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Saturday, 16th July, 1988

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, 20th May, 1988.

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

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RECORD REVIEW

GIE US TULLOCHGORM (Cabbage 417)

Fireside Reel, Light And Airy, This Is No My Ain Hoose, The Highlandman Kissed His Mother, Invercauld's Reel, Pinewoods Reel—all full length; Any Good Jig—8 x 32 and a Waltz.

Tullochgorm is a Boston-based Scottish Country Dance Band formed by Barbara McOwen in 1980. It consists of three fiddles, piano bass and drums. This record was issued some two years ago but somehow I missed getting a copy until recently. The playing is lively—indeed exceedingly lively in the Reels, with an occasional burst of piano “up front” reminiscent of Stan Hamilton's Band. It proves once again that one does not need an accordion in a Scottish Dance band. I particularly like the rip-roaring playing of six tunes all composed by the late Ronnie Cooper for the Pinewoods Reel.

NEW RECORDS

3 new records produced by RSCDS are now available from Branch bookstall — see address on front page. £6 each, postage 65 pence.

Book 9 — Bobby Crowe

Book 10 — Colin Finlayson

Book 35 — Jim MacLeod

They will be reviewed in next issue of “The Reel”.

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The team is busy throughout May and June, but at the moment we could take on more engagements at functions large or small during the rest of the year. Contact Andrew Kellett on 01-301 1403 about our availability. Obviously we like as much notice as possible, but we can often send out a team at the last moment. However, book now for Burns' Night '89!

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BARS

1-4 1st and 3rd couples set to partners and then turn partners with both hands opening up to face the top with nearer hands still joined.

5-8 1st couple cast off to third place and then, giving *LEFT* hands, dance up crossing over to finish back to back facing first corners. 3rd couple, meanwhile, dance up to the top and cast off to original places. (2nd couple step up on BARS 7-8).

9-12 1st couple dance along the track of half a diagonal reel of four through first corner positions. Meanwhile 2nd and 3rd couples dance half rights and lefts. At the end, first corners do not make polite turns but pull right shoulders back to flow on into the following reel.

13-16 1st couple and their first corners dance half a diagonal reel of four. This takes first corners back to their proper corner positions where they pull right shoulders back to face down and up. At the end, 1st couple pass one another by the left to face second corner positions.

17-20 1st couple dance along the track of half a diagonal reel of four through second corner positions. Meanwhile 2nd and 3rd couples dance half rights and lefts beginning by changing on the sides with right hands and then crossing over giving left hands to partners. At the end, second corners do not make polite turns but pull right shoulders back to flow on into the following reel.

21-24 1st couple and their second corners dance half a diagonal reel of four. At the end, 1st couple finish left shoulder to left shoulder facing wrong sides.

25-28 1st couple dance out towards second place on wrong sides to join in a clockwise chase of all three couples half-way round to finish on own sides in the order 2, 1, 3.

29-32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples turn partners with both hands. Repeat, having passed a couple.

Dance devised by John Drewry and published with kind permission.

R.S.C.D.S. OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH

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22nd October, 1988

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18th February, 1989 (provisional)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Whetherly House,
52 Shirley Drive,
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12th February, 1988.

Dear John,

I heartily endorse the comments made in Daphne Baker's letter. The blame for this must, however, rest firmly on the shoulders of the teachers. All too often they do not read the original instructions for the dance as in the book. Many of them read from incomplete notes made on a card file; which were originally used by them as handy cribs when attending dances. Others do refer to the instructions, but do not interpret them with sufficient intelligence. Three examples, of what in my opinion are common errors, which are regularly committed by R.S.C.D.S. Teachers' Certificate holders follow, as these are amongst my pet aversions.

If the instructions read:

- 1-4 First couple, giving right hands, cross over and cast off into second place.
- 5-8 First couple dance a half figure eight round the second couple.

it is obvious that the second couple MUST step up on bars 3 & 4 (as in 'The Duke of Atholl's Reel' bars 17-24) otherwise the first couple cannot possibly be in second place at the end of bar 4; yet all too often, in such a case, the teacher instructs the second couple to step up on bars 7 & 8.

