porridge and power for the day.

Through the gracious and generous hospitality of the Los Angeles Branch three people were able to sit the certificate examination in the Spring North America tour. The candidate for the Preliminary Certificate was passed; the two candidates for the Full Certificate were failed.

The Teachers' Committee organised an unusual one-day workshop on teaching rhythm to dancers, especially beginners. This seemed to raise as many questions as it provided answers so is likely to be repeated.

Many in the Branch supported major events of other Branches—Institutes and Workshops at San Francisco, San Diego, Orange County, Tucson in Arizona, New Mexico, and Houston in Texas, as well as even further afield. While we have our own full programme of weekly classes and monthly parties, joint events with our sibling Branches are a growing feature of Scottish Country Dancing life in Southern California. The Costa Mesa Games with Orange County and the Irish Fair with Los Angeles, in May and in June 1990 respectively, were fertile pastures for attracting and recruiting new dancers. The Four Branch party in September 1990 brought together San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County and SGVB dancers for a first such grand informal event, hosted by Los Angeles. The Burns Supper and Ball with our Orange County friends enjoyed the mellifluous and invigorating musicality of Alasdair Fraser and Barbara Magone.

More cooperative events are planned, including the second Four Branch party in September 1991 which SGVB will host. To coordinate these the Inter-Branch Committee, empowered by the individual Branches, meets regularly. It is now actively planning for the extraordinary and signal Four Branch weekend Institute in April 1992, to be hosted by San Diego. Alasdair Fraser and Muriel Johnstone will play for the Ball. This event will replace the individual annual Branch Institutes and is a tribute to the synergy resulting from the happy congruence of diversity and common goals.

Though the SGVB itself has no demonstration team, many in the Branch are members of the Clan MacLeod Dancers or the Waverley Dancers. Both of these groups are led by SGVB teachers. They appear in events near and far and are a powerful resource for Scottish Dancing here. The "MacLeod Rant" in May, and the Waverley "Dancing under the Oaks" in June—an entertainment of music and dance beneath a Sunday afternoon sun midst the lush horticulture of the Descanso Gardens—are now traditional fixtures on the calendar. Waverley sponsored a one-day workshop on music and dance where Alasdair Fraser and SGVB teacher Jimmie Lomath illuminated some of the secrets of music and how we dance to it.

All Branches in the area support the concerts and events of "The Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles". We in the SGVB are especially fortunate to have on our doorstep the inventive musicianship of the ensemble "Lan Mara". This is led by Jan Tappan, who is also leader of the Fiddlers, and brings to many of our major events some real Scotch snap.

SEATTLE Membership: 115 Annual, 67 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 8. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Seattle Branch had a busy, successful 1990-91 year. Our participation in many demonstrations and ethnic gatherings increased our visibility and generated new memberships. Highlights of the dancing year included the popular Fort Worden Weekend in September and the May Ball, with music by the Alex Jappy Trio.

We are fortunate to have a growing, dedicated group of musicians, the Bramble Band. They play for part of every monthly dance party and at most of our special demonstrations. Dancers and audience alike appreciate their enthusiasm and music.

Our summer schedule featured picnics, dances, demonstrations and our third Annual International Dance Excursion by ferry boat. Dancers from Vancouver and Victoria, BC, joined those from Bellingham



and Seattle, WA, for an afternoon of dancing on San Juan Island, mid-way between the two countries. For the first year we have tied fundraising efforts to specific objectives, such as offering subsidies to teachers to attend the TAC conference and sponsoring a master teacher at a musicians' Workshop. We have many hard-working and enthusiastic members and look forward to another year of sociability and dancing. We thank our excellent teachers for support, energy and progress.

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

On 28 September we arranged an open house evening to attract new members. It was a success and we did receive a few new members. In the Autumn we are planning a "welcome to beginners" dance, hoping to get some more people interested in dancing the Scottish way.

SYDNEY Membership: 150 Annual, 10 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

A highlight of the Sydney Branch activities is the Annual Weekend School at the Yarrawood Conference Centre. Yarrawood is at the foot of the Blue Mountains, fifty kilometres west of Sydney and away from the city. The weekend attracts members from Sydney and nearby areas. They enjoy the opportunity to improve their dancing and meet other dancers in a relaxed atmosphere. In 1990, Mrs Nan Mitchell from the Hunter Valley Branch was our visiting teacher. The ceilidh held during the weekend showed that some members have other talents.

The teachers of the thirty Sydney Country Dance groups meet regularly as the Teachers' Liaison Group which provides both mutual help with dancing problems, as well as coordinating the overall dancing programme during the year. The Teachers' Group ran five successful day schools during 1990, covering all levels of dancing ability.

In Sydney, the Scottish Australian Heritage Council organises Scottish Week at the end of November. One highlight of the week is the public concert held on a Sunday afternoon in the forecourt of the Sydney Opera House. For the country dancing segment, eighteen sets of dancers participated. A photograph was printed in the local newspaper showing one of our oldest members with one of the youngest dancers at the Opera House Concert. Many of our members also participated in the other events organised for Scottish Week, such as the Gathering of the Clans, Highland Games and Ceilidhs.

During summer, Sydney Branch organised dancing on the harbour foreshores at Darling Harbour, a tourist focal point developed on the site of one of the city's former railway yards. These evenings allowed our members to gather informally and demonstrate country dancing to the passing public, some of whom joined us in the dancing, and expressed interest in joining a country dance group.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CANADA)

Membership in the Teachers' Association (Canada) has surpassed the 700 member level and subscriptions to our magazine, TACTALK, continue to come in from all parts of the RSCDS world.

Summer School 1990 at Brock University attracted dancers from all over the world, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Jamaica and all parts of North America. Twenty-nine of our thirty-one candidates, including one from Tasmania, were successful in Certificate examinations. Our teachers, Bill Little, Mina Corson, Bob Blackie and Mary Murray, as well as Gladys McLellan and Heather Byers, who took over during the exams, challenged us and made it fun at the same time. Our musicians, as always, brought it all to life and encouraged our tired feet "just one more time".

