

The Bedford Scottish Dance Group

NEWSLETTER

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NEW YEAR CEILIDH

Tickets for the New Year Ceilidh will be available from most committee members by the time you receive this letter. They will cost £4 each and please bring a plate of food. The date is January 7th 2012 and the place Bromham Village Hall, so make a note in your diary as soon as you have one.

The number of tickets will once again be limited to 80 to avoid overcrowding. The format for the evening will be the same as before and we hope you will all have a great evening.

DANCE4ALL

The annual Dance4All Festival was held on Saturday 15th October in Bedford at various venues indoors and out. Hopefully some of you at least were there and enjoying the huge variety of dance activities on display and available to try. Taster sessions were held in the Howard Room, Harpur Suite and Civic Theatre and demonstrations in Silver Street Square, Church Square and the Corn Exchange.

After a dubious summer weather-wise the day could not have been better and the outdoor events went with a swing.

The Scottish Dance Group had a taster session in the Civic Theatre in the afternoon which attracted plenty of enthusiastic dancers of all ages whose efforts resulted in huge hilarity all round – if only they would all come and join us! Well, here's hoping.

BEGINNERS CLASS

The first one was held on Tuesday 18th October at the A.R.A. Social Club in Manton Lane. We had no idea how many would turn up and were really pleased to get two full four couple sets. Not all were beginners but that, of course, was very helpful in keeping things going.

Keith Rose, who is teaching the class, opened the evening with a brief description of Scottish Country Dancing and went on to show us the basic steps. We soon moved on to trying some simple dances and got on famously. It seemed as though everyone enjoyed the evening and we very much hope that all or most of them will keep coming.

CHILDREN IN NEED

For the last two or three years we have supported Children in Need by taking part in an event at the Kempston Hammer Club which consisted of several different dance clubs demonstrating their particular variety and giving a master class for all to try – not unlike Dance4All. It has always been well-attended and great fun. Our demo team shows two or three dances then everyone has a go at something simple.

The other dance types are very varied and include the belly dancers who, I tell you, are not to be missed! This year it will be on Friday 18th November and if you are minded to give it your support Margaret Plowman is the person to speak to for details and her number is 01234 853262.

AROUND THE AREA - Helen Rose

Hitchin Ball

On 8th October five members of Bedford Scottish Dance Group attended the ball held by North East Herts Reel Club at Hitchin Town Hall. This was the last ball to be held here as the hall is being closed for refurbishment. We shall miss dancing on the beautiful sprung wooden floor, which at times had us all bouncing up and down in unison. Craigevar were in top form playing tunes to inspire us in our dancing . Supper was at its usual high standard. We all had a lovely time. Next October the ball is being held in Biggleswade.

Cambridge RSCDS Annual Dance.

15th October Keith and I attended the dance held by Cambridge RSCDS at Chesterton Community College, a smaller event than the ball at Hitchin, with 5 sets of dancers. Music was played by Keith Smith, fiddle and Peter Shand, keyboard, they were lovely to dance and listen to. Dances were an enjoyable mix of old and new mainly RSCDS published compositions. Supper was a bring and share buffet.



