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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DANCE

12th DECEMBER 1987

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CHRISTMAS CHARITY DANCE

Saturday, 19th December, 1987

7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

St. Columba's Church Hall, Pont Street,
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Robin Ellis' Band

The Frisky	26-10
The Sailor	24-4
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	Leaflet 10
Argyll's Fancy	Graded 23
John of Bon Accord	33-5
Sloane Square	London
Waverley	15-12
The Peat Fire Flame	Drewry
Drumelzier	Newcastle
The Montgomerie's Rant	10-1
The Black Mountain Reel	Haynes
The Hollin Buss	24-8
John McAlpin	Foss
The Hamilton Rant	22-2
The Byron Strathspey	Drewry
Miss Hadden's Reel	23-5
Milton's Welcome	33-8
Autumn in Appin	31-5
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J. B. Milne	Foss

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McBain's Band

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The Silver Tassie	Leaflet 1
The New Rigged Ship	9-7
The Music Makars	33-1
The Bees of Maggie Knockater	Drewry
The Ladies of Dunse	26-11
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	Leaflet 20
The Earl of Mansfield	Leaflet 15
Mrs. MacLeod	6-11
Peggy's Wedding	22-7
Fair Donald	29-4
Lucy Campbell	17-7
Glasgow Country Dance	23-6
Airie Bannan	Foss
The Saltire Society Reel	Leaflet 9
The Ennismore Strathspey	London
Old Nick's Lumber Room	26-6
The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh	

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John of Bon Accord	33-5
Bedrule	33-7
Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran	Drewry
The Machine Without Horses	12-12
The Buchan Eightsome Reel	21-8
Hamilton House	7-10
Fraser's Favourite	Leaflet 3
Autumn in Appin	31-5
MacLeod's Maidens	Reel 180
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Fidget	16-1
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7.30-11.30 p.m.

Pipe Major Bryan Bredin

McBain's Scottish Country Dance Band

Tickets: £5.00 including refreshments, from Miss Ann Caldwell, 26 Netherby Gardens, Enfield (01-363 7930).

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NEW BOOKS

The New Atholl Collection of Fiddle music and dances by Ron Gonnella and Evelyn Murray has been published to commemorate Robert Burns' 1787 Highland Tour. It contains historical details and various anecdotes about the places Burns visited together with a goodly selection of tunes by Ron and appropriately named dances devised by Evelyn. Copies are obtainable, £5.25 including p&p, from Ron Gonnella, 27 Boyd Avenue, Crieff, PH17 3SH.

Nigel Gatherer lives in Edinburgh where he has recently started up a new music publishing venture. He has become interested in Scottish Dance Music and has produced a book containing nearly 100 fine tunes. It is titled "Gatherer's Musical Museum" and the press release says it is "a selection of better more unusual Scottish Dance Music than found in standard collections." While there are indeed many unusual, not so well known, tunes and some never before published we cannot help but notice a number of "standards" including e.g. Gates of Edinburgh, Mason's Apron and The Balkan Hills. I am also not too pleased when I see tunes by Scott Skinner set in the wrong key. Perhaps Nigel ought to be more careful in his research. But for all that the book is without doubt worth obtaining and gives an excellent cross-section of music for anyone new to the art of playing Scottish music. It is, furthermore, excellent value for money at £4.50 in the shops. Society members (please mention The Reel when ordering) can obtain copies at £3.75 inclusive of p&p from Nigel Gatherer, 44 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh EH16 6NN.

P.S. Since writing the above I have had a letter from Chris Duncan, that fine fiddler, from Hunter Valley Branch in Australia. Chris like myself is into "tune research". He has noticed that Ury Water by Scott Skinner the tune for Ross Meor in Book 29 is the same as Bonnie Lossie by Scott Skinner for Sir Murdoch MacDonald's Strathspey in Book 31. They are in different keys and there are very slight variations but quite clearly the same tune. Fascinating, and I haven't got time to contact Muriel Johnstone who arranged tunes for both books before I go to press. Surely someone has noticed it already! I wonder how it all came about? Perhaps it lets Nigel Gatherer off the hook.

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on Saturday, 30th April, 1988

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admission £3.00 including refreshments.

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RECORD REVIEW

Colin Finlayson and his Scottish Dance Band. RSCDS 9. All the dances in Book 7.

Jim MacLeod and his Band. RSCDS 10. All the dances in Book 8.

Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Dance Band. RSCDS 25.

The Silver Tassie, Fraser's Favourite, From Scotia's Shore We're noo awa', The Saltire Society Reel, Mrs. Stewart of Fasna-cloch, The Jubilee Jig, Drumtochty Glen, Queen Victoria's Visit Quadrilles. (All full length).

Tain Scottish Dance Band, Swing Your Partners BBR/C 162.

Seton's Ceilidh Band, The Back o' Benachie, Drumelzier, The Happy Meeting, Fight about the Fireside, Lady Sophia Anne of Bute, Bedrude, The Rothsay Rant, Waltz Country Dance, Macdonald of the Isles. (Available on cassette only; all full length.)

The RSCDS, continuing its policy of three new records per year, gives us good value for money with these ones. In a word, they are all excellent. Good strong playing with lots of body and I am not going to nominate my favourite! In order to get 12 dances on a record those for Books 7 and 8 have a number of dances played only 4 times through, but the Society's Publications and Research Committee have chosen wisely and given us 8 times through some of the more popular dances, e.g. Hamilton House, Red House, Jessie's Hornpipe and Peggy's Love. If I must state a preference for something it is that I much prefer an 8 x 32 reel or jig played as Jim MacLeod does—64 bars per tune (1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 1, 1)—than in 32's (1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 1) which seems to be coming more popular in Scotland.