The TAC Annual General Meeting was also held at Brock University and was enjoyed by a record number of participants, with Bill Little, after some adventures getting here, teaching the new dances, and Mina Corson giving a session on tutoring candidates.

The 1991 North American Examination tour, with Norah Dunn and Alastair Aitkenhead as examiners, has just finished, covering sixteen centres and 112 candidates. The examiners in their six-week tour have covered more of North America than many of us who live here ever will.

TACBooks re-issued Allie Anderson's "Complete Guide to Scottish Country Dancing" and TACSound are unveiling "Memory Lane", a two-record set involving five of the bands which have supported and inspired dancers here, and internationally, during the past thirty years.



June Shore, our diminutive, persistent Membership Secretary and long-time Candidate Tutor at Summer School, received the Society's Scroll in November—a well-deserved honour for an energetic, enthusiastic and widely-travelled lady.

The Association is sad to report the untimely death of Gladys McLellan after a long and gallant fight against cancer. Gladys was AGM Chairman and, until a month before she died, was determined to join us all in San Francisco in August. A passionate supporter of Scottish Country Dancing, and a very special person, she will be sorely missed.

TOKYO Membership: 194 Annual, 107 Long Term, 2 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

We had the basic course for beginners from May to the end of June 1990. It was the first time since we started Tokyo Branch. In winter on 15-17 February our main event of Winter School (Workshop) was held at Kawagoe City in Saitama pref. We had ninety-eight participants in spite of an additional day more than the last time. Miss Valerie Harris, who is a teacher of the Hamilton Branch in Canada, comes to Japan for the first time. She caught the news of our western school so she joined us at once. Also she taught us at the afternoon class. It was a great pleasure. After she held a course for the Preliminary, members exchanges between the groups becomes more and more. It was a great success when we had the Day School for Book 36.



Tokyo Branch.

TORONTO, ONTARIO Membership: 840 Annual, 5 Long Term, 29 Life. *Classes per week:* 27, plus 5 Children's Groups, 3 Branch Classes, 1 Teachers' Candidate Class. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Toronto Branch celebrated the arrival of summer 1990 with six evenings of dancing in Sunnybrook Park. Dancers and spectators enjoyed (mostly!) fine weather and the music of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. In September 122 dancers attended the Branch Weekend at Geneva Park, on the shores of Lake Couchiching. Our teachers were Frances Gray (Toronto), Mary Murray (Vancouver), and David Tague (California). The Bobby Frew Four played for the Ball and the Ceilidh afterwards. Branch classes began late in September; instruction was offered at three levels by Bob Millar, Evelyn Watkins, and Frances Gray. Mrs Gray also taught the class for the teacher candidates. In November over 100 dancers attended a one-day Branch Workshop, with instruction by Wilma Fee (California) and Paul Thompson (Pennsylvania). The Branch held seven Monthly Dances over the year, all well attended. It was a special pleasure to have nearly 300 dancers at the March Monthly Dance, which was Beginners' Night. In February 386 dancers attended the Tartan Ball at the Royal York Hotel and enjoyed the music of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. There were some special events this year. In October twenty-five New Zealand dancers visited Toronto during a North American tour; Toronto Branch members acted as hosts and celebrated the visit with a Ceilidh. The Branch set up booths at both the Festival of Britain and the Commonwealth in October and the British Show in April, and demonstration teams from various social groups performed. This spring, at Branch dances and in social groups throughout the city, Toronto dancers can be found reeling, in eights and sixteens and thirty-twos, in preparation for a big event in August—the performance of a 512-some Reel! We hope to be reporting success in this endeavour in next year's *Bulletin*.

VANCOUVER Membership: 387 Annual, 6 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

We are pleased to report another busy and fruitful year with weekly classes being well attended, registration increasing and social events being well attended. At the beginning of the season the Branch and local clubs welcomed dancers from New Zealand. The calendar of events of the Branch and local clubs kept all of us dancing more or less every weekend and the success of these social functions is due to very hard-working committees. Our Demonstration Team continues to maintain a very busy schedule under



its director, Mary Murray. The Annual Children's Workshop and dance was successful. The teacher examinations, are now over and we are pleased to report that Vancouver Branch had a 100% pass rate with four full certificates and five preliminary certificates. We are now looking forward to the Vancouver Weekend and of course "Dancing in the Park" (Stanley Park). All visiting dancers to Vancouver are very welcome - please join us.

VICTORIA, BC Membership: 111 Annual, 11 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 1990-91 season has passed quite successfully with, each week, classes being held at three levels plus a separate technique class. These were taught by four regular teachers, our fifth teacher being a "spare" ready to fill in whenever necessary and to teach the Candidates' class implemented by the Branch. Three dancers from "up Island" and one Branch member took the Preliminary examination.

We had our usual calendar of special events in addition to our regular Friday night socials, and a productive Workshop in November with Elinor Vandegrift, John Middleton and Alan Twigg teaching. Burns Night seems to be the most popular and profitable event of the winter. Last year, Scottish Country Dancing in Victoria was extended throughout the summer not only by the Branch's Annual "Dancing in the Park" in July, but by weekly dances instigated by enthusiastic members of both Victoria's SCD Groups - these are to be repeated in the summer of 1991.

Our demonstration team had an active year and this spring entered the Folk Dance Open division of the Victoria Music and Dance Festival. They shared the Intercultural Association Shield and were warmly praised by the adjudicator.

The 1991-92 season will start with Open House on 9 September and on the 17 and 18 the Branch and the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dancers will jointly host two evenings of dancing with Dorothy Leurs and a party of dancers with her, plus the Craigowl Band. Our Workshop will be a little later than usual (22-24 November) to enable Lesley Martin to come over and teach us. She will be joined by David Gray and Ruth Jappy, whose husband and daughter play for us.

VIENNA Membership: 12 Annual, 7 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Vienna Branch meets every Wednesday evening with a beginners' class (step practice) followed by a "social dancing class" (trying to go through most formations) which we find the best compromise for all levels. We mostly use recorded music with Prof. Gordon Murray giving us professional piano music when possible. Ms Alfuede Sulz and Ms Susi Mayr are our qualified teachers, and both Mrs Manon van Sickle and Ms Ann Murray are practising for their preliminary certificates. Ms Susi Mayr has held five Workshop afternoons at weekends since October 1990 mainly for this purpose.