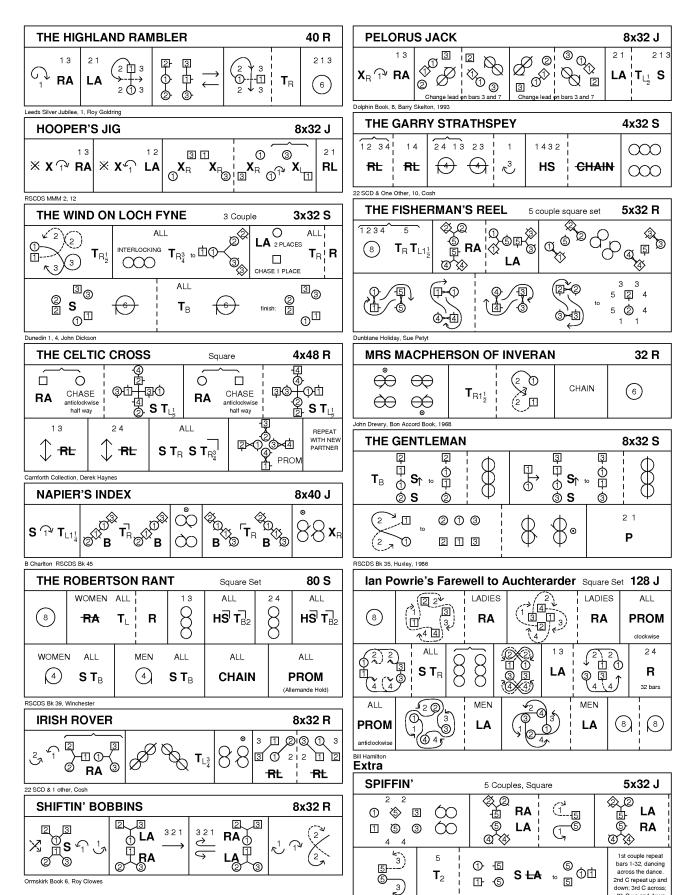
Sunday 6th November starting at 8.00pm

OAKLEY VILLAGE HALL

	MC George Hogg			
The Highland Rambler	R	Shiftin` Bobbins		
Hooper's Jig	J	Pelorus Jack		
The Wind on Loch Fyne	S	The Garry Strathspey		
The Celtic Cross	R	The Fisherman's Reel		
Napier`s Index J Mrs MacPherson		Mrs MacPherson of Inveran	R	
The Robertson Rant	S	The Gentleman	S	
Irish Rover	R	Ian Powries Farewell to Auchterarder		
Extra: Spiffin`	J			



Oakley Social 6 Nov 2011 George Hogg



THE HIGHLAND RAMBLER (R8x40) 3C (4C set)

- 1s dance in & cast to 2nd place, dance RH across with 3s
- 2s+1s dance LH across, 1L followed by partner cast up round 2L & dance down middle to 1L between 3s & 1M 9-16 between 2s
- 17-24 1s+2s+3s dance down the middle & back
- 25-32 1M followed by partner cast down round 2L to 2nd places on own side & turn RH
- 33-40 2s+1s+3s circle 6H round & back

HOOPER'S JIG (J8x32) 3C (4C set)

MMM 2

- All clap & 1s cross passing RSh, cast to 2nd place & dance RH across with 3s All clap & 1s cross passing RSh, cast to 1st place & dance LH across with 2s
- 9-16
- 1M+3L change places RH & 1L+3M change places RH (as 1M+3L loop round), 1M+3L change places RH (as 1L+3M 17-24 loop round) & 1L+3M cross LH 1L ending in 2nd place (as 1M casts to 2nd pl)
- 25-32 2s+1s dance R&L

THE WIND ON LOCH FYNE (S3x32) 3C Triangular set

J Dickson Dunedin 1

R Goldring Leeds Silver Jubilee

- 1s cross over (Man between 3s, Lady between 2s) & dance Fig of 8 & end turning RH ½ way to face partner in original places
- 9-16 All dance interlocking RSh reels of 4 & end by turning RH to bring Men into centre
- Men dance LH across in centre 2 places while Ladies dance clockwise 1 place, turn partner RH & repeat ending in triangular set order 2 3 1
- 25-32 All set & circle 6H round for 2 steps, turn partner 2H & continue to circle 6H round to pstns. 2 3 1

THE CELTIC CROSS 1 (R4x48) Sq.Set

D Havnes Carnforth Coll 1

- All Ladies dance RH across once round as Men dance anticlockwise ½ way, Ladies give LH to opp Man, set & ½ turn Men into centre
- 9-16 Men dance RH across once round as Ladies dance anticlockwise ½ way, Men give LH to partners, set & ½ turn
- 17-24 1s+3s Adv+Ret 2 steps & dance ½ R&L End in original places
- 25-32 2s+4s Adv+Ret 2 steps & dance ½ R&L End in original places
- 33-40 All set to partners & turn RH, set to corners & turn corner RH into prom hold facing anticlockwise
- 41-48 Men Promenade their corners round anticlockwise & bring corners across in front of them to repeat dance with new partner on right

NAPIER'S INDEX (J8x40) 3C (4C Set)