The Tain Band cassette is also well worth buying. A very fine combination of accordion and fiddle (with no second box) gives a nice melody line. Indeed it is so good that you can perhaps pretend not to hear some not very good drumming. A pity about this because the piano and bass are as competent as the front line. There are some really great tunes on this cassette. Two of my all-time favourite pipe jigs—The Scottish Horse and The Top of Ben Lomond, and Campbeltown Kiltie Ball in Strathspey time.

Another hum dinger of a band record (there are no full length dances) has been produced by Freeland Barbour's Lapwing Records in association with the Argyll Arms Hotel, Bunessan. It features Colin Dewar and his Band in a fine selection of waltzes, marches, jigs and reels with Anda Campbell (accordion) on a couple of tracks and a nice wee fiddle solo from Gordon Simpson. Mention must be made of some fine new tunes getting their first airing on record. I particularly like a 4/4 march by the ubiquitous Robin Brock and a jig by Donald Ridley with a most fascinating name—Strawberries Galore.

Lots more fine tunes can be heard on "The Lilt of Scotland" by Bill Douglas and his Band, (on cassette BBR/C168) and if Gaelic song tunes appeal to your taste listen to no fewer than 49 of them, nicely played in various tempi by John Carmichael and his Band on cassette ZCLBP 2007.

Hear also some Highland fiddle music by five fine players, including Gregor Borland and Christine Martin who master-minded the recording, on Ceol na Fidhle. If you have difficulty in obtaining this one, write direct to Miss Christine Martin, Taigh na Teud, Outram Place, Tain, Ross-shire.

A record from Bobby Harvey and his Band was long over-due. (It is almost unbelievable that it is now twenty years since he recorded his solo fiddle album which must rank high on the list of best Scottish music LP's ever issued). Twenty years on Bobby and his Band who now play regularly at one of Scotland's top hotels have issued an LP called "Gleneagles Favourites" (No.

LOCLP 1042). It includes some real old favourites—Dashing White Sergeant, Duke of Perth, Gay Gordons, etc. Nice stuff and I hope we do not have to wait so long for the next record.

Now what's next! Yes, if you want to hear some fiddle music which departs from the usual March, Strathespeys and Reel format you must get a copy of "Skye dance" played by the one and only Alasdair Fraser with accompaniment by Paul Machlis on piano and synthesizer, and a very passive rhythm section on some tracks.

Time indeed flies; I have been writing these record reviews for sixteen years and I do not think I have every actually said that my favourite instrument is the fiddle, but let me just say that any Alasdair Fraser record is in the same premier league as any by Bobby Harvey.

Finally, we turn to the Gaelic Folk Band "Capercaille" and their latest record "Crosswinds" and I am lost for words! Just for starters it has one of the finest record sleeves I have ever encountered and an insert with a quite stunning photograph of the Band. For those who as yet have not heard them, they are six in number, with leader Donald Shaw on accordion, Charlie McKerron on fiddle, and a trio who play a variety of instruments from recorder and whistle to guitar and bouzouki. Karen Matheson sings gaelic songs, and to say so is an understatement. Karen is one of the very best singers to come to the front in Scotland during the last decade. Karen does so much more than just "sing". She brings the songs alive in a heart-rendering manner. Bear in mind that many of these songs are beautiful but sad. Yes, I am lost for words. Och, just go and buy the record and you will see what I mean and you will not be disappointed. I just wish I had obtained permission to quote some of the phrases used to describe this record in the July issue of "Folk Roots", but I didn't and it is too late now. I must however add that Karen's singing tracks are interspersed with the "boys" playing jigs, reels et al, sometimes at high speed, but always with great gusto and technical perfection.

CECIL SHARP HOUSE

6 Akerman Close, Greenleys,
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Dear John,

I am writing to ask if you would kindly bring the matter of Cecil Sharp House to the attention of your readers?

Many of you will be aware of the uncertain future of Cecil Sharp House, which was built by public subscription by the people of England as a memorial to Sharp's work. The English Folk Dance and Song Society did not buy this building, which they hold in trust and use as their headquarters, unlike the RSCDS who bought 12 Coates Crescent.

For a variety of reasons the National Executive Council of the EFDSS voted to sell Cecil Sharp House, subject to the agreement of the Charity Commissioners. If a speculator is willing to buy without planning permission, he could acquire the site, which is in a valuable residential area, and demolish the building immediately because it is not listed. Even though the building is in a conservation area, Camden Council have stated that they would be unable to prosecute because the building is still unlisted.

The Friends of Cecil Sharp House have worked hard in various capacities during the last year to increase the usage and financial turnover of the property. Recent figures have shown that the House can pay for itself.

The London Branch has had close links with Cecil Sharp House over the years, using it for branch dances, Anglo-Scottish dances and Albert Hall rehearsals. The building has two halls with sprung floors which are a joy to dance on.

If you wish to stop the bulldozers moving in you could help by writing to the Charity Commissioners at 57-60 Haymarket, as well as the Planning Department of Camden Council, who are not in favour of redevelopment, and by supporting the work of the Friends.

Further details are available from Colin Hume (01-262 7804).

ACT NOW IF YOU WANT TO HELP.
TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE.

Yours sincerely,
HILARY WARBURTON (Mrs.)

SOUTHERN SUMMER SCHOOL

This year my wife and I thought it would do us good to take our week's annual holiday trying to improve our Scottish Country Dance technique. Correspondingly we kept our eyes open for suitable venues other than St. Andrews because we have been there before and we live in the south. We applied to the Southern Summer School which is held at Philipps House, Dinton: a lovely village not far from Salisbury, Wilts.

