

Summer Dancing 2008

Where? Westerton Village Hall
Maxwell Avenue
Westerton
Bearsden

When? On the following Tuesdays
May 27th June 10th July 8th
July 22nd August 5th August 19th September 2nd

What time? 7.30 – 9.45 pm

Cost? £2.50

Contact? Chris or Margaret Sanders 0141 942 7519

Dancing in the Park

Once again we return to the walled garden at Mugdock Country Park for our annual "come and try" event on Saturday June 7th, 2008. The event will start with piping by Alasdair Brown. Then from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock we will have open air dancing on the lawns of the walled garden. The David Ross Duo will provide the music for a mix of some ceilidh dances and some not too difficult Scottish Country Dances.

This is a chance for you to bring along your friends and neighbours, who have always wondered what we get up to in Scottish Country Dancing - but who have been too shy to come along to our regular classes. In addition to our dancing, there are a range of facilities and attractions at Mugdock which all visitors can enjoy.

If you already dance, just turn up and enjoy yourself at this free event. The more folk who are dancing the easier it will be for the beginners and the more fun for everyone!

Iain Hutchison

Bone density - a wee reminder

Doctor Morag Thow is still looking for more lady volunteers (who must be 50 years or over) to help with research into the possible benefits of Scottish Country Dancing to bone health.

You can phone Morag on 0141 331 8133 or e-mail her at M.Thow@gcal.ac.uk

The good news for gentlemen is that they too can help - but not until next year!

85th Anniversary Ball Friday 20th June 2008, Glasgow City Chambers Lothian Band

St Bernard Waltz	32 bar Reel	Forbes
Highland Welcome	8 x 32 bar Jig	RSCDS Book 41
Pelorus Jack	8 x 32 bar Strathspey	Johnston
Salute to Glasgow	8 x 32 bar Reel	Drewry
Bratach Bana	8 x 32 bar Jig	RSCDS Book 45
Alan J Smith	4 x 32 bar Strathspey	RSCDS Book 36
Road to Mallaig		
Gay Gordons		
Music Makars	8 x 32 bar Reel	RSCDS Book 33
Midnight Oil	5 x 48 bar Jig	Drewry

INTERVAL Buffet Supper

Pride of Erin Waltz	8 x 32 bar Reel	RSCDS Book 18
Maxwell's Rant	8 x 32 bar Jig	Drewry
Glavva	8 x 32 bar Strathspey	RSCDS Book 31
Margaret Parker's Strathspey		
Britannia Two Step		
Irish Rover	8 x 32 bar Reel	Cosh
Glasgow Anniversary Jig	4 x 32 bar Jig	Glas 75 th Ann'y B'k
Culla Bay	4 x 32 bar Strathspey	RSCDS Book 41
Wild Geese	8 x 32 bar Jig	RSCDS Book 24
Mairi's Wedding	8 x 32 bar Reel	Cosh

Cost £20.00
Tickets from Social Convener Flora Frame 0141 942 6850 or from Classes

Death of Branch Member

It is with sadness that we record the death of Irene Gallagher, who has been a member of Glasgow Branch for a number of years. Irene danced at the Branch classes in the South Side of the city in the winter and at Irene Harper's Monday class in Netherlee in the summer.

LYNFRAE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

are bringing their tour of Scotland to an end at a GRAND BALL at Pallinsburn Estate, near COLDSTREAM on Friday, 23rd May 2008
With music by MARION ANDERSON and her band

Time: Sherry at 7 pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm, Dancing starts at 8:15 pm
Dress: Formal
Tickets: £22 to include complimentary sherry and 2 course dinner.

Bookings: Telephone Gill Godber at 01223 881 699
Email: gillgodber@aol.com
(please advise if a vegetarian meal is required)

PROGRAMME

Campbell's Welcome	24 bar Jig Rnd the room	C Tyler, Lynfræ Club
Cranberry Tart	8 x 32 bar Jig	T Glasspool, 7 Year Itch
Butterscotch and Honey	4 x 32 bar Strathspey	J Attwood Alex, Leaflet 24
Inverneill House	8 x 32 bar Reel	RSCDS Bk 35
Gothenberg Welcome	8 x 32 bar Jig	RSCDS Bk 37
Anna Holden's Strathspey	8 x 32 bar Strathspey	RSCDS Bk 42
Kangaroo Paw	8 x 32 bar Reel	Kangaroo Paw Collection
Joe McDiarmid's Jig	4 x 32 bar Jig	5 SCDs 1982
The Dream Catcher	4 x 32 bar S'spey square	RSCDS Bk 45
Duke of Perth	8 x 32 bar Reel	RSCDS Bk 1