B Charlton RSCDS Bk 45

- 1s set & cast 1 place, turn LH 11/4 times to end in Bal-in-Line position between 1st corners
- 1s+1st corners Bal-in-Line & turn corners RH to Bal-in-Line again with 1st corners 9-16
- 1s dance reel of 3 on sides (LSh to 2nd corner) & end diagonally between 2nd corners 1s+2nd corners Bal-in-Line & turn corners RH, Bal-in-Line again with 2nd corners 17-24
- 25-32
- 1s dance reels of 3 across (LSh to 3rd corners) & cross RH to 2nd places 33-40

THE ROBERTSON RANT (S80) Sq.Set

D Winchester RSCDS Bk 39

- All circle 8H round & back
- 9-16 All Ladies dance RH across 1/2 way & turn opposite Man LH, all Ladies dance 1/2 RH across & turn partner LH
- 17-24 1s+3s dance reel of 4 (Ladies start by passing LSh as Men set)
- 25-32 All set (HS) to corners, turn 2H twice
- 33-40 2s+4s dance reel of 4 with Ladies starting by passing LSh
- 41-48 All set (HS) to corners, turn 2H twice
- 49-56 All Ladies circle left to face partners (Ladies BtoB), set to & turn partners 2H
- 57-64 All Men circle right to face partners (Men BtoB), set to & turn partners 2H
- 65-72 All dance Grand Chain
- All Allemande anticlockwise 73-80

THE IRISH ROVER (R8x32) 3C (4C set)

J Cosh 22 SCDs

- 1s dance down below 3s & cast up to 2nd place own sides, 1L dances RH across with 2s while 1M dances RH across 1-8
- 1s dance ½ diagonal reel of 4 with 1st corners, ½ reel with 2nd corners & ½ turn LH in centre to face 1st corners 9-16
- 17-24 1s dance reels of 3 across giving LSh to 1st corners ending in 2nd place own sides
- 25-32 1s dance Diag R&L (1M crossing down & 1L crossing up to start)

SHIFTIN' BOBBINS (R8x32) 3C (4C set)

R Clowes Ormskirk 6

- 1s cross RH to double triangle position with 2s+3s & set, 1s cast up to top & dance down until they are between 2s & 1-8
- 9-16 1L dances RH across with 2M+3M while 1M dances LH across with 2L+3L, 1s followed by 2s+3s dance down centre
- 3s followed by 2s+1s dance up & 3s+2s cast down to places, 1L dances LH across with 2M+3M while 1M dances RH
- 1s dance up to top & cast down to 2nd place opposite side, 1s dance ½ Fig of 8 around 2s to end in 2nd place on own 25-32

PELORUS JACK (J8x32) 3C (4C set)

B Skelton RSCDS Bk 41

- 1-8 1s cross RH & cast 1 place, dance RH across with 3s & 1s end with Man facing his 1st corner with his partner behind
- 9-16 1s dance Alternating Tandem ½ reel of 3 with 1st corners, 1s dance Alternating Tandem ½ reel with 2nd corners
- 17-24 1s dance Alternating Tandem ½ reels of 3 with Ladies 1st corner (pstn),1s dance Alternating Tandem ½ reel with Ladies 2nd corner (pstn)
- 25-32 1M followed by partner dance into LH across with 2s, 1s retain LH & 1/2 turn to own sides & 2s+1s+3s set

THE GARRY STRATHSPEY (S4x32) 4C set

J Cosh 22 SCDs

- 1-8 1s+2s & 3s+4s dance ½ R&L, 1s+4s (in centre) dance ½ R&L
- 9-16 2s+4s & 1s+3s circle 4H left ½ way, 2s+3s circle 4H right ½ way, 1s dance up to top & all face **as** for Reel of 4 on sides
- 17-24 All set HS & dance 1/2 Grand Chain
- 25-32 All dance Reel of 4 on sides. 2 3 4 1

FISHERMAN'S REEL (R5x32) 5C Sq.Set (5s facing - M back to 4s & L back to 2s) S Petyt Dunblane Holiday

- 1-8 1s+2s+3s+4s circle 8H round & back while 5s turn RH once & LH 1½ times to end 5M facing 2s & 5L facing 4s
- 9-16 5M+2s **also** 5L+4s dance RH across, 5s pass LSh & dance LH across with next couple anticlockwise (M with 1s & L with 3s)
- 17-24 5M dances reel of 3 with 1s+2s (in prom hold) giving RSh to 2s while 5L reels with 3s+4s giving RSh to 4s
- 25-32 All take ptnrs in prom hold, 5s change pl with 1s RSh, 1s pass 4s RSh, 4s pass 3s RSh, 3s pass 2s RSh & 2s end in centre facing each other

