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BRANCH DANCE

SATURDAY, 11th JULY, 1987

7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

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Silver Cross Band

The Frisky	26-10
The Clansman	32-8
Up In The Air	20-2
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LONDON BRANCH CALENDAR

1987-88

1987

- Sep. 26 Dance at St. Columba's, St. Andrew's Band.
Oct. 10 Dance at St. Columba's, Richard Smith's Band.
Nov. 14 Ceilidh at St. Columba's, Kafoozalum.
Dec. 12 Children's Dance at St. James's, Caber Feidh.
Dec. 19 Christmas Charity Dance at St. Columba's, Robin Ellis's Band.

1988

- Jan. 30 Dance at Chelsea Old Town Hall, McBain's Band.
Feb. 19-21 Weekend School.
Feb. 27 Dance at Porchester Hall, Kenny Thomson and the Wardlaw Band.
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.
Mar. 26 Day School and Evening Dance, Kafoozalum.
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.

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As already announced the A.G.M. of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (London Branch) will be held at St. Columba's Church (Upper Hall), Pont Street, SW1 on Friday, 3rd July, 1987.

Tea will be served from 6 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

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Tune—"Mr. Duncan's Delight"—composed by Robert Mackintosh, see the Ron Gonnella Collection Volume 3 page 9.

BARS

1-4 1st and 2nd couples, joining nearer hands on the sides, set twice.

5-8 1st couple, giving right hands, dance down crossing over to second place on opposite sides, and then 1st man dances out and down behind 3rd woman, while 1st woman dances out and up behind 2nd man. Meanwhile, 2nd couple cast up to top place on own sides and then stand.

9-16 1st woman dances a reel of three across the dance with 2nd couple beginning by giving left shoulder to 2nd woman. 1st man, similarly, dances a reel of three across the dance with 3rd couple beginning by giving left shoulder to 3rd man. At the end, 1st woman finishes between 2nd couple facing down, while 1st man finishes between 3rd couple facing up. (2nd and 3rd couples dance extra loops at the end of the reels so that they curve in towards 1st woman or man).

17-20 All set twice in lines of three facing down and up.

21-24 1st couple, giving right hands, change places and then 1st man casts off to second place on the woman's side, while 1st woman casts up to second place on the men's side. Meanwhile, 2nd and 3rd men, and 2nd and 3rd women, turn with the right hand once round moving in towards the centre of the dance to finish in the centre facing out towards own sides closely back to back with partners.

25-28 1st man dances three hands round on the women's side with 2nd and 3rd women. At the end, 3rd woman leads the string of dancers down the women's side line so that they finish in the side line. 1st woman, similarly, dances three hands round with 2nd and 3rd men. At the end, 2nd man leads the string up the men's side so that all finish opposite partners in the order 2, 1, 3. (1st couple are on wrong sides.)

29-32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples turn partners once round with the right hand. At the end, 2nd and 3rd couples stay facing out, while 1st couple pull right shoulders back to face in.

33-38 1st couple dance reels of three on the sides with their corners beginning by giving right shoulder to second corners.

39-40 1st couple, giving right hands, cross over to own sides.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Dance devised by John Drewry and printed with kind permission.

RECORD REVIEW

Last year Ian Powrie, now resident in Perthshire having returned home from Australia, visited Canada to play his fiddle at the summer school run by the Teachers' Association of Canada. While there he joined forces with the Bobby Frew Four to make a record of full length Scottish country dances. Bobby Frew was for many years the lead accordionist in the popular Stan Hamilton Band.

The dances on the record are: The Edinburgh Castle Reel, Roaring Jelly, John McAlpin, J. B. Milne, The Starry-Eyed Lassie, The Anniversary, The Luckenbooth Brooch, From The Broomielaw, The Australian Ladies.

This is indeed a lovely record. Nice tempo, lots of lift and, although there are two accordionists, the sweet melodic sound of the Powrie fiddle comes over loud and clear.

This record is not generally available in the shops but copies can be obtained from Scottish National Dance Company, 1 Lakeside, Earley, Reading, Berks. RG6 2PG. Tel. 0734 666006 or 62205.

