



GLASGOW BRANCH

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MARCH 2006 NEWSHEET

BRANCH AGM.

Notice is hereby given that the 83rd Annual General Meeting of the Glasgow Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will be held on Thursday 18 May 2006 in Woodside Halls, Glenfarg Street, Glasgow commencing at 7.30 pm.

All Branch members are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

Any member wishing to raise a motion for discussion should submit it in writing to the Branch Secretary, Mr D M Drummond, 5 Libo Avenue, Uplawmoor Renfrewshire, G78 4AL.

Submissions should arrive no later than 1st April 2006.

SPRING CLASSES

This year we thought we would feature local dance devisors. John Johnston is well known for his 'Salute to Glasgow' and his recent composition 'Compliments to The Lawsons'. Jimmy McMillan has devised lots of dances over the years, many of which featured Branch members or their exploits. Alice McLean has published several books and from these dances will be taught by Andrew McConnell. We hope that Alice will be able to attend the evening. Finally, Eric Finley well known for 'The Ayrshire Wheelie Bin' has a number of other compositions to his credit. The classes will be held at Cleveden School, Cleveden Road, Glasgow on the following dates-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Dance Devisor</u>
25 April	John Johnston	John Johnston
2 May	Jimmy McMillan	Jimmy McMillan
9 May	Eric Finley	Eric Finley
16 May	Andrew McConnell	Alice McLean

Hamish Gibb, Chairman.

Vacancy For Newsletter Editor

The Branch Committee would still like to hear from anyone interested in taking on the role of Editor for the Branch Newsletter. If you feel you may have the time and enthusiasm to take on this important Branch role please contact the Chairman Hamish Gibb. This does not need to be a Committee member position although the Editor is welcome to attend meetings for discussions relevant to the Newsletter.

Chairman's Update

The first two months of the 2006 have been busy, particularly for committee members. January started with our annual ball with the presentation of a new dance to George and Nan Lawson. A new initiative, organised by Pat McBride, was two very successful Saturday morning workshops in Scottish Country Dancing as part of Celtic Connections. The Demonstration Team led by Fiona McDonald had a marathon two days dancing display at the SECC at the caravanning and outdoors exhibition. In February three members attended the Scottish Branches conference in Dunblane. Jim Ferguson will be preparing a detailed report on the conference and its conclusions for discussion at the next committee meeting and a summary will be published in a future newsletter and Flora Frame has given her personal thoughts on the event which will also feature in the next edition. Our Dinner Dance & Overnight at Aberfoyle was much enjoyed by all – my thanks to Graham & Helen Murray – and the superb crisp winter weather gave excellent conditions for the two walks the following day.

March has already seen our monthly dance which was followed by the Glasgow Music Festival where Pam Gillies organises the children's & adults competitive events.

On the 14th March at the Kelvin Hall, we held the Glasgow Primary Schools dance event in which hundreds of schoolchildren from 40 schools participated. Johan MacLean was the key contact for this with Glasgow Education P.E. Department but following her recent illness Ruth Beattie took over the organisation. To prepare the children a number of our teachers have been doing great work teaching in a number of primary schools.

Club Night on the 25 March organised by Flora Frame will complete the first quarter. Do come along and support this great fun evening

Also, in this Newsheet is a notice of the AGM on 18th May. Please put that date in your diaries and come along and give your support. Happy dancing. Hamish Gibb.

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This new members magazine will not be issued through the Branch Membership Secretary but distributed directly by Headquarters. Issue No 2 should have arrived by now. If you do not receive your copy, please let me know and I will follow it up with Edinburgh.

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Forthcoming Events - A Diary Reminder

Friday 17 March	RSCDS Ayr Branch Dance	Troon Concert Hall	Ron Hendrie
Saturday 25 March	Glasgow Branch Club Night	Newkilpatrick Church Hall, Bearsden	
Friday 31 March	RSCDS Helensburgh Ball	Hermitage Academy.	Colin Dewar
Sat. 1 April	-- -- Day School.	Hermitage Academy.	
Sat 1 April	-- -- Dance.	Hermitage Academy	Glencraig Band
Friday 7 April	Dance	Victoria Hall Dunblane.	Marion Anderson
Friday 21 April	Kilmarnock Branch Dance	Grand Halls, Kilmarnock	
Tuesday 25 April	Glasgow Branch Spring Classes Commence.		
Friday 28 April	Glasgow Branch Dance	Bearsden Burgh Hall	David Oswald
Friday 5 May	Alva Dance	Cochran Hall, Alva	David Anderson