We have arranged a weekend course for early October 1991 with Mr Jack Campbell (Frankfurt), and shall inform the Munich Club and other reasonably near clubs when the exact date is fixed! Ms Susi Mayr will continue to give extra classes for the preliminary certificate training.

A demonstration team danced for the Austrian-British Society (whose rooms we use) on 26 April, and we have an important demonstration (with a piper, four couples and some step dancers) on 1 June.

Socially we have a summer and Christmas Social Dance evening, when interested/occasional dancers also attend.

Several members attended the Stein-am-Rheiu and Munich courses and we hope that we can further increase enthusiasm and members after the summer break.

WASHINGTON, DC Membership: 116 Annual, 6 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Members of the Washington Branch searched through our membership lists from years-gone-by and sent out invitations to a "Will Ye No Come Back Again" supper and ceilidh. The reunion was held in the fall and former members came from far and near, many no longer active in dancing. A wonderful time was had by all. We heartily recommend this activity to other groups!

Our second teaching weekend was held in September at Buffalo Gap, West Virginia. Members of the Northern Virginia and Washington Branch organise the weekend. This time we were joined by many of the dancers from New Zealand, who were hosted by members of both Branches when they visited Washington in September. We are looking forward to our third outing in September 1991. We hope that this will continue to be an annual event. Please contact us for information.



We still co-sponsor a tent at the Virginia Scottish Games and a dance party as well as put on demonstrations at the Games.

SCDS of Washington held a successful Cherry Blossom Ball in March, with music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent of Toronto. St Columba's held its 18th Iona Weekend, with guest teachers Ron Wallace and Ellie Briscoe.

The Branch mourns the death in December of charter member and long-time teacher, Marjorie Franklin. She taught many of us and will be missed.

The Washington Branch publishes a newsletter, *Once & to the Bottom*. For information about subscriptions or news contributions, write Jon Barrett, 4423 Brookfield Drive, Kennington, MD 20895.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA Membership: 88 Annual, 19 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 6. *Demonstration Team available.*

During the year our Branch has welcomed quite a lot of visitors from overseas and interstate. Dorothy Wilson, a teacher from New Zealand, spent a few days here and conducted a very enjoyable class. In December a group of fifteen dancers and their leader Professor Ikema, from the Japan Women's College of Physical Education, visited Perth and took part in various events we had arranged, including our monthly Hop. The whole visit was a great success. Demonstrations have been more this year due to invitations from Country Women's Associations who are studying Scotland. Several teams danced at the Royal Show, and we held our usual Weekend School in October.

WINDSOR, ONTARIO Membership: 36 Annual, 9 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our 1990-91 season started with a well-attended Open House in September at Oakwood Community Centre where our three classes are held. It was a busy year for all as we celebrated twenty-five years of Scottish Country Dancing in this area in October with a Ball, to which we were happy to welcome back as guests some early members of the Branch. Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent provided us with the great music that we have come to expect.

Our Workshop in March, with teachers Bob Miller and Catherine Shaw, was well attended. This Workshop and our Branch Classes, with teachers June and John Dey and Joyce Smith, gave us an opportunity to practice our footwork and to learn new dances. We held six monthly dances and completed the season with our traditional Pot Luck Supper and Social Dancing. Great food and great dancing!

WINNIPEG Membership: 141 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Participation continued to be the Branch trademark throughout the past year. Commencing with a very successful Family Night in September and closing with a Family Picnic in June, the past year has been an active and enjoyable one. Throughout the year, our Demonstration Team and the "Scottish Entertainers" participated in excess of forty-three events, showcasing Scottish Country Dancing and our Scottish heritage in the province. This year, we were delighted to have an active new group from the Lake of the Woods area (Kenora) join us for our Annual Workshop in March along with "old friends" from Saskatchewan. Of note, is the addition of two fully certificated teachers in our Branch: Mrs Gerry Mayes and Mr Peter McClure. Our warmest congratulations are extended to them.



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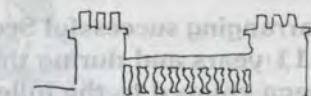
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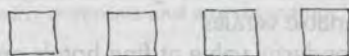
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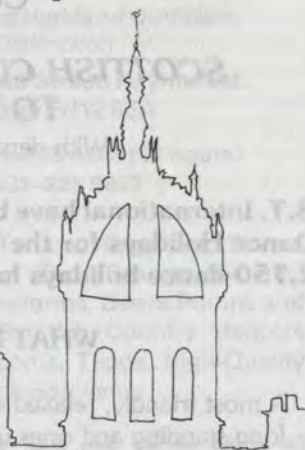
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DAY, WEEKEND AND OTHER SCHOOLS – (Nov. 1991–Oct. 1992)

Full details available from organising Branches

1991

Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	November	Cincinnati	13–15 March
Seattle	November	Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	14 March
Kingston, Ontario	1–3 November	Richmond	14 March
Eastbourne	8–10 November	Royal Tunbridge Wells	15 March
Exeter	9 November	Forres	21 March
Bournemouth	9 November	Windsor	21 March
Bristol	9 November	Orlando	27–28 March
New York	9 November	Bath	28 March
Norwich	9 November	West Lothian	28 March
Toronto	9 November	Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	April
Florida North	11 November	Cornwall	April
Forfar	14 November	Kitchener Waterloo	April
Carlisle & Border	22–24 November	Washington	April
Victoria	22–24 November	Dunbartonshire West	3–4 April
Hamilton, Ontario	7 December	Edinburgh	3–5 April
		Hunter Valley	3–5 April