We went on the understanding that the basis of instruction will be that dancing is more enjoyable if done with skill and confidence. We were not disappointed: the instruction was first class and enjoyable hard work—two sessions of a morning, an optional lesson after tea and social dancing after dinner in the evening. Highland Dancing was available but as we are not so spry as once we were we declined those lessons. The 'students' who did participate thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The added bonus to the holiday was the very friendly atmosphere. The course/holiday was like a house party. We soon got to know everyone else (some members have been going to Dinton for years) and, if you had the energy, badminton, table tennis, putting were on tap, plus beautiful walks. The area is peaceful and full of interest.

In other words, we would recommend the Southern Summer School and are grateful to the people who run it. Keep an eye open for next year's fixture: you may like to try it instead of trekking north!

A. J. WILLIAMS
Berkhamsstead.

See advert for next year's school in this issue.—
Editor.

A VALLEY FULL OF TREE-TOPS

Reel—3 couples—32 bars.

Tune—"Kirk's Hornpipe"—See Middleton's Selection of Starthspeys and Reels arranged by Peter Milne—page 34 (Bayley and Ferguson).

BARS

1-4 1st woman and 3rd man, giving right hands, change places and then 1st woman casts up behind 2nd man while 3rd man casts off behind 2nd woman.

5-8 1st woman and 3rd man turn with the left hand once round to finish back to back in the middle of the dance facing own partners.

9-16 1st and 3rd couples dance a reel of four on the diagonal between first place on the men's side and third place on the women's. They finish the reel in the places from which they began it.

17-18 1st and 3rd couples set to partners.

19-20 1st man and 3rd woman set again, but 1st woman and 3rd man, with two skip change of step, dance out to their original places pulling right shoulders back.

21-24 1st couple with 2nd woman, and 2nd man with 3rd couple dance right hands across and finish in the middle of the dance with both hands joined with partners in promenade hold.

25-32 1st, 2nd and 3rd couples promenade. On the last two bars, 1st couple drop hands and cast off to second place, while 2nd couple dance up to top place.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

At the end of their second turn, 1st couple can cast off to fourth place, while 3rd and 4th couple dance up one place each.

Dance devised by John Drewry and published with kind permission.

**WEMBLEY & DISTRICT SCOTTISH ASSOC.
ANNUAL BALL**

Brent Town Hall, Wembley
Friday, 19th February, 1988
8 p.m. until midnight
Frank Reid's Band

Montgomery's Rant, My Heather Hills, Belle of Bon Accord, Nottingham Lace, Luckenbooth Brooch, Falls of Bracklinn, Gavin's Reel, Schiehallion, Aird of Coigach, Peat Fire Flame, White Heather Jig, Trip to Bavaria, Cradle Song, Seton's Ceilidh Band, Gold & Silver, Scotch Mist, Flying Spur, Wind on Loch Fyne, Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder, Hamilton Rant.

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**SHENE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP
ANNUAL BALL**

Friday, 26th February, 1988
Dancing from 7.45 for 8 p.m. to 11.30
Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, SW14
Music by Frank Reid

Agryll's Fancy, The Saltire Society Reel, The Braes of Tulliemet, C'est L'amour, Bon Voyage, Sugar Candie, Wee Cooper of Fife, Montgomery's Rant, The Hollin Buss, Margaret Parker's Strathspey, Miss Hadden's Reel, Whistling in the Kitchen, The Lea Rig, Just as I was in the Morning, Wind on Loch Fyne, Mairi's Wedding.

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Saturday, 16th January, 1988
7.30-11.00 p.m. Frank Reid's Band

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THE LUCY CLARK S.C.D. CLUB

Saturday, 12th December, 1987
Christmas Dance with McBain's Band
8 p.m.

at Royal British Legion Hall, Old Amersham
Tickets: £3.50 including refreshments from Bill Lawrie, 14 Mill Lane, Amersham. Tel. 3478.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
THE WEST MACS CHARITY BALL**

Friday, 15th April, 1988
Brent Town Hall
Frank Reid's Band.

HARROW & DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL BALL
Watford Town Hall

Friday, 9th January, 1988 7.30 to midnight
Frank Reid's Band

The Montgomery's Rant, Bees of Maggiecknockater, Winding Road, Grand March and Eightsome Reel, My Heather Hills, Birks of Invermay, Polharrow Burn, Jennifer's Jig, Glasgow Lasses, Shiftin' Bobbins, Bonnie Anne, Cramond Bridge, St. Andrew's Fair, Macdonald of the Isles, Peat Fire Flame, The Flying Spur, Belle of Bon Accord, Meeting of the Waters, Seton's Ceilidh Band, The Wind on Loch Fyne, Tam o' Shanter, Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder. Extras—Angus MacLeod, Postie's Jig, Garry Strathspey.

Tickets: £5.50 (including refreshments), children under 16 half price, obtainable from Cliff Fryer, 56 The Drive, North Harrow, HA2 7EJ. (01-866 8482)

**THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
WALLINGTON, CARSHALTON & DISTRICT**

HOGMANAY DANCE
Brian Hamilton's Band

Wallington Public Hall

7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m. to midnight

Tickets: £4.50 in advance. £5.00 at the door. Children £2. Buffet supper included. Bring your own drinks. Tickets and further details from: Mrs. B. Jones. Tel: 01-642 4924.

