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Annual Report

Bulletin time has come again and we look back over the year to see what has been done at Headquarters, by the busy Committees and by the Branches. Looking even further back at an old Bulletin of 1953 when we had 73 Branches, 82 Affiliated Groups and a membership of 16,780 we noted that the then Editor had quoted "felicity consisteth in prospering, not in having prospered" and she said that the Society could feel pride and happiness in its continuous progress.

We can perhaps justifiably repeat those words today and for information of readers a few statistics are appended to this report. However, we cannot afford to stand still, let alone slip back, and a few Branches this year did decline in membership. It has been avowed that the increase in membership subscription to £3 per annum cost us members in 1984-85; we are astonished! We must have the lowest subscription compared with any organisation of importance and surely the retention of Scottish Country Dancing and all the Society stands for is worth £3 a year. We think Branches losing members must look further than the cost of subscription for their decline in membership.

Membership

We depend very much on Branches for accurate figures of membership and in the majority of cases we get them, but there are too many inaccurate returns for us to feel satisfied with our statistics. Where no details have been received we rely on payments received for annual members plus our Headquarters records of Long Term and Life members. We feel, however, that the figures quoted may be taken as a reasonable guide to the Society's state of health.

At 30 June, the total membership stood at 26,148: composed of 17,913 Annual (last year, 17,933); 3,812 Long Term (last year, 3,565) and 4,423 Life (last year, 4,658) members. After having transferred 73 members from the "lost" to the "resigned" list we have a net decrease of 8 members.

The number of members with whom we are out of touch and who are included in the current membership is 493 (648 last year).

Branches

Anniversary greetings this year went out to Manchester and to Hamilton and Clydesdale Branches who celebrated their Golden Jubilee. While cards are sent only to Branches for the Silver and Golden Jubilees it is worth mentioning that a Diamond Jubilee was celebrated this year by no less than four Branches - Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth and Perthshire, and West Renfrewshire. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes for their continuing success.

Again we welcome three new Branches this year - Cheshire Branch, formed in November, Phoenix Branch (Arizona), formed in February and the New Mexico Branch (Los Alamos), formed in May. We are delighted at this increase to our family and wish our new Branches much success and happiness. These additions give us 89 Branches in the UK and 59 Overseas, a total of 149 Branches, plus 1 Teachers' Association in Canada.

As in last year's report we note that a few Branches have unacceptably low membership numbers and we hope that the Committee of Management of these Branches will see the danger and strive to build up their membership again.

Affiliated Groups

During the year approval was given to 27 applications for affiliation. One group (Phoenix) became a Branch; other groups either ceased to exist or did not renew their affiliation. While we could not expect to have the vast increase we saw last year, we succeeded in achieving a net increase of 16 over last year's total, bringing our affiliated groups to 473. To all our new affiliates we offer a warm welcome and hope they will find their closer ties with the Society advantageous.

Examinations Committee

The Examinations Committee met three times in the year 1984-85 (August, February and May) under the Convenership of Miss Margaret Anderson. The examiners who came off the Examiner's List last year were replaced by the appointment of Mrs B. Burnell, Mr W. Little and Mrs M. Stoker.

Mrs Nancy McLaren was selected to undertake the teaching tour in that part of Europe not covered last year and she visited groups in Frankfurt, Munich and Vienna. As it happened, Mrs Corson was unable to carry out the tour in Holland, Belgium and France last autumn but her place was ably taken by Mrs Vera Sim. These tours were financed from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

The Examiner's Seminar forecast in last year's report took place on 22 September and produced wide-ranging, but fruitful, discussions on various aspects of examination work.

Recommendations from the Seminar were considered by the Examinations Committee and, where appropriate, ratified by the Executive Council. There were many which concerned examiners themselves - e.g. assessments and conduct of examinations generally but the important decisions affecting candidates were:

- that those taking the Preliminary Test from 1 July 1986 onwards must have had four years experience of Scottish Country Dancing (currently it is two);
- that those taking the Teacher's Certificate Examination must submit a lesson plan for the set dance and submit it to the examiner; this ruling too will come into force on 1 July 1986;
- that there will be no change in the present procedure whereby the examiner discusses the candidate's performance with him/her directly after his/her examination is over;
- in non-English-speaking areas under certain conditions the written paper may be in the candidate's own language but in the practical teaching an attempt should be made to teach in English.

The Committee have recommended that a course for pianists should be held in 1986.

The North American Examinations Tour was successfully undertaken by Miss Anderson and Mrs Corson over a period of six weeks.

Examinations were held at centres in Canberra, St Andrews (Summer School), TAC Summer School, Hunter Valley, Sydney, Cambridge, New Zealand, Newcastle and District, Glasgow, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Seattle, Victoria, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta, Washington, New York, Boston, Northern Ireland, Eindhoven, Canberra, Melbourne, Herefordshire, Doncaster, Banffshire and Melbourne. In the Preliminary Test 137 candidates passed and 41 failed, and in the Teacher's Certificate Examination 130 passed and 27 failed.

The "Notes for Tutors" produced last year have been generally welcomed.

Publications Committee

Under the Convenership of Mr Macleod the Committee met six times (October, January, February, March, April and June (two days)) plus four sub-committee meetings for recordings and for the Saltire Society dance.

The Committee began its work with the selection of music for the 1985 dances (Book 33) and the despatch of the publication to the printer. They then turned to putting in writing the criteria for the acceptance of new dances and this was duly distributed to all Branches and Executive Council members. Another innovation was the production by Mr Drewry at the Committee's behest of an index of music based on Society dances (for details see the advertisement elsewhere in the Bulletin).

In October 1984 the publishing rights of "Won't You Join The Dance?" and Books 1-5 were acquired and from then on the Committee had the task of preparing the reprints of these books and additionally, in some cases, music was re-written. It says much for the grim determination of the Publications Convener and his Committee and the co-operation of Buccleuch Printers that the reprinted Books 1-5 were available by June 1985. The Committee also completed by April the essential corrections to "Won't You Join The Dance?" which went off for reprinting in June.

In addition to their revisionary work, the Committee considered the dances submitted for the Saltire Society and arranged for demonstrations to be given by the Edinburgh Branch team to the Saltire Society representatives. The deviser of the dance finally selected was Roy Goldring, and the "Saltire Society Reel" will have music composed by our own piper, Bill Clement, whose pipe tune has been arranged for the piano by Muriel Johnstone. The dance, composed for the Saltire Society's Golden Jubilee in 1986, will be available early in that year in leaflet form.

Three records were produced this year - Book 32 Dances (Alastair Wood), Book 4 Dances (Neil Barron), and Book 33 (Kenny Thomson). Following the success of the video for Book 32, the Committee decided that a video should be made for this year's dances (Book 33).

A new publicity leaflet was produced with illustrations and a publicity pack of photographs laminated on board and a banner with the Society's name in white on blue have been acquired; these will be available on hire by Branches participating in exhibitions. It is hoped still further to extend the publicity material in the future.

In March the Committee turned their attention to research for traditional dances for Book 34 which will be published in 1986, the centenary of Dr Milligan's birth, and by June had arranged a list of suitable dances for which the search for appropriate music will now be undertaken by the musicians on the Committee.

Two of Mrs MacNab's solo step dances for ladies have been reprinted and the Committee have ahead of them, in addition to continued routine reprinting, the task of preparing reprints of the MacNab dances - probably in two volumes. It has been decided to publish a facsimile of the Festival Booklet (written by Dr Milligan) for the Centenary Weekend. In preparation too is a Glossary of Scottish Country Dance terms, all of which points to next year being just as hectic as this one for the Publications Committee.

General Purposes Committee

The Committee met three times during the year (October, January and April) under the Convenership of the Society Chairman, Mrs Parker, with four additional sub-committee meetings in February (two), April and May for specific purposes.

The work of the Committee again included consideration of Branch Constitutions and Rules, applications for affiliation and for Branch formation. Branches who up till now have used the Society's Constitution as a guide were asked to adopt the Model Branch Constitution.

The Scroll awards, still exceeding the annual number envisaged originally, were recommended for seven of the nominations received. The seven comprised one in USA, one in England and five in Scotland, with the presentations to be made at the AGM in 1985.

The General Purposes Committee considered various different methods of electing members to the Standing Committees since the current method of voting (nominations from the floor and a show of hands for each nomination) appeared much too time-consuming for the Executive Council. The system now to be adopted is that Branches will ask their representative if they would wish to serve on a committee and will put this information on the form when they nominate their representatives. Ballot papers will be made up from the information supplied and returned at the meeting so that votes can be counted while the meeting carries on. The efficiency of the new system will be tested for the first time at the Executive Council meeting in November 1985.

In discussing the next year's Memorial Fund Project the Committee recognised that a vital factor in the extension of the Society both at home and overseas was the maintenance of contact between the Society in Scotland and the Branches and Groups throughout the world. They therefore decided that this contact had to be considered in a wider context than the Memorial

Fund Projects alone and that both teaching and examining had to be involved. The Committee decided that there would be a teaching/examining visit to Australia every three years and the same for New Zealand; Africa would have a visit every four years; the present system of examiners visiting North America every two years would continue. The Committee further recommended that these visits should be financed as far as possible from the Extension Fund with the Memorial Fund being available if necessary. Visits to other parts of the world and at home, and any other special projects would be funded from the Memorial Fund interest as decided annually by the Committee as at present. This had the support of the Finance and the Examinations Committees and was approved by the Executive Council. These decisions mark an important step in the evolution of the Society and should not only facilitate planning ahead for the countries concerned but should also bind our overseas Branches more closely with those nearer the origins of our traditional dance.

Another important decision was taken when the Committee agreed that the centenary of the birth of Dr Jean Milligan on 10 July 1886, should be celebrated with a special weekend from 11-13 July 1986, at Jordanhill College, Glasgow. An interesting weekend has been planned, details of which are now available (see the advertisement elsewhere in the Bulletin).

Yet another innovation by the Committee for the Centenary Celebration is the Essay Competition for young people between 16 and 20. Depending on the response of this first competition it may be retained as an annual event.

The Society did, in fact, adopt the Strathspey Tartan, discussed in last year's Bulletin, and the tartan is now available for both gentlemen and ladies, the latter have the lighter weight. Pure silk Strathspey Tartan sashes have also become available at very reasonable prices.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met quarterly during the year. The Financial Report proper will be made by Mr Taylor, the redoubtable Convener of the Finance Committee, who will no doubt describe the reasons for setting up "Strathspey Sales". Suffice for now that Strathspey Sales will deal with accessories only. Items added to the list this year have been pennants, placemats in blue and gold design, gift-packed soap, small saltire badges, tartan sashes, and tammy and scarf sets. So much extra stock has been taken in this year with the acquisition of publishing rights for Books 1-5 and "Won't You Join The Dance?" and other items that something had to give way; in this case it was our basement tenants to whom we had to give notice. We have now acquired - after great chaos and inconvenience with plumbers, electricians, joiners, painters, etc., milling around everywhere - more space for stock and staff.

Summer School Committee

Under the Convenership of Mr Duncan Macleod, Director of Summer School, the Committee met in November and August. It would seem that Summer School numbers are settling around 850 in any year. After sending out with acceptances a special note of the number of reminders sent out in 1984, payments of deposits and especially balances were much improved and we thank those members who did make a point of getting their payments in on time. The figures this year were: reminders regarding deposits, 196; reminders regarding balance of fees, 31. There were 89 cancellations (less than last year).

Mrs Anna Holden and Mr Bill Ireland were again appointed Depute Directors for the first and second courses respectively. Recipients of the two Jean Milligan Scholarships were Preliminary Test candidates - one from Switzerland and one from Germany. The two scholarships allotted from the Memorial Fund again were for Preliminary Test candidates - one from Arizona and one from Peterhead. The very first recipient of the "Porter" Scholarship also attended the Preliminary Test Course this year.

Changes in the programme saw a session on each course by Mrs Muriel Taylor and Mr Robert Mackay on the use of music in Scottish Country Dancing, and a talk on the use of recorders by Mr James Fyfe in Course 1. Mr Watson's "Reel Steps" class was included each week.

Attendance at the 1985 Summer School was 866 of whom 229 were non-resident. 398 members completed the full two-week course and 468 attended for one week only, averaging 318 students per week.

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

Australia	15	Luxembourg	1
Austria	1	The Netherlands	11
Belgium	7	New Zealand	1
Brazil	1	Norway	2
Canada	34	Portugal	2
Denmark	9	Saudi Arabia	1
Eire	4	South Africa	6
Egypt	1	Sultanate of Oman	2
France	13	Sweden	6
The Gambia	2	Switzerland	14
Germany	31	UK	584
Italy	2	USA	97
Japan	11	Zimbabwe	2
Kenya	6	A total of 866.	

Staff consisted of 17 teachers, 11 pianists each week, with 5 administrative staff for the first week and 4 for the remaining weeks.

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

Headquarters

Staff currently employed are:

- Miss M. M. Gibson, *Secretary* (full-time)
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- Miss A. Shand, *Office Assistant* (full-time)
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- Mrs M. A. Jeffcoat, *Treasurer*.

Headquarters will be closed from Christmas to New Year, during the period of Summer School, on St Andrew's Day and the Edinburgh public holidays.

We depend so much on Branch Office-bearers for their co-operation and we should like particularly to thank the Home Branch Secretaries and Treasurers who all, save one, sent their Branch reports in by the date requested and so helped us get on with this Bulletin's preparation. We also thank those Branches overseas who sent their reports promptly, thus showing that distance itself does not deter the return of information which at this stage of the year is vital to us. We are, however, disappointed that so many Overseas Branches did not send in their Branch reports on time.

We in turn, succeeded, with the co-operation from printers, in getting the subscription copies, including alternatives, off quickly to Branches to be ready for the start of their new sessions.

Annual General Meeting

The 1985 Annual General Meeting will take place on 2 November 1985, when Dunbartonshire West Branch will act as hosts.

Membership Statistics from 1977-85

1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982*	1983	1984	1985
21,252	22,777	23,290	25,366	24,531	24,857	25,511	26,156	26,148

Number of Branches

119	121	125	128	131	136	142	145	149
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Number of Affiliated Groups

299	328	364	367	376	396	412	457	473
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*Policy of transferring a number of "lost" life members to the resigned list was introduced in 1982.



Glasgow Branch Stand, Clan Gathering, McLellan Galleries, May 1985.

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Aberdeen. *Membership:* 186 Annual, 24 Long Term, 120 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 6 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

On the whole all classes were well attended and enjoyed. Grateful thanks must be given to all teachers and pianists who worked so hard to make a success of these classes. The highlight of the session was the Diamond Jubilee Ball held in Elphinstone Hall, King's College, on Friday, 12 April 1985, to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Aberdeen Branch. We were very pleased that our Branch President was able to join us and we were able once again to welcome Mrs Parker, the Society's Chairman.

On Saturday 13 April, we ran a Day School in Mitchell Hall, Marischal College, which was very ably conducted by Miss Dorothy Leurs from Edinburgh. The day ended with a social dance from 7.30–11.30 p.m. On both nights the music was provided by Bobby Crowe. The Branch was represented by five adult teams and nine children's teams at North-East of Scotland Country Dance Festival in March 1985.

Annan. *Membership:* 38 Annual, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Following advertising in the local papers, several new members joined our class for another enjoyable year. Mrs Sheila Nicoll was our teacher and once again gave unstintingly of her time and enthusiasm. Two successful dances were held. One in November and an end-of-year dance in March in which we were joined by many members of neighbouring classes.

Ayr. *Membership:* 144 Annual, 29 Long Term, 73 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 7 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Ayr Branch has experienced another busy and successful year, thanks to the Branch members for their continued loyal support of our numerous activities. We are happy to report an increase in membership. Classes have been well attended – particularly so the children's classes which hopefully augurs well for the future. Our young seniors have already been involved in many demonstrations throughout the year.

In November 1984 a specially enjoyable and memorable evening of varied ceilidh items and appropriate dances was held in honour of Miss J. Galloway, our Secretary, and Mrs E. Thow, our Treasurer – both resigning after 21 years each in office. In her tribute, Mrs Parker, our Hon. President, commented on the outstanding work most capably fulfilled by both ladies, and presented each with gifts. Happily their association with the Branch continues – Miss Galloway as teacher of the popular Monday class, while Mrs Thow has accepted the office of Hon. Vice-President.

Ayrshire North-West. *Membership:* 92 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch had a busy and enjoyable year. Two balls were held at the New Year and Easter in the Seamill Hydro as well as our well-attended dances in the Civic Centre, Ardrossan. Summer dance was started on a fortnightly basis in Saltcoats and proved very popular.

As an experiment we held our Annual General Meeting on the same evening as a dance and this produced one of the largest attendances on record at an AGM.

Banffshire. *Membership:* 68 Annual, 13 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 7 Children.

Our membership is slightly down this year but the classes are very encouraging and well attended. Our children's classes are a great success. The Rally held in Cullen during March was enjoyed by all the children. Our 1984 Rally was held in Macduff and was well attended and that for 1985 will be held in Fisherman's Hall, Buckie, on Friday 8 November, with music supplied by the Glendaruel Band from Perth.

This year Miss A. McArthur had a Teachers' Training class and we hope that the ladies will be successful in passing their Teacher's Certificate examination later.

Bath. *Membership:* 93 Annual, 1 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 3 Junior. *Demonstration Team available.*

As an experiment the beginners' and intermediate classes were held at the same time on the same evening under the same roof. The arrangement proved to be better than using separate venues and will be continued next season. Class attendances have fallen a little but the drop has not affected the successful operation of the classes. Two of the three annual dances held by the Branch were fully subscribed and in all the year has been a good one. The only problem has been to recruit as many pupils to the junior classes as we would like.

The Demonstration Team has been much in demand at local events and as usual, provided a splendid display at our Annual Ball. This year they also entertained us at our end-of-season social following the AGM in May when we danced to the music of fiddler Jimmy Coleman and pianist John Nourse. We have been pleased to welcome a number of visitors from other branches, again including some from the USA.

Bedfordshire. *Membership:* 32 Annual, 10 Long Term, 10 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Weekly, 1 Monthly Demonstration. *Demonstration Team available.*

Both adult classes continue to flourish, attracting and keeping many new faces. Our thriving Demonstration Team has now funded the purchase of all its own musical equipment. Whilst continuing our "bread and butter", WI and village fete events, our dancers yet again performed on stage in the "Kenneth McKellar Show" in the Derngate Theatre in Northampton – a real thrill! Branch club nights and the ever-popular Pertenhall dances were evidence of Branch participation in that twelve or so of us take it in turn to compose the programmes, arrange the music and MC the evening. Our new well-established Ball was enjoyed by 150 members and friends dancing to the St Andrews Band. It was a very good year!

Belfast. *Membership:* 307 Annual, 49 Long Term, 13 Life. *Classes per week:* 10 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The year seemed more active than usual, and a happy one. Ian MacPhail and his Band and George Fleming's Band enlivened two balls, one to celebrate Helen's Bay class's 25th Anniversary and one to end the season, though that never really ends in the Belfast area. Johan MacLean, Alex Gray and Bill Hamilton have all done their best to improve our dancing at the annual Weeked School in October and a Day School in February. Other functions were the Burns Night supper and dance, and a film evening to see "Take Your Partners". New classes were inaugurated in addition to the beginners, advanced and general classes. They were a youth group, who demonstrated several times, and a children's class. There are many children dancing in schools, etc., and a competitive Festival was held in May.

At the end of an intensive course run by the Northern Ireland Co-ordinating Committee in conjunction with the "Old Bushmills" School of Sport, nine members gained the Preliminary Teaching Certificate. Congratulations to them and their teacher, Elma McCausland.

Berks/Hants/Surrey Border. *Membership:* 92 Annual, 48 Long Term.