In many other cases teachers should realise that stepping up should be done in order that the first couple can see the place at which they must arrive at the end of the current phrase, in order to adjust their steps accordingly. As an example: Book 24 number 3 'The Wild Geese',

- 17-24 First couple lead down the middle and up, to finish in second place. Second couple move up.

it should be obvious that the second couple should step up on bars 3 & 4 so that the first couple can adjust their step accordingly. Yet many teachers instruct their classes to step up on bars 7 & 8. It is most disconcerting for the first couple when the gap which they are aiming for suddenly moves. The teachers claim that this is correct because the instructions would otherwise read:

- 17-20 First couple lead down the middle. Second couple move up.

- 21-24 First couple lead up the middle, to finish in second place.

A similar situation arises in 'Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran', where many teachers instruct the second couple to step up on bars 15 & 16. Obviously in this dance the second couple should step up on bars 11 & 12, to enable the first couple to finish their turn with the right hand in second place on the opposite side, facing out. This has the advantage of reducing the distance which the first couple have to travel down the set during the turn and gives them a wide gap to pass through without endangering the supporting couples. It has the further advantage that after the first couple have cast up on bars 13 & 14 as they cross to second place on own sides on bars 15-16 they also have a clear space to aim for; rather than an approximate position with the worry as to whether or not the second couple will actually step up before the Grand Chain which follows.

Whilst the efforts of the publications Committee to revise the books and clarify all these potential sources of error is highly laudable, it may take many years to reap the benefits. Teachers will be reluctant to incur the expense of replacing all their books of instructions and will continue to use the old books, or their loose card files of notes.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Mitchell.

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Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch

ANNUAL BALL

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Saturday, 15th October, Silver Cross (Day School), Wimbledon High School.

Saturday, 12th November, Kafoozalum (Ceilidh), St. Columba's.

Friday, 25th November, Bobby Crowe and Ian Powrie, Chelsea Town Hall.

Saturday, 3rd December, Caber Feidh (Charity Dance), St. Columba's.

Saturday, 7th January, McBain's, Imperial College.

Saturday, 25th February, A Guest Band, Porchester Hall.

Saturday, 11th March, Brian Hamilton (Beginners' Dance), St. Columba's.

Saturday, 15th April, Robin Ellis, St. Columba's.

Saturday, 13th May, Richard Smith, St. Columba's.

Saturday, 10th June, McBain's, Polesden Lacey.

Saturday, 8th July, Frank Reid, St. Columba's.

1989 Weekend School is from 10th to 12th February.

Children's Dances will be held on 3rd December, 1988 and 11th March, 1989.

Ian Powrie and Bobby Crowe will be passing through London on 25th November, and we are delighted that they have agreed to "Tarry a While" and play at a dance. Details of how to apply for tickets will appear in the next edition of "The Reel".

Because the calendar of events in the early part of the year is so full, the Branch Committee have decided to transfer the Annual Day School to October. The bonus as a result is 2 in 1988!

Looking ahead: Season 1989/90 marks the Diamond Jubilee of London Branch and preparations are already underway for some special events, about which more anon.

GARDEN DANCE

Croquet Lawn, Polesden Lacey,
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McBain's Band

For Programme see Reel 183

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Central Institute					
Monday	Advanced	Central Y.W.C.A.	Owen Meyer	Brenda Blewett	7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
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	North Westminster 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. North Westminster School is in Penfold Street, NW1 (off Bell Street) and near Edgware Road and Marylebone Stations. Summer Term ends on 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.

OTHER DANCING CLASSES

These classes are *not* under the auspices of the RSCDS but are listed for the benefit of readers. Further details from phone numbers.

Mondays, General—St. Mary Abbott School, Kensington High Street, W8. 01-938 1578.