MRS MACPHERSON OF INVERAN (R8x32) 3C (4C set)

J Drewry Bon Accord Bk

- 1-8 1s dance Inveran Reels with 2s+3s
- 9-16 1s turn RH 1½ times moving down to 2nd places (opposite sides), 1s cast up behind 2s & cross down to 2nd place own side
- 17-24 2s+1s+3s dance Grand Chain
- 25-32 2s+1s+3s circle 6H round & back

THE GENTLEMAN (S8x32) 3C (4C set)

R S Huxley RSCDS Bk 35

- 1-8 1s turn 2H & remain in middle facing each other **as** 2s step up, 1s+2s set (1s advancing & pass LSh to face opposite partner) & dance ½ reel of 4 across with 2s with 1s ending reel giving LH to face down on own side between 2s
- 9-16 1s dance down to end between 3s & face each other, 1s+3s set (1s advancing & pass LSh to face opposite partner) & ½ reel of 4 across with 3s 1s end giving LH to face up on own side between 3s
- 17-24 1s lead up to top, cross over & cast to 2nd place & ½ reels of 3 across (L with 2s & M with 3s)
- 25-32 2s+1s dance DiamondPoussette

IAN POWRIE'S FAREWELL TO AUCHTERARDER (J128) Sq.Set

B Hamilton

- 1-8 All circle 8H round to the left & back (popular variation 8 hands all the way round to left)
- 9-24 Ladies dance in front of ptnr & behind next Man, into RH across, in front of Man opp own ptnr & behind next Man, into RH across & back to place
- 25-32 All Promenade clockwise
- 33-40 1s & 3s dance cl'wise behind next couple & Men dance past cple as Ladies dance in between cple & both turn R to face cple, all set & turn RH
- 41-48 All dance parallel reels of 4
- 49-56 1s & 3s dance a full Fig of 8 round the standing 2s/4s
- 57-64 1s & 3s dance LH across, 1s & 3s dance back to places (Men round & Ladies through the standing 2s & 4s)
- 65-96 2s & 4s repeat 33-64
- 97-104 All Promenade anticlockwise
- 105-120 Men dance in front of ptnr & behind next Lady, into LH across, dance in front of Lady opp own partner & behind next L into LH across & back to pl
- 121-128 All circle 8H round to the right & back (popular variation 8 hands all the way round to right)

Extra:

SPIFFIN' (J5x32) 5C Sq.Set (5s facing 1s)

D&A Quarrie+Friends

- 1-8 5s dance reels of 3 with 1s+3s (5s start by passing opposite dancer by LSh)
- 9-16 5L dances RH across with 2s while 5M dances LH across with 4s, 5s lead up thru 1s & cast back to centre
- 17-24 5L dances LH across with 2s while 5M dances RH across with 4s, 5s lead down thru 3s & cast back to centre
- 25-32 5s turn (Kilt Grip) twice, 5s+1s set & dance part LH across (5s dance ½ way **while** 1s dance ¼ way & into centre to face 2s)