This was again a fairly active year for the Branch although membership is down on last year. Branch events included an open air summer dance which is proving to be a popular item on the Branch calendar. The new dances for the 1984–85 season were taught in a special evening. A Teachers' Workshop was held; as this highlighted the need for more qualified teachers in our area it is hoped to organise a Candidates Class to start in September. There are a number of classes in our area some run privately and others through the education system.

The Annual Ball held in November was a success as were two Branch socials held during this season and by special request we are hoping to organise more socials for the next season. A Day School was held for Intermediate/Advanced level – an excellent day of dancing taught by Margaret Anderson of Ayr. Unfortunately because of lack of response the Day School for Beginners had to be cancelled. Towards the end of the season we held a Club Representatives

Meeting, a meeting where the representatives from each club are free to bring ideas and views to the attention of the committee.

Berwick-upon-Tweed. *Membership:* 29, Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Classes and social dancing were well attended by members. The Berwick Ball was held in February with music by Jimmy Mitchell's Band, and the evening was enjoyed by dancers from a wide area.

Members were always made very welcome at the dances organised by other classes in the district, and many joined with them on these occasions.

Birmingham. *Membership:* 148 Annual, 63 Long Term, 68 Life. *Classes per week:* 9 Adult, 4 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had the usual busy year. The city of Birmingham organised two "Walk in the Park" afternoons and a Highland Gathering, where the Branch were involved in demonstrations and the organisation of dancing for the public. Our Summer Social at Shugborough Hall, Staffs, was held at the Botanical Gardens and our Joint Ball at the Great Hall of Birmingham University. We have also held several socials which have been well attended. An Adult/Junior Social was held in October, a Junior Social at Christmas and a Junior Half Day School in February. Sixteen teams danced at our 6th Annual Young People's non-competitive Festival.

A very successful Day School was held in March. The Demonstration Team has danced thirty-three times, including demonstrations at the NEC for the International Rotary Convention and at the Central Hall for the West Midlands Movement and Dance Display. In July a group of all ages from the Branch visited Neuvy-Satour, in France, as guests of a group of folk dancers whom we had entertained in Birmingham in 1983. Four days of dancing and sightseeing were enjoyed by everyone.

Bournemouth. *Membership:* 57 Annual, 7 Long Term, 19 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

The Branch has had a very busy year as usual, holding social events, which included the Annual Ball at Parkstone Grammar School, with the Frank Reid Band. Although this was not as well attended as expected, the guests who came, helped to create a happy atmosphere throughout the evening. A very successful Day School took place in April and our thanks go to Anna Holden and Bill Hamilton for attending this event. We have had a few new members who are enthusiastic in their support and this has helped maintain a steady level of membership. Our two classes continue each week, with monthly socials being a great success. We are very grateful to have enthusiastic teachers who maintain stability within the Branch. This year also saw the introduction of a Highland Dancing Day School, which was very well supported from members of the Branch. We thank all those who travel often long distances to support our events.



A glimpse of Bournemouth Day School.

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

We celebrated our 21st Anniversary as a Branch with an Autumn Dance, bringing a band down from Scotland for the occasion. We invited past members along and friends from other local societies, as well as our present members and shared an Anniversary Cake which was cut by one of our original committee members. We have organised several other social occasions during the year, but the attendances at classes have been disappointing. This is a pity because we now have four qualified teachers in the Branch.

The local paper reported on our activities. They were very surprised to find so many Scottish dancers in the area – two Branches and six affiliated groups all within a six-mile radius. Some of us have managed to attend day or weekend schools, and dances in various places and so keep contact with other dancers. Our members may be few in number but we do enjoy our dancing.

Bristol. *Membership:* 42 Annual, 3 Long Term, 22 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The classes this year were well attended with new members joining the general class. At our Weekend School in November, the teacher was Derek Haynes. This was most successful with dancers joining us from quite a wide area.

The Anniversary Dance with music by Robert Baird was not well attended but having more space was much appreciated.

Cambridge and District. *Membership:* 17 Annual, 9 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 1

The Branch has had a successful year, the highlight being a Day School in March providing tuition for 144 people in Country Dancing (at three levels), men's Highland and ladies Step Dancing. Thirty-six musicians were also coached in playing Scottish Country Dance tunes during the day and then provided the music for the evening dance. The Annual Dance in October to Bobby Crowe's Band was not quite so well attended as in the previous year, but the January record dance attracted more dancers than last year. The weekly class support has remained constant and members took part in a festival of dance together with Morris, English Country, Ballroom, Modern Sequence and Disco Dancers.



Cambridge Branch Day School – Musician's Class.

Carlisle and Border. *Membership:* 58 Annual, 14 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Buring the year numbers at the weekly class held up very well, especially during the bad winter nights and a local group, the Lyne Valley Band, gave us a very good start to our social dancing at Caldew School, Dalston, in October. The Weekend School in November was very much enjoyed, thanks to Anna Holden and Nancy Dickson, a great duo for the classes over the weekend, and to George Stirrat's Band for superb music at the Saturday night dance. In December we welcomed for the first time Rob Gordon's Band and were provided with excellent music in terms of tempo and selections of tunes.

On Saturday, 9 February, we were pleased to have Dr Ian Hall as teacher for our Day School. The evening's dancing was to one of the best bands in the business - Bobby Crowe. As usual Bobby and the lads played beautifully. We held our first ever Branch Ceilidh on Saturday 9 March. It surpassed our own expectations both in the support we received and in the sheer enjoyment which was created. Our guest artistes did us proud, but basically the evening revolved around the joint efforts of Nancy Dickson and Alice Murphy. The final event of the year, our Highland Ball on Saturday 20 April was a bitter disappointment because of the poor support we received, yet those who did turn up had an invigorating night's dancing to the fine music of Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band.

Carnoustie. *Membership:* 41 Annual, 7 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed another successful year with a happy atmosphere at our classes which have been well attended. An adult and a children's team took part in local festivals both competitive and non-competitive.

Castle Douglas and District. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 4 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Junior. *Demonstration Team available.*

1984-85 was another happy year at the Castle Douglas classes. The children's class averaged twenty, whereas the adult's averaged forty per class; even on the wildest night of the winter in January, twenty-four were present.

On 30 November 1984 we had a most successful Annual Dance. Dancers numbered 130 coming from as far as Stranraer in the west to Newcastleton in the east. Music was provided by the Border Reivers.

Cheltenham. *Membership:* 86 Annual, 11 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Summer Dance at Cowley Manor was held in beautiful weather for the second consecutive year and was extended to include dancing both afternoon and evening. As before it proved a great success.

A hard recruiting drive resulted in an excellent beginners' class whilst the general and advanced classes maintained a steady level of support. A charity dance in aid of the NSPCC, the Christmas Dance and Annual Ball all with live music were very successful. The Branch again organised four days of Scottish Country Dancing over the Christmas period at a hotel in Llangollen. Once again a really marvellous time was enjoyed by all.

The only disappointment in the year was the Weekend School in February which coincided with the worst snow of the winter in Cheltenham and regretfully many of those who booked for the class were unable to manage the journey. Those who succeeded were rewarded with a most enjoyable and informative weekend of dancing with Anna Holden as teacher. A number of demonstrations were given, all of which were well received.

Cheshire. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 3 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch was formed in November 1984 and holds weekly (Wednesday) beginners and advanced classes. We anticipate increased membership in the coming year as some did not join due to the lateness in the season. With two certificated teachers and three with Preliminary Test passes, two of which hope to qualify this year at St Andrews our teaching strength is improving. Requests have been made by members to provide a certificate class in the near future.

A Birthday Ball for the Branch is planned for November and our first Annual Ball in March 1986 will have music provided by George Fleming's Band.

Clackmannanshire. *Membership:* 71 Annual, 16 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

After remaining stable for a number of years, Branch membership increased quite a bit during the past session. We have had a happy year of Scottish Country Dancing with the Annual Dance and parties being extremely well attended

Regretfully we have lost one of our members of long standing - Mrs D. G. Marshall from Dollar. Mrs Marshall was in her eighty-second year and enjoyed many years dancing in the area.

Croydon and District. *Membership:* 81 Annual, 28 Long Term, 37 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Weekly, 1 Fortnightly.

We have had a successful year, managing to maintain our membership despite the increased subscription. We have arranged six dances including a Ball and one in aid of charity, all of which were well attended. During the summer there was open-air dancing in our local park. We have welcomed a large number of new dancers, many of whom have joined classes. Two newsletters have been published, with a wide circulation in the area.

In November, we held a successful Weekend School and we will be repeating this in November 1985 in Eastbourne.

Doncaster and District. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 26 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Each year we advertise our twice-weekly classes in the local newspaper, seeking new members. We gained about six new members this year which more than offset our losses, and class attendances were satisfactory. There were many social occasions, including monthly dances, when we had the welcome support of other Branches and affiliated groups in the district.

This year saw a first - a most successful Highland Workshop in February at which the teachers were Mrs and Mrs Alex Gray. Competitors at Braemar and other gatherings have little to fear at the moment but we hope to repeat the event in 1985-86 and then, who knows! Our Annual day School and Ball made a happy day in April, with teachers Bill Little and Dr Ian Hall, and Bobby Crowe's Band.

Dumfries. *Membership:* 88 Annual, 2 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 2 Junior Link. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year saw classes very well attended with a marked increase in membership which is most encouraging. The Spring and Christmas dances were both successful and numbers increased for the Highland Ball which was most eventful.

Great praise is due to our Junior Link with the under-9 years of age winning the Thistle Shield, the 9-12 years gaining second place and the over-12 years sharing the Cup first equal. The Junior Link teams travelled to Glasgow to compete in the Festival there; the under-10 years of age were first, the under-12 years of age second equal, and the under-15 years of age were first. Congratulations to them all. Both the adults and the junior link have been kept on their toes by demands for demonstrations at various functions. Once again the Day School was a great success under the expert teaching of Miss Dorothy Leurs ending with a social evening greatly enjoyed by the Branch and visitors. Definitely a most successful year.

Dunbartonshire West. *Membership:* 149 Annual, 6 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 (1 Fortnightly Demo). *Demonstration Team available.*

Classes were well attended as were all the dances in the area but the teenage class proves difficult with so many school activities constantly drawing them away. Outdoor dancing was a new venture tried in the summer to entertain tourists to the area. We are making this a weekly event from this year. The Branch Weekend with teachers Alastair Aikenhead and Jackie Johnstone with pianists Dorothy Hamilton and Jean Sim was a great success. Some new faces were in evidence and gave promises for return visits. At the weekend coffee morning, Jackie Johnstone proved to us how we can exercise and help to improve our dancing as we go about our daily tasks. Adults and juniors again achieved success at local festivals.

A group of dancers are going to France to join our twin town of Thouars in festivities to celebrate the liberation 40 years ago. We hope this year to dispel the idea that Scottish Country dances are rain dances as last year the heavens opened on each official occasion we danced.

Plans are well ahead for our first hosting of the Society AGM and vast numbers of applications are already to hand.

Dundee. *Membership:* 114 Annual, 26 Long Term, 123 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 2 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our Diamond Jubilee Year has been very successful. All classes were well attended. A successful children's dance was held on 10 November 1984, and the Branch dance on 1 December 1984, were greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

The David Findlay Memorial Rosebowl Competition was held in March and was won by Oakbank RSCDS "B" team. Runners-up being RSCDS Forthill "A" team - Miss Prentice of Ayr being adjudicator. The Festival of Dancing held in the Dundee College of Education in March was very well attended with a successful dance in the evening. A Day School in April (teacher was Miss Jean Reid from Perth) provided a most enjoyable day, finishing with a grand social dance. The Demonstration Team danced for old people enjoying SAGA Holidays in Dundee, at Highland Nights at Pitlochry and several other functions throughout the year.

Our Diamond Jubilee Year culminated in a Ball held in the Angus Hotel, in May with music provided by Bill Hendry's Band, and we were delighted to have Mrs Parker, the Society's Chairman, as our guest along with some of our very long-standing members.

Dunfermline. *Membership:* 48 Annual, 10 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 4.

As shown by membership numbers Dunfermline is experiencing a surge in popularity of Scottish Country Dancing. This is most welcome and we hope to build on our numbers again in the year 1985-86. Teachers who gained their Preliminary Test passes in 1983 have been putting their skills to good use in teaching beginners, intermediate and summer classes and these Preliminary Test teachers hope to gain the Teachers' Certificate in the incoming season.

Duns and District. *Membership:* 136 Annual, 17 Long Term, 38 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 1 Children.

This has been a very successful year for the Branch, with well-attended classes. We are also very proud of the success of our "Dunse Book of Four Scottish Country Dances", as it is now into the fourth reprint, making a total of 1,000 copies.

East Angus. *Membership:* 41 Annual, 2 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 3.

At the AGM in March this year Miss K. McLauchlan was elected Chairman of the Branch.

East Lothian. *Membership:* 110 Annual, 30 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 6 Adult.

Although our monthly social dances showed a slight fall in attendances our Open Dance in Haddington attracted almost 200 dancers and was a resounding success, so another is planned in February 1986.

Edinburgh. *Membership:* 454 Annual, 135 Long Term, 205 Life. *Classes per week:* 11 Adult, 4 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

We start this year with a very big thank you - to the Society for giving Edinburgh Branch the honour of representing not only Scottish Country Dancing but also Scotland in Japan last autumn at a British Trade Fair which visited several of Japan's largest cities; and to Bill Clement who ably took charge of the group and provided the pipe music. For those lucky enough to take part, it was indeed the experience of a lifetime.

The Branch continued its policy of offering events for its dancers and non-dancers alike. To this end, Alastair MacFadyen provided a most illuminating and interesting talk on the Society Archives in November. Aside from offering classes at all levels our social functions included four informal dances, the proceeds of the first one being given to the City of Edinburgh Lifeboat Appeal Fund. The recently introduced Family Night Dance was augmented by two beginners dances to cater for the large number of beginners and intermediate dancers who have been attracted to the Branch recently. Add to these dances an extremely popular Annual Ball in the Freemasons' Hall and another Children's Ball and we feel we satisfied many of the social needs of Branch members during the year.

The 60-year theme was at the heart of "An Edinburgh Fancy", produced for the first time by Joe Casciani, and his innovative approach was well received, and augurs well for the 1985 production. The Weekend School again received tremendous support, residents being drawn from all over Britain and Europe. As ever, the Demonstration Group found themselves in great demand in and around the city at various functions, and apart from the Japanese visit already mentioned, a team also participated in the Isle of Man International Festival of Music and Dance.

Exeter. *Membership:* 84 Annual, 20 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

We were lucky with the weather, with snow causing us to cancel for just one week. The general class has been very well supported - five or six sets most weeks - but the beginners only managed one set, often not that! Ideas on how to attract new blood are always welcome.

The numbers were lower for the Ball and what a difference it made with room to move! Robert and the Band were in fine form and everybody seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The socials have been well attended with very tasty refreshments - many thanks to all concerned. Thanks also to all the MCs for producing such good programmes. There is still no Branch Demonstration Team but there have been demonstrations given by groups made up of members, which have been well received and enjoyed by those concerned.

Forfar. *Membership:* 37 Annual, 9 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

We had an increase in numbers this year and very well-attended classes. Our Day School held in October 1984 was a great success. The junior class finished at Christmas 1984. At the moment we are unable to find a qualified teacher to teach them. Hopefully when the session starts in August we will have managed to find a new teacher.

Forres. *Membership:* 60 Annual, 23 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult, 3 Junior.

Although numbers are slightly down on last year, attendances at classes have been quite good. The Annual Buffet Dance in September was a great social and financial success and mainly thanks to fine weather, the Christmas social exceeded all records. The Nairn class, run by the Branch is a small but very happy one.

The children's classes have been very well attended and most enjoyable. Once again they danced at the Inverness Festival and came home with three trophies. On several occasions they have demonstrated at local functions and enjoyed one afternoon at the Findhorn Foundation's Spring Festival of the Arts.

The Day School in March was very successful and thanks go to Mrs J. MacLean for her inspiring teaching.

Gatehouse of Fleet. Membership: 47 Annual, 7 Life. Classes per week: 1.

The 1984-85 season's classes were well attended and last year's membership was maintained. Two dances were held, support being given by both our own members and neighbouring branches. The Branch would like to thank Mr W. Little, our teacher, and also Mrs M. Philip, our pianist (new to Scottish Country Dance Music) who played beautifully for us.

We are sad to record the death of our Secretary, Mr C. P. Wadsworth who died on 3 May 1985. He had been Branch Secretary for 6 years and Branch Treasurer before that. He has served the Branch well and will be sadly missed.

Glasgow. Membership: 371 Annual, 88 Long Term, 161 Life. Classes per week: 9. Demonstration Team available.

This has been a very busy year for Glasgow Branch. It got off to a very successful start with the Day School in September at which the teachers were Mrs Anna Holden and Mr Neil Grant. In November we were proud to be the hosts for the Society's AGM when we welcomed visitors from many parts of Britain and also from abroad. A most enjoyable Charity Ball in aid of Hunters Hill Home was held in the City Chambers in April. The Second Youth festival attracted even more teams than last year's successful Festival and we were delighted to see so many children and young people from as far apart as Islay, Dumfries and Edinburgh.

In May the Branch ran a most successful dance on behalf of the International Clan Gathering and we rounded off our season as usual with the Festival of Dance in Govan Town Hall.

In addition to these events the Branch continued to run its quota of classes, including a most successful certificate class, informal dances and summer dances. A new class this year has proved to be very popular - an afternoon class. One of the Branch's most popular functions is the monthly Club Nights which are held from September through to May.



One of the sixty-five teams competing at the Glasgow Youth Festival.

Hamilton and Clydesdale. Membership: 131 Annual, 7 Long Term, 27 Life. Classes per week: 2.

We have had another successful year and our three parties were well supported. Our Annual Ball marked the 50th Anniversary of our Branch and the evening was a tremendous success. Mrs Parker, Miss Gibson, Mr S. Casserly (Provost of Hamilton) and Miss Lyon, a former secretary of many years service to the Branch, were the four principal guests. The music was provided by Jack Delaney.

Our first Day School last October was quite encouraging and another one has been arranged for 26 October 1985. We have two teaching classes, one in Hamilton and one in Uddingston.



Hamilton and Clydesdale Branch celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

Herefordshire. Membership: 68 Annual, 1 Long Term, 11 Life. Classes per week: 5 Adult, 1 Children.

Disappointing year - membership well down. At the beginning of the year we were saddened by the loss of one of our founder members, Mr Chris Buckley, after some weeks in hospital. Due to weather conditions quite a number of classes had to be cancelled.

Our Day School in March and our Annual Ball in May were both very successful functions - very well attended and enjoyed by all. This year we are bringing our Day School forward to the beginning of the season as we feel this will be more useful to members - 12 to 19 October, usual venue, teacher Anna Holden.

Inverness and District. Membership: 117 Annual, 49 Long Term, 17 Life. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 12 Children. Demonstration Team available.

Our membership continues to increase with a new Branch record of 183. All three adult classes have been well supported and, owing to our obtaining the use of a school hall, free of charge, even the beginners' class has at last proved financially viable. The children's classes also prove popular with a total weekly attendance averaging nearly 200.

Congratulations go to five of our members who obtained their Teacher's Certificate in June 1984. The Demonstration Class provided dancers on several occasions at local functions and sent two teams (adult) to the Inverness Music Festival, where several of our children's teams also took part.

Our social functions have proved very popular with two dances, a wine and cheese party, a dinner dance and our Annual Ball which drew a capacity crowd of over 200. In all we have had a very successful year.

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

At the AGM members voted unanimously to adopt the Model Branch Constitution.

Classes were conducted throughout the winter in Bowmore and Port Ellen and summer dances once again proved a success especially with visitors.

Our Weekend School held in Bowmore was once again a great success with an increase in numbers from the mainland.