1992

Ottawa	February	Leeds	10–12 April
Carlisle & Border	1 February	Los Angeles	10–12 April
Southport	2 February	Orange County	10–12 April
Perth & Perthshire	8 February	San Diego	10–12 April
Cheltenham	8–9 February	Aberdeen	11 April
Hawaii	14–16 February	Gothenburg	18–20 April
Tokyo	14–16 February	Paris	18–20 April
Oxfordshire	15 February	Doncaster & District	25 April
San Diego	15 February	Dundee	25 April
Atlanta	28 February– 1 March	North West Craven	25 April
North West Ayrshire	28 February– 1 March	Portrush	May
London, Ontario	29 February	Isle of Islay	1–2 May
Chester St Andrew Society	29 February	Mornington Peninsula	8–10 May
Leicester	March	Vancouver	15–17 May
Portland	March	Peterborough & District	16 May
Winnipeg	March	St Andrews	16 May
Birmingham	7 March	Duns & District	22–23 May
Mid-Somerset	7 March	Isle of Skye	22–23 May
Newcastle upon Tyne & District	7 March	Chicago	29–31 May
Lorn (Argyll)	13–14 March	Florida South	June
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Ayr	September	Paris	October
Paris	September	York & North Humberside	October
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Members will know that while the capital remains untouched the interest is used on projects approved by the General Purposes Committee.

During the year the Fund sponsored three scholarships, including the Duncan MacLeod Scholarship, at the Summer School for examination candidates. Other projects this year selected by the General Purposes Committee included a teaching tour in Argyll with a pianist to accompany the teacher; the provision of a pianist travelling to Badenoch on behalf of the Society and the funding of travel and course fees for the Music Course held at Headquarters in October and the two garden parties at the Summer School Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

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- 2 At the Preliminary Test stage, the teaching part and the practical dancing part of the Examination will be equally weighted—i.e. a candidate whose practical dancing is unsatisfactory will not proceed to the course of training for the Teacher's Certificate. This ruling will come into effect for examinations taking place on or after 1 July 1991.

Summer School: Music Course

A suggestion has been put forward concerning the feasibility of holding music courses as part of Summer School. Any musician who would be interested in attending Summer School on a Music Course lasting one week on the same conditions that apply for dancers, would you please inform Headquarters and state which instrument you play.

Scholarships

SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS. The Society offers annually two Scholarships to members between the ages of 20 and 25 who wish to attend Summer School with a view to taking the Preliminary Test or Teacher's Certificate.

JEAN MILLIGAN SCHOLARSHIPS. The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund also offers two Scholarships annually, one of which is the Jean Milligan Junior Scholarship.

THE DUNCAN MACLEOD SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is offered annually to a student in (preferably) physical education training.

The Summer School Committee will be responsible for selecting recipients from applications received.

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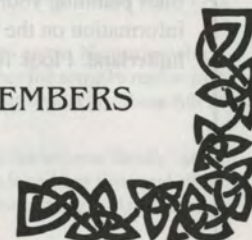
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Several of New Zealand's top tutors will be taking classes and we are delighted that Mr Bill Ireland of London – who has been deputy director of Summer Schools at St Andrews – has also agreed to teach at the School. Although very much a New Zealand city, Dunedin is proud of its Scottish origins: it was founded by Scots Presbyterians in 1848 and is often called "the Edinburgh of the South". The University's main building looks out over the Water of Leith, and its first Chancellor was the Rev. Thomas Burns, nephew of the poet.

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Start planning your visit to New Zealand now! I will be happy to send you more information on the Summer School or on the attractions of Dunedin and its hinterland. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

IVAN ROXBURGH
Summer School Organiser



Summer School 1991

Summer School was "special" this year. It was the 60th Summer School of our Society; as with all anniversaries, it was a time for some to look back with nostalgia and for all of us to look forward with anticipation.

Much was familiar, the enthusiastic greetings on registration days, the assembling of classes throughout the town, the comparing of notes at lunch time, the various afternoon activities from the somnolent to the vigorous and the dancing in the evenings. But that doesn't tell the whole story!

As our Summer School has increased in size over the years it has been difficult to find suitable venues for us all to dance together. The Sports Hall has fulfilled this function for some years now on Monday evenings but this year the dances in the Students' Union on Wednesdays were a great success – despite many reservations about the decor! ("I've been to a class there, and don't fancy a whole evening in that black hole!") It is amazing what a transformation can be wrought by some lengths of tartan, some decorations, a few willing "volunteers" and a good band!

One of the highlights of this "special" year was the Dinner hosted by the University. The Dining Room in University Hall looked very festive be-decked with flowers and candles, the food and wine were excellent and the remarks (not speeches!) from our hosts, our guests and our own staff kept us entertained and informed. The rest of us were in pretty good form too! It was a great pleasure to have the Duke of Atholl, the Earl of Mansfield, Miss Muriel Gibson and Miss Susan Inglis with us on these occasions. The Old Dining Room, usually the setting for classes or social dancing, was seen in a new light – firelight, and elegantly furnished to finish the evening with a quiet chat. As usual the Common Room provided limited space for some gentle dancing. It was certainly an evening to remember.

The uncertainty of our climate is an everlasting worry for the organisers of outdoor events in the country but this year all was well – on two Saturday afternoons there were groups of dancers dancing in parks in St Andrews, the stirring music of their pipers drawing good crowds. Later all groups met by the Scores Bandstand and it was a treat to see so many dancers from a' the airts, and in such varied attire enjoying taking part in The Dashing White Sergeant.

The weather still held for our two Garden Parties! Extravagant hats, crumbling strawberry tarts, delicious ice cream, high class entertainment and time just to talk all made for lovely afternoons in the gardens of University Hall. As always, Miss Walker and her staff, quietly and efficiently, made everything just happen.

Apart from the usual dances in the Younger Hall it was a real treat to have the Perth Strathspey & Reel Society come there and play for two of our Ceilidhs. It was a memorable "first" for most of us to dance to so many fiddles! And one which we hope we can repeat! Other items on the programmes on these evenings were provided by members of the courses, in true ceilidh tradition. And what a wealth of talent there was – dancing with intricate steps and formations, haunting music which brought tears to the eye, and a good, well-kent song for the rest of us to sing!

It was certainly a year of happy memories, like many before and many more to come. Memories which were jogged by Dr MacFadyen's excellent exhibition – quite a salutary experience for some to realise just how many photographs they recognised! Whether you have a rose bowl, a t-shirt or just an album full of photographs I hope this year's memories will be precious to you.