SCOTTISH COUNTRY	DANCE EVENTS CALENDAR		Events in the Bedford Area			
Date	Host	Event	Band	Venue	Town	Contact
Fri. 04 Nov.2011	Abingdon SCDC		Chris Oxtoby	Cumnor VH	Oxford	Carol Gibbins
Sat, 05 Nov,2011	Stamford SCDC	Autumn Dance	lan Slater	Sir Malcolm Sargent School PE9 2SR	Stamford	Mary Thompson
Sun, 06 Nov,2011	Bedford SDG		Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	Bedford	Alex Lawton
Fri, 11 Nov,2011	South East Herts SCDS	Dance Night	Recorded	Sele School,	Hertford	Peter Dixon
Sat, 12 Nov,2011	Hayes & District SA		George Meikle & Lothian	Brentside High School	Hayes	Margaret Wallace
Sat, 12 Nov,2011	Leicester RSCDS	Annual Ball	Nicol McLaren	Braunstone Civic Centre, LE3 2PP	Leicester	Doris Buchanan
Sat, 12 Nov,2011 Sun, 13 Nov,2011	St Ninians Maidenhead SDC	Annual Dance Afternoon dance	Craigievar Recorded	St Albans Girls School, AL3 6DB Carnation Hall, RG42 7PA	St Albans Winkfield	Ted Andrews Jane Courtier
Sat, 19 Nov,2011	SE Herts SCDS	Annual Ball	Craigellachie	Univ. Herts	Hertford	Peter Dixon
Sat, 19 Nov,2011	Huntingdon DCS	St Andrew's Evening	Oralgellacille	Offord Cluny VH	Huntingdon	Mavis Monahan
Sat, 19 Nov,2011	Oxfordshire RSCDS	Social Dance	Recorded	Summertown Church Hall, OX2 7EZ	Oxford	Richard Stamper
Sat, 19 Nov,2011	Norwich RSCDS	Day School	Margie Stevenson, Mervyn Stuart	High Sch, Folly Road	Wymondham	Marean Daniels
Sat, 26 Nov,2011	Hertsmere RC		Recorded		Potters Bar	Mary Fouracre
Sat, 26 Nov,2011	Watford & West Herts SS		Ceilidh	WD17 4PN	Watford	Stuart Kreloff
Sun, 27 Nov,2011	The Sunday Class	St Andrew's Dance	lan Slater	Village Hall	Waltham on the Wolds	Amanda Peart
Tue, 29 Nov,2011	Greenford CA		Chris Oxtoby	6 6	Greenford	Pam Crisp
Fri, 02 Dec,2011 Sat, 03 Dec,2011	Berkhamsted SRC Silver Cross DG		Manning & Martlew Silver Cross	Boxmoor Playhouse	Hemel Hempstead Wheathampstead	Jane Rose Chris Walker
Fri. 09 Dec.2011	South East Herts SCDS	Christmas Ceilidh	Silver Cross	Sele School,	Hertford	Peter Dixon
Sat, 10 Dec,2011	Huntingdon DCS	Christmas Social	Silver Gloss	Brampton Memorial Centre	Huntingdon	Mavis Monahan
Sat, 10 Dec,2011	Leicester RSCDS	Christmas Dance	Phil Jones	Avenue Rd School, LE2 3EJ?	Leicester	Doris Buchanan
Sat, 10 Dec,2011	Lucy Clark SCDC		Silver Cross	Village Hall	Prestwood	Dick Field
Wed, 14 Dec,2011	Harrow & District CS		Chris Oxtoby		North Harrow	Jim Henderson
Fri, 16 Dec,2011	Hayes & District SA		Recorded	Viking Community Centre	Hayes	Margaret Wallace
Sat, 17 Dec,2011	Hertsmere RC		Recorded		Potters Bar	Mary Fouracre
Sat, 17 Dec,2011	Epping Forest SA		Silver Cross	Prep Sch	Woodford Green	Lee Noble
Sat, 17 Dec,2011 Tue, 20 Dec,2011	Norwich RSCDS Greenford CA	Christmas Cance	Recorded Recorded	High Sch, Folly Road	Wymondham Greenford	Marean Daniels Pam Crisp
Thu, 22 Dec,2011	Watford & West Herts SS		K.Martlew & B.Manning	WD23 1TT	Bushey	Stuart Kreloff
Thu, 29 Dec,2011	Oxfordshire RSCDS	Christmas Dance	K.Martiew & D.Marting	Cumnor Village Hall, OX2 9QF	Oxford	Richard Stamper
Sat, 31 Dec,2011	Hayes & District SA	Sillounas Ballos	Recorded	St Peter & St Paul C of E	Hayes	Margaret Wallace
Sat, 31 Dec,2011	Huntingdon DCS	Hogmanay Dance		Commemoration Hall	Huntingdon	Mavis Monahan