INTERVAL

The White Cockade	8 x 32 bar Reel	RSCDS Bk 5
The Dee in Spring	3 x 32 bar Strathspey	Mel Briscoe
Waternish Tangle	8 x 32 bar Jig	A Barfoot, Skye Collection 2
From the Broomielaw	4 x 32 bar Strathspey	A Holden, TAC Silver Anni Bk
Kelloholm Jig	8 x 32 bar Jig	P Hyssett, Leaflet 32
Clutha	4 x 48 bar Reel Square	RSCDS Bk 31
The Gentleman	8 x 32 bar Strathspey	RSCDS Bk 35
J B Milne	8 x 32 bar Jig	H Foss, Angus Fitchett Album
Mairi's Wedding	8 x 40 bar Reel	RSCDS Bk 35
Auld Lang Syne		
Extras		
Reel of the 51st Division	8 x 32 bar Reel	RSCDS Bk 13
Aird of Coigach	4 x 48 bar Jig	J Bayly, Imperial 3
Pallinsburn Jig	8 x 32 bar Jig	C Tyler, Lynfræ Club

Instructions for these dances can be found on the Lynfræ website – www.lynfræ.scd.org.za

Dancing Abroad

When talking to fellow dancers about going on holiday outwith Scotland and especially to the Far East, Australia and New Zealand, the response is very often "I'm just back from....." or "I'm just about to go to.....". If one asks "did you do any dancing while you were over there, or will you do any dancing while you are over there", the reply is often "no, I didn't really think that it would be possible".

How wrong can you be!

We have been to Australia, Hong Kong, and Singapore in the last 12 months and had arranged dancing classes in Melbourne, Canberra, Hong Kong and Singapore before we left Glasgow. All one needs to do is to look up the internet for the appropriate location and all should be straight forward.

You are guaranteed a very warm welcome and a very enjoyable evening's dancing. Don't be put off thinking that you will not know the dances they do, because their favourites are generally our favourites. The main difference is that their starting temperature is more akin to our end of dance temperature.

Go for it and it could even be the highlight of your holiday!

While in Hong Kong and Singapore this year, various members of the class recalled "the good old days" when our branch secretary was part of the dancing scene there, and in Singapore we recognised people from a previous visit when we were at their St Andrew's Night Ball.

We left all our fellow dancers with an open invitation to come and join with us here in Glasgow where they would be assured of a very warm welcome

Katherine & Sandy Morrison

2nd Scottish Branches Conference

Representatives from branches throughout Scotland gathered in the Cluny Centre, Edinburgh in February for the 2nd Scottish Branches Conference.

Glasgow Branch was represented by Pam Gillies and Margaret Weir.

Jimmie Hill gave feedback on the previous conference in 2006. It had brought together a sharing of concerns and ideas for the promoting of SCD at local and national levels. The appointment of a marketing officer and Dance Scottish Week resulted from it.

Liz Fraser, our marketing officer, gave an evaluation of Dance Scottish Week. It was valuable as it focused media and public attention on the social and fitness potential of SCD.

From the questionnaires returned, the many and varied activities were enjoyed by all who attended them, particularly the St Andrews in the Square dance, the family ceilidh in Helensburgh and the open dance in Aberdeen.

The afternoon focused on the work of the various committees. The convenors of the Membership Services, Education and Training, and Finance committees gave interesting and informative talks on their remits.

Margaret Weir

RSCDS GLASGOW BRANCH DANCE IN ABERFOYLE 22 February 2008

For the fourth consecutive year, Glasgow Branch organised a dinner dance and overnight stay in the Rob Roy Hotel, Aberfoyle. Dancers came from far and wide – Jill from Essex has never missed this event and we were delighted to greet again Margaret from Islay. The dancers from Bishopbriggs were also a welcome addition to our party. The evening started with an excellent meal followed by a challenging dance programme. Robert McColl and his Dumgoyne Band provided the music and gave a sterling performance throughout. There were quite a number of repeats to allow everyone to join in and Cinderella had left the ball before we all left the floor! The following day after a substantial breakfast some dancers made their way home whilst others took up the offer of a low level walk led by Graham Murray, undeterred by the inclement weather. The beauty of the occasion meant that there was time to chat and enjoy a laugh together. Everyone enjoyed the event - our thanks in particular to Maureen and Dick Daniel - and it is hoped that Glasgow will continue this custom in the years ahead.