Dr Milligan and Mrs Stewart would certainly have been very proud of their "international family" at its 60th Summer School. I know I speak for us all when I thank Mrs Anna Holden for all her time and effort in ensuring that Summer School goes from strength to strength and for her consummate skill in teaching us the true joy of dancing.

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MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held on Saturday, 3 November 1990, in the Municipal Halls, South Beach, Troon, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Lt. Col. M. Muriel Gibson (Hon. Vice-President), Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Chairman), Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman), and an attendance of 488, of whom 192 were delegates.
In the Chair: The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss F. H. Adams, Mrs L. Fyfe, Miss F. Galway, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr W. Ireland, Mrs McColl, Mrs S. Nedderman, Mr J. S. Pearce, Mr R. J. Taylor, Mrs Van Taanom, Mr Van Zon.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The President first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in which she warmly thanked the Executive Council and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for their loyal greetings sent on the occasion of the Sixty-first Annual General Meeting. As Patron, Her Majesty had been delighted to receive this message and sent her best wishes to all concerned for a happy and successful occasion.

Welcoming delegates, the President reported that 190 delegates were attending, representing ninety-six Branches including twenty-seven overseas Branches. He gave a special welcome to those delegates who were attending for the first time and hoped they would find the meeting interesting and the functions enjoyable. He congratulated in advance those who were to be presented with the Society's Scroll, awarded in recognition of their services to the Society, and said that all had worked to further the interests of the Society both at home and overseas.

In conclusion Lord Mansfield said he had now been attending the Annual General Meeting as President for fifteen years and that he would be happy to continue in this capacity.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 4 November 1989, having been in the delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Mr D. Ross (Edinburgh Branch) proposed and Miss B. Nairn (Perth & Perthshire Branch) seconded their adoption, which carried unanimously.

Mr A. S. Aitkenhead now took the Chair.



APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

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

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr D. Stewart MacMillan (West Renfrewshire Branch) seconded by Miss C. Traynor (Glasgow Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, The Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel KT, Lt. Col. M. Muriel Gibson, Lord Glenconner. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1990-1991.

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Mr Alastair S. Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Miss A. W. Miller (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The following were elected by ballot: Miss C. Catto, Mrs N. Dunn, Miss A. B. Mann, Miss L. Martin, Mr D. Ross, Miss C. P. Traynor.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The report for the year 1989-90, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks and in presenting it the Secretary said there had been a small but steady growth in membership, Branches and Affiliated Groups. She thanked Branch secretaries for their accurate reporting and for the early submissions of all material this year, which had made it possible to print the Bulletin ahead of time.

Mrs Moore then briefly outlined the work of the various Committees throughout the year (detailed in the report).

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously on a proposal by Mr A. Cockett (London Branch) seconded by Miss E. Ferguson (Dumfries Branch).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet included in the Bulletin, had been in delegates' hands for some weeks. Presenting the report, Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) said that last year's deficit of £15,704 had been turned into a surplus this year of £3,200 by increased income from subscriptions and applying restraints on certain expenditure.

Last year we had spent £25,000 on publications and £6,572 on overseas travel. Our stock was up by £10,000 to £77,000 which was disturbing but this year we are taking steps to reduce this figure, by offering a free choice from stock for the Subscription Copy. This year the Publications Committee is producing only one record of eight selected dances from Book 15 and two cassettes for the entire fourteen dances (twelve dances from Book 15 plus two dances from Book 14). There will also be cassettes of piano music for Examination Dances and the second cassette for Thirty Popular Dances, all at the budget cost of £10,000.

The Jean Milligan Fund stands at £70,000 (£5,000 up) and although we only spent £3,619 of the interest last year, plans have been put forward by the General Purposes Committee to spend £6/£7,000 this year on such things as Scholarships to St Andrew's Summer School, a music course, visiting teachers to outlying Branches and Affiliated Groups in the UK and the support of selected items at the celebration Summer School of 1991.

Mr Taylor drew the attention of delegates to the 1989 Bulletin in which we gave a budget of administrative expenses of £91,050. In the event actual expenses totalled £90,922, a difference of less than £100. This very close result does, however, disguise some worrying features. The cost of meetings came to nearly to £14,000, more than £2,000 over budget and the shortfall was met by not spending the full amount on office accommodation which covers business community charge, heating,



lighting and all of what it takes to run an office. This reflected good housekeeping by the Headquarter's staff.

The revenue account showed no expenditure against archives or publicity. This was not true, because half the Printing and Stationery sum of £4,019 was spent on publicity material.

Action was being taken to control postage and telephone costs, although we should remember that unit costs have gone up and that usage has increased, especially as the office now operates from two places during Summer School. It is more difficult to see how Meeting costs can be reduced if we wish to encourage the Branches to send representatives to our Meetings. The cost of providing this opportunity to participate in the affairs of the Society is something we tend to forget when we look at what benefits are covered by the subscription. There will be no increase from subscription coming through in the current year's accounts and even making cutbacks in extension grants (these are grants given to Branch teams going to overseas festivals) and paying for some overseas travel out of special reserves, we are looking at a potential deficit of £9,750. The printed accounts in the 1991 budget refer to a surplus, but the figures in brackets show that this is in fact a deficit.

Mr Taylor continued that our rather cumbersome method of increasing subscriptions meant that, even if agreed at the Annual General Meeting, the effect will not be felt until June 1992 and full returns on the new rate would not be received until 1993. It was a fact of life that expenditure increased annually. Staff costs were the biggest single category of expenditure and were tied to the general level of inflation (10%). With restraints, increases this year had been authorised at 7% and we have to expect the cost of services, electricity, telephone etc., to increase. Headquarters income is very dependant on subscriptions and these have historically been increased every three years.

It should be obvious therefore that the Society is likely to have a deficit in the year before a subscription increase is requested. This is not bad management. On the contrary, our aim is to balance our books over time, so as to give the best possible value to current members without jeopardising the future.

Finally, Mr Taylor drew attention to the Auditor's Certificate and thanked Mrs Isobel Baillie for her valuable contribution. He also thanked members of the Finance Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer for their hard work in looking after the Society's finances.