Kilmarnock and District. *Membership:* 76 Annual, 3 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

Mrs A. Parker taught a well-attended class throughout the winter, with Mrs Barr at the piano. A very successful party night was held in December, the proceeds of the evening going to Motor Neurone Research and the Grand Hall Dance in March was well supported. George Fleming's Scottish Country Dance Band played on both occasions.

Kirkcaldy. *Membership:* 63 Annual, 6 Long Term, 27 Life. *Classes per week:* Beginners/Technique, General.

The Branch continues to hold its own. In October the Committee manned a stall for books and information during the Carnival for Voluntary Organisations, held in Adam Smith Centre. In November, seven committee members accompanied Miss Arnott to the AGM in Glasgow where she was presented with the Scroll for services to the Society. In December, the Committee organised a very successful Christmas Party complete with candlelit tea and gifts for all. In January, beginners and others enjoyed a technique class as well as the general class. The Dinner Dance in March was a great success and a very happy occasion, with Duncan and Sheena Macleod and Bobby Crowe as guests of honour.

Kirkcudbright. *Membership:* 42 Annual, 3 Long Term, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The Branch has had another enjoyable year, with good, regular attendance at classes. The Annual Dance in January, was one of the most successful ever held in Kirkcudbright, well supported by Branch members and dancers from all over the region.

Once again, we organised social dancing during the early summer, to which we welcomed summer visitors as well as local friends. Both the adult Branch members and the junior link provided a display of dances in the Harbour Square on Scottish Nights, as part of the summer festivities.

Lanark. *Membership:* 40 Annual, 24 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

The weekly class has continued to flourish with regular attendance by most members. The Dance in December and Annual Ball in February were very happy evenings both supported by dancers from surrounding districts. Members have also enthusiastically supported dances in the vicinity.

A number of our ladies were invited to Crossford WRI St Andrew's Night Celebrations where they spent a most enjoyable evening. Also in January they entertained members of Cairns Church to an equally delightful display.

Leamington Spa and District. *Membership:* 42 Annual, 22 Long Term, 15 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Numbers in the Branch remained fairly static due to a number of new enrolments which offset certain losses. Two of our members died during the year and in addition we suffered the shock of the death of our valued treasurer and friend, David Huxley. We feel his loss keenly as he was a very able adviser on financial matters. However, we have replaced him as treasurer by a capable member who is keeping us on an even keel, and is already proving his worth to the Branch.

Members enjoyed the year of dancing in spite of difficulties in obtaining venues for our functions due to changes in the use of certain school halls by the local education authority. Nevertheless we overcame these and are reasonably certain of a more stable arrangement during the current and forthcoming year. We always manage to maintain the reputation of being a very happy branch and our functions are always pleased to meet dancers from other areas who are in the Leamington district. Classes are held at 8.00 p.m. every Thursday at Trinity Parish Hall, Leamington, so always pack your dancing shoes when visiting Warwickshire!

Leeds. *Membership:* 175 Annual, 36 Long Term, 55 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 SCD, 1 Highland, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch members made two separate visits to Alkmaar, Holland, during the summer of 1984. Both were a great success with members renewing friendships forged when the Dutch dancers visited Leeds during the previous year.

Our programme of events has included the usual popular monthly dances to a variety of good bands and the well established and ever successful Weekend Course, Day School and Children's Festival. Weekly classes of a very high standard have been provided.

The Branch is preparing a Demonstration Team for a summer visit to Norway in 1985. It is looking forward to its 25th Anniversary in 1987 and has done some preliminary planning towards holding an International Festival in that year.

Leicester. *Membership:* 90 Annual, 18 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 (consisting of six sub-sections). *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has increased and it is encouraging to have an enthusiastic group of beginners with a few young men amongst them. Our format and meeting place (the Holy Cross Priory Centre) are now established and appear to suit the great majority of members, so we do not anticipate any changes. The Demonstration Team has been out and about keeping the activities of the Branch in the public eye.

We attended, competed at and enjoyed the competitive festival at Derby. Mary Stoker and Bill Ireland were the tutors at our Day School at the University on 9 March. This was followed by an evening social dance. The stirring excellent music was provided by John Gilbert (piano), and Chris and Julie Dewhurst (accordions). It was a day of much effort and great enjoyment. Muscles and mind ached – but both had recovered a few days later. The "Glendale Band" provided the music for our Annual Dance at Lancaster Boys School last October. It was once again a very happy evening. Our dance in 1985 is on 26 October.

Liverpool. *Membership:* 58 Annual, 30 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch membership has remained at about the same level this year, with a very enthusiastic beginners' class. The dances held throughout the year have been well attended and enjoyed by everyone, and once again George Fleming and his Band provided the music at the Annual Dance in May. At our Day Course in March we benefited from the teaching of Mrs Mary Stoker and Mr Andrew Gillies, and the musicians were Mrs Mary Queen and Mrs Muriel Rimmer, both from Southport.

The Branch Demonstration Team took part in a show called "Come Alive in '85" at Crosby Civic Hall, together with members of the Women's League of Health and Beauty and of Weight Watchers. The team also danced several times at the International Garden Festival in Liverpool in the summer of 1984, with help from dancers from Southport, Chester, Wigan and Clitheroe. The displays attracted large audiences. The Liverpool Branch team were invited to take part in the entertainment on the closing day of the Festival and were presented with a certificate and a ceramic plaque as a reminder of their contribution. They are now looking forward to further appearances at this year's Festival.

Our Treasurer, Marjorie Willson and her husband Ken, have gone abroad again, this time to Senegal. We wish them a happy time there and look forward to their eventual return. The Branch has been lucky to find a new Treasurer who has quickly taken our finances to heart.



The Liverpool Branch team dancing the Diamond Jubilee at the International Garden Festival in Liverpool in 1984

Lochaber. Membership: 30 Annual, 1 Long Term, 3 Life. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Children.

A year of very enjoyable classes, with members' attendance rather variable after the Christmas break. During the summer we had a visit from a Norwegian Dance Group. The visitors sang and danced in colourful national costume, and the local members learned some of their dances, responding with some instruction in Scottish Country Dancing. The evening developed quite an international atmosphere when some French visitors taught a few of their steps, and then, to add to the ceilidh flavour, Barbara and Robert MacOwen (USA), en route from St Andrews, entertained on fiddle and guitar, along with Angus Grant, the left-handed fiddler from Lochaber. This all added up to an evening to remember, and with a capacity crowd.

The children's class in Fort William went very well and they came first in their section at the local Music Festival. The Achnacarry children's class was greatly enjoyed and they came in for some well-earned praise at the Festival. The Day School on 25 May was an overwhelming success, with calls on all sides for it to be made an annual event.

Lockerbie. Membership: 14 Annual. Classes per week: 1.

London. Membership: 437 Annual, 259 Long Term, 488 Life. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Team available.

Membership has remained fairly steady this year. The usual programme of classes, monthly, annual dances, Day and Weekend Schools were well attended including an enjoyable evening dancing to the music of Jim McLeod and his band. This year the ceilidh featured a visit from a wonderful dancing Loch Ness monster! Again we held two successful children's dances, the cassette of music for dances suitable for children is proving a successful venture with sales to groups as far away as New Zealand and Canada.

The open-air dancing was blessed with fine weather last year and it was very encouraging to watch and help the general public discover the joys of Scottish Country Dancing. The Demonstration Team have had another busy year dancing at several events both large and small. A team visited Viernheim in Germany as part of a group from Potters Bar who are twinned with Viernheim.

Lorn (Argyll). Membership: 58 Annual, 12 Long Term, 38 Life. Classes per week: 1 Adult.

This year saw the return of the fortnightly summer dances which were attended by local dancers and tourists to the area. Following a raffle at the Annual Dance and Summer Dance the sum of £71.50 was sent to Erskine Hospital. The encouraging support for the classes throughout the year accumulated in the Weekend School in March. This was very successful with Tom Steele and Robert Mackay providing the teaching and music respectively. Next year is our 25th Annual Weekend School in March and we hope to welcome regular and new faces to this special occasion.

Manchester. Membership: 145 Annual, 40 Long Term, 111 Life. Classes per week: 3 Weekly, 1 Fortnightly, 1 Children's Weekly. Demonstration Team available.

January 1985 saw the beginning of the Manchester Branch Golden Jubilee Year celebrations. We were delighted to have the company of Mrs Parker, the Society Chairman, and Professor Iain Gillespie, our Branch President at our Jubilee Ball in January along with many of our Vice-Presidents and "old" friends. A very pleasant evening was spent dancing to Bobby Crowe's music. May brought the Silver Jubilee Scots Night Concert at the Free Trade Hall and a team performed "Gold and Silver" written to honour the two occasions by John Drewry. We continue to run various very successful classes, dances and ceilidhs. We now look forward to our Special Jubilee Dinner in November.

Mid-Argyll. Membership: 38 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch held its first Day School in November which was very successful. Our Charity Dance in December raised the sum of £133.20 for the Erskine Hospital and our Annual Dance in March was once again a great success with music by the Maple Leaf Band.

Members attended dances in Lochgilphead, Dalavich, Kilchrennan, Innellan, Bowmore and Rashfield, South Argyll Branch on their second birthday and Lorn Branch on three occasions including their Weekend School.

Milton Keynes. Membership: 19 Annual, 4 Long Term. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

Membership of the Branch has declined slightly this year but there has been consistent and enthusiastic attendance at the weekly class. The Demonstration Team gave three displays this year which were all well received. One of the displays was at an Ethnic Arts Festival where Scottish Country Dancing was included as an Ethnic Art! Robert Warburton also taught a dancing workshop which was enjoyed greatly.

The Annual Ball held in January was enjoyed by those friends attending. Excellent music was provided by McBains Band and ample supplies of appetising food was prepared by the lady members.

Moffat. Membership: 28 Annual. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

Moffat Branch had a most enjoyable winter's dancing, twenty nights in all, with their new teacher Mr Jim Rae. We were honoured to have Mrs Parker and Miss Gibson visit us in October.

We had friends from other branches with us at our Christmas Party and classes finished at the end of March with a small party.

Monklands. Membership: 57 Annual, 23 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 9.

Despite a disappointing fall in our annual membership we have enjoyed a most successful year which ended with the Annual Dinner Dance which was voted by all as one of the best we have had. Our last dance of the season is the Festival Dance which we run at the request of the Monklands Festival Committee.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Membership: 208 Annual, 194 Long Term, 144 Life. Classes per week: 3 Classes under Education Committee, 11 Other Classes. Demonstration Team available.

We were pleased to welcome twenty-five new members this year. Several adult classes were held in the area and the children's class is flourishing and has a waiting list. We hope to start a second adult beginners' class in the autumn. The usual dances have been held and also the Highland Ball; all were very much enjoyed. The Festival of Scottish Country Dancing at the Civic Centre in October was not so well attended as we had hoped; teams competed for trophies in memory of Maurice Cooper, Mable Ellison and Edith Spencer and the RSCDS Branch Trophy. Our next Festival will be on 8 February 1986, we do hope other Branches and Universities will enter. In the evening we have a dance in the Banqueting Hall. The Children's Festival was a happy occasion and several children have been awarded their Standard of Dancing Badge. Our weekend at St Hild and St Bede's College, Durham, was very successful; our next one is on 5/6 April. We held a Certificate Class during the year and seven members passed their Teachers' Certificate and five their Preliminary Test - congratulations to all. Our Demonstration Teams have been busy again this year. The Branch is delighted that Mrs McAulay who has played for classes for many years has been awarded a Scroll for Service to the Society.

North-West Craven. *Membership:* 79 Annual, 2 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership has increased slightly over the year and all classes have been well attended. Three dances were organised to records and the proceeds of one was given to the Ingleton Community Centre's Third World Appeal. The Annual Ball was very successful with Callum Wilson and his Band.

Our third Day School with Derek Haynes as tutor and Fred Hayes as pianist was well attended and enjoyed by all who took part.

Norwich. *Membership:* 72 Annual, 19 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General.

Although our members were slightly down, the Branch had a successful year. Once again the venue for our classes has changed to a much brighter school hall. It was decided that we should in future run Day Schools in alternate years, this year being blank in this respect.

At our Annual Dance in April some 140 dancers, including eleven from the Delft Branch, enjoyed the music of the St Andrew Band.

Nottingham. *Membership:* 71 Annual, 24 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch Silver Jubilee celebrations were continued with a Silver Jubilee Dance at the Lakeside Pavilion of the University with the Danelaw Band and with a Jubilee "Strawberry and Cream" Garden Party at Kellan Hall. During the season membership was maintained but class attendance was down by 16 per cent.

During the year we were saddened by the tragic death in a car accident of Mrs Robertson, a teacher of the Branch and a former Secretary. At the AGM Miss Mundie retired as President and has been succeeded by Mr K. L. Smith with Mrs B. M. Smith as Vice-President. Their posts of Secretary and assistant have been filled by Mrs R. Silis and Mr B. Silis.

Oxfordshire. *Membership:* 28 Annual, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

Annual membership dropped slightly for the second successive year, but in spite of this, numbers attending classes increased, particularly in respect of the advanced class. The improved class attendance level was maintained throughout the season.

The Annual Ball was held in October, when dancing was to the Kafoozalum Country Dance Band. This event was well supported and enjoyed by all those attending. Christmas saw the Branch hold an informal dance when dancers from throughout the country including non-members, were able to meet and enjoy the festivities. Social dancing was held every week throughout the summer and once again this proved to be very popular.

Perth and Perthshire. *Membership:* 80 Annual, 30 Long Term, 84 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Children, 1 Adult Demonstration. *Demonstration Team available.*

We celebrated our Diamond Jubilee with a dance in the College of Further Education and presented three of our members with Scrolls of Service. We also ran a successful children's dance last December.

Teams from the Demonstration Class had their usual successes in Perth and Arbroath Musical Festivals. A team from Our Oakbank children's class also won the David Findlay Rosebowl at Dundee for the second year in succession. The Branch Weekend School in Crieff Hydro in May of this year was greatly enjoyed by those attending and Miss Lesley Martin, guest teacher, proved very popular ably backed by Miss Isa Todd, one of our pianists.

Peterborough and District. *Membership:* 44 Annual, 15 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 3 Social, 1 Beginner. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year we have held an "improver's" class in conjunction with the Branch social class, with good response from all those involved as well as providing "pupils" for Rhoda Purcell, who passed her Preliminary Test in November.

Massed dancing at "Expo Steam" is now in its third year and is greatly enjoyed by all who attend. Our current Chairman, Wendy Chandler, has devised a strathspey, which represents the steam engines, and will be the first dance in this year's display with music by Peter Jenkins of "Kafoozalum". We also plan an outside dance and afternoon tea at Peckover House, Wisbech, in the summer of 1985. Our Day School on 18 May with Mary Stoker teaching and Phyllis Draper on piano (all the way from her home in Nairn) was most enjoyable in spite of disappointing numbers. We found the Stoker/Draper combination stimulating.

Peterhead. *Membership:* 40 Annual, 5 Long Term, 33 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The class enjoyed another successful year with good attendances. We were again fortunate in retaining the services of our teacher, Mrs J. Cowe and pianist Mrs M. McDonald. Miss Lesley Martin from Aberdeen, was our guest teacher one evening, and the visit was much appreciated by the members.

Congratulations go to Branch member Mrs Kathleen Laird on being awarded a Jean Milligan Memorial Fund Scholarship to attend Summer School in St Andrews. The Society's Scroll is to be presented to founder member and former teacher, Miss M. Collie, in recognition of services.

Portrush. *Membership:* 29 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our small membership has enjoyed a busy and successful year. A number of social evenings were held throughout the year, including an Opening Night Party, a Hallowe'en Party, a Christmas Party, a New Year's Eve Party and a Visitors' Night. We also held an Open Night on Behalf of the Northern Ireland Co-ordinating Committee. Our Demonstration Team was kept very busy during the year dancing at various functions on eight occasions.

One of our members, Mary Cloake, was successful in passing her Preliminary Test at the Old Bushmills Sports Academy. We rounded off our season with our now traditional Weekend School, held this year in Coleraine High School. The teacher was Alex Gray and the pianist was Dorothy Hamilton.

Renfrewshire West. *Membership:* 95 Annual. *Classes per week:* 3 Adult, 2 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The year's programme followed the usual pattern of classes and social dancing. Once again the Branch were pleased to have Dr MacFadyen teach two dances from Book 32 at a social evening. A Junior Ball was held in March for country dance teams from local schools. This was the second such event and was a huge success.

The members of the Branch are now looking forward to the 1985-86 season when the Branch will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee.

Richmond (North Yorks). *Membership:* 37 Annual, 32 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

Members have benefited from the weekly class teaching. An advanced class met in the summer to improve technique and prepare for the Leeds Festival. The monthly socials have been well attended, with the welcome addition of visitors from our district and regular friends from nearby societies. A demonstration by the children's class was the highlight of one social.

The fourth Annual Day School with last year's teacher - Bill Zobel - making a return visit, was a renewed success. Both our autumn dance (with Rob Gordon) and our spring dance (with the Glendaruel Band) were much enjoyed, though we were disappointed that we didn't have a full house in the autumn.

The regular newsletter keeps members up to date with Branch and area functions and is much appreciated. Please note that the first Friday of the month is usually social night - and come along to join us.

Rochdale. *Membership:* 52 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult. *Demonstration Team available.*

Attendances at both classes continue to be good, but unfortunately the children's class started during last year did not live up to its early promise and closed at Easter.

We held our usual Ball at Rochdale Town Hall in March, the music once again being provided by the Tartan Sett.

Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles. *Membership:* 157 Annual, 19 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 14 Adult, 2 Children.

The past year has been a successful one, which has included the Branch Ball, the Children's Ball, club dances and charity dances. All of these have been well attended. Mrs J. Hewat, our Chairman for the past nine years, has retired. The Branch would like to thank her for all her hard work and support during that time.

Royal Tunbridge Wells. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 35 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Beginners, 1 General, Advanced Class fortnightly. *Demonstration Team available.*

Membership dropped during the year from ninety-seven to ninety-two. We are sorry to have to report that two of our Long Term members died during the year. Efforts continue to recruit new members to the beginners' class especially young people. There were 187 applicants to our Day School from all over the South of England. The teachers were Anna Holden, Mary Stoker, Bill Hamilton and Dr MacFadyen. On the whole social events have been well supported.

This year's competition dance for the Tunbridge Wells Trophy will be "The Swilcan". A Ball to celebrate our own 10th Anniversary and Miss Milligan's Centenary will be held in Tunbridge Wells during April 1986.

St Andrews. *Membership:* 106 Annual, 22 Long Term, 25 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has enjoyed a very successful year, with classes and social events very well attended, perhaps the most outstanding event being the Day School to finish the session on Saturday 11 May, with teacher Jackie Johnstone, Dumfries, and pianist Nancy Dickson, Dalston. The demonstration by the folk dancers from Norway given at the August dance was enjoyed by Branch members and dancers from Summer School.

Sheffield. *Membership:* 53 Annual, 10 Long Term, 11 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another enjoyable season, although our membership is slightly down. Our Annual Dance was again held at Sheffield University and proved a very pleasant evening's dancing to Callum Wilson's Band. Our Saturday social dances as always were well attended, especially the New Year one.

We have this year again entered two class teams for the Association of Scottish Country Dance Society's Festival which was held at Scunthorpe and as everyone enjoyed the day so much we are this year entering two class teams for the Leeds Festival.

South Argyll. *Membership:* 46 Annual, 6 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult.

The Branch was honoured to have three representatives, Mrs M. Parker, Dr A. MacFadyen and Miss M. Gibson, from Headquarters at our 2nd Annual Dance in February 1985. Classes continued throughout the winter and summer dancing was held every Wednesday from June until August in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon. This is a successful tourist attraction. In April a charity dance was run in aid of the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme when £100 was raised for this worthy cause.

The ten clubs in our widely scattered district each continue with their weekly classes but their members travel many miles to support each other at their end of season dances. For nine years the Innellan club has been running a successful children's class, a team from which took part in this year's Glasgow Branch Children's Festival! Four years ago a junior section for teenagers was formed.