SOUTHERN SUMMER SCHOOL

"20th DINTON"

20th-27th August, 1988

Philipps House, Dinton, Wiltshire

Enquiries: Mrs. M. J. Chaplin-Garrett, 3 Rablus Place, High Street, Farningham, Kent, DA4 0DU. S.A.E. please.

**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
SOCIETY**

Milton Keynes Branch
ANNUAL BALL

Saturday, 6th February, 1988

St. Andrew's Band

Details from: Dr. Alison Campbell, 63 Mill Road, Bletchley, Bucks. MK2 2LE. Tel. 0908 460856.

THE SCOTTISH REEL CLUB

Saturday Dances

all at St. Columba's Church of Scotland Hall,
Pont Street, London, SW1
(7.00 to 10.30 p.m.)

1987

Nov. 7 Roger Waterson and the Caber Feidh.

Dec. 12 Roger Waterson and the Caber Feidh.

1988

Jan. 2 NEW YEAR DANCE—McBain's Band.

Feb. 13 St. Valentine's Dance—Brian Hamilton's Band.

Mar. 19 PRESIDENT'S DANCE—Kafozozalum

(This is in place of the Annual Ball).

Apr. 16 Brian Hamilton's Band.

May 7 Robin Ellis and the Caledonian Country Band.

June 4 Brian Hamilton's Band.

July 2 Roger Waterson and the Caber Feidh.

July 30 END OF SEASON DANCE—Frank Reid's Band.

Programme enquiries from: Hon. Secretary, Miss Dorinda Harwood, 32a Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, N21 3NX. Tel: 01-360 0589 (before 8.00 a.m. weekdays), or before 12 noon most weekends).

TICKLE YOUR FANCY

Well, how about it? A day of dance with a difference. Why not come to Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, NW1 at 10 o'clock on Saturday, January 30th and try out some different forms of dance? We are planning to have a series of demonstrations in the morning to help you to choose which sessions to attend in the afternoon.

Just imagine—Bill Ireland doing modern jive, Andrew Kellett in a leotard or your very own John Laurie as an Elizabethan courtier. Don't miss out on the fun. For further details phone 01-422 8859. Application forms will be available at Branch classes.

**ANOTHER EVENT RUN BY THE FRIENDS OF
CECIL SHARP HOUSE.**

THE LONDON HIGHLAND CLUB

Our Winter programme of events is as follows: (all events will be held at St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1 unless an alternative location is specified).

Fridays: 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. Saturdays: 7.00 to 10.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

6th Guy Fawkes Dance to LHC Hi-Fi.

13th Winter Friday.

21st GRAND AUTUMN DANCE with the CRAIG-OWL BAND from Dundee, at Porchester Hall, Queensway, London W2. 7.00 to 11.30 p.m. Tickets: In advance—£5.50; At door—£6.50. Buffet and soft drinks available, but no licensed bar.

Programme:

The Reel of the 51st Division, Hamilton House, The Montgomery's Rant, The Ship of Grace, West's Hornpipe, Twa Rogueish E'en, A Trip to Bavaria, Scotch Mist, The Meeting of the Waters, Muirland Willie, The Falls of Bracklinn, La Russe, The Peat Fire Flame, My Heather Hills, The Duke & Duchess of Edinburgh, Schiehallion 1314, Shiftin' Bobbins, Postie's Jig, The Bonnie Lass o' Bon Accord, The Dance of Diamonds, Jennifer's Jig, The New Scotland Strathspey, Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder, Mairi's Wedding.

27th Winter Friday.

DECEMBER

5th Saturday Night Dance to LHC Hi-Fi.

11th A.G.M. and Winter Friday.

18th CHRISTMAS DANCE with Frank Reid's Band at Battersea Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11. 7.30 to 11.45 p.m. Admission: (incl. refreshments) M £3.00, NM £4.00, OAP's £2.50. Blooms of Bon Accord, Flying Spur, Neidpath Castle, Duke & Duchess of Edinburgh, Bees of Maggiecknockater, Falls of Bracklinn, Sailor, New Rigged Ship, Duchess Tree, Postie's Jig, La Russe, Diamond Jubilee, Nottingham Lace, New Scotland Strathspey, Dance of Diamonds, Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder, Australian Ladies, Scottish Waltz, Shepherd's Crook, Bonnie Anne, Flower o' the Quern, Trip to Bavaria. Plus extras.

31st HOGMANAY DANCE with LHC Hi-Fi, 7.30 p.m. to midnight. Admission: (incl. refreshments) M £2.50, NM £3.50, OAP's £2.00. The dances will be selected from the following together with many more—Sailor, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran, Montgomery's Rant, Mairi's Wedding, Bratach Bana, Angus MacLeod, Trip to Bavaria, White Heather Jig, Bonnie Anne, Muirland Willie, Flower o' the Quern, Falls of Bracklinn, Quickstep, Scottish Waltz, Barn Dance.
Final programme and order of dances available early December.

JANUARY

9th 3 p.m.—CHILDREN'S PARTY followed by a Dance with McBain's Band.
Names for Children's Party to Claire Condon. Tel. 01-946 8490, by no later than 15th December.

16th Haggis Supper Dance with Robin Ellis and his Band.
Admission: (incl. refreshments) M £2.75, NM £3.75, OAP's £2.20.

Peat Fire Flame, Hamilton House, Scotch Mist, Meeting of the Waters, Flying Spur, Angus MacLeod, Wind on Loch Fyne, Neaps and Haggis, Sailor, Bees of Maggiecknockater, Neidpath Castle, J. B. Milne, Peggy's Wedding, New Scotland Strathspey, Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder, Duke of Perth.

22nd Winter Friday.

29th Burns' Ceilidh Dance with LHC Hi-Fi and a variety of other artists.