Mr Taylor then moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet. Mr J. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne & District Branch), in seconding the motion thanked Mr Taylor for his report. The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Isobel Baillie as Auditor was proposed by Miss I. Paton (Ayr Branch), seconded by Mr A. Dewdney (Southport Branch) and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Mr K. Stacey (Doncaster and District Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved: "that with effect from 1 July 1991 the Annual Subscription be divided 60% to Headquarters and 40% to the Branch. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1 July, the proposed division will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1991". Miss M. Ross (Forres Branch) seconded the motion. Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) moved that the motion should be amended with the addition after "Annual Subscription", of "Long Term Membership", and this was seconded by Mr Alasdair Smart (representing Florida South Branch).

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

- (b) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) seconded by Mr R. Turnbull (Richmond Branch) moved: "that with effect from 1st July 1991, Long Term Membership be altered to give ten years membership for ten times the annual rate of Subscription ruling at the time".

The motion was carried overwhelmingly.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- (c) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved:

“that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society’s Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

Section II – OBJECTS

para (d) delete entire para and substitute:

“To promote/publish by all available means information and music relating to Scottish Country Dancing and in particular to publish, or cause to be published descriptions of Scottish Country Dances with music and diagrams in simple form and at moderate price”.

para (e) delete entire para and substitute:

“To collect books, manuscripts, illustrations and other memorabilia relating to Scottish Country Dancing and to the Society”.

The motion was carried.

- (d) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved:

“that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society’s Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

Section III – MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

para 1, line 3, after “Society” insert:

“Such persons may be a Member of only one Branch of the Society”.

para 4, line 4, after “Society” add:

“No Branch shall have the power to refuse membership to any person but any Branch may make a recommendation to the Executive Council stating its reasons why membership should be refused”.

para 5, line 4, after “Society” add:

“No Branch shall have the power to terminate the membership of any person. In terms of the procedure contained in its Constitution, a Branch may suspend the membership of any person temporarily pending a decision by the Executive Council to whom the matter must be referred in writing by the Branch”.

Insert new para 6:

“The Executive Council shall have power to terminate the membership of any person, not being the member of a Branch, if in their opinion that person’s conduct is prejudicial to the interests of the Society”.

delete existing para 6 and substitute new para 7:

“The rates of membership subscription shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting”.

The motion was carried overwhelmingly.

- (e) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved:

“that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society’s Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

Section V – OFFICIALS

para 1, line 1 delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

line 3 delete “they see” and substitute “it sees”.

para 2, line 1 after “Secretary” insert “or an appropriate substitute”.

The motion was carried unanimously.

- (f) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved:

“that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society’s Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

Section VI – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).

para 1 (c), line 2, after “Branch” add and insert “at its Annual General Meeting. Overseas Branches may appoint as their representative a member of the Society resident in the UK”.

line 7 after “allowed” add “provided that no representative shall represent more than one Branch”.

para 2 (g), line 5, delete “through Secretaries of Branches”.

para 3 (b), line 2, delete “they consider” and substitute “it considers”.

line 5, delete “they see” and substitute “it sees”.

para 3 (d) line 1, delete “as far as possible”.

para 4 line 2, after “Council” add:

“The members of these Committees shall be elected at the first meeting of the Executive Council subsequent to the Annual General Meeting”.

para 4 delete last paragraph and substitute:

“Any standing Committee shall be vested with power (i) to co-opt to any or all of its meetings such persons as can further the work of that Committee and (ii) to appoint a Sub-Committee or Sub-Committees on an *ad hoc* basis either from its own members or from co-opted members. Such co-opted members need not be members of the Executive Council. They shall not have voting powers”.

para 4 add additional paragraph:

“No person other than the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Director of Summer School and the Honorary Archivist shall serve on one or a succession of Standing Committees for more than five consecutive years. Thereafter such person shall not be eligible to serve on any Committee for a period of one year”.

para 4 (a) Functions – after “Executive Council” add “and to prepare the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting”.

para 4 (b) Functions – add additional paragraph:

“To appoint and to dismiss staff (other than the Secretary) to determine the appropriate salary scales to be paid and to deal with any other relevant staffing and office matters”.

para 4 (d) Functions – after “instructional literature” insert “and other relevant material”.

para 4 (g) Immediate Past Chairman – line 3 delete “a” and substitute “an additional”.

On behalf of Kirkcaldy Branch Mr G. Stephens, seconded by Mrs J. MacSporran (Dunfermline Branch) moved that the motion should be amended as follows:

para 4 (d) Functions – after “Finance Committee” add the words “and to the approval of the Executive Council”.

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



(g) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

Section VII – GENERAL MEETINGS

para 4 delete last sentence.

para 7 (a) line 4, delete "either" and "or a Branch Committee Meeting".

The motion was carried.

(h) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

RULES

Section I

para 1 delete existing paragraph and substitute:

"The Society's subscription year shall run from 1 July to 30 June of the following year. On joining the Society a member shall pay his first annual subscription which shall become renewable in each year, or his Long Term Membership subscription".

insert new paragraph 2:

"The holding of a current membership card or receipt form duly issued on behalf of the Society shall be evidence of membership of the Society".

delete existing paragraph 2 and substitute new paragraph 3:

"A member may become a Long Term Member on payment of such sums as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting".

Section III (1)

add new paragraph (f):

"Branches shall adopt as their Constitution the Society's Model Constitution for Branches contained in Appendix 1. All Branch Constitutions and Rules and any proposed changes therein must be approved by the Executive Council of the Society and in the first instance shall be submitted to its General Purposes Committee".

Section IV

para 1 line 2, delete "join" and substitute "affiliate to".

para 1 add new paragraph (d):

"An association must not engage in activities deemed by the Society to be prejudicial to the objects and interest of the Society as defined in Section II of the Constitution".

On behalf of Kirkcaldy Branch Mr G. Stephens, seconded by Mrs J. MacSporran (Dunfermline Branch) moved that the motion should be amended as follows:

Section III (1)

new para (f) line 1, before the word "Branches" insert the words "All new".

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried and the resolution as amended was carried unanimously.