Our third Annual Dance takes place on Friday 28 February 1986 in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon, with George Fleming and his Band.

Southport. *Membership:* 66 Annual, 14 Long Term, 54 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Weekly, 1 Fortnightly. *Demonstration Team available.*

Branch membership slightly down. Classes enthusiastically supported, as were socials, dances, wine and cheese evening and the ceilidh when we were delighted to have our President, Mrs Gudger with us as "head of our family". It was also a pleasure to welcome South African friends Gail and David Wallace from Capetown Branch at one of our socials. The Day Course in February despite snowy conditions was well supported with first-class tuition and music from Mrs Gudger, Mr Little, Mrs Queen and Mr Hayes respectively. Once again the Demonstration Teams have done sterling work, both adults and children. Another successful parents'/children's evening was held and to encourage the elementary dancers, the intermediate class and demonstration team joined forces for a "teach-in social" which they have asked the committee to repeat. The 27th Annual Festival was a success and a new team from the Clitheroe area was welcomed as were our friends from Dundee. George Fleming and his Band were in charge of the music. The 28th Annual Festival will be held this year on Saturday 9 November 1985, at the Floral Hall, Southport. The afternoon display commencing at 2.30 p.m., the evening Ball at 7.15 p.m. and on this occasion the Erskine Scottish Country Dance Band from Penicuik will provide the music.

South Wales. *Membership:* 102 Annual, 26 Long Term, 21 Life. *Classes per month:* 1.

The Branch has had a busy and successful year again. Our second Festival of Dancing was held last July and was well attended, with groups participating from as far afield as Birmingham and Bournemouth. Frank Reid gave us an excellent day's music and again the weather was glorious. Our Day School was not as well attended this year though those who were there enjoyed instruction by Miss Dorothy Leurs. The family class has flourished again this year and we are encouraged to see the number of children dancing in the area continuing to increase. The Branch took part in a Festival of Movement and Dance in March and the children were included in the demonstration which proved most successful. The Hallowe'en Party complete with turnip lanterns created a good party atmosphere and was well enjoyed.

At our Annual Ball our newly appointed Honorary Vice-President, Mrs Jean Leggat was presented with a scroll and a bouquet. We had a new band to us this year, Robin Ellis, who provided a good evening's music. The spring dance in Coychurch with the Robertson Family was also very enjoyable.

Stirlingshire. Membership: 98 Annual, 23 Long Term, 17 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 2 Children.

The success of two new classes, afternoon and advanced, together with a keen beginners class, is reflected in the rise in membership. In addition to tuition, we held an evening for teachers with Duncan Macleod, a visiting teacher's night again with Duncan Macleod and with Miss Dorothy Hamilton as pianist, a class members' dance in the New Year with Alex Watson's trio playing for us, a Members' Night with Robert Mackay and a team of dancers from Edinburgh on the subject of "music", our Annual Dinner Dance with Alex Watson and friends providing the music, and to end the season, our Day School will be held on 1 June, with Mrs Nancy McLaren teaching at the classes, and Miss Jean Sim our pianist, followed by a dance in the evening with Jack Stalker and his Band.

We are ever appreciative of the unbroken years of service given by teachers and pianists and of the loyal support of the older members to the Branch. The love of Scottish Country Dancing and its beautiful music keeps everyone young at heart.

Stirlingshire East. Membership: 166 Annual, 22 Long Term, 23 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 Adult, 3 Young Folk. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch is in good heart. To our regret the Temperance Cafe in Falkirk closed down at the beginning of the season with the resultant loss of the hall. This was the birthplace of the Branch over fifty years ago with classes being held there weekly since.

We enjoyed the expertise of Dr MacFadyen's teaching in Falkirk College of Technology at a most successful evening while Mrs Stanners accompanied with usual lively tunes. The College was also the venue of our December dance - a happy social occasion with an excellent attendance. The Branch gladly welcomed dancers from far and near to the Festival Ball in March with Jack Delaney's Band supplying the music. March is Festival time in Falkirk. As ever the summer term class was a huge success. This was ensured with Mrs Deans purveying excellent teaching and mouth-watering baking alike. The team danced at the reception to the Canadian Air Cadets in Bo'ness.

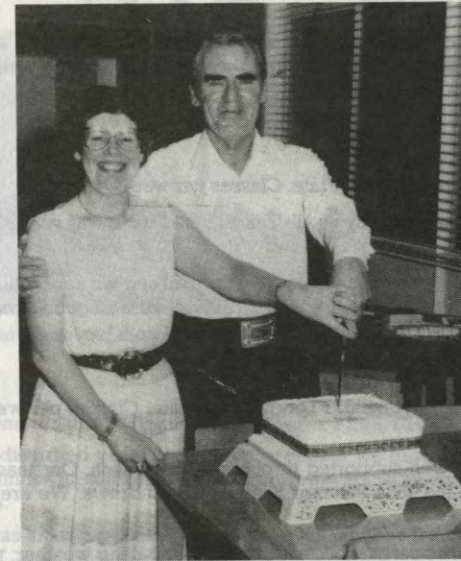
Stonehaven. Membership: 51 Annual, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our class was well attended throughout the year and we had an increase in membership. We held a dance in November 1984 in aid of the British Heart Foundation, and over £300 was raised. Over 160 attended our Annual Ball in May 1985.

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

The Branch celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a buffet dance in October, with our President, Mrs Margaret McCloy and founder member Mr Ron Tannock, jointly cutting the celebration cake donated by Mrs Margaret McHarg. We had a most successful evening and were delighted to see and hear from many former members.

Unfortunately, membership has fallen this year but there has been a fairly consistent attendance at weekly classes. Christmas and end-of-session dances were again well supported and enjoyed by Branch members and visitors from neighbouring classes. Our informal Burns Night Party was also a very popular event.



Stranraer Branch celebrates its Silver Jubilee.

Sutton Coldfield. Membership: 66 Annual, 9 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Adult, 1 Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch has had another successful year and our record "Something to Celebrate" played by the Lothian Band, has sold very well. Attendance at our Monday class has been so good that we have had to move to a larger hall. Our five socials have been well supported. The summer and Christmas dances, which are held in a most attractive school hall, were very popular with over 100 dancers gathered together on each occasion to enjoy the music of Mike Ewing and the Caledonians. In November over 190 dancers from all over the Midlands joined us in Sutton Town Hall for our Annual Ball with music played by the Lothian Band. During the October half-term the Branch held its first "Dance Weekend" for members and friends at Halsway Manor in Somerset. The weekend was most ably led by our class teacher Mr Barry Priddey who chose the programme. We learned some interesting new dances and also enjoyed some old favourites. Everything went perfectly including the weather, so naturally we have booked to return in 1986.

Teesside. Membership: 122 Annual, 4 Long Term, 76 Life. *Classes per week:* 2 Adult.

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

Several bands have provided the music for some of our monthly socials which were well supported and very much enjoyed by all. Special events this year including our Midsummer Dance which was held in Wynyard Hall, a stately home in the area and once again the non-competitive Festival, in Thornaby Pavilion attracted over 750 dancers (child and adult) from a large surrounding area. The day was rounded off by a well-attended dance in the evening, the music being provided by the Tillside Trio.

Anyone who may be visiting the area will be made most welcome at any function.

West Lothian. Membership: 61 Annual, 49 Long Term, 34 Life. Classes per week: 1.

We were all saddened by the loss of two long-serving members – our Hon. President, Miss Martha Y. K. Cunningham, who died in August 1984 and Mathew Nimmo who died very suddenly in March 1985.

The Branch has had a very successful year with increased membership and the formation of a new class in Livingston. The Annual Dance and Day School were both well attended with places at the Day School filled at a very early date.

Whitehead. Membership: 20 Annual, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1.

Another good season was enjoyed by us all. The Annual Dance was very successful and enjoyed by all our visitors.

Two of our members passed the Preliminary Test in April and we congratulate them. Our visits to other open nights at other classes and the "Ball" in Belfast were all good occasions.

Winchester. Membership: 17 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

Our regular classes were well supported throughout the season. Our teacher is now Mrs Enid Chivers, who qualified at the 1984 Summer School at St Andrews. We are very grateful for her efforts on our behalf.

Our Burns Supper was particularly successful, despite appalling weather; the St Andrew's Night Party also went well and at the time of writing, the end-of-season dance is being planned. The Demonstration Team performed at a number of fetes, etc., including the Winchester Music and Crafts Festival, in the Guildhall – all much enjoyed by participants and audiences alike.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our weekly classes and social functions.

Wirral. Membership: 32 Annual, 3 Long Term. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

The new season began almost before the end of the previous season. For two weeks, at the end of July and into August, Wirral Branch played host to the Glasenbach Volkstanz and Trachten-gruppe, from a small town about fifty miles north of Frankfurt. The party, numbering thirty-six folk-dancers and musicians, stayed with branch members and members of our neighbouring affiliated group, Wallasey Country Dance Group. A very busy programme was crammed into two weeks including a mixed "Scottish/German" dance – for which tickets were sold out long before and a waiting list grew alarmingly! Together with a number of excursions to local tourist attractions, all involved had a marvellous fortnight.

Branch membership has grown steadily during the year, with two classes now operating each week, with plans to start a third class as soon as possible. Branch dances have been well supported, by own own members and members of the many social groups within the area, whom we are always pleased to see. In February the Branch Ball at Wallasey Town Hall had music provided by George Fleming's Band. We hope this will become an annual event – the Town Hall and George Fleming are already booked for 15 February 1986.

Our members have had a busy and most enjoyable year – "doing the rounds" of the different dances within the area, sometimes two or three in the space of seven days. The Demonstration Team's diary continues to be filled with a variety of events, ranging from participation in the Southport Festival to a "teach-in" in aid of the RNLI. We are now setting our sights on the Continent, with plans in hand to attend an International Dance Festival in Germany.



Demonstration Team and members of the audience at a Wirral Branch Teach-In in aid of the RNLI.

Wolverhampton. Membership: 40 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 1.

After two somewhat disturbed years as regards premises we have enjoyed a quiet season, the highlight being the dinner to celebrate the award of the Society's Scroll to our President, Miss Helen Gardiner-Jones.

The Burns Evening was an exceptionally good one, even more so than usual for they have always been well attended.

Worthing. Membership: 64 Annual, 8 Long Term, 12 Life. Classes per week: 1.

Owing to the severe weather during the first part of this year our numbers at class were reduced but nevertheless a happy atmosphere prevailed. Once again we were asked to take part in the Leisure Exhibition arranged by the "Town" which was very useful by way of publicity.

Our social functions were very well attended during the year and as always we try on all occasions to promote the aims of the Society.

York and North Humberside. Membership: 32 Annual, 95 Long Term, 13 Life. Classes per week: 4 Adult, 3 Social, 1 Children. Demonstration Team available.

Membership has remained fairly static and the monthly dances have followed a fairly predictable pattern. Our AGM held at Scarborough at the end of March happened on one of those fearful winter days with the hazards of snow and ice causing one member to crash, others to "dance with their cars" during the journey, and quite a lot to stay at home, but those present enjoyed the dance, the supper and the well-run AGM.

At the Day Course in October, John Drewry, accompanied by Robert Baird, taught some of his own dances to the eighty-one members present; the Border Reivers played for the evening dance. For our spring dance, music was played by the Lyne Valley Band, and the Danelaw Band played for our Annual Ball.

The ceilidh held in February was very well attended with many excellent turns which helped to create a very friendly atmosphere. Our charity dance at Malton raised £85 for the Cot Death Research Unit. A team were invited to take part in the White Heather Show at Bridlington and Scarborough last summer and almost forty members gave a display of Scottish Country Dancing at Scarborough Castle one Sunday afternoon.

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The Kilt

There is nothing more enhancing to the male figure than the kilt – be the wearer short, tall, thin or fat; and nothing more attractive than those serried rows of diverse tartans seen in the Younger Hall Dances at St Andrews.

Nevertheless wearing the kilt may not be all plain sailing. We have recently received a *cri de coeur* from a member pleading that the kilt be worn with decorum; it is not always realised that sitting down in the kilt demands more care than sitting down when one wears trousers. Again our correspondent complains about hose and kilts which are both too long so that the wearer might have no knees at all so far as one can see. We ourselves have also noted hose and kilts which are too short leaving an over-great expanse of leg.

To those who are wearing the kilt for the first time, or to those who have doubts about the hose and kilt already in their possession, we recommend very strongly the purchase of a most valuable little book written by J. Charles Thompson, FSA.Scot. It is entitled "So You're Going to Wear the Kilt" and is a mine of information about our national dress. There is also a section in it about sashes for the ladies.

You can obtain this book from HQ RSCDS, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

Those members who have no tartan of their own to claim will remember that the Society has adopted the "Strathspey" tartan (an authentic tartan worn by the Strathspey Fencibles in the eighteenth century) in attractive blue and green colours.

We remind ladies that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society rule regarding the sash is that it should be worn on the LEFT shoulder.

Branch Reports - Overseas

Adelaide. Membership: 64 Annual, 10 Life. Classes per week: 1.

Another enjoyable season's dancing. Membership has remained stable. In May the Canadian dancers visited Adelaide. Mr Bob Blackie, Mr Wes Clindinning and Mr Bill Fox were teachers at a Day School. Our Annual Ball was at Scotch College as usual and our Guest of Honour was Mrs L. Harrison who is 80 years "young" and still dancing.

Demonstration teams were much in demand at Caledonian Society functions. We are now preparing for another busy year as 1986 is Adelaide's Centenary Year.



Dr A. Buchanan, Branch President, enjoying the Adelaide Branch Annual Ball.

Atlanta. Membership: 134 Annual, 13 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Team available.

Enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing continues in Atlanta with an increase in membership and good attendance at Branch functions.

Summertime '84 gave us the opportunity to have an unusual event. To celebrate Atlanta's Southern Heritage and its connection with Margaret Mitchell's novel, the Branch held a "Gone With the Wind" party. Hoop-skirted ladies, Confederate officers, Southern gentlemen, carpetbagging scalawags all enjoyed the festivities. A dance concluded the evening with General (Jeb) Stuart's Reel and Balgieddie Reel being requested most frequently. The Stone Mountain Highland Games offered an opportunity to draw many dancers from near and far to participate in our annual Fall Workshop, our Branch Gala and the Tartan Ball. Our local members danced in the Tartan to the enjoyment and applause of the audience. Springtime was busy with a mini-workshop, conducted by George Mehan, and a few weeks later our Annual Spring Workshop with Bob Blackie, the music being provided by Stan Hamilton. That same weekend the examiners arrived in Atlanta adding to the fast pace and full calendar. Our official year concluded with the June Ball, when the new officers were installed. Informal monthly activities and a weekly social class will continue all summer.

We welcome all dancers who may be visiting in Atlanta to come and join us.

Boston. Membership: 295 Annual, 5 Long Term, 2 Life. Classes per week: 8. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has had a successful year with three new classes being welcomed into the fold, one each in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. We continue our good associations with the three affiliated groups and five other classes in our broad area. The annual Pinewoods Camp schedule expanded this year with the inclusion of a joint session of Scottish and English groups, so that two weeks of summer dancing is now available. The Branch was pleased to welcome visiting teachers Claire Goodman, Bob Grant and Anna Holden during the year as well as the Society's Examiners who found all four candidates worthy of the Teacher's Certificate.

The Branch once again sponsored a successful Burns Night Concert with Jean Redpath, a well-received demonstration and food booth at the New England Folk Festival, and the Annual Highland Ball. Increasing interest in Scottish Country Dance music by local musicians has been an asset to the Branch; we sponsored a music workshop with Stan Hamilton, as well as two dancing/teaching workshops this year.

All in all, Scottish Country Dancing continues to thrive at the oldest Overseas Branch.

Buffalo (NY). Membership: 88 Annual. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

Our second Annual Workshop held in September, was very successful and had live music (Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent) for the first time.

The Robert Burns Supper was a sell-out even though it occurred in the week of the "Buffalo Blizzard of 1985". The Branch is very active and we are planning to hold monthly dances next year.

Burlington (Ontario). Membership: 59 Annual. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The past season has been a time of change from the original founding members to the more recently recruited members on the Executive Committee. It has been an interesting year of learning and growth for the new executive and the results bode well for the future. We are pleased to congratulate Pauline Vik on passing her Teacher's Certificate. Our teachers have done an excellent job this year and Pauline will be a great asset to them and the group.

Our Annual Dance was different from other years due to the cancellation by Bobby Frew, due to illness, but with taped music and an excellent sound system from Fred Edgeworth, the evening turned into a great success with many visitors from other branches attending. Our guest teacher night was an overwhelming success with Bob Blackie accompanied by Stan Hamilton putting the group and many guests through their paces. Pauline Vik's children's class in Waterdown are thriving and gave their first public performance at a "Children's Gala Day" in April. The Demonstration Team was, once again, active, spreading the good news of Scottish Country Dancing throughout the community. For our end-of-season social we were pleased to have Bobby Frew and his band back again to provide us with excellent music. It was a great way to finish up another successful year.

Calgary. Membership: 78 Annual, 7 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.

Calgary Branch's monthly dances, workshop, and ball were again well supported this year by the Calgary dancers despite membership being down. This year's workshop included a teacher's workshop which drew participants from miles around.

Dancing at nursing homes, senior citizens' homes and various functions upon request has kept Scottish Country Dancing alive in the eyes of the community. Plans for the upcoming year are to start some more classes as an outreach programme to get community involvement.

Canberra and District. *Membership:* 41 Annual, 67 Long Term, 30 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

A feature of the year has been the day schools and those who attended considered them well worthwhile and enjoyable. Selecting teachers for the day schools served as a reminder of the wealth of talent and experience we have amongst our range of teachers. Guest teachers have been Mrs Elma See, Mrs Catherine McKenna, Mrs Jean Fearon and Mr Leslie Cumming who devised the dance "Coppings Crossing" especially for the occasion. Further day schools will be held this year. One of the highlights of the year was the visit of Canadian dancers on a "Pacific Fling", organised and led by Bob Blackie. After the Winter School in Perth the Canadians visited Canberra where Bob and Wes Clindinning taught at a Branch social held to celebrate their visit.

Seventeen Branch members attended the highly successful 10th Australian Winter School held at Dookie Agricultural College in Victoria recently. The 1986 Australian Winter School will be hosted by the Canberra and District Branch and held at the Australian National University in Canberra. A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in attending.

Cape Town. *Membership:* 30 Annual, 6 Long Term, 7 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

Another successful year of dancing can be recorded with our usual number of Demonstration Team events taking place. Our beginners' class was particularly fruitful and a record two sets attended on most class nights. Most of these people have become extremely keen and show promise of continued dedication. General classes were well attended and there is an upsurge of interest and awareness of what country dancing has to offer.

Our teacher, Mrs McNair Smith was awarded the Scroll of Honour during the year and we were all extremely proud of her achievement, so well deserved for many years of dedication to the Society.

We had a most successful birthday ball in June, a special dance for all our beginners in July, a Hallowe'en party in October, a weekend at Hermanus coupled with an evening of dancing and, of course, a final Hogmanay. Together with joining in with other local groups throughout the year, we were kept "on our toes". We also held a Burns Night Dinner in January with great success. We look forward now to another year of joy-filled dancing hours.

Central Kentucky.

No report at time of going to press.

Cincinnati. *Membership:* 32 Annual, 6 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Cincinnati Branch, although in existence twenty-six years, only achieved Branch status last year. This proved to be an active year with the initiating of a Demonstration Class in addition to the regular weekly class. Two workshops were held and well attended by dancers from throughout the area. The first one in the Fall was led by Isabelle MacPherson of Toronto; while the second in April had as teacher John Middleton of Hamilton, Ontario.