FEBRUARY

6th THE LONDON HIGHLAND CLUB ANNUAL BALL with BOBBY CROWE & HIS BAND at Porchester Hall, Queensway, London W2. 7.00 to 11.30 p.m. Admission: In advance £5.75. At door £6.75.

Duke of Atholl's Reel, Bratach Bana, John McAlpin, General Stuart's Reel, Diamond Jubilee, Mrs. Hepburn Belches of Invermay, Schiehallion, College Hornpipe, Aird of Coigach, Angus MacLeod, Alison Rose, Eightsome Reel, Australian Ladies, Twa Rogueish E'en, Shiftin' Bobbins, Cradle Song, West's Hornpipe, Bonnie Anne, Foursome Reel, Seton's Ceilidh Band, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran, Bonnie Lass o' Bon Accord, Ian Powrie's Farewell, Mairi's Wedding. Plus extras.

12th St. Valentine's Dance to LHC Hi-Fi.

20th Saturday Night Dance to LHC Hi-Fi.

26th Winter Friday.

Tickets for the Autumn, Christmas and Hogmanay Dances and the Ball are available from the Treasurer at our regular dances or from Mrs. Fay Cattell, 75 Albert Road, Epsom, Surrey (Tel. 03727 27206). Please send s.a.e. and make cheques payable to The London Highland Club. All programmes will be recorded on the DIAL-A-PROGRAMME Service a few days before each event on Epsom (03727) 24487.

For any other information and general enquiries please contact Claire Condon (Secretary) at 46 Quinton Street, London SW18 3QS. Tel. 01-946 8490.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DANCE

Saturday, 12th December, 1987

St. James's Church Hall,

Gloucester Terrace, W2

2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Caber Feidh Band

Cumberland Reel	1-11
Bonnie Geordie's Wig	99 More
Fiona's Fancy	Gradon 12
The Reel of the 51st Division	13-10
Espie McNabb	101 S.C.D.
Flowers of Edinburgh	1-6
St. Andrew's Fair	1982
Highlandman's Umbrella	Glasgow
The Scottish Man of War	Gradon 5
Corn Rigs	4-12
Le Papillon	S.C.D. for Children
The De'il Among the Tailors	14-7
The Dhoon	S.C.D. for Children
Montgomery's Rant	10 1
The Hollin Buss	24-8
Dashing White Sergeant	3-2

Admission £1.00 at the door.

Refreshments and souvenirs on sale.

Parents and teachers welcome.

DAY SCHOOL 1988

28th March at Wimbledon

Teachers are Mrs. Desborough, Dr. Hall and Mr. Haynes. Music Makars are Mrs. Hall, Miss Harrison and Mr. Jenkins.

Evening Dance to the aforesaid Mr. Jenkins and Kafoozalum.

Full details in next issue.

BRANCH EVENTS

(not already mentioned elsewhere in this issue)

- Mar. 12 Children's Dance at St. Columba's Brian Hamilton's Band.
- Mar. 12 Dance (easy programme) at St. Columba's Brian Hamilton's Band.
- May 14 Dance at St. Columba's, Caber Feidh.
- June 11 Garden Dance at Polesden Lacey. McBain's Band.
- July 16 Dance at St. Columba's, Frank Reid's Band.

BRANCH A.G.M. 1987

For those members who were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Branch held on 3rd July, 1987 I thought it would be of interest to them to know that the Branch voted to adopt, by a majority decision, the proposed constitution and rules which had been circulated to members in October 1986, and the proposed amendments circulated in April 1987. These have now been submitted to Headquarters for their approval, after which time they will become the new Constitution and Rules of the London Branch.

The new Executive Committee and structure of sub committees has been listed elsewhere in this edition of the Reel and I will therefore not repeat them here. I should however like to welcome two new Honorary Vice-Presidents, Howard and Stella Booth.

Other items which were raised by members of the branch during the evening included the encouragement of more members to attend the Open Air Dancing at Eltham as well as increased publicity about Battersea Park; the possibility of sending a copy of the accounts to members prior to the A.G.M.; functions the members would like to see take place in London; timing of the Porchester Hall dances. These, and others, have been noted and will be discussed by the Branch's Executive Committee during the coming months.

GEORGE POTTS
Honorary Secretary

THE CLASSES SYLLABUS 1987/88

Day	Standard	Place	Teacher	Accompanist	Time
Camden Institute					
Monday	Intermediate	Camden Inst. HQ.	Margaret Shaw	Jean Harrison	8.00 to 9.30 p.m.

Camden Institute Headquarters is in Longford Street, NW1 near Hampstead Road, Warren Street Station.

Central Institute

Monday	Advanced	Central Y.W.C.A.	Owen Meyer	Brenda Blewett	7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
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Central Y.W.C.A. is in Great Russell Street, near Tottenham Court Road Station.

Fulham and Chelsea Institute

Wednesday	Beginners	Marlborough School	Christine Meyer	Nicholas Oliver	6.30 to 8.00 p.m.
	Intermediate	Marlborough School	Jenny Greene	Nicholas Oliver	8.15 to 9.45 p.m.

Marlborough School is in Sloane Avenue, SW3, off King's Road near Sloane Square and South Kensington Stations.

Westminster Institute

Tuesday	Advanced	Quintin School	Rita Marlow	Marion Robertson	7.15 to 9.15 p.m.
Tuesday	Demonstration	Rutherford School	Bill Ireland	Peter Jenkins	7.15 to 9.15 p.m.

Quintin School is in Marlborough Hill NW8, off Finchley Road, near St. John's Wood Station.