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

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

Miss Janet Banks (Forres Branch), Mr James B. C. Brown (Edinburgh Branch), Mr William Little (Castle Douglas Branch), and Mr George Wells (Sydney Branch).

The Meeting was informed that Mrs June Shore (Hamilton Ontario Branch) was unable to attend but would be presented with her Scroll at a function organised by her Branch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1991

The President confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on 2 November 1991 at Dundee.

VOTE OF THANKS

Proposing the vote of thanks Mr Bruce Frazer (Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch) said he thanked Ayr Branch for hosting the Annual General Meeting and in particular Mr Bill Clark, the Branch Chairman, for masterminding the arrangements. He regretted that Mr Clark was in hospital recovering from an operation and wished him well. Mr Frazer paid tribute to Miss Reena Sharp, who had stepped in at very short notice, and to Mrs Carlyle, Secretary of the Branch, and of the organising committee.

Mr Frazer then thanked Kyle and Carrick District Council for co-operating in all the arrangements. He warmly thanked the District Council for providing the excellent Executive Lunch earlier in the day and Provost Danny MacNeill for his welcome at the lunch and his opening remarks at the Meeting. He expressed appreciation of the floral display in the halls and thanked the Parks Department for providing them.

The classes during the morning had been most successful and thanks were due to Miss Dorothy Leurs and Mr Bill Little, the class teachers, and to Mrs Muriel More and Mrs Janie Barr, the pianists.

In thanking Bill Clement and the two young pipers from the First Troon Company of the Boys Brigade, Mr Frazer said we were fortunate to have so much talent within the Society.

Finally, Mr Frazer thanked Lord Mansfield for leading us through the complexities of the Constitution with such dexterity.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.



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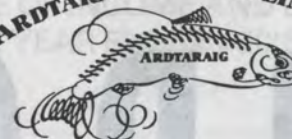
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1992

INCOME

	£
Subscriptions	55,000
Affiliation Fees	8,000
Royalties received	1,000
Investment Income	6,500
Summer School	—
Surplus on Publications	25,000
Strathspey Sales Ltd.	3,000
Examination Fees, net of expenses	500
Commission	1,000
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EXPENDITURE

Staff Salaries	56,400
Cost of Meetings	12,000
Printing	5,000
Post and Telephone	11,000
Office Accommodation	7,500
Audit Fee	1,000
Insurance	1,500
Repairs and Decorations	3,500
Archives	500
Publicity	2,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	500
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Less: Summer School Allocation 1986 (30,000)

Bulletin	71,400
Subscription Copies	15,000
Examiners/Teachers Overseas Travel	5,000
Depreciation	8,000
Royalties Paid	1,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE 102,900

SURPLUS BEFORE APPROPRIATIONS (2,900)

100,000

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
 REVENUE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1991

1990		£		£
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
51,944	Staff salaries		51,489	
13,947	Meeting expenses		10,991	
4,019	Printing and stationery		5,227	
10,098	Telephone and postage		11,279	
700	Audit fee		750	
6,051	Office accommodation		6,643	
1,383	Insurance		1,737	
1,796	Repairs and renewals		3,989	
—	Archives		—	
—	Publicity		1,006	
984	Miscellaneous expenses		789	
90,922			93,900	
(25,000)	Less: Allocated to Summer School		(28,000)	
65,922			65,900	
12,697	BULLETIN		21,865	
—	EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS		—	
3,500	SUBSCRIPTION COPIES		4,995	
6,572	EXAMINERS/TEACHERS OVERSEAS TRAVEL		10,020	
	DEPRECIATION:			
2,997	Furniture and equipment		2,997	
114	Royalties paid		2,443	
3,200	SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		(3,540)	
95,002			104,680	

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1991

	APPROPRIATIONS:		
—	Publications Reserve		—
—	Overseas Travel Reserve		—
—	General Reserve		—
(15,704)	BALANCE carried to Capital Account		(3,540)
(15,704)			(3,540)

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1991

67,423	OPENING STOCK	77,140
24,841	PURCHASES	27,841
—	OTHER EXPENSES	1,112
27,496	SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT	24,662
119,760		130,755

1990		£		£
	SUBSCRIPTIONS			
—	Received from Branches	40,059		
—	Paid direct to Headquarters	5,468		
—	Life Members	193		
—	Long Term Members	3,276		
48,972				48,996
6,416	AFFILIATION FEES			8,843
826	DONATIONS & BEQUESTS			518
	FEES FROM STUDENTS:			
—	Summer School (1990)	157,653		
—	Interest reviewed	5,505		
—	Less: Expenses	153,653		
1,431				9,505
	Examinations	1,792		
	Less: Expenses	704		
41				1,088
6,284	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			6,345
—	ROYALTIES RECEIVED			1,143
27,496	SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			24,662
—	COMMISSION			625
3,536	STRATHSPEY SALES LTD.			2,955
95,002				104,680

3,200	BALANCE brought down	(3,540)
504	Gain on Disposal of Investments	—
3,704		(3,540)

39,120	SALES of Books, Records and Tapes	47,337
3,500	SUBSCRIPTIONS COPIES	4,995
77,140	CLOSING STOCK	78,423
119,760		130,755

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE, 1991

1990	£	£	£
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
	Balance at 1st July 1990	43,865	
	Add: Transfer from Staff Fund	2,488	
	Add: Surplus (Deficit) for year	(3,540)	
£43,866			42,813
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		
	Balance at 1st July 1990	233	
	Less: Transferred to Revenue	(193)	
233			40
	LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP FUND		
	Balance at 1st July 1990	31,969	
	Received during the year	4,199	
	Less: Transferred to Revenue	(3,275)	
31,969			32,893
	RESERVES		
	Publications	25,000	
	Overseas Travel	26,000	
	General	30,300	
81,300			81,300
	FEES PAID IN ADVANCE		
	Summer School (1991)	214,690	
	Bulletin Advertisements	1,070	
153,375			215,760
	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES		
8,998			17,567
319,741			390,373
	JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND		
	Capital: Balance at 1.7.90	61,194	
	Donations received	2,625	
			63,819
	Income: Balance at 1.7.90	8,499	
	Income	6,706	
	Less: Spent	(1,175)	
69,694			77,849
	STAFF FUND		
	Balance at 1.7.90	3,767	
	Income	221	
	Less: Staff payment	(1,500)	
	Less: Transfer to General Fund	(2,488)	
3,767			
393,202			468,222

MARILYN JEFFCOAT, FCCA., *Treasurer*

JAMES TAYLOR, *Convenor*

I have reviewed the books and accounts of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1991, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge were necessary for the purpose of my review.