The Demonstration Team was kept busy performing at a variety of functions, including the International Folk Festival and the Kentucky Scottish Weekend. One of the more significant performances was for the Officer's Club at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Other special activities included the Christmas and Valentine dances.

Delaware Valley. *Membership:* 97 Annual, 32 Long Term, 20 Life. *Classes per week:* 5 weekly, 6 fortnightly. *Demonstration Team available.*

This year's success was again due to the hard work of many. With classes in Chestnut Hill, Bryn Mawr, Moylan, Crosslands, and Media, PA, and in Wilmington and Newark, DE, our teachers were kept busy. Especial thanks go to Mr Robert Hunn, who taught three classes while running our popular Demonstration Team and acting as teacher co-ordinator.

More work (and fun!) went into our Delaware Ball, our Annual Hogmanay Ball and the highlight of the year, our Spring Ball and Brunch featuring Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Socials continued fortnightly at Tanguy; monthly parties at McNairs! Two summer outings (with dancing) were enjoyed at Lochwood in addition to summer socials in Newark. Other special events of the year included our sometimes rowdy, sometimes elegant biannual Ceilidh and guest teacher Bob Grant. Many thanks to all of those who worked so hard for the enjoyment of all.

Delft. *Membership:* 47 Annual, 12 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 weekly, 1 monthly. *Demonstration Team available.*

1984 marked a milestone for Delft: fifteen years since the original St Andrew's Society of Delft was formed and affiliated to the RSCDS. An informal celebration was organised to mark the occasion and renew ties with old friends who have left Delft. It was a happy evening, displays of old photographs bringing back joyful memories. Newly devised dances by members of the Branch to commemorate the third lustrum were performed and it is hoped that some of these may become popular.

The Whitsun weekend course lived up to expectations thanks to the enthusiasm of our guest teacher Alex Gray and Peter Russell's Scottish Country Dance Band. Participants included regular and welcome visitors from Belgium, England, France, Germany and Switzerland. Social dances were held on a regular basis and proved to be very popular. Classes were well attended throughout the year, a highlight being an evening taught by Mrs Vera Sim when she visited Delft during her teaching tour of Europe.

1984 has been an outstanding year for our members holidaying or travelling abroad; Branches/affiliated groups were visited in Brussels, Croydon, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Nairobi, New York, Paris, St Andrews and, last but not least, Norwich, where ten of us attended a very successful end of season buffet and dance. Six members passed the Preliminary Test held at Eindhoven.

Detroit. *Membership:* 71 Annual, 15 Long Term, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

The first event sponsored by the Detroit Branch was a very successful dance and music workshop in October, with dance instructors Vicky Goodloe, John Middleton and Sandra Binns. Students from the music workshop arranged the music for the evening dance, with their instructor, Ted Sinoski, and provided most of the music for the evening dance. Great progress is being made towards having Scottish Country Dance musicians available in Michigan.

Just a week later, the Branch was pleased to host Director of Summer School, Duncan Macleod (in town to visit his sister), for an evening of dancing. Duncan taught several dances from Book 32, and everyone greatly enjoyed the opportunity to greet him. Following the Christmas Ceilidh in December, a teacher training class began in the new year with tutor Ethel McNaughton, and one candidate, Kathie Major, successfully completed her Preliminary Test. When Lake St. Clair flooded the site of our Annual Tartan Ball one week before the event, charter members Arch and Ethel McNaughton offered to hold a garden party as an alternate occasion. It was agreed by all attending that it was a wonderful success, and just may become a fixture among our yearly events (in addition to the Annual Ball!). The Demonstration Team gave six demonstrations, including one for St Andrew's Day, Robert Burns's birthday and the Alma Highland Games on Memorial Day weekend.

A new group was started in Marquette, Michigan, at the far end of the state from Detroit. We welcome these new dancers into the happy family of Michigan Scottish Country Dancing.

Florida. *Membership:* 132 Annual, 23 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 10.

A workshop was held in Titusville and one in Fort Lauderdale, both followed by a dance. Both were a great success and enjoyed by all. The Branch's first Annual General Meeting was held on 25 January at which time the officers were installed - all are looking forward to a busy year.

Gothenburg.

No report at time of going to press.

The Hague District. Membership: 65 Annual, 5 Long Term, 7 Life. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

This year our Demonstration Team was kept very busy again with a large number of performances for old people's homes. In fact the number of requests were so high that we had to refuse some and reserve them for the next season.

The number of active participants at class still leaves much to be desired, but the number of Sunday workshops is on the increase, while a notable interest is shown in our dancing by the members' children, for whom we always reserve part of the dancing time during the workshop, which they thoroughly enjoy.

Halifax-Dartmouth. Membership: 47 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

A decline in membership and class attendance, for a variety of reasons, was noted this year and efforts are being made to reverse this trend with a membership drive. Four socials were sponsored throughout the year, plus a workshop (June Shore was guest teacher) and a Christmas party. The Demonstration Team was very active, notably at Clan functions and for the North British Society's St Andrew's Day Dinner.

The International Summer School in July 1984 was a huge success, with John Drewry and Bob Millar drawing many dancers from as far away as California and Bermuda, as well as the Eastern Seaboard and central Canada. Our local teacher, Pat Kent, was popular as well.

The groups in Wolfville, Lunenburg, Charlottetown, Moncton and Fredericton continues to offer mutual support and greater opportunities to enjoy this wonderful pastime.

Hamilton (Ontario). Membership: 309 Annual, 1 Long Term, 4 Life. Classes per week: 3 Basic, 2 Intermediate, 1 Candidate, 1 Advanced/Demonstration. Demonstration Team available.

The Hamilton (Ontario) Branch had another successful year, going over the 300 membership mark, plus 157 Junior Associates. There are also five Social Groups within the Hamilton Branch area and a large number of their members take out membership in the Society through the Hamilton Branch.

The Annual Weekend at Niagara Falls was again well attended. John Walton was in charge of the Welcome Dance on the Friday night, John Middleton was the MC for the Ceilidh that followed and Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent played for the Ball on the Saturday evening. Teachers were Valerie Harris, Bob Waugh and Joe Wallin, with Mr Rick Jackman Chairman for the Annual Weekend. The Adult Workshop was held on 1 December 1984 with Jean Hamilton and John Walton as teachers and music supplied by Bobby Brown, Kathy Fraser and Elma Grech. This Workshop was very successful and it plans to be an annual feature with the Hamilton Branch.

The Annual Ball was held this year in the new Convention Centre downtown Hamilton and proved to be a most grand affair. A well-sprung floor, lots of room for dancing, an excellent dinner and superb music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Janet McLaurin and her committee are to be congratulated on this well-planned Ball. The Demonstration Team took part in two television shows on Cable 4 which was presented by Mrs Ena McCulloch highlighting the 30th Anniversary of the Hamilton Branch. Dr Robert Smith was also interviewed as the Branch Founder.

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

Monthly parties have been the aim of the Hawaii Branch this year, with responsibility for their organisation and presentation passed around among all active members, working in pairs. This has been very successful - we ended the year having had seven, all well attended. Our Branch does not meet in July and August; when classes resumed in September we started a beginners' class at Windward Community College, but it did not take root. Although membership count

holds steady and we are an enthusiastic lot, we have been unable to effect an increase in numbers in spite of our best efforts.

The Seventh Hawaii Institute of Scottish Country Dancing highlighted the month of February. Wilma Fee, from RSCDS Los Angeles Branch, joined us as guest instructor. In March, we manned a booth at the Annual Hawaiian-Scottish Highland Gathering, giving our treasury a nice boost by selling soft drinks, commemorative buttons and RSCDS Hawaii Branch tee shirts.

Houston and District. Membership: 45 Annual, 12 Long Term, 6 Life. Classes per week: 3.

Our 1984 workshop, taught by Mary Murray of Vancouver, Canada, opened the dance year in a grand way. Continuing with this positive momentum, three of our members took their teaching exams in St Catherines, Canada, and we now have one new fully certificated teacher and two new Preliminary Test passes. With this increase in our teaching staff, we have been able to increase our classes to three per week. We expect our teachers, both current and upcoming, to be kept very busy, as we are also experiencing a steady growth in membership and interest in Scottish Country Dancing seems to be on the rise in Texas.

In addition to the success of our third annual workshop, the Branch has enjoyed monthly socials, a Spring Ball, and several demonstrations including the Burns Supper, Houston Highland Games, and the Bluebonnet Festival in Chappell Hills, Texas. (The bluebonnet is the state flower in Texas.)



Houston Branch dancers triumphing.

Hunter Valley. Membership: 140 Annual, 22 Long Term, 26 Life. Classes per week: 10 Adult, 4 Children. Demonstration Team available.

Last year's beginners are taking a steadily increasing part in activities beyond the classroom and we have a satisfying number of new, bewildered faces. Many dancers attend more than one class and clubs which were worried about numbers a year or so ago are now finding themselves short of space - not that anyone is complaining! Our teachers' ranks have been swelled, too, with a 100 per cent success rate in last October's exams resulting in six more fully qualified teachers in the area. The final examination day was followed by a happy, very well-attended barbecue and ceilidh.

Other social occasions were our Annual Ball, held in a beautifully decorated setting and our St Andrew's Dinner and Social. As this coincided with the opening of Scottish Heritage Week we had a visiting chief, the Much Honoured Peter Lamont of that ilk, and his party as our special guests. Considerable effort by members of our hard-working teachers' committee resulted in a most enjoyable Weekend School in March. The location was Morpeth, a charming old (by Australian standards) village a few miles up the Hunter Valley. Interesting classes, good companions, lovely surroundings and perfect weather combined to give us a memorable weekend.

Johannesburg. *Membership:* 140 Annual, 2 Long Term, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Johannesburg Branch has enjoyed another good year of dancing, with enthusiastic classes at all levels, and two excellent Weekend Schools in September 1984 and May 1985 at the usual Drakensberg mountain resort.

Our Highland Ball was held again at the Victoria Lake Yacht Club; this time the weather was kind and we enjoyed a beautiful summer evening of dancing. We were approached to dance at the Natal Scottish Gathering in July 1984 after a lull of several years in competitive dancing; our mixed and ladies' teams both brought back the trophies, much to their delight, but the weekend was really made memorable and the journey worthwhile by the warm welcome and hospitality of our good friends in Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

Kingston Ontario. *Membership:* 99 Annual, 2 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 7 (includes Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced and Children. *Demonstration Team available.*

A year of many highlights! September saw the long-awaited visit of HM Queen Elizabeth to the Kingston area. Our dancers were privileged to be part of the festivities and were proud to present a new dance, "The Queen's Visit", specially composed for the occasion by Ernst Eder. The 18th Annual November Workshop was again very successful, with 185 dancers being instructed by Bob Blackie, John Middleton, Isabelle MacPherson and Judy Motts with Elma Grech at the piano. The enthusiasm of the participants at the 3rd Annual Spring Workshop made this also very successful. At the close of the season, the Branch hosted a very enjoyable Children's Day.

This year we were able to offer a Teacher Candidate Class and our general membership, as well as the three successful candidates, benefited. An advanced class was also introduced to meet a need for advanced technique training. Social dances and summer dancing in Confederation Park were well supported. We are looking forward to another full and enjoyable season of dancing.

Kitchener-Waterloo. *Membership:* 85 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 2.

Our year began with a very enjoyable picnic in Victoria Park, with dancing outdoors beside the rose garden. The Lynx Lake weekend, at the cottage of Iris and Jack Keith in Northern Ontario, was a good way to renew friendships as we shared the weekend with the Scarborough dancers from Toronto.

We started classes with an Open House in September and we were very pleased with attendance at our regular classes this season. Our Annual Ball on 16 November 1984 held a touch of nostalgia for long-time dancers as we returned to the newly renovated Crystal Ballroom in the Walper Terrace where we held many balls in former years. We had a great workshop in December and we are busy now making plans to add more classes to this project for next year. We held a Christmas Party in December, a Burns Supper in January and monthly dances in February, March and April, with a band in attendance at the April dance.

London (Ontario). *Membership:* 111 Annual, 1 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

Each September for the past four years London Scottish Country Dancers have put all their efforts into the success of the Scottish Pavilion at Kavalkade, the largest of twenty-three pavilions in this annual multi-cultural event. Very hard work during this three-day cultural celebration enables our membership to bring Scottish Country Dancing to the attention of thousands of people.

Each Fall Kavalkade gets our Branch activities off to a rousing start. We have three weekly adult classes, a children's class, monthly dances, and seasonal events, to which we welcome many

out-of-town friends, such as a Ceilidh and Workshop in February, and a Spring Ball at the University of Western Ontario. In 1984 both the latter were especially well attended and great fun for everyone. Many requests keep our Demonstration Team busy.

London Branch is currently planning and anticipating its 25th Anniversary celebrations in 1986 at which we will have the honour of a very special guest, Miss Muriel Gibson, RSCDS Headquarters, Edinburgh.

Los Angeles. *Membership:* 297 Annual, 7 Long Term, 12 Life. *Classes per week:* 23. *Demonstration Team available.*

The past year was one of excitement and continued growth for the Los Angeles Branch, and high participation and enthusiasm was rewarding to our hard-working Branch Committee who planned and carried out the events. A wonderful St Andrew's Ball was held at a new location in Redondo Beach with a record attendance. The Annual Burns Supper Dance was also a popular night held at the Hyatt Hotel in Long Beach. George Mehan, who was visiting our area, delivered a very entertaining Immortal Memory prior to the commencement of the Ball. The lively music of the Thistle Dance Band was enjoyed at both these major events.

Our Memorial Day Holiday weekend in May proved as popular as ever at the Danish Village Town of Solvang with guest teachers, Sandy Bain, Marianne Taylor, George Will, Ron Wallace and Bob Millar providing excellent instruction. The Branch held its second successful C. Stewart Smith Memorial Summer School in July, at Pomona College in Claremont, where a super week of fun and relaxation as well as classes was provided by the able staff of Johan MacLean, Dorothy Leurs, Andrew Gillies, Bob Blackie and John and Jennifer Kelly. The week culminated with the opening of the 23rd Olympics, in which the Branch was asked to provide 100 dancers in full dress for the opening ceremonies to represent Scotland - a moving experience for members who participated. Earlier in the year we had provided dancers for a filmed segment of the "Hart to Hart" show for a TV movie in which Robert Wagner and Stephanie Powers joined in learning the eightsome reel. Both the above events had world-wide viewing and gave good exposure to the dancing and the Los Angeles Branch.

The Demonstration Team had one of its busiest years ever as demands for their performances increased. All in all, with two social dance parties almost every month, the past year was one of the busiest ever as the Branch rolled rapidly on towards its 20th Anniversary where special events of celebration are already being planned.



Chairmen of Los Angeles Branch since its founding in 1966; David Brandon, the first chairman is missing from the photograph. Left to right: Jack Rennie, Alfred McDonald, Ray Purdy, Sherman Ostrom, Cathy Lawlor, Rodger Shoolbraid, Gordon Stephen, Charles Woods, Dave Aiton.

Medicine Hat.

No report at time of going to press.

Melbourne and District. *Membership:* 417 Annual, 110 Long term, 48 Life. *Classes per week:* 31. *Demonstration Team available.*

It has been a busy year within the Branch with La Trobe Valley having its first teaching weekend. It was pleasing to have a children's class with two sets of keen participants. We have also hosted the 10th Australian Winter School which is under a separate report. The other main achievement this year has been eight people gaining their Preliminary Test for teaching. Margaret Archibald and Elspeth Pyper are to be congratulated on their efforts. We also have a fully certificated teacher, June Inwood, who received this distinction in April. We had the pleasure of Johan MacLean's teaching before she returned home after the Winter School - thank you for an invigorating session!

Another highlight of 1985 was the participation of three sets of country dancers in the Melbourne Military Tattoo, which was held in March as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations of Victoria.

It is hoped that the Scottish Country Dancing year continues in this varied and interesting manner!

10th Australian Winter School

This year Melbourne and District Branch hosted the 10th Australian Winter School at Dookie Agricultural College from 11-18 May 1985.

Compulsory morning classes were taught by Johan MacLean (Scotland), John Middleton (Canada), Madge Laing (New Zealand), Margaret Archibald, Colin Campbell and George Cooper (Melbourne and District Branch).

The relative isolation of the College encouraged attendance at the afternoon option classes which provided instruction in Ladies' Step, Highland, Irish, Ballroom and Country Dancing of a more general nature. Wednesday was different - a chance to rest the weary legs and addled brains! A fleet of buses transported 200 tired bodies northwards to the historic town of Echuca, where many features of the old town have been faithfully restored. Paddle steamers again ply the great Murray River, now for pleasure only, and we travelled the river, gazing on the stately old red gums and listening to the throb and splash of the paddle wheels.

Other evening functions were - "Getting to know you", "Pot Pourri", "Ceilidh", "Victoria and Garden State", "Come as a Scottish Country Dance", and finally, a formal dinner and ball on Friday night to wind up a wonderful week. Much of the music was provided by "Harp and Claymore" a talented group from the Hunter Valley.

Montreal. *Membership:* 152 Annual, 1 Long Term, 16 Life. *Classes per week:* 9. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Montreal Branch is happy to report that our additional publicity in local papers attracted considerable interest resulting in a marked increase in membership. The Branch continued to support three technique classes, namely, a basic/beginners, advanced/demonstration and a teacher candidate. Two candidates were successful in obtaining their preliminary certificate. The Annual Workshop Weekend held on 1-2 June 1984, was attended by 115 and the teachers on this occasion were M. Krip, E. Black and G. Emmerson.

Social activities organised by the Branch included the Opening Social in September to welcome new dancers, the Holiday Party on 15 December and the Burns Evening, along with four socials sponsored by the various groups. The ballroom at the Holiday Inn, Pointe Claire, was chosen for our Annual Ball on 23 March 1985, because of the closing of the Mount Royal Hotel. This was followed by a delicious brunch for the out-of-town guests at Glenaladale on the Sunday morning.

Mornington Peninsula. *Membership:* 115 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 1 Mixed Grade, 1 Children's, 1 Monthly Experienced. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our opening get together was held at the historical homestead and bird sanctuary "Coolart" where some fifty members and their families enjoyed a barbecue and later danced on the lawn. Congratulations to Margo Wilson who obtained her Teacher's Certificate making our third qualified teacher.

Marysville weekend was most enjoyable with seven dancers from Flinders Island. This year Flinders Island attended Winter School at Dookie. The children's class number is up to twenty-one. Six members danced at the Military Tattoo held in Melbourne during March. We regret the closing of Delgarnie School for Deaf Children - Mac and Hilah Thomson had run classes weekly at the school for some thirteen years. These were a highlight in the school's programme.

We held a fun night, mince and tatties, in July. This was well attended and lots of fun was had by all. Plans are well in hand for our 21st Supper Ball to be held in July 1985. Scottish Country Dancing is alive and progressing at Mornington Peninsula Branch with groups meeting at Rye, Frankston, Flinders Island and Launceston, Tasmania.

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

A major event in our calendar this past year has been "Scottish Week" held at a Nairobi Hotel. Along with pipers, drummer, Scottish entertainer and chef, all flown out specially for the occasion, the Nairobi Branch Demonstration Team featured nightly. Added to the pleasure of dancing for the public, the dancers were treated each evening to a dinner of Scottish fare - haggis, smoked and fresh salmon, etc., also specially flown out for Scottish Week. A rare treat indeed in these parts. Appreciation of the dinner would have been greater after the performance though, not before!

Another special occasion was the Branch's weekend outing. This took us some 200 miles from Nairobi, across the Equator into the Northern Hemisphere, where we spent a splendid couple of days at Eldoret in the lovely surroundings of the Kenya Highlands. Several of the local residents joined in the dancing, to our mutual enjoyment.

This appears to have been a year of travel for many RSCDS members around the world, and many roads have led to Nairobi. Over the past few months we have been delighted to welcome visitors from Branches and groups as far afield as Seattle and Tucson in the USA, Leicester, Edinburgh, Delft, Beijing and New Zealand. As Nairobi is so securely on the map, should any future travellers find themselves here on a Monday evening please do come and join us.