VJIO'D

The "Dem" Group

Dem class meets every Thursday and we are taught by Alasdair Brown. When I say taught, what I mean is that we are put through our paces and this starts at the warm up. We represent Glasgow in Scottish Country Dance Festival competitions and also in displays. For competitions, Alasdair chooses technically challenging dances which he expects us to do well (and he makes us go over it again if we don't!). For display we often practise medleys of dances. For example: a Reel into a Strathspey into a Jig danced one straight into the other. The choreography is the important thing here. Often the dances need to be adapted so that they flow one into the other and Alasdair also tends to throw in a change of orientation of the set or two. The display dances are chosen so that they look good when performed to an audience. The pattern of the formations are intended to be eye catching and impressive – especially to an uninitiated viewer.

So why do we do it? Well first of all, we enjoy it and, I hope, that if you have seen any of our displays this has shown through. Secondly, we represent Glasgow branch and our displays make good Scottish Country Dancing publicity. This year we have danced for Glasgow Culture and Sport, the BBC, Pavilion Theatre Glasgow and represented the branch at Kelvingrove Museum, Kelvin Hall School's festival and the RSCDS Dance Scottish Week. So if you would like to do demonstration dancing and are comfortable with having "covering" hammered home, Alasdair Brown would be pleased to hear from you on 01236 879 409. We really are a sociable group who enjoy dancing and we would be happy to welcome new comers to dem!

Heather Battson

Glasgow Music Festival – 1st and 3rd March

Regretfully numbers were low this year, but we had two successful days.

The Marion B Hamilton Certificate was awarded to:-

The '10 and under' team from the Buchanan Dancers - teacher Maureen McNeil.

The 'Glasgow Branch Quaich' was awarded to:-

The Glasgow Branch Demonstration Team – teacher Alastair Brown. Congratulations to both teams.

Many thanks to Christine Traynor (adjudicator), Dorothy Hamilton (pianist) and all Committee and Branch members who acted as Stewards.

Pam Gillies

DIARY

- April 2008**
22 Branch Spring Class, Cleveden Secondary School, 19.15
Teacher John Johnstone www.rscdsglasgow.org
Seniors' Lunch, Ewington Hotel, 1.00 pm, Speaker Dr. Alasdair MacFadyen
Contact Mrs Ruth Beattie 0141 956 1522
28 Summer Dancing starts in Troon Concert Hall
Contact Wilma Brown 01292 315 558
29 Branch Spring Class, Cleveden Secondary School, 19.15
Teacher Jimmy McMillan www.rscdsglasgow.org
- May 2008**
2 Charity Dance, Troon Concert Hall
Contact Wilma Brown 01292 315 558
6 Branch Spring Class, Cleveden Secondary School, 19.15
Teacher Eric Finley www.rscdsglasgow.org
13 Branch Spring Class, Cleveden Secondary School, 19.15
Teacher Andrew McConnell www.rscdsglasgow.org
22 Glasgow Branch AGM Woodside Halls, Glenfarg St. 19.30
27 Westerton Summer Dancing begins, (fortnightly until 2nd September) 19.30
Contact Margaret & Chris Sanders 0141 942 7519
- June 2008**
7 Mugdock Country Park (NOTE this is a change of date)
Dancing in the Park to the music of The David Ross Duo 14.00-16.00
20 Summer Ball, Glasgow City Chambers
Contact Margaret Weir 0141 334 0694
- September 2008**
1 Hospice Dance, Troon Concert Hall
Contact Wilma Brown 01292 315 558
12/20 Dance Scottish Week
13 Memorial Dance in Carmichael Hall (NOTE this is a change of date)
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850 or see www.rscdsglasgow.org
20 Dancing in Kelvingrove Art Gallery, 14.00 (NOTE this is a change of date)
- October 2008**
10 Glasgow Branch Dance in Clarkston Hall
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850 or see www.rscdsglasgow.org
- November 2008**
8 Glasgow Branch Club Night in New Kilpatrick Church Hall
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850
- December 2008**
5 Glasgow Branch Dance in Carmichael Hall
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850 or see www.rscdsglasgow.org
13 Proposed Christmas Club Night Details later
- March 2009**
6 Glasgow Branch Dance in Milngavie Town Hall
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850 or see www.rscdsglasgow.org
21 Glasgow Branch Club Night in New Kilpatrick Church Hall
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850
- April 2009**
3 Glasgow Branch Dance in Bearsden Burgh Hall
Contact Flora Frame 0141 942 6850 or see www.rscdsglasgow.org.