It has come to my notice that some shops in London who stock and sell Scottish records are charging well over the manufacturer's recommended price. Their is no retail price maintenance on records so nothing can be done about it except to shop around. It is in some cases cheaper to order from Scotland and pay the postage. But, beware, I could name some shops North of the Border who also go a bit over the top.

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Review next issue.

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BOBBY CROWE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

c/o 195 Brampton Road,
Bexleyheath,
Kent DA7 4SR
14th March 1987

Dear John,

We should like to assure Mrs. Crawley (whose letter appeared in the last edition of "The Reel") and all Branch members that the price of admission to our dances is kept as low as possible. £2 for a whole evening's dancing to a live band with refreshments included is excellent value and cannot be matched by any other social activity in central London. Occasionally tickets for our dances exceed £2 but usually only when we bring a band down from Scotland or sit down to a full meal.

Mrs. Crawley reminisced about the cost of dancing 25 years ago. In 1962 "The Times" was 5d., minimum basic fare on the London Underground was 6d and admission to our monthly dances was 5/-, which suggests that the cost of Scottish Country Dancing has risen less than most everyday items.

If anyone today finds £2 too expensive for a night's entertainment, then don't forget our season of open air dancing when admission will be absolutely free.

Yours sincerely,

Branch Executive (Dances Sub-Committee)

19 Garrick Crescent,
Park Hill,
Croydon, Surrey

March 1987

Dear John,

We in Croydon Branch support the general views expressed by Mr. Raper and Mr. Sturrock in the recent issue of The Reel on the need to encourage teenagers to take up Scottish country dancing. However, we must never sacrifice quantity for quality.

We regard it as an important function of our committee to provide balanced programmes for our dances, considering both the less experienced as well as those who regularly attend our classes. We find that the more modern dances, which are taught in our classes, are popular. Indeed, we have not forgotten the year our programmes consisted almost entirely of the older 'down the middle and back' type. Attendances slumped and it took us some years to regain our image.

We are fortunate that we have a successful children's class and have recently been pleased to welcome to our dances three who are now well into their teens. Interestingly, we find that the majority of those taking up Scottish dancing these days are in their thirties; the average age of our basic class is in fact around forty.

The message must surely be—keep our basic classes alive and welcome newcomers, whatever their age and ability. This is the only way to ensure that Scottish country dancing prospers in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce Martin

Hon. Secretary
Croydon & District Branch RSCDS.

St. Crispin,
36 Northdown Road,
Chalfont St. Peter,
Bucks.

7th March, 1987

Dear John,

We would like to extend our thanks to the London Branch of the RSCDS for putting on such an excellent dancing weekend at Easthampstead Park College on 6th-8th February. This was the first time that we had been to this weekend, indeed for some of us this was our first Scottish dance weekend!

What a weekend! What a shock to find ourselves with so many good dancers, so many dances that we didn't know, followed by the realisation that there are so many dances to know. There were two teachers, Anna Holden and William Williamson, on the course, and if we hadn't improved by the time we went home it would not have been the fault of the excellent instructors.

Finally we would like to thank all the people on the course who had been before and who helped us so much over the weekend. Their openness and friendliness made the weekend very special.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Parren

Faith Hands

Rae and Donald Walker

Penny Bishop

EDITOR'S NOTES

I am surprised that no one other than Joyce Martin has commented on John Sturrock's letter. Are London Branch members completely apathetic or, perhaps, completely satisfied with the efforts being made by the hard-working committee? Certainly, we have made some "forward moves" in recent years with e.g. two Saturday afternoon dances for children in our annual calendar; not to mention the huge success of Polesden Lacey. See also the notice headed "NEW NEXT SESSION" in this edition.

Turning to one of John Sturrock's points which Joyce has taken up, we have now re-established the practice of having one Saturday evening dance per year at St. Columba's with a programme of dances suitable for beginners and intermediates. The most recent one, held on 14th March is fresh in my memory. Over 130 people attended—the experienced dancers joining in with the less experienced and a very happy evening it was. Although, it is not common practice to single out Bands (all those who play for the Branch do us proud) it must be stated that much of the success of the dance on 14th March was due to the quite superb music played by Brian Hamilton's Band, who had also earlier in the same day played for the children's dance.