New Haven. *Membership:* 82 Annual, 34 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch, in its ninth year, has been a busy and creative group. We published a pamphlet promoting Scottish Country Dancing in Connecticut, and one of our members produced a beautiful Branch banner. The Branch classes moved to yet another room, this time a ballroom, with the hope of remaining in one place for several years to come.

We enjoyed several visitors to the Branch, while a number of our group enjoyed dancing with other Scottish dance classes around the United States and around the world, finding it to be a wonderful way to meet people wherever you are. The Secretary also had a chance to visit RSCDS Headquarters and meet the people behind the names that we correspond with. We were very pleased to have our two candidates pass the Teacher's Certificate examination at TAC this past summer.

New Mexico. *Membership:* 15 Annual, 1 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch is founded on a long standing, ten years plus, Scottish Country Dance Group in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Monday evening's class is held in Fuller Lodge, the historic remnant of the pre-war boys' ranch school. The Demonstration Team had dances as far away as Northern Colorado and group

members have attended workshops in Texas, Arizona and California. We have an enthusiastic group of dancers who are delighted now to be an integral part of the world-wide RSCDS family.

New York. Membership: 147 Annual, 4 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

A pre-season dance started the year off successfully. The Jeannie Carmichael Ball was a most elegant affair. Other highlights in an exciting year were: the Hudson Valley Class celebration at a fantastic Ball called "Rerr Terr", the Nassau class held its "Island Fling" and Ron Gonnella, the well-known fiddler played at a Branch party. The Demonstration Team performed at many functions and special events.

The Teachers' Committee organised a Weekend Workshop for Teachers and Candidates. Teachers came from all over to improve their teaching methods under the superb guidance of Mary Murray of Vancouver BC. Three candidates gained their Preliminary Certificates trained by Joan Treble and Katie Rule and arrangements are being made to give the new teachers additional teaching experience. The Annual Weekend at Holdisay Hills chaired by Sheila Wilson and Enid Kuperman was most successful with a superb staff of teachers - Elinor Vandegrift of Seattle, and Bob Blackie and Wes Clindinning of Canada. As always Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent enhanced the dancing pleasure.



Olga Meyer, a founder member of New York Branch, is to be awarded the Society's Scroll.

Branch members were overjoyed, when Mrs Olga Meyer, one of our founding members, was awarded the RSCDS Scroll for her outstanding service to the Branch.

Classes will be held throughout the summer and a welcome is extended to all visitors. The Jeannie Carmichael Ball will take place at the Teaneck Women's Club of New Jersey on 26 October 1985.

New Zealand. Membership: 1,244 Annual, 61 Long Term, 124 Life. *Classes per week:* 91.

The New Zealand Branch had a most successful year in 1984 with yet again a further increase in RSCDS membership. We look forward to improving that further during 1985. Our Summer School in Dunedin was a great success, and we are returning to Auckland this year (December 1985-January 1986) for the first time since 1958 - 59 and indications are that we can expect a good number of overseas participants.

In 1986, we shall be welcoming Miss Margaret Anderson and Miss Kitty McLauchlan to New Zealand, and this is of particular importance to the Branch, being the Centenary Year of Dr Jean Milligan's birth.

Our Summer School in 1986-87 is to be held in Christchurch - always a popular venue - and we would be delighted to welcome dancers to the School. You can be assured of a warm New Zealand "Haeremai"* if you do decide to visit us - at any time.

*"Haeremai" means "welcome" in Maori.

Northern Virginia. Membership: 70 Annual, 2 Life. *Demonstration Team available.*

1984-85 was a very busy and rewarding year for the Northern Virginia Branch with a spring dance in May, participation in the mass demonstration at the Alexandria Scottish Games in the summer, a demonstration at Fort Ward Park in Alexandria in September, and at Gadsby's Tavern during the Alexandria Christmas Walk the first weekend in December when the activities of the day closed with the traditional Tea Dance hosted by the Branch.

The Branch sponsored the first annual Argyle Teaching Weekend in October which included an informal dance on Friday night and Saturday classes for all levels of dancers. Bob Grant from Edinburgh and Evelyn Murray from the Boston Branch were the guest teachers. Instead of a Saturday Ball we held a ceilidh and the weekend closed with a Sunday afternoon technique class.

It is with sorrow and a deep sense of loss that we report the passing of Lois Eddy. Lois had many friends in Scotland as well as throughout the dance community in America. Lois' last programme was our January Tea Dance which was dedicated to her memory.

Orange County. Membership: 89 Annual, 2 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

The highlight of our year was the very successful Shillelagh Ceilidh, which took place at the picturesque Balboa Pavilion, overlooking Balboa Bay. Our original estimate of attendees was exceeded by over 10 per cent. Although our membership is ninety-two, the Ball was also attended by members of the other Californian Branches, reaching a total of 110, for dinner, with an additional ten persons for the dancing. We danced to the violin and piano music of the well-known Alastair Fraser and Paul Machlis, both from the San Francisco area. As another visitor from San Francisco wrote, "all-in-all the music was great, the floor and hall were nice, and dancers were extremely friendly, making for a magical evening and fifteen hours of driving worth it..."

Our teaching potential was increased by two. We now have four active teachers, and one Preliminary Test pass. Additionally, we have three teachers, presently non-active - quite a few for five classes, which are continuing to grow rapidly.

Ottawa. Membership: 300 Annual, 8 Life. *Classes per week:* 15. *Demonstration Team available.*

Many new dancers have further increased the size of the Ottawa Branch. Activities included summer weekly dancing in Vincent Massey Park and an active Fall through Spring beginning with our annual Jones Falls workshop in September. A season of weekly classes, monthly social dances, a Christmas dance, and a technique day, culminated in a Beginners' Ball and lively Annual Ball. Live music for the Annual Ball was provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Entertainment and demonstration groups have active and enjoyable community service throughout the year.

We enjoyed a very pleasant, but all too brief, visit from Miss Margaret Anderson and Mrs Mina Corson from Scotland. They had come to conduct examinations for teacher candidates from Ottawa, Kingston and Montreal.

Paris. Membership: 103 Annual, 13 Long Term, 5 Life. *Classes per week:* 1. *Demonstration Team available.*

The inaugural Ball and Dinner held in October to mark the creation of the Paris Branch was a great success and we were delighted to welcome no fewer than fifty dancers from outside France. In fact, we were so encouraged by the response that we have decided to make the Ball an annual event and look forward to welcoming many of our friends from abroad in future years. Second Annual Ball: 19 October 1985.

Guest teachers Bill Clement and Sara Burnell were highly appreciated at a Weekend School of Highland and Ladies Step Dancing held in April and we all very much enjoyed Anna Holden's teaching at a Weekend School in June. In all, the Branch held five Weekend Schools this year. Regular classes included intermediate/advanced ladies step dancing and beginners and intermediate country dancing. We are organising an international weekend school for Easter 1987.

Crowning out demonstrations this year was our invitation to dance at the sixteenth century Château de Fleury near Fontainebleau, for the INSEAD, the European Institute of Business Administration, Silver Jubilee Ball. After the demonstration, the forty or more Scots who were students and "old boys" of INSEAD danced a very commendable Reel of the 51st Division and Eightsome Reel.

Language barriers . . . Waiting backstage during a recent demonstration, our team was first alarmed and then amused to hear the announcement in French "you will now see a demonstration of Thailand dancing". (A "translation" of Highland Dancing.) The hilarity continued when at the end of the evening the team was presented with a certificate made out to the "Wild Scottish Contry Dance".

Phoenix. Membership: 26 Annual. *Classes per week:* 2. *Demonstration Team available.*

Our year began with an unscheduled yet fantastic visit from Andrew Gillies of the Croydon Branch. All levels of classes benefited greatly from his visit and we will always have a special place in our hearts for him. Our first workshop held in November was a great success. Visiting teachers Jack Rennie and Margaret Roche, both from the Los Angeles Branch, were superb. We plan to make it an annual event. Again this year we have continued with several demonstrations throughout our Valley of the Sun. On 3 February, we officially attained Branch status and with our increased membership, look forward to another successful year.

Pretoria.

No report at time of going to press.

Regina. Membership: 45 Annual, 7 Long Term. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch enjoyed another successful year. We now have another fully qualified teacher since Olive Ogilvie passed the final exam at St Catharines. Our October workshop, although curtailed by the weather, was again enjoyed by dancers from all over the Province and beyond. Teachers were John and Betty Trevenen from Winnipeg and Wes Clindinning from Hamilton.

The Branch again participated in the annual three-day Multi-cultural Mosaic in June with most members helping with the many jobs that had to be done to ensure success.

Sacramento. Membership: 62 Annual, 2 Long Term, 1 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Branch is completing another full and enjoyable year. We again had monthly parties during the class year and they were enjoyed by all. The June Ceilidh, the Christmas Party and the March

Party held in conjunction with the March Workshop, were all highlights. Our 8th May Ball was another success with the San Francisco Scottish Players furnishing another wonderful performance. They also played for our workshop, which was a great success. This year's workshop had the bountiful leadership from six wonderful teachers, three from our gracious sister branch in San Francisco: Eugene Bissell, Fred Macondray and Mark Post; and three from afar; Elinor Vandegrift from Seattle, John Middleton from the Toronto Branch and Richard Goss from Los Angeles Branch. Our Workshop theme this year was "A Salute to Miss Milligan".

St Catherines.

No report at time of going to press.

San Diego. Membership: 70 Annual, 6 Life. *Classes per week:* 5.

The San Diego Branch enjoyed a busy year, seeing an increase in membership and an increase in dance classes. We participated at local functions such as the Del Mar Country Fair and the San Diego Highland Games. Our regular special events were repeated, being a trip to Camp Stevens, a mini institute, and a spring workshop, the latter triggering our being invited to participate in a local TV programme. We were pleased to gain another certificated teacher from our membership.

San Francisco. Membership: 340 Annual, 1 Long Term, 29 Life. *Classes per week:* 21. *Demonstration Team available.*

The San Francisco Branch pursued a busy schedule of classes and events throughout the year. Our Santa Rosa Highland Games Dance, featuring the San Francisco Scottish Players, had an exceptionally high attendance. Asilomar, where the Branch holds its primary workshop, was as delightful as ever. Our teachers this year were Jeanetta McColl (Boston), Ruth Jappy (Vancouver), Jo Anning Hamilton (recently of Winnipeg, now of San Francisco), and Bruce Hamilton and Mark Post both of San Francisco. The San Francisco Scottish Players performed for the Asilomar Ball, and several band members provided live music for the workshop classes. The Valentine's Ball was one of the more spirited events of the year, with music provided by the San Francisco Scottish Players and guest fiddler Alasdair Fraser.

Several of our classes hosted special parties, particularly during the Christmas holidays. There were also music workshops, and a special dance workshop with Andrew Gillie. Most of our classes will be continuing through the summer. Bruce Hamilton, with the assistance of Carolyn Hunt and Jo Anning Hamilton, conducted the Teacher Candidate class. The Branch sincerely thank this team for their hard work and dedication, and proudly announces that three of our members have now joined the ranks of certificated teachers and three San Francisco Branch members and one Sacramento Branch member have passed their Preliminary Test. The commitment shown by all members of the Teacher Candidate class was noteworthy, and speaks well of this dedicated group of dancers.

Seattle. Membership: 94 Annual, 62 Long Term, 7 Life. *Classes per week:* 7. *Demonstration Team available.*

The Seattle Branch has grown this year, both in activity and in numbers. We celebrated our 10th Anniversary for our Fort Worden Weekend Workshop, had successful Fall and Spring Workshops, expanded classes and had a Teachers' Candidate Class which resulted in all candidates passing exams for Certification in RSCDS.

We hosted two special nights to "lure the public", called a LUPN, and had beginner classes following. This resulted in attracting new dancers, and its success can be seen in our increased membership.

Our thanks to the teachers, board members and general members who have worked hard and have made this the successful year which it has been.

South-East Queensland. *Membership:* 155 Annual, 23 Long Term, 9 Life. *Classes per week:* 7.

South-East Queensland has, once again, been very active. August 1984 saw the start of a series of successful elementary courses. Following our Annual Ball in April 1985 we participated in the opening celebrations of the Performing Arts Centre which was officially opened by the Duke and Duchess of Kent. Branch members took part in three areas: the Street Walk, Demonstration Team and the Guard of Honour. The Annual Weekend School was held in May with ninety members attending. We had a change of venue and enjoyed the surroundings of Banyo Seminary.

Stockholm.

No report at time of going to press.

Sydney.

No report at time of going to press.

Tokyo. *Membership:* 65 Annual, 34 Long Term, 2 Life. *Classes per week:* 1.

As the first year, the Branch had a fortunate event. Mr Bill Clement came to Japan after nine years with Edinburgh Branch Demonstration Team and held some classes in October. He taught some dances including the Society's newest dances from Book 32 politely. In co-operation with other affiliated groups, this valuable opportunity resulted in success. In May, another teacher from Scotland, Miss Margaret Prentice of Ayr, came to Japan again and she also held a class. There some new dances were taught and a well-balanced attendance made it very effective.

Toronto.

No report at time of going to press.

Twin Cities. *Membership:* 55 Annual, 4 Life. *Classes per week:* 4. *Demonstration Team available.*

During 1984-85 dancers from St Paul and Minneapolis participated in a variety of memorable events. Throughout August and September our members performed with partners from Wisconsin, Iowa and Winnipeg at the Renaissance Fair. Classes began in September with instruction held at Unity Unitarian Church in St Paul on Monday's, and at Antiques Minnesota in Minneapolis on Friday's.

In November, the Branch held its Annual Fall Ball. Dancing to music by the Thistledown Band, an enjoyable time was had by all. Members also participated in a Scottish Ramble and a workshop during the spring. Instruction at the workshop was provided by Robin Lynch, Winnipeg, David Tague, Los Angeles, and Harold McMillen, Minneapolis. In addition, members danced and managed the Scottish food booth at the Festival of Nations.

The Twin Cities Branch look forward to celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 1985-86.

Vancouver, BC. *Membership:* 398 Annual, 5 Long Term, 31 Life. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Dancing in Stanley Park during the summer is a wonderful way to promote our dancing in anticipation for a successful season. Our Demonstration Team under the direction of Mary Murray is always in demand. Some were privileged to be a part of the welcome for Pope John Paul on his visit to Vancouver in 1984 and also at the official opening to launch Expo '86.

When you have such fine teachers as Johan MacLean (Glasgow), Bob Blackie (Toronto) and Mary Murray and Simon Scott (Vancouver) with George Will (Richmond) supplementing the teaching staff and eager devotees of Scottish Country Dancing the result cannot help but be a terrific and memorable workshop which was at Easter. The Annual Ball complimented the weekend with the ever-popular Schiehallion Band playing for us. Plans are under way for a week-long workshop in August 1986 by way of celebration of Vancouver's Centennial and Expo '86. We anticipate welcoming friends from overseas as well as from our own shores. The children's workshop and

Ball was again the success it deserved with participants coming from Whitehorse, Victoria, Vancouver and surrounding areas. The Burns Supper, B'twixt and B'tween Dance and dances hosted by the Branch and the Clubs in the lower mainland made for the best season yet!

Victoria. *Membership:* 163 Annual, 20 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 4 Adult, 1 Children's. *Demonstration Team available.*

The 12th year of the Victoria Branch was especially noteworthy due to the large participation in the social events both by local Branch members and by RSCDS members from out of town. The workshop in November 1984 saw teachers from California, Seattle and Vancouver deliver a set of classes during Saturday and Sunday morning, which was very well received by the dancers. Music for the classes and for the evening dance social was provided by Alex Jappy and Maureen Ricard of Delta, BC.

The Christmas Social Dance Party was a joint effort of the Victoria Branch RSCDS and the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society. This co-operative venture was much appreciated by members of both groups. The dance was followed by a highly successful party at the Bay Street Armouries, courtesy of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. At New Year, a Hogmanay Pot-Luck Supper and Dance was very well attended, despite an unusually large snowfall which made transportation somewhat hazardous. A Burns Night Dance followed in January, with the traditional Burns ceremonies. The Victoria Branch holds Friday evening socials throughout the year, with a special emphasis on the last Friday in the month when food and drinks are provided to the dancers.

A Candidate Class, with twelve dancers aiming at the two levels of certification, achieved results worthy of the high level teaching provided by Archie Nixon and we are looking forward to the start of the new dancing year with eager anticipation and some additional teachers to help us perfect our dancing technique.

Washington DC. *Membership:* 172 Annual, 9 Long Term, 3 Life. *Classes per week:* 3. *Demonstration Team available.*

1984-85 was an active and interesting season for the Washington DC Branch. The examinations held in April went well, with five candidates gaining the Teacher's Certificates and seven gaining Preliminary Test passes.

The St Columbus group held some very successful fund-raising events and danced in thirty-five demonstrations through the year. Group events included the annual Iona Weekend and Cherry Blossom Ball which were enjoyed by all - especially the excellent classes held at the Iona Weekend, taught by Anna Holden and Bob Blackie.

The Branch introduced monthly pot-luck supper dances this year and held their first fund-raising event. We hope to continue the dances and continue to raise funds for the Branch.

Winnipeg. *Membership:* 174 Annual. *Classes per week:* 5. *Demonstration Team available.*

Attendance at classes has been steady, and we are particularly pleased at the increasing support of our Monday evening general class. Candidate classes were held at both Preliminary Test and Teacher's Certificate levels and all our candidates were successful in the examinations. Four Workshops were held, two for adults and two for children - all well attended and enjoyed.

In addition to the dances associated with the workshops, there have been ten social dances, a dinner dance to celebrate the New Year, and our year-end Ball. At many the music has been provided by Scotch Measure; the development of this local Scottish Country Dance band was initiated and supported by the Branch, and their success gives us great pleasure. The efforts of several members, stretching over several years, culminated this season in the publication of a booklet of four dances to honour the memory of Mary Branigan Nixon. It seems fitting that this tribute to her springs from the love of Scottish Country Dancing which, through her own teaching, dancing and personal warmth, she helped to inspire. The Royal Visit to Manitoba in October 1984 was particularly memorable for a team of Branch dancers who participated in an evening of



The Demonstration team from the St Columba's Section of Washington Branch.

entertainment for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. This was a unique and challenging opportunity, and it is a tribute to the skill and dedication of our teachers over many years that we had the resources to meet it.

Western Australia. Membership: 88 Annual, 22 Long Term, 11 Life. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.

Another successful year with the major activity being our hosting of the 9th Australian Winter School. This turned out to be the largest so far in Australia with 268 people attending. It was a great school with many new friendships formed between our members and the visitors, which can only strengthen the bonds of the world-wide "family" of which we are a part. Monthly hops are still well attended, and we have endeavoured to give them a theme.

Branch classes have continued steadily with the Trainee Teachers adding to the number of areas where we hold beginners' classes. The Annual Ball was held in conjunction with the Winter School this year and proved very successful, due mainly to the live music we had, provided by Ian Powrie and Walter Sinton. Ian will be sadly missed at our gatherings, having returned to Scotland and we wish him and Liela every happiness for the future.

There was a strong demand for demonstrations and displays, commencing with a five-set display during the Festival of Perth on the steps of the Perth Concert Hall to a six-set display at the Royal Agricultural Show in October. The Branch shop proved popular providing an opportunity to buy RSCDS books, records and accessories and we thank all those who patronised our shop, thus supporting and advertising the Society.

Windsor (Ontario). Membership: 32 Annual, 9 Long Term. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has made steady progress with an increase in membership and an excellent weekly average attendance. The workshop in June and Annual Ball in October were again held at the University of Windsor with music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent, and both occasions were enjoyed by all who attended. The Demonstration Team has been kept busy throughout the year dancing at nursing homes, Tartan Balls, etc., and are looking forward to help celebrate the centenary of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment in June. Monthly dances were held during the season and Hogmanay at Willistead Manor and After Christmas Party at Beachgrove Gold and Country Club are highlights of our social calendar. Our Annual Ball will be again held at the University of Windsor on 26 October 1985.