Tuesdays, General—St. Thomas More School, Footscray Road, SE9. 01-850 6700.

Tuesdays, General—Burntwood School, Burntwood Lane, SW17. 01-947 4342.

Tuesdays, Highland—Christopher Hatton Centre, Laystall Street, EC1. 01-242 9872.

Thursday, General—Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1. 01-928 8501.

WEEKEND SCHOOL, 1988

There is a first time for everything! After many years of dancing we realised we hadn't had time to sample the Easthamstead Weekend, so I oiled Auld Nick's Lumbar Rheum and we arrived, not at the Theeket Hoose, but at the Red House, in the Machine Without Horses, being ourselves shod by the Sutters of Selkirk (or of St. Andrews). Alas, there was no Peat Fire Flame, but a cosy friendly ambience nevertheless prevailed.

Kevin had us playing trains (can't get away from his work) while Graham Donald stirred up old rivalries of earlier Border warfare without Kinmont Willie. Auld Nick recognised many old flames from the past, including Lucy Campbell and the Ladies of Dunse. Alice Murphy started her class by saying she was glad "This is no my ain Hoose" because she couldn't afford the mortgage but Robert Mackay made us at home, all the same, with his exhilarating music. Who could fail to dance instinctively to Phyllis Draper's 'The Wife she brewed it' or could fail to enjoy Maureen's menus; was she 'The Wife she stewed it'? The teachers demonstrated their exquisite skills in stimulating mixed ability classes and it was pleasing to see the less proficient being helped by the more experienced.

Inventiveness was to the fore at the ceilidh when Andrew Gillies showed us how the first kilts were made and Norris might have been called upon to provide the music on his wine-box bagpipes had Phyllis not been on hand to play when the 'band' became temperamental.

Thanks to the Branch organisers and our friends from the North, we all enjoyed a weekend of convivial company and dancing. All too soon (not a moment too soon, though, for our feet) the weekend was over and as we parted we promised We'll Meet Again.

JEAN NICOL

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SCOTTISH

DANCE SOCIETY

Do any readers have any information on the history of the above mentioned Society (formerly The Scottish Society) in particular regarding its formation?

If so, Jeremy Hill, St. Peter's College, Oxford, OX1 2DL would like to hear from you.

It would be sad if the Society was unable to celebrate its Jubilees because the members did not know when they were.

TEACHER REQUIRED

Teacher for Ruislip District Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dancing mixed ability class, every Wednesday evening 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Ruislip Manor. Further details Mrs. M. Timms—Ruislip 673521.

NOTICE TO LONDON BRANCH MEMBERS

The firm who send out "The Reel" to London Branch Members have notified us, as they are obliged to do so under the Data Protection Act, that members names and addresses are now computerised.

All other information, e.g. whether a life or annual membership, phone numbers if known etc. will continue to be held manually by the Membership Secretary.

STOP PRESS

All the present officers and committee members have been nominated for re-election, but as no other nominations have been received no ballot is necessary this year.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ADDESTONE & 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. to 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 to 10.15 p.m. September to 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.

BOURNEMOUTH BRANCH R.S.C.D.S. meets at St. Michael's Parish Centre, Poole Hill, Bournemouth. Beginners on Thursdays; Intermediate and Advanced on Fridays. Regular Socials and Dances. Details from Mrs. A. Gracie, 1 George Mews, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen. Tel: 0202 601890.

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 to 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, 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 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 **Ss. 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. to 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 to 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, 120 Clarence Road, St. Albans, Herts, AL1 4NW. Tel: 0727 43001.

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 to 8.45 p.m. Social dancing 9 to 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 to 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.

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 to 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. to 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.

SEVENOAKS REEL CLUB meets every Tuesday from October until April, 8 to 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 to 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. Ogdin, 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, WDI 5HP. Tel: 01-421 0470.

WEST SURREY SCOTTISH DANCING GROUP. Meeting in Guildford on Monday evenings, September to 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. to 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.