As those who attended the Spring Dance at Porchester Hall are aware, Kenny Thomson had an accident a few days earlier and was unable to travel down with his Band. Thanks to Kenny's brother, Stuart, who in addition to his usual role as second accordionist made all the final arrangements for the evening. Thanks also to Ian Muir from Patna who took over Kenny's role as lead accordionist at very short notice.

All in all, speaking perhaps as Editor rather than a committee member, I think the Branch is coming towards the end of another very successful season.

Next season's calendar of events is now more or less settled. One change ought to be mentioned. In lieu of the Porchester Hall January dance on a Friday we are having one at Chelsea Old Town Hall on a Saturday.

I am happy to be able to repeat that Kenny Thomson is now "on the mend". I was speaking to him by telephone this evening—24th March—and passed on good wishes on behalf of us all. We have booked the Band again for next February.

Did I say 24th March? I really must stop and get this off to the printer or The Reel will be late (again) and I will be chastised at the A.G.M.

**NEW NEXT SESSION!
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	Intermediate	Central Inst. HQ.	Margaret Shaw	Jean Harrison	8.00 to 9.30 p.m.
	Advanced	Central Y.W.C.A.	Owen Meyer	Margaret Reid	7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Central Institute Headquarters is in Longford Street, NW1 near Hampstead Road, Warren Street Station.
Central Y.W.C.A. is in Great Russell Street, near Tottenham Court Road Station.

Chelsea-Westminster 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, off King's Road SW3, near Sloane Square and South Kensington Stations.

Marylebone-Paddington Institute

Tuesday	Advanced	Quintin School	Rita Marlow	David Gowland	7.15 to 9.15 p.m.
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Quintin School is in Marlborough Hill NW8, off Finchley Road, near St. John's Wood Station.

Tuesday	Demonstration	F. D. Roosevelt School	Bill Ireland	Peter Jenkins	7.15 to 9.15 p.m.
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F. D. Roosevelt School is in Avenue Road, N.W.3 and near Swiss Cottage Station.

For ILEA residents Summer Term; Beginners and Intermediate classes £5.50; Advanced classes £7.00. Senior Citizens £1.00

For those resident outside the ILEA area: Summer Term Beginners and Intermediate classes £7.75; Advanced classes £10.00

No concessionary fees.

Summer Term ends 30th May 1987.

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, 19 Hugo Road, London, N19 5EU

DEMONSTRATION TEAM

We are again looking for competent, cheerful and relatively young dancers to join our demonstration team. Auditions will be held at the demonstration class itself on Tuesday evenings in May and June. During May the class will be at its normal venue, F. D. Roosevelt School, Avenue Road, NW3, but in June we will move elsewhere and details can be obtained from Iain Farrell (01-422 6509). Anyone interested should join us for at least three classes, preferably consecutive. There is no charge, so if you think you might meet the criteria why not come along? You are sure of some enjoyable evenings.

The team performs at a wide variety of functions and venues in and around London throughout the year. We are pretty busy but we are always looking for opportunities to present Scottish Country Dancing to more people. If you know an organisation which might appreciate a demonstration of Scottish Dancing please contact Wendy Kellett (01-301 1403).

CHEQUES

All cheques for membership, bookstall, tickets etc. should be made payable to "RSCDS (London Branch)".

Where appropriate please enclose S.A.E.

CELEBRATING AGE

Throughout 1987 Age Concern is "Celebrating Age" and on Saturday afternoon, 28th November they are "Making a Song and Dance About It" at the Royal Albert Hall. The Branch has been invited to give a short demonstration at this national event, and we hope to form a team from among our older members to show that Scottish Country Dancing leads to health and fitness and promotes longevity.

This special team will meet for two or three practice sessions in central London during October and November and probably a dress rehearsal on 14th November. The men will wear the accepted day dress for Scottish dancers: kilt, white shirt, plain or RSCDS tie, leather sporran, fawn hose with flashes and black dancing shoes. The ladies will not be asked to make white dresses but they will have to conform to an agreed style of costume.

Ully Harris has kindly agreed to co-ordinate our planning. She wants to hear from our older but active members who have experience of advanced or demonstration dancing and who would like to represent the Branch at the Royal Albert Hall. Anyone interested should contact Ully at 10 Kelly Street, London NW1, telephone 01-485 8259.