Sat, 31 Dec,2011	Leicester RSCDS	Hogmanay Party		Thurnby VH	Leicester	Doris Buchanan
Sat, 31 Dec,2011	Jan & Rita	Hogmanay Dance	Recorded	Gt Brickhill VH	Milton Keynes	Jan Jones
Fri, 06 Jan,2012	Harrow & District CS		Frank Reid	Donath and MIL MICAGO OF	Elstree	Jim Henderson
Sat, 07 Jan,2012	Bedford SDG		Peter Scatterty Strathallan SCD Band	Bromham VH, MK43 8JP	Bedford	Alex Lawton Celia Stuart-Lee
Sat, 07 Jan,2012 Sat, 07 Jan,2012	Gerrards Cross SCDC Silver Cross DG		Silver Cross		Gerrards Cross Wheathampstead	Cella Stuart-Lee Chris Walker
Fri. 13 Jan.2012	South East Herts SCDS	Dance Night	Recorded	Sele School.	Hertford	Peter Dixon
Sat, 14 Jan,2012	Peterborough RSCDS	Dance	lan Slater	St John's Church Hall	Peterborough	Sheila Lewins
Fri, 20 Jan,2012	Watford & West Herts SS		Recorded	WD23 2TR	Bushey	Stuart Kreloff
Fri, 20 Jan,2012	Wembley & District SA		lan & Judith Muir	Golf Club	Northwood	Graham Hamilton
Sat, 21 Jan,2012	Hertsmere RC		Recorded		Potters Bar	Mary Fouracre
Tue, 24 Jan,2012	Greenford CA		David Hall		Greenford	Pam Crisp
Sat, 28 Jan,2012	Huntingdon DCS	Burns Night	Recorded	Commemoration Hall	Huntingdon	Mavis Monahan
Sat, 04 Feb,2012 Sat, 04 Feb,2012	Cambridge RSCDS & CUSRC Hayes & District SA	Winter Record Dance	recorded Recorded	Emmanuel URC, Trumpington St St Peter & St Paul C of E	Cambridge Hayes	Jacqui Brocker Margaret Wallace
Sat. 04 Feb.2012	Silver Cross DG		Silver Cross	Streter & Strauro of L	Wheathampstead	Chris Walker
Fri, 10 Feb,2012	South East Herts SCDS	Dance Night	Recorded	Sele School,	Hertford	Peter Dixon
Sat, 11 Feb,2012	Berkhamsted SRC	60th Highland Ball	Sandy Nixon	Ashlyns Sch	Berkhamsted	Janet Halse
Sat, 11 Feb,2012	Cambridge SS	Beginners Dance	Recorded	Community School	Hardwick	Kathryn Coles
Sat, 11 Feb,2012	Huntingdon DCS	Social	Recorded	Brampton Memorial Centre	Huntingdon	Mavis Monahan
Sat, 11 Feb,2012 Sat, 11 Feb,2012	Market Harborough SCDS Epping Forest SA	Dance	Recorded Silver Cross	Congregational Church Hall, Bowden Lane Prep Sch	Market Harborough Woodford Green	Sally Gardiner Lee Noble
Sat, 11 Feb,2012 Sat, 18 Feb,2012	Leicester RSCDS	Charity Dance	Recorded	Avenue Rd School, LE2 3EJ?	Leicester	Doris Buchanan
Sat, 18 Feb,2012	Oxfordshire RSCDS	Day School & Dance	Finlay,Tucker, Strathallan	Headington Sch,	Oxford	Richard Stamper
Sat, 18 Feb,2012	Hertsmere RC		Recorded		Potters Bar	Mary Fouracre
Sat, 25 Feb, 2012	Oxford & Cambridge Highland Ball Wembley & District SA		Green Ginger Craigellachie	Chesterton College, Eastman's Hall.	Cambridge Harrow	Edmund Croft Patricia Hamilton
Sat, 25 Feb,2012 Sat, 25 Feb,2012	Maidenhead SDC	Highland Ball	Frank Reid	tba	Maidenhead	Jane Courtier
Sun, 26 Feb,2012	Bedford SDG		Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	Bedford	Alex Lawton
Sun, 01 Apr,2012	Bedford SDG		Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	Bedford	Alex Lawton
Sat, 19 May,2012	Bedford SDG Bedford SDG	Annual Ball Social Dance & AGM	Scottish Measure Recorded	Bedford Girls' School, MK42 0BX	Bedford Bedford	Alex Lawton
Sun, 24 Jun,2012	Deutota SDG	Social Dance & AGM	necorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	Dedicia	Alex Lawton