Teachers' Association (Canada). Membership: 498 Annual.

This has been an active year, especially for the Executive, as a number of new projects are in hand. Following a very successful workshop for Scottish Country Dance musicians at the 1984 Summer School, it has been decided to continue this annually, and in addition area music workshops are in the planning stage. At this year's Summer School a teachers' refresher course will be inaugurated. An outreach programme to provide experienced teachers, and musicians for teachers' workshops in more remote areas, including financial assistance is also planned.

Rental films "Scotland Dances" and "Take Your Partners" also now available on video-cassettes, are in great demand. An examination tour of North America by Miss Margaret Anderson and Mrs Mina Corson was arranged on behalf of the Society and successfully completed. The TACSOUND and Resource Centre services continue to provide records, books and leaflets to teachers and dancers throughout North America.



Members of the Winnipeg Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society that performed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on 5 October 1984.



Currently Chairman of the Teachers' Association (Canada), Canadian-born Miss Sandra Binns from an early age learned Highland and Scottish Country Dancing and has held the Society's Teacher's Certificate since 1967. She now brings to her present appointment a vast experience of teaching at all levels as well as a sound knowledge of the administration of the organisation which she chairs.

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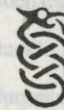
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There's absolutely no doubt that "The Eightsome Reel" and "Dashing White Sergeant" were danced in the earliest days of European settlement in New Zealand. But how does one even begin to tell the story of Scottish Country Dancing in this "faraway place"?

On an "organised" basis, a group known as "The Scottish Country Dance Circle" came into being in the late 1940s in Wellington, closely followed by similar clubs in both the North and South Islands. From there, like Topsy, "I 'spects we just grow'd". By 1954, the Wellington-Hawkes Bay Association had produced the first edition of "The New Zealand Scottish Country Dancer". It is indeed pleasing to report that Edition No. 32 was issued in 1985. It's also interesting to note that, in a country with such strong links with Scotland, our "Dancer" magazine is now the *only* Scottish magazine published in New Zealand!

In 1956, at a Summer School held in Eastbourne, on the shores of Wellington Harbour, the various groups came together and the New Zealand SCD Society was formed. By this time, there were no less than sixty-two groups operating, and our dancers were benefiting from tuition by teachers such as Miss Phyllis Gale, Mrs Mildred Clancey, Mrs Peggy Hudson, to name but a few. So much was owed to so many "tireless" people who gave such a lot of their valuable time.

In those "early" days of our Society, we relied heavily upon certificated teachers who had either emigrated to New Zealand, or had travelled to the United Kingdom, attending St Andrews whilst there in order to gain the Teacher's Certificate. It was, therefore, a milestone in our history when Mrs Florence Lesslie came to live in New Zealand in 1964. The fact that our tutors could now take examinations locally meant a great deal. Mrs Lesslie tutored at day and weekend schools, at our Summer Schools and conducted examinations with a dedication and vigour which would have exhausted most folk! The fact that we are now a Branch of the RSCDS is partly due to Mrs Lesslie's assistance and guidance.

Other strong links were to be forged in the years to come: Miss Milligan's visit in 1974, which is still a treasured memory for those who were able to meet with her and enjoy her tuition and company; Miss McLauchlan, who has visited us twice now and is about to make her third visit with Miss Anderson in 1986; Dr MacFadyen who toured New Zealand in 1983 and presented Mrs Lesslie with the Society's Special Scroll for Outstanding Service; and the appointment of Miss Phyllis Gale and Mrs Madge Laing as resident New Zealand examiners of the Society.

So many highlights to look back on . . . but what of the present and future of SCD in New Zealand?

Membership of the RSCDS continues to increase which surely must be an indication of the sheer pleasure that people derive from coming together under the umbrella known as the "SCD Family". Our Branch, for administrative reasons, is split into eleven main "regions"; within the regions there are operating clubs; and within the clubs, of course, the members.

Through the hosting of day and weekend schools – usually at region level – dancers from local and neighbouring areas have the chance to meet and dance together under expert tuition. The Branch "calendar of events" lists formal gatherings almost every Saturday throughout the dancing year.

The "hub" of Branch activity, however, is really our annual Summer Schools. Held in December/January, the venues for the Schools alternate between the North and South Islands. The AGM is held during Summer School, as are the Branch Council meetings. This occasion, then, is a real "coming together" in every sense of the phrase. Lots of hard work at classes in the morning – not always in cooler conditions – we have experienced temperatures close to 100° at times. Optional classes are offered in the afternoons, and these can cover a wide range, from SCD classes, to Highland Step classes, to Greek, Old Time and Maori classes. Our evening functions

range from formal occasions, such as the President's Ball and Final Night, through to more relaxing evenings of entertainment such as the School Concert, and Ladies Night with themes such as "Royal Ascot" where the talents of participants are brought forth. Summer School affords us the opportunity to renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and, most important of all, to benefit from tuition in the technique of SCD.

And looking to the future? SCD is in good heart in New Zealand at the present time, and we look forward to many more years of the challenge and enjoyment such an activity brings. It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors from overseas, be this during our dancing year, or at our Summer Schools.

To all members of Miss Milligan's family, we send warmest greetings from "down under" and hope that one day you will be able to visit us and enjoy some of our hospitality.

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THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA

The furthering of Scottish Culture, especially in the fields of Literature, Music and Dancing, is one of the aims of The Gambia Caledonian Society, founded in 1953.

In the early days of the Society, Scottish Dancing took place in the homes of members, but by the 1970s under the excellent tutelage of a gentleman who was a fully qualified RSCDS instructor, the dancing flourished to an extent where larger premises had to be sought.

Sadly, as so often happens in transitory overseas communities, by the late 1970s many good dancers, including the instructor, had left or been transferred to other parts of the world.

Volunteers endeavoured to keep Scottish Country Dancing alive, and in 1978 the group became affiliated to the RSCDS; however, enthusiasm waned and in 1981, a former dancer, on returning to The Gambia, was requested by The Gambia Caledonian Society to revive the Scottish Country Dancing.

Hardly had the Country Dancing re-started, when an attempted coup put an end to both adult and children's classes until the latter part of that year. The shock waves from the uprising continued through 1982 causing an environment which was not conducive to cultural activity. In spite of this, a small adult social class ran for most of the year and the children's class became very popular.

At the end of 1982, thanks to the advice and encouragement of a visiting British Caledonian Airways Highland Dancer, invaluable knowledge was gained and the dance organiser visited the RSCDS Summer School in 1983, after which a definite upsurge in interest and enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing was evinced. At the St Andrew's Night Ball that year eight ladies delighted the guests with their rendering of "Autumn in Appin", and whilst the dance programme accommodated the tastes of all guests, far more Scottish Dancing was in evidence than had been for some years. More importantly, genuine enthusiasm for regular weekly dancing began to prevail.

The ladies' team became a regular feature at our main functions by popular request and a mixed team danced also at most of our social occasions.

After the 1984 Christmas Party, at which eighteen children from the age of 5 danced for their parents - and Father Christmas! - a new weekly class of half an hour was started for the 3 to 5 year olds. By the end of January 1985, forty-two children were attending Scottish Country Dancing. The figure will fluctuate throughout the year, owing to the constantly changing expatriate population. It is hoped that as more local people join, the figures will stabilise.

The Gambia Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dance Group is at present strong and healthy in spite of transitory population, revolution, tropical disease and various other set-backs peculiar to overseas dance groups. Scottish Country Dancing has survived for many years in this tiny West African country, The Gambia, and hopefully will continue to thrive.

MARGARET A. FELL



Mrs Margaret Fell with the Children's Class in The Gambia Scottish Country Dance Group.

TEN DAYS IN TURKEY

(The RSCDS congratulate Cloverfield Primary School, Bucksburn, Aberdeen, on being invited to send a group of twenty-two children, aged 10-11 years, to an International Children's Festival in Ankara to perform songs and dances of Scotland. We were delighted that a group from Scotland was the first from Britain to take part in the Festival and we thank the Headmaster for this report on their visit. Editor)

On Tuesday, 16 April 1985, we set off from Dyce Airport at 9.40 a.m. "we" being seventeen girls, five boys and five group leaders, i.e. Mrs Mary MacLeod, the school secretary who was to be the group's "mother"; Mrs Sylvia Reid, PE teacher and the Scottish Country Dance teacher; Miss Dorothy Gray, music teacher; Kenny Young, our accordionist, a member of Aberdeen Strathspey and Reel Society, and myself, the Head Teacher.

We flew to Heathrow, from there to Istanbul and then on to Ankara. We arrived in Ankara at 10 p.m. that evening. Immediately we and a Spanish group were taken into a VIP lounge to meet Canan, one of the organisers. She was, in fact, assistant head of Children's TV for TRT (the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation) who were organising the Festival; and Sema our guide and interpreter. Both ladies spoke excellent English and chatted to the children and the other leaders while I checked the luggage and filled out forms for Passport Control.

From the airport we went to the school to meet the families with whom the children would stay. At 10.45 p.m. we entered the school hall to applause. In the following ceremony the names of each child and the Turkish host child were read out; the Scots were given flowers and a Festival bag, and whisked off home after getting instructions for the next morning. We, the group leaders, then went to our hotel where a Festival bag, badge and name-card awaited, along with a gift of Raki, the local beverage, and cigarettes.

Such excellent organisation and generosity was to be the most impressive feature of the next ten days.

On Wednesday, 17 April, all the 370 children at the Festival – from sixteen different countries – attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of Kemal Ataturk. It was he who gave 23 April to the children in 1920 and it has been celebrated ever since, becoming international in 1979. The countries taking part this year were Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Libya, Poland, Sweden, Soviet Union, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, United States of America, Yugoslavia and Turkey as the host country; as well as Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, Indonesia and ourselves who were all taking part for the first time.

In the afternoon we all took part in a parade down the Boulevard Ataturk, some three miles long, stopping to sing and dance Brochan Lom or the Lewis Bridal Song every two or three hundred yards. Crowds lined the streets all the way and, for the last mile, were three and four deep on both sides. All this in temperatures of 75°F. It took an hour and a half.

Thursday brought a second busy day. In the morning eight of the groups were at the TV studio performing a 15–20 minute programme from which the TV directors were to choose a 6-minute extract for a live transmission. This also gave us the opportunity to see seven of the other groups perform. After lunch at the British Embassy School we went to the Seymenler Park in which there is an amphitheatre with seating for about 10,000 people and there we performed our programme, again in temperatures of about 70°F.

The first of three official receptions took place on Friday morning. As group leader, I with one pupil, attended a reception given by the General Director of TRT for representatives of all the groups. We were presented, exchanged gifts, and afterwards we were entertained by the TRT Children's Choir. That afternoon the group went to the radio studio to record the music and songs for the live transmission. This was to take place in a large sports hall, and amplification was necessary.

Saturday was something of a rest day. First there was a convoy of sixteen buses to Batikent on the outskirts of Ankara where a new town is being built, but with emphasis on space for children to play. Trees are being planted, and each group planted a tree with the name of the country attached. From there we went to a picnic area nearer the city, where all the 370 children with their Turkish hosts, and many of their parents, spent a pleasant afternoon with the chance of meeting children from all the other groups.

The next item on the programme was the Prime Minister's reception at the Parliament Buildings on Sunday afternoon. All the visiting groups and their hosts attended in a large reception hall. The group leader and one child were presented and exchanged gifts, thereafter the group performed a two-minute dance, in our case "Diamond Jubilee". After all sixteen groups had been so presented, fruit juice and chocolate eclairs were served, and the sight of 600 or so children of seventeen nationalities in national costume milling about, dancing, singing, eating and drinking was quite something. Afterwards three children with Mrs MacLeod visited the Prime Minister's wife, and sang and danced for her. As the children left the Parliament Building each was given a bag containing a Turkish doll in national costume, a little statuette and a set of books about Turkey, Turkish legends and folk tales.

Monday and yet another reception. This time the group leader and one child from each country went to the President's Palace, where again we were presented and exchanged gifts. In the afternoon we went to our host school, Ankara College, and performed for them. They in turn presented some songs and plays in English for us. Again there was an exchange of gifts, before we left for the Sports Hall to rehearse our item for the TV show.

Tuesday was to be the big day – Children's Day, 23 April. Unfortunately the weather broke and it was wet and cold when we met at the school at 8.30 a.m., therefore the intended assembly of Ankara's schoolchildren and the visiting groups at the Sports Stadium was cancelled, and each school held its own ceremony indoors.

At 4 p.m. we headed for the Sports Hall. As each group entered the arena there was applause from the audience of about 5,000 people. The programme began at 6 p.m. and was broadcast live to an estimated TV audience of 45 million. Our six minutes consisted of the dance "Diamond Jubilee"; Westering Home; the dance "Dashing White Sergeant"; and finally the Lewis Bridal Song with two girls dancing "highland" steps in time to the singing. The whole programme ended two



"The Diamond Jubilee" being performed by Cloverfield Primary School pupils in Turkey.

hours later with all the 370 children joining in a chain with a Turkish group all round the arena. The TV Directors later said they thought the programme had been the best of the seven they had so far made.

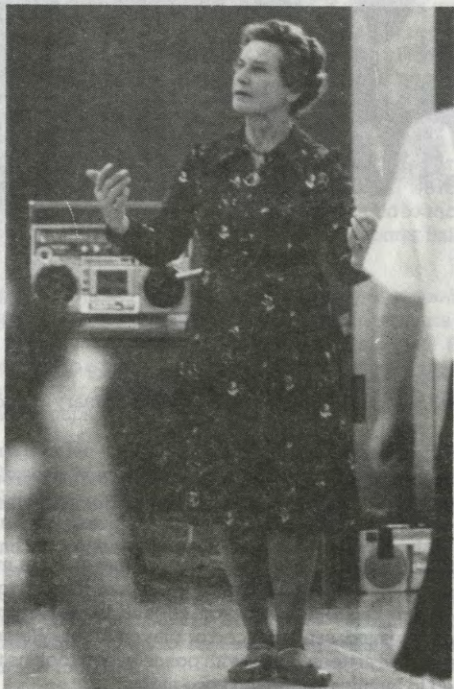
After such a climax we still had not finished for next day we met at 7.30 a.m. to be at the station for 9 a.m. when a special train took the whole festival on a 7½-hour journey to Istanbul, and it was an extra-special train. The engine was decorated and at each large town we stopped or slowed down while the local children waved, sang, danced or played for us. We eventually arrived late in Istanbul at 6.45 p.m. and a fleet of sixteen buses with police escort took us to a school where again the children were allocated to families for the next two nights.

Next day, Thursday 25 April, the bus convoy took us from the Asian side of Istanbul, an hour's journey, across to the European side where the parade was held. This was shorter in distance than the Ankara parade, but we stopped to dance more often and it took as long. We ended up going round the Taksim Square. I wish I could have looked down from one of the tall buildings to see the kaleidoscope of colour provided by the sixteen groups in national costume, spaced out around the square, all performing their different dances; with crowds five and six deep on the pavements, and more people at the windows and balconies of the buildings. Once all the groups had gathered, wreaths were laid at the monument there.

Yes, it was a marvellous experience. The friendship and generosity of the Turkish people added to the chance to perform before thousands of people in company with children from sixteen other countries made it ten days to remember. More important was the realisation that children from all over the world could share these experiences in friendship. Let us hope that such experiences are the foundations for a world at peace, which after all is the declared aim of the Festival.

The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund

We are grateful to all those who continue to contribute to the Fund and in so doing assist in the expansion of the Society worldwide. There is absolutely no doubt that the Society gains in both goodwill and membership from the teaching tours which have been undertaken so far. In this respect too, we thank those teachers and examiners who have undertaken such tours, for their time and the work that they have given to the projects.



Mrs Vera Sim, one of the Society's teachers and examiners, taking a class in the Club de Danse Ecosaise, Valence, during her teaching tour in France last year.

During the year 1984-85, Mrs Sim undertook the visit to the Netherlands, Belgium and France, while Mrs Holden visited Germany. In June 1985, Mrs McLaren also visited groups in Germany (those not previously included in Mrs Holden's tour). In addition, the General Purposes Committee provided from the Fund two scholarships at the Summer School for examination candidates over twenty-five.

Plans are in hand regarding a teaching/examining tour in Africa next year. Further details of overseas tours will be found under the General Purposes section of the Annual Report.

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We have photographs and recordings of Dr Jean Milligan but lack a "movie" of the lady. If anyone has filmed her with a movie camera would they please contact Dr Alastair MacFadyen, 24c Cleveden Place, Glasgow G12 0HQ.

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Book Review

G. W. Lockhart: *Highland Balls and Village Halls*

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In this book G. W. Lockhart has provided the reader with an entertaining confection made up of personal reminiscence, historical fact, social comment and items of Scottish prose and verse. Well-distributed photographs and sketches add to the appeal of the book. The author reviews Scottish dancing both in the past and at present and comments informatively, amusingly and at times nostalgically on the dances, dancers and musicians, as well as the places (hence the title) where dancing has taken and does take place. The last few pages are devoted to instructions for twelve dances which include the Lancers and the Quadrilles. Only 126 pages in length and very easily read, Scottish country dancers are likely to find this an interesting and enjoyable book.

However, members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will be disappointed in one respect, for they will look in vain in this book for any acknowledgement of their Society's contribution to the fortunes of the Scottish country dance over the past sixty-two years, although there are passing references to the Society and its members. Mr Lockhart laments the closure of the Highlanders' Institute in Glasgow and the end of the dancing opportunities available there, but makes no mention of the fact that for the past many years, and for many more to come, the Glasgow burgh halls have resounded to the merriment of dancers and musicians at dances organised by the Glasgow Branch of the Society. In addition to reviving and sustaining interest in the Scottish country dance, it must be acknowledged that the RSCDS has succeeded in restoring country dancing, admittedly in its Scottish form, to the position it enjoyed in the eighteenth century as a social pastime of international renown and popularity.

ALASTAIR MACFADYEN



Mr Iain Stuart Robertson whose artistic talents produced the design for the Diamond Jubilee Book Cover and Record Sleeve, the "SCROLL" and the new Teacher's Certificate which will be issued to those passing the Certificate Examination from 1 July 1985 onwards.

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(as at 1 April 1985)

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- The name of the tune;
- The source of the tune, when known;
- The RSCDS publication in which the tune is used;
- The type of tune (Reel, Jig, Strathspey);
- The name of the dance for which the tune is used.

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- (1) By Tune Title: this is an alphabetical sorting and was the way Susan's original index was compiled.
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- (3) By RSCDS Book: this is a table of contents of the books.
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Amendments to Publications

Won't You Join The Dance? (1981 Revised Edition)

Page 20. Penultimate line: *Delete* "set" *substitute* "step".

Page 30. 5th line: *Delete* from "move" to the end of sentence; *substitute* "may assume either of the starting positions indicated in the diagrams below".

Page 30. 6th line: *Delete* from "him" to end of paragraph; *substitute* "them, the second couple step in to join both hands".

Page 30. *Delete* instructions in brackets below diagram.

Page 36. New fig. 2 to be *substituted* for present figure.

Page 40. Reel of Three – 1st, 4th and fifth lines: *Delete* "Diagram shows"; *substitute* "instructions show".

Page 47. 7th line from foot of page: After "second" *delete* "couple"; *substitute* "and third couples".

Page 63. 1st line: *Delete* "into" *substitute* "towards".

Page 71. Meg Merrilees. 2nd line: *Delete* "4"; *substitute* "5".

Page 83. The Jimp Waist, line 5: *Delete* "left"; *substitute* "right".

Page 102. The Glens of Angus, last line: After "women's" *insert* "side at the end of the reels of four".