FOR SALE

BAGPIPES, FULLY IVORY MOUNTED NEW HIDE BAG; with case, spare reeds, music, etc. Offers, Tel. 0249 653079.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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, Portlisle, 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 Easson, 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. Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Pagan, High Standing, Branksome Park Road, Camberley, Surrey. Tel: Camberley 63153.

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.—10.00 p.m. September to May at Pound Hill Middle School, Crawley Lane, Pound Hill. Beginners welcome. Details from Secretary, Mrs. Fiona Thomas, 35 Balcombe Gardens, Horley, Surrey RH6 9BY. Tel. Horley 773437.

CROYDON & DISTRICT BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. Classes in Banstead—Beg. Mon.; Reigate—Gen. Mon.; Caterham—Beg. Tues.; Purley—Gen. Alt. Tues.; Selsdon—Beg./Inter. Tues.; Coulsdon—Inter./Adv. Wed.; Sanderstead—Alt. Thurs. Adv.; West Wickham—Gen. Fri.; Sutton—Children. Sat. a.m.; Dances most Saturdays. Details from Miss J. Martin, 19 Garrick Crescent, Park Hill, Croydon. Tel. 01-681 3968.

EALING SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB Thursdays 8-10 p.m. September to April. One hour tuition by Miss Stamp, followed by social dancing. St. Andrews United Reform Church Hall, Mount Park Road, Ealing, W.5. For details contact the Secretary, Mrs. Jo Gibbs 13 Dacre Close, Millet 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 Otways 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. For details of membership, Festival Dance and Highland Gathering (both held in London) contact Publicity Secretary: Miss Freda Graham Tel. 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 SCOTS' 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 Stella Johnstone, 7 Goodfaith House, Simpson's Road, Poplar, E14 0AL. Tel. 01-515 7056.

HARPENDEN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB meets every Tuesday at Lourdes Hall, Southdown Road, Harpenden, and a learners class on Thursdays at St. Mary's Church Hall, Kinsbourne Green, Harpenden, both from 8.00 p.m.-10.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. Hon. Sec. Peter George, 8 Mayflower Road, Park Street, St. Albans, Herts. AL2 2QR. Tel. 0727 73425.

HARROW & DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY meets every Wednesday from 8-10 p.m., September to April in Quainton Hall School, Hinds Road, Harrow. Enquiries about this and monthly dances to Hon. Sec. Dr. I. White, 32 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 Road School. Qualified Instructors. Adults 7.30-9.30 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, 41 Shirley Road, Leicester, LE2 3LL. 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, Emsleigh 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 COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (Affiliated to R.S.C.D.S.) meets every Tuesday 7.45 to 10.30 at 'Highview', North Road, Maidenhead. For details please contact David Harris, 47 Adelaide Road, High Wycombe. Tel. 0494 37062.

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 meet Mons. & Weds. in Swindon; Tues. in Marlborough (Aff. to R.S.C.D.S.) 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 Roecroft 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.

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 1533.

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 Greenleas, 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.

THE SCOTTISH CLANS ASSOCIATION OF LONDON meets on Tuesdays, October to May, 7-10 p.m. in either the Upper or Lower Hall at St. Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW1. Lively Scottish Country Dancing to first class, well edited tapes. Contact Barrie Sheldon, 20 Park Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 7UQ. Tel. 0895 673772.

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.: P. A. Cox, 9 Cosgrove Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 3TZ. Tel. (0702) 559576.

SOUTH-EAST HERTS SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY—Dancing in Hertford, monthly September to May. Fridays 7.45 to 10.45 p.m. Classes: Intermediate, beginners/elementary—Tues.; Advanced—alternate Mondays; all in Hertford, 7.45 p.m. Children—Wednesdays in Hoddesdon, 6.30 p.m. New members and beginners welcome. Details from Mrs. Sheila 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 meet Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. Sussex Road School, Tonbridge. Highland classes alternate Thursdays, Tunbridge Wells. Details: 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. Joy Newman, Cheriton, Milborne Port, DT9 5BA. Tel. Milborne Port 250226.