Rutherford School is in Penfold Street, N.W.1 (off Bell Street) and near Edgware Road and Marylebone Stations.

Terms : Autumn ends 12th December 1987

Spring 4th January 1988 to 26th March 1988

Summer 18th April 1988 to 28th May 1988

NOTES ON THE STANDARD OF CLASSES *Beginners*: For those with little or no knowledge of Scottish Country Dancing. *Intermediate*: A good knowledge of steps and formations is required. *Advanced*: A good standard of dancing and a thorough knowledge of formations.

General enquiries to Miss Gill Russell, 17 West Farm Close, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2LH, Telephone 03722-74657.

As from September 1987 enrolments for classes will be done through each institute, but Club Fee will be payable to RSCDS representatives at classes.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Booth

As mentioned in the Branch A.G.M. report, Stella and Howard Booth have been elected as Honorary Vice-Presidents. By the time you read this they will have had another well deserved honour bestowed upon them. They are being presented with the Society's scroll for outstanding service at the A.G.M. in Edinburgh on 31st October. The first London branch members to receive a scroll since it was instituted. Well done.

Christmas Dance

The proceeds from the raffle at our charity dance on 19th December are being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain.

Muscular dystrophy comes in various guises, but the most common and tragic form of the disease is "Duchenne" which progressively wastes the muscles of young boys. Currently there are 20,000 people in U.K. affected by the dystrophies. Another two Duchenne boys are born each week.

Two boys, brothers, Lee, aged 12 and Damien, 9 known to me are already severely disabled. They are cousins of Doug Rougiev formerly of Aberdeen and now playing for Chelsea.

Lee and Damien will never play football unless there is a tremendous breakthrough. They will never be fit enough to dance.

The gene responsible for Duchenne has been isolated.

Muscular Dystrophy Group are now hopeful that a cure can be found but much money is needed for research.

Please give generously on 19th December.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlow

It may not be generally known by those of us already involved that London Branch has entry in the telephone directory. For some 15 years this entry has shown the number of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Marlow and during the years they have become experts on where to buy haggis and all manner of Scottish delicacies, not to mention the kilt and pipes.

Our president made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Marlow at a recent Branch dance and thanked them for all they have done and will no doubt continue to do at least until everyone obtains the new L to R book due out soon. Then the magic number will be my own (01-286 1923). When I am not at home the Branch answering machine already installed will talk to callers and promise to ring back.

Apologies

Sorry that, for a different reason each time, the last three editions have been so late. We aim to get The Reel posted during the first week of the month and I hope this issue makes it. The proofs have an uncanny habit of arriving on, say, a Wednesday of the very week when I am due to be out on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday!

Of course it doesn't help when copy arrives late. Next issue goes to bed on 10th December.

Happy Christmas to all readers.

JOHN LAURIE.

CERTIFICATE CLASS

We hope to run a preliminary test certificate class starting early December. For details please phone Gill Russell on 03722 74657 or John Laurie on 01-286 1923.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ADDLESTONE & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY (Affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.) meets Wednesdays 8.15 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. September to May at St. Maur's Convent, Weybridge for Scottish Country Dancing and other events. Further details from Mrs. A. Crawford. Tel: Walton-on-Thames (0932) 244466.

ALDRINGTON (HOVE) SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP (Affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.)—Meet every Tuesday, 8.15 p.m.-10.30 p.m., September to June. New members and visitors welcome. Further details from Hon. Sec.: J. P. R. Steer, 22 Gordon Road, Portslade, Brighton, East Sussex, BN4 1GL. Tel. 0273 416893.

BERKHAMSTED STRATHSPEY & REEL CLUB (Affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.) meet every Tuesday 8.15-10.15 p.m. Sept./May at Potten End Village Hall. Garden dancing June/July. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. Details from Hon. Sec. Mrs. Joyce Eason, 4 The Hawthorns, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 3LL. Tel. Berk (04427) 73662.

CAMBERLEY REEL CLUB—Dancing every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at St. Pauls Church Hall, Church Hill, Camberley. Beginners welcome. Details from Mrs. B. Chance, 23 Wensleydale Drive, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1SP. Tel: Camberley 26513.

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. meets every Tuesday during school terms at the Manor Centre, Arbury Road, Cambridge at 7.30 p.m. Hon. Sec. Malcolm M. Johnson, 63 Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge CB4 2AA. Tel. 0223 353932.

CHELSEA REEL CLUB meets most Thursdays, late September to early April, St. Saviours Church Hall, Walton Street, London SW3, 8.15-10.30 p.m. For information about attendance and membership, please contact the Secretary, Miss Maureen Bebb, 3, Queens Gate Place, London SW7. Tel: 01-589 0230.

CHELTENHAM SCOTTISH SOCIETY—Scottish country dancing most Friday evenings October to May. St. Andrew's United Reformed Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries about this and other activities to Mr. J. Scott, 8a Lears Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham. Tel: 024 267 3763.

CRAWLEY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB meets Thursday 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. September to May at Pound Hill Middle School, Crawley Lane, Pound Hill, Crawley. Beginners and more advanced dancers welcome. Teacher every 2nd week. Details from Secretary: Jo Cook, 56 Guinevere Road, Ifield, Crawley, Sussex, RH11 0PE. Tel: 0293 518639.

CROYDON & DISTRICT BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. Classes in Reigate (General) Mondays; Purley (General) Alt. Tuesdays; Selsdon (Beg./Inter) Tuesdays; Coulsdon (Inter/Adv.) Wednesdays; Sanderstead (Adv.) Alt. Thursdays; West Wickham (General) Fridays. Children — Selsdon Thursdays. Dances most Saturdays. Details from Miss J. Martin, 19 Garrick Crescent, Park Hill, Croydon. Tel. 01-681 3968.