Pages 105–6. The Sow's Tail: *Delete* entire paragraph; *substitute* "In bars 9–12 the order of passing through the middle in the half figure of eight is as follows – first woman, first man, third man then third woman. The reason for this is easily seen when it is realised that the crossing is done alternately and as the first woman is crossing from the man's side the third man is following her so must dance third and therefore must dance in front of his partner.

In bars 13–16 it is the usual half figure of eight for two couples, the women crossing in front of partner each time. The order of crossing then becomes – first woman, first man, second woman, then second man."

Syllabuses for the Preliminary Test for the Teacher's Certificate and the Teacher's Certificate

Preliminary Test. Paragraph 1, third line: *Delete* "two"; *substitute* "four". (Effective 1 July 1986.)

Preliminary Test. Paragraph 14, third line, after "formations" *insert* "described in Won't You Join The Dance?"

Teacher's Certificate – paragraph 17, line eight, after "syllabus" *insert* ". Candidates will be required to submit a lesson plan for their set dance and to give it to the examiner just before the start of their lesson." (Effective 1 July 1986.)

How Do You Do . . . ?

- (a) *Seann Triubhas Willichan* (Book 27) – Bars 17–24: The turn at the bottom of the set should be done with right hands as stated in the instructions.
- (b) *Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich* – Second half reel of four: 1st corners having passed right in the middle, complete the half reel by passing 1st couple left and then reverse direction to begin the circle.
- (c) *Let's Meet Again* (Book 23) – Bars 31–32: 2nd couple, who are nearer the top of the set, turn with left hands, while 1st couple turn with right hands. All finish on own sides, 1st couple in second place.
- (d) *Johnnie's Welcome Hame* (Book 32): 2nd couple must *step up* as the instructions indicate.
- (e) *Jessie's Hornpipe* (Book 8) – Bars 1–8: A parallel figure of eight is required.
- (f) *Waverley* (Book 15) – Bars 33–40: In this dance nearer hands may be given.



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Obituaries

MRS JEAN ANDERSON

Mrs Jean Anderson (aged 49) died in Toronto East General Hospital on 7 February 1985 after a brief illness. An accomplished pianist and enthusiastic Scottish Country Dancer, she practised both these talents in Hamilton and Toronto after emigrating with her husband, John, from Dennyloanhead, Stirlingshire, to Canada in 1957. She was a member and director of various choirs and most recently organist and choir director of Gateway Community Church, Don Mills, Ontario.

She established her own Scottish Country Dance Classes and many people dancing and teaching now would not be doing so except for her encouragement and her love of dancing and her dancers.

Her loss is felt very deeply by all who knew her.

LOIS DALE STEWART EDDY

Lois Dale Stewart Eddy, an organising member of the Northern Virginia Branch and a RSCDS qualified teacher, died at her home in Alexandria on 23 January 1985. Her family chose to make her memorial service "a celebration of her life" and asked the Branch to participate. A group of her friends danced during the service and again during the reception afterwards.

Those who attended the service were very much impressed by the tributes offered by friends and associates of Lois's in other aspects of her life, including the Air and Space Museum, the Alexandria Public Schools, the Alexandria Library, the Unitarian Church of Arlington, and her neighbours.

She will be greatly missed in the Branch, especially for her dedication to teaching and for her encouragement to individual members at all levels, from beginners to teacher candidates.

E.B.A.

GROUP CAPTAIN J. D. S. HUXLEY

Group Captain J. D. S. Huxley died in Stratford-on-Avon Hospital on Friday, 9 November 1984, after a short illness. He was 70.

David Huxley was for many years a deeply respected and very popular member of the Executive Council of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and a valuable member of the Finance Committee. He also made a substantial contribution to the Society's Summer School in St Andrews which he and his wife attended regularly for many years.

Educated at Tonbridge School he went on to graduate in Electrical Engineering from Imperial College, London University. He was commissioned in 1939 in the Royal Air Force and saw service in World War II in Britain, North Africa, Italy and France.

After the war he served in Washington DC, USA, for four years. While there, through his association with the St Andrew Society, he first became actively interested in Scottish Country Dancing, though, with a Scottish wife, and as a direct descendant of Sir Walter Scott's father, this was hardly surprising.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, and will be sadly missed by his very many friends both here and abroad.

D.D.

CHRISTIAN PETER WADSWORTH

Peter Wadsworth died peacefully on 3 May 1985. His passing came as a great shock to his many friends and particularly to those in Galloway and indeed to his own dear Gatehouse of Fleet Branch members. In earlier years Peter was a member of Bristol Caledonian Society, then attended Summer School at St Andrews where he passed his Preliminary Test. He returned to Bristol where he and other members practised teaching with various clubs. They organised weekend schools and eventually a refresher training course in preparation for the Teacher's

Examination. Having attained this they were able to form a Branch in 1962 and Peter was elected Chairman, Branch Representative and one of the Branch teachers. After his marriage to Winnie Richardson they settled in Edinburgh and enjoyed dancing with the Edinburgh Branch, prior to coming to live in Gatehouse of Fleet. While in Gatehouse he served as Treasurer of the Branch for several years and was present Secretary and Branch Representative. He was invited to join the Society's Finance Committee and attended one meeting before he became ill. He will be greatly missed by the Gatehouse Branch where his organising ability was much appreciated. Our sympathy is extended to his widow who is well known to country dancers in many parts of the country.

W.L.

MRS E. MURRAY (Glasgow Branch)

Although we knew of the serious nature of Mrs Murray's illness, it came as a great shock and sadness to all her many friends, when she died in June.

Mrs Betty Murray, the longest-serving Branch pianist, was known to dancers far beyond Glasgow. She had been on the Summer School Staff for a long time and in her own unassuming way contributed to the enjoyment of the Summer School members.

In Glasgow she played for all grades of classes, at Day Schools, for the Demonstration Team and in particular for the Certificate Classes. Candidates held her in specially high regard since she was able to help and encourage them. Few knew of her exceptionally fine singing voice. The cuttings from the *Radio Times* proudly owned by her family, give details of her frequent performances in the 1940s.

"Mrs Murray the pianist", that is how the dancing world thought of her, but first and foremost she was the loving and loved wife of John, who died only last summer, proud mother of Ian and Dilys and a devoted grandmother. We send our condolences to Ian and Dilys and share their pride and memories of a fine lady, whose smart appearance, love of music and interest in all our doings, will be very sadly missed.

D.A.P.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: DUNDEE - 31 October-1 November 1986

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Annual General Meeting

3 November 1984

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 3 November 1984, at 2.30 p.m. in Jordanhill College, Southbrae Drive, Glasgow.

PRESENT

Mrs M. G. Parker (Chairman), Dr A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 483 members of whom 176 were delegates.

In the Chair: Mrs M. G. Parker

APOLOGIES

The Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt.-Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Group Captain and Mrs Huxley, Mrs E. Gilroy, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr W. J. Ireland, Mrs M. Killeen, Mr J. Laurie, Mrs H. Lisk, Mr and Mrs J. Mair, Miss I. Mundie, Miss W. Van Taanam and Mr H. Van Zon.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen, in which she sincerely thanked the Executive Council and all members of the Society for their loyal greetings on the occasion of the 55th Annual General Meeting. As Patron of the Society Her Majesty had been delighted to receive the message and sent her best wishes to all for a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

The Chairman then welcomed all delegates to the meeting and said she had had a special message from our President who hoped to be forgiven for not being able to attend as he had hoped to do. Unfortunately he had been asked to undertake a very important and unavoidable duty and could not be present; Mrs Parker was pleased to tell the meeting that the President was now fit and well again after his illness earlier in the year.

With an expanding Society it was to be expected, the Chairman said, that the number of delegates would increase and indeed 196 – the largest number ever – had been notified though in the event all had not been able to attend. She gave a special welcome to those delegates attending for the first time and hoped they would find the meeting interesting and the functions enjoyable.

The Society was still flourishing in spite of the difficult conditions throughout the world or perhaps, Mrs Parker said, it might be because of these, since when life is difficult it is all the more necessary to be part of an organisation which offers friendship, sociability and a feeling of belonging to a family. She was sure that Miss Milligan, if she could look down on us, would be pleased to see that we were looking after the heritage which she had left us.

MINUTES

The Minutes, having been in the delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read. Dr I. M. Hall (Manchester Branch) seconded by Mrs M. Hutton (representing Delaware Branch) proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 5 November 1983, and the motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Miss M. H. Anderson (representing New Zealand Branch), seconded by Mr A. C. Morris (Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

(a) Mrs M. C. Stoker (London Branch) seconded by Mr D. A. Gray (Bournemouth Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Glenconner, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lt.-Col. Colin C. Mitchell and Sir Ian Moncreiffe of that ilk. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

(b) Mr Alastair Smart (Edinburgh Branch) moved that Miss Florence H. Adams should be appointed an Honorary Vice-President. Mr W. Cross (Glasgow Branch) seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. Miss Adams thanked the meeting for the honour conferred on her by this appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1984-85

Dr A. MacFadyen took the Chair.

(a) CHAIRMAN: Mrs M. G. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

Mrs M. G. Parker resumed the Chair.

(b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Dr A. MacFadyen (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
Mr A. S. Aitkenhead, Miss I. Bennett, Miss M. Brown, Miss A. B. W. Mann, Miss L. C. Martin and Miss D. Paterson.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Presenting the Annual Report the Secretary said that though delegates had had the report in their hands for some time there were one or two points worth emphasising. Although each year a number of members with whom the Society had lost touch were transferred to the "resigned" file, the number of current members still continued to grow; there was a small but steady increase in the number of branches each year and, this year, a very large increase in the number of affiliated groups.

The teaching tours funded from the Memorial Fund continued to be an outstanding success, benefiting both Branches and Groups visited and the Society itself. A new publicity leaflet was now available to Branches and the Secretary hoped that the smaller branches especially would avail themselves of this advertising aid.

The production of a model constitution for Branches would be useful to keep Branches with the same terminology and outline organisation world wide.

Miss Gibson reported that the Society had now, after protracted negotiations with Paterson's Publications, obtained the publishing rights for "Won't You Join The Dance?" and for dance books Nos 1-5.

Mr C. P. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet Branch) moving the adoption of the Annual Report said the expansion of the Society was only too obvious if one compared the present Bulletin with one some years back; he noted that the staff had not increased in the same proportion and congratulated them on coping with the increased volume of work. Miss Claire Goodman (Berks, Hants, Surrey Border Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

In moving the adoption of the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor (Finance Convener), said that, as he had forewarned delegates at the last Annual General Meeting the surplus this year of £1,945 was well down from that of last year (£11,534). The several reasons for this included increased cost of holding meetings, of printing, postage and stationery and all overheads, all of which were beyond our control, and we had also absorbed some of the increased costs of running the Summer School.

A new item had appeared in the Revenue Account – the purchase of archives – because an opportunity had arisen to purchase old dance books and manuscripts; he asked all members to look out for such articles and advise Headquarters as the collection of manuscripts relating to Scottish Country Dances was one of the objects of the Society.

Administration expenses rose from £26,000 last year to £36,000 in 1984 and this was after tight financial control and the internal transfer to cover cost of administering the Summer School. The

subscription copy was an expensive one and the October 1983 Bulletin itself cost nearly £10,000. It was with all these factors in mind that the increase in subscription rate was proposed at last year's Annual General Meeting and accepted by delegates. The benefit of the increase is only now beginning to show. We are constantly on the look-out to make savings and this year we have been fortunate in making a major reduction in the cost of the Bulletin by obtaining a very competitive printer.

While there was a healthy surplus on sales of publications and of accessories Mr Taylor said that no allowance had been made in the figures shown for the handling of sales or for the cost of carrying the very extensive stocks.

We had again attracted the attention of the VAT office and were in the process of negotiating with the Customs and Excise authorities to agree what has to be included in their definition of turnover. It seems likely that part of the subscription will attract VAT at 15 per cent. The result was that we should have to conduct our sales through a separate limited company with any surplus being covenanted to the Society; as long as turnover is kept below the registration limits no VAT should be due; this would mean extra work for both offices – the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Mr Taylor said, however, that there was no need to be depressed as the Society had a very healthy Balance Sheet and we had been able to maintain our reserves with investments worth more than £60,000 and stocks of £37,000 as well as our property at Coates Crescent and the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund; he hoped sales this year would again increase.

In the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1985 allowances had been made for the long overdue upgrading of the Headquarters offices and for introducing a word processor and computerisation. The capital value of the Jean Milligan Memorial fund at 30 June was £24,791.75 and he was delighted that it was still growing; the income from the fund had been used for scholarships, overseas visits, and other great benefits to the Society.

Finally, Mr Taylor took the opportunity to thank the Auditor, Miss Matheson, the Treasurer, Mrs Jeffcoat, and his Finance Committee for their continued support and loyalty to the Society; he also thanked the Secretary and her staff for their work in promoting sales.

The motion to adopt the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet was seconded by Miss A. W. Miller (Duns and District Branch) who said that the Society owed much to Mr Taylor as Finance Convener for the sound state of the Society's finances.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment as auditor of Miss M. A. Matheson was proposed by Mr J. Wilson (representing Nairobi Branch), seconded by Mr M. G. Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch) and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) On behalf of the Executive Council Mrs Anna Holden (representing Florida Branch), seconded by Miss M. M. Ross (Forres Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Society (1980):

"VI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section (1) Membership, para (b) – page 5:

Line 3: After 'School' insert 'and the Honorary Archivist'

Line 4: At end delete 'a'

Line 5: Delete 'member'; substitute 'members'.

Section (4) Committees of Council, para (d) – page 9

Delete first paragraph; substitute 'This Committee shall consist of eight members including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Honorary Archivist'.

Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch) asked for a point of information. He asked if there were not two motions in one in the amendment to the Society Constitution.

The Chairman ruled that had any Branch taken exception to any part of the resolution they had had the opportunity to put in amendments. No amendments had been received.

Mr Alastair Smart (Edinburgh Branch) moved against the motion.

On a vote being taken the motion was passed by an overwhelming majority."

(b) Miss M. Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded by Dr J. Reinstein (Paris Branch) moved:

"(i) 'that, due to the differences between various published editions of RSCDS dances, henceforth all RSCDS dance publications will have the date of current revisions on each page.

(ii) That the name of the RSCDS editor be indicated on those pages where there are substantive changes in the score.

(iii) that henceforth:

(a) if a dance is recognisably the same as its source, then its reference shall be in the usual form.

(b) if the dance has been edited by the RSCDS from, or is closely related to its source, then its reference shall be in the form "with a difference" or some equivalent phrase.

(c) if the dance shares its name and less than half of its figures with its "source", then its reference shall be "inspired by" or some equivalent phrase.

(d) if the dance does not fit into one of the above categories, then its reference shall be "devised by the Publications Committee" or whomever is responsible"

Mr A. Boode (Delft Branch) moved the direct negative.

Mrs L. Gaul (representing Hamilton (Ontario) Branch) moved that the motion be remitted to the Publications Committee in the first instance for their consideration and comment. Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) seconded Mrs Gaul's proposal.

The motion to remit the Los Angeles Branch motion to the Publications and Research Committee was carried by 81 votes FOR and 18 AGAINST.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman), reading out the list of those awarded the Society's Scroll, said that a Scroll had been sent to Mr R. Campbell (Toronto Branch and Secretary, TAC) and to Mrs A. McN. Smith (Cape Town Branch) who were unable to attend. A Scroll would also be sent to Mrs W. Nock (NW Craven Branch) who had been admitted to hospital.

Mrs M. G. Parker (Chairman) made the presentation of the Society's Scroll to Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow Branch), Miss N. J. Arnott (Kirkcaldy Branch), Mrs I. Finn (Manchester Branch), Miss H. Gardiner Jones (Wolverhampton Branch) and Miss C. McC. Kane (Belfast Branch).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1985

The Chairman confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 2 November 1985, and the venue would be Helensburgh Academy, Helensburgh.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr W. Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) thanked in very original rhyme the Glasgow Branch, hosts of the occasion. Perhaps Mr Steele, the Branch Secretary, to whom the applications for the weekend had been sent, was best known to everyone but Miss Dorothy Paterson, the Branch Chairman had headed what had been a real joint effort by the Branch Committee. The Branch had offered generous hospitality to delegates and had also defrayed the cost of the hall for the Annual General Meeting. Mr Hamilton also thanked Dr Bone, Principal of Jordanhill College, for his permission to hold the meeting there, and Mr Wilkie and Mrs Fyffe of the College staff for the catering arrangements.

On behalf of the Executive Council and Scroll recipients Mr Hamilton thanked the Branch for the lunch prior to the Annual General Meeting. He also thanked Bailie Davison who had attended in place of Lord Provost Gray to whom greetings were sent.

Lastly he thanked Mrs Parker for taking the Chair and guiding the meeting through the business on the agenda and Miss Gibson, Secretary, for her work in connection with the AGM.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

Summer School 1986: 21 July-18 August

Members wishing to attend should send a **stamped addressed envelope** to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF, marked "Summer School" (a letter is quite unnecessary) by 31 January 1986. Overseas members who cannot stamp the envelope should include an international reply coupon. Application forms will be despatched as soon as possible after requests have been received and should be returned to Society Headquarters **not later than 1 March 1986**. Those hoping to join an examination class should also request a syllabus (20p) and an application form for candidate training. Summer School application forms are not normally available until the end of December.

DAY, WEEKEND AND OTHER SCHOOLS - (Nov. 1985-Nov. 1986)

(Full details obtainable from organising Branches)

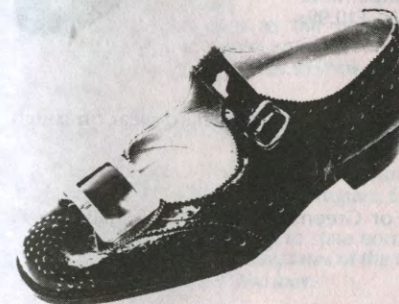
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Orange County	November	Melbourne and District	April
Paris	November	Paris	April
Kingston (Ontario)	1-3 November	Newcastle and District	4-6 April
Phoenix	9-10 November	Dunbartonshire West	11-13 April
Bristol	16-17 November	Edinburgh	11-13 April
Carlisle and Border	22-24 November	Leeds	11-13 April
Croydon and District	29-30 November	Norwich	12 April
Kitchener-Waterloo	30 November	Doncaster and District	26 April
Hamilton (Ontario)	7 December	Duns and District	May
New Zealand	December 1985- January 1986	Johannesburg	May
		South-East Queensland	May
		Stirlingshire	May
1986		Isle of Islay	2-3 May
Paris	January- February	Portrush	2-3 May
		Delft	16-19 May
London	February	Peterborough and District	17 May
Carlisle and Border	8 February	St Andrews	17 May
Newcastle and District	8 February	Montreal	30, 31 May, 1 June
Cheltenham	8-9 February	Paris	June
Southport	9 February	Sutton Coldfield	June
Hawaii	14-16 February	Florida	7 June
Doncaster and District (Highland)	15 February	Twin Cities	13-15 June
Oxfordshire	15 February	Boston	July
Winnipeg	late February	Los Angeles	July
London	March	TAC (Annual School)	August
Bournemouth	March	Canberra and District (Australian Winter School)	29 August- 6 September
Melbourne and District	March	Glasgow	September
Leicester	1 March	Johannesburg	September
London (Ontario)	1 March	Melbourne and District	September
Chester St Andrew Society	1 March	Ottawa	19-21 September
Berks/Hants/Surrey Border	8 March	Manchester	27 September
Birmingham	8 March	South Wales	27 September
Nottingham	8 March	Seattle	Fall
Lorn (Argyll)	14-15 March	Detroit	4 October
Bath (including School for Musicians)	15 March	West Renfrewshire	5 October
Royal Tunbridge Wells	15 March	Dumfries	6 October
West Lothian	15 March	Herefordshire	11 October
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