1990	£	£	£
	PREMISES		
	At cost	6,139	
	Less: Depreciation to date	4,728	
1,411			1,411
	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT		
	At cost	19,982	
	Less: Depreciation to date	18,854	
4,125			1,128
	LOAN TO STRATHSPEY SALES LTD		
9,000			9,000
57,846	INVESTMENTS		
77,140	STOCK		
			55,838
			78,423
151,640	SUMMER SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNTS		
10,479	SUNDRY DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS		
8,100	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
			213,936
			14,185
			16,452
319,741			390,373
	JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND		
	Investments	44,373	
	Deposit Account	29,541	
	Debtors	3,935	
69,694			77,849
	STAFF FUND		
3,767	Investments		
393,202			468,222

The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account which are in accordance with the books of account give in my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as at 30th June 1991.
 79 Ravelston Dykes Road, Edinburgh EH4 3NU
 August 1991

I. A. BAILLIE, *Certified Accountant*

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Obituaries

E. T. FORDE SPENCE, M.B.E.

Died - 22 December 1990

Forde Spence, having trained at the Scottish School of Physical Education at Jordanhill, Glasgow, was proud to be one of "Miss Milligan's boys". During the War he served in the Seaforth Highlanders and thereafter secured a post with the Central Council of Physical Recreation in Northern Ireland. In the mid-1950s he returned to Oban as head of the Physical Education Department at Oban High School, having previously taught there prior to the War.

He was founder chairman of the Lorn Branch and with his enthusiasm and encouragement the Branch flourished. He taught for the Branch, and at Summer School, and was a member of the Executive Council from 1956–62.

A keen interest in local affairs led to his election as Provost of Oban. He also served on Argyll County Council and then Argyll & Bute District Council, of which body he was Chairman. He was awarded the M.B.E. for his service to local government and later became a freeman of the Argyll and Bute District, honours which he richly deserved. As his local government work became time consuming he gave up active participation in Branch affairs but was appointed Hon. Vice-President and then Hon. President, thus retaining his interest in the Branch and the work of the Society.

His sudden death came as a great blow to all who knew and respected him and the sympathy of the Branch is extended to his wife and family.

The Lorn Branch will always be grateful for his guidance, leadership and organising ability which, in the early days of its formation, helped to lay a firm foundation for the Branch of today.

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MR WILLIAM (BILL) CROSS

Died - 12 May 1991

After a brief illness Mr William Cross, known affectionately as Bill to his country dance friends, died on Sunday, 12 May 1991. Bill was a man of many talents, ranging from the ability to design in metal or silver, play a good game of golf and enjoy an orchestral concert.

It was as a member of the Glasgow Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society that we specially wish to remember him. In his early days as a teacher he met Janet, his dear wife, who predeceased him in November last. She was instrumental in arousing his enthusiasm for country dancing, one they shared all their lives. Janet taught the Demonstration Team for a short time and Ladies Step Dancing at the Spring Classes for many years. Together they danced in teams both in Scotland and Ireland.

Bill served the Branch as the teacher of the Certificate Class and held various offices on the Committee including Chairman and the post of Assistant Secretary. In this role he was most often seen organising the tea urns and even when honoured as one of the Vice-Presidents he still carried out the humble but necessary duties.

The Club was his brain child. He saw this as a meeting place for the younger members and a means of gaining Committee experience which would be beneficial to the Branch at a later date. Although the original objective has not been achieved the Club is a great asset.

The late Archie Murdoch, Roddy Mackenzie and Bill formulated the Branch Constitution and Rules. Always sticklers for things being correct they produced the basis which has been revised as and when necessary, resulting in the 1990 Constitution. This interest in constitutional matters often had Bill on his feet at a Society Annual General Meeting.

The hospitality offered by Bill and Janet at their home in Birdston House was much enjoyed by overseas dancers, members and especially committees. The large gardens made a



wonderful setting for barbeques and open-air dancing and the spacious rooms were always made available for Committee Meetings. Janet's home baking was very much appreciated.

When the news of his death was broken our hearts went out to his two sons, Iain and Graham, of whom he was so proud and who have suffered a double blow in six short months. Our thoughts are with them and the sisters of Bill and Janet at this very sad time.

Bill will be greatly missed.

Miss Edith Watson and Miss Dorothy Paterson

MRS MARJORIE L. R. FRANKLIN

Died - 20 December 1990

The Washington Branch has suffered the loss of one of its most valued members with the death on 20 December 1990, of Mrs Marjorie L. R. Franklin.

Mrs Franklin moved to the United States from England after World War II, and soon became involved in the Washington Scottish Country Dance community. She passed the preliminary teacher's test with Miss Milligan during Miss Milligan's first visit to Washington in 1957, and gained her Full Certificate at St Andrews the following year. She then took a leading role in the local Scottish Country Dance Society, both as a teacher and as director of the Demonstration Team. But by far her most significant contribution was as a teacher of the candidate classes. Many of those teaching in the Washington area today owe their success to her patient, thorough and insightful conduct of these classes.

She will be sorely missed, not only by many friends in Washington, but by those who met her during her numerous trips to weekends in North America and to the St Andrews Summer School.

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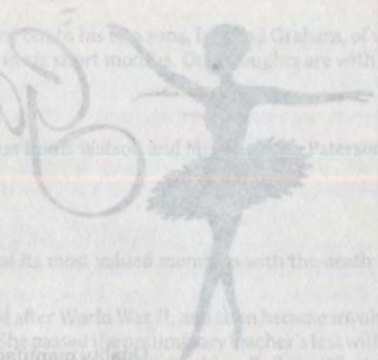
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