EALING SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB Thursdays 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. September to April. One hour tuition by Miss Stamp, followed by social dancing. St. Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Mount Park Road, Ealing, W5. For details contact the Secretary, Jo Gibbs, 13 Dacre Close, Milllet Road, Greenford, Middx. Tel: 01-578 3353.

EPSOM & DISTRICT CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION (Affiliated to the R.S.C.D.S.)—Classes in Scottish country dancing, including beginners. (September to March). Many other activities including informal Saturday dances. Enquiries to: Hon. Sec., Mrs. Stella Imrie, 72 Ottways Lane, Ashted, Surrey. Tel. Ashted 74342.

FARNHAM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB—Dancing every Tuesday at 8 p.m., September to May at the Memorial Hall, West Street, Farnham, Surrey. Instruction once per month. Hon. Sec.: Miss Joan Deavin, 18 Howards Lane, Holybourne, Alton, Hants. Tel: Alton 83288.

FESTIVAL OF SCOTLAND IN LONDON. All enquiries to Publicity Officer, Miss Freda Graham, 62 Oxford Gardens, London W2 5UN. Tel: 01-969 4916.

FLEET SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY meets on alternate Saturdays for dancing at St. Philip and James Church Hall, Kings Road, Fleet, Hants., at 7.30 p.m. Details from Mrs. V. A. Hansford. Tel. Fleet 615544.

GREENFORD AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION meet at the British Legion Hall, Oldfield Lane, Greenford. Visitors welcome. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—10.30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Merrick, 2 Hillbeck Way, Greenford. Tel. 578 3458.

HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT SCOT'S ASSOCIATION—S.C. Dancing on Tuesdays (Mid-Sept. to end of June) from 8—10.30 p.m. at Golders Green Parish Church Hall. West Heath Drive, Golders Green, NW11. All welcome. Enquiries to Miss Joan Burgess, 503A York Road, London SW18 1TF. Tel: 01-870 6131.

HARPENDEN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB meets every Tuesday at Lourdes Hall, Southdown Road, Harpenden. Classes including beginners on Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Hon. Sec.: Peter George, 8 Mayflower Road, Park Street, St. Albans, Herts. AL2 2QR. Tel: 0727 73425.

HARROW AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY have dancing classes every Wednesday from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. September to April. For details of venue and monthly dances and other activities contact Hon. Sec. Dr. I. White, 33 Daymer Gardens, Pinner. Tel: 01-868 4582.

HATCH END SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE ASSOCIATION meets fortnightly on Saturdays Grimsdyke School, Sylvia Avenue, Hatch End from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Further information from Mr. E. K. Burt. Tel: 01-428 1049.

HORSHAM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB meets Mondays, September to May at Trafalgar School, Victory Road. Qualified Instructors. Adults 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. preceded by children's Country and Highland classes. Beginners and visitors welcome. Secretary: Mrs. P. Hyatt, 2 Blackbridge Lane, Horsham, West Sussex. Tel: Horsham (0403) 63187.

LEICESTER BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. meets at The Holy Cross Centre, Wellington Street, Leicester, every Thursday, 4 classes in separate halls 7.30-8.45 p.m. Social dancing 9-10 p.m. Visitors welcome. Sec. Mrs. Sybil Shaw, 7 Shanklin Gardens, Leicester, LE2 3QJ. Tel: 0533 708849.

LEIGH-ON-SEA CALEDONIAN DANCERS—Dancing every Monday from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. at St. James's Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Everyone welcome. For full details please apply to the Hon. Sec., Mr. George Wilson, 49 Oliver Road, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex. Tel. Brentwood 220247.

THE LONDON HIGHLAND CLUB meets at St. Columba's Church of Scotland Hall, Pont Street, London SW1 for regular Friday night dances and other events. Some major functions are held at other venues in London. The Club also produces records designed specially for the Scottish Country Dancer. For further details see notices in 'The Reel' or contact Claire Condon. Hon. Sec., 46 Quinton Street, Earlsfield, SW18. Tel. 01-946 8490 or Graham and Fay Cattell, 75 Albert Road, Epsom, Surrey. Tel. Epsom 27206.

THE LUCY CLARK SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB meets every Thursday 8 p.m., Royal British Legion Hall, Old Amersham. Quarterly dances with McBain's Band. Enquiries to: Mr. William Lawrie, Crofters, Mill Lane, Amersham. Tel.: 3478.

MAIDENHEAD SCOTTISH DANCING CLUB meets every Tuesday 7.45 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. at Highview, North Road, Maidenhead. Qualified Instructor. Social evening last Tuesday of each month. Details from Angela Hilton 0753 861525.

MILTON KEYNES BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. Meets Monday evenings. Details from Secretary, Alison Campbell, 63 Mill Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2LE. Tel. (0908) 640856.

NORTH-EAST WILTS Scottish Country Dancers (Affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.) meet in Marlborough (Tues.), Swindon (Wed.) Enquiries to Mrs. M. Lithgow, 57 Cherry Orchard, Marlborough. Tel: 0672 54209.

NORTH HERTS REEL CLUB (Affiliated to the R.S.C.D.S.)—Dancing most Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. from September to May at Roeroft School, Stotfold. New members and visitors welcome. Other activities include informal Saturday Dances and Highland Ball. Enquiries to Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Jennifer Warburton, 17 Victoria Road, Shefford, Beds. SG17 5AL. Tel.: Hitchin 812691.

OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. Dancing on Thursdays throughout the year in Oxford. Hon. Sec. Mrs. Ann Robertson, 6 Glyme Close, Woodstock, Oxford. Tel: Woodstock 812344.

READING ST. ANDREW'S SCOTTISH DANCING SOCIETY. Dancing Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. beginning of September to end of April at St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, London Road, Reading. Secretary: Mr. G. M. Williams, 32 Chaseside Avenue, Twyford, Reading, Berks. RG10 9BT. Tel. 0734 343881.

RICHMOND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY. Dancing and instruction at Richmond Green U.R. Church Hall, Quadrant Road, Richmond, every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. from mid-September until the end of May. All are welcome. Hon. Sec. Mrs. J. MacNaughton, 28 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. Tel. 01-948 1553.

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. meets every Tuesday 8 p.m.-10 p.m. at St. Augustine's School, Wilman Road, Tunbridge Wells. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. A. C. Morris, 35 Greenleaf, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells. Kent TN2 4NS. Tel.: Pembury 2709.

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY (LONDON)—The Wimbledon and District Scots' Association (affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.) Dancing every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Wimbledon Community Centre, St. George's Road, Wimbledon, SW19. Full details from Miss Janet Flemming, 218 London Road, Morden. Tel. 01-640 9377.

SEVENOAKS REEL CLUB meets every Tuesday from October until April 8-10 p.m. at Walthamstow Hall Junior School, Bayham Road. Everyone welcome. For further details please contact Harry Ivers, 6 Uplands Close, Riverhead, Sevenoaks. Tel. 0732 453567.

SHENE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP (Affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.) Meets every Wednesday from September to June 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. with teacher at The Sheen Lane Centre, SW14. Details from Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Brenda Morris, 5 Longfield Drive, London SW14 7AU. Tel. 01-876 2037.

SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN SOCIETY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP—WEYMOUTH—Dancing at St. Edmund's Church Hall, Lanehouse Rocks Road, Weymouth, Dorset. Wednesday, 7.30—10 p.m. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Kathleen Allan, 16 Culliford Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2AT. Tel.: Dorchester (0305) 62832.

SOUTH EAST ESSEX SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S REEL CLUB (open to non-members) meets every Friday, September to end of May from 8 to 10.15 p.m. at Crowstone St. George's United Reformed Church (Upper Hall), King's Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Hon. Sec. Miss B. M. Ogden, 98 Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 1AR. Tel: 0702 74977.

SOUTH-EAST HERTS. SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY — Dancing in Hertford, monthly September to May. Fridays 7.45 to 10.45 p.m. Classes: Elementary and Intermediate on Tuesdays. Advanced on Mondays. All in Hertford, 7.45 p.m. Beginners class available in Ware on Wednesdays. New members and beginners welcome. Details from Mrs. S. L. Hewat, 19 Dawley, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 1EA. Tel: Welwyn Garden 320921.

SURBITON AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY—Scottish country dancing every Thursday at 8 p.m. mid-September to end of May at St. Mark's Church Hall, Church Hill Road, Surbiton. Instruction given. Beginners welcome. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. I. Mackay, 43 Shrewsbury Close, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 5BT. Tel. 01-397 5449.

TEDDINGTON & DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Rivermeads Hall, Staines Road, Twickenham. Enquiries to: Miss J. Althorp, Chairman, Tel. 09327 83921 or to Mrs. J. Baldwin, Secretary Tel. 01-892 0493.

TONBRIDGE SCOTTISH DANCERS. Country dancing Wednesdays 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. at Sussex Road School, Tonbridge. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. Highland classes also held. Details from Margaret Johns. Tel: 0732 355242 or Pat Davoll Tel: 0732 866557.

WALLINGTON—SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR WALLINGTON, CARSHALTON & DISTRICT hold weekly Scottish Country Dance Classes—Adults: Beginners' Class; Intermediate Class; Advance Class. For further information apply to: Mrs. Agnes Dell, 20 St. Georges Road, Wallington, Surrey. SM6 0AS. Tel.: 01-647 1690.

WATFORD & WEST HERTS. SCOTTISH SOCIETY. Adult Dancing Class—September to May—Kingham Hall, St. John's Road, Watford every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. Details from Hon. Secretary: Stanley Fraser, 79 Kilby Close, Watford. Tel. Garston 672664 or the President: James W. Allen, 83 Harefield Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 1NP. Tel. Rickmansworth 720051.

WEMBLEY & DISTRICT SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION meets on Mondays at 8 p.m. for Scottish Country Dance Class and on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. for Ladies Choir at Kenton Methodist Church, Woodgrange Avenue, Kenton. Newcomers welcome. Contact Secretary, Mrs. Pam Crisp, 19 Compton Place, Watford WD1 5HP. Tel: 01-421 0470.

WEST SURREY SCOTTISH DANCING GROUP. Meeting in Guildford on Monday Evenings September-Easter. Enquiries to: W. F. McLaren, 2 Churchfields, Horsell Park, Woking, Surrey. Tel. Woking 72299.

WITHAM & DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY—Dancing every Wednesday 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Howbridge School, Witham, Essex. Instruction on first Wednesday of the month. Hon. Sec.: Miss B. R. Moody, 81 Cedar Chase, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex CM9 7NR. Tel. Maldon 53897.

YEovil: ST. MICHAEL'S SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB—Thursdays 8.00 to 10.30 p.m. mid September to May at St. Michael's Hall, St. Michael's Road, Yeovil. Hon. Sec. Mrs. Mary Cunningham, 3 Grange Park, Thornford, Dorset. Tel: Yetminster 872367.