

RSCDS Leeds Branch

Report 2017/8

This Branch has now been established for 56 years.

Membership

We had 84 members in 2017/8. Although this included several new members, along with other voluntary organisations, we need to keep recruiting new, and especially younger members.

Management and administration

The Branch is entirely run by volunteer members including the teachers, all committee and sub-committee members, as well as technical and admin support for classes and events. During this session the Branch Constitution was updated in line with current legislation and a GDPR policy written, approved and applied.

Classes

We continued to run a range of weekly classes at 6 venues in Leeds. Sadly, the children's class closed in July after many years. There are classes to cater for all levels from beginners to advanced level. Most classes are term time only, although one continues through school holidays including the summer. Class numbers were lower than in previous years, but seem to be picking up again.

The highlights include the two afternoon class Tea Dances. Both are walk-through dances, at the normal afternoon class time with live music and a Faith Tea. These are well-attended and welcomed by those who can't get to evening dances, as well as serving as a good introduction to our Social Dances for newcomers. Another popular feature has been the live music provided once a month at one evening class by a group of local amateur musicians formed after the 2015 Musicians' Workshop. This is much appreciated by both dancers and musicians.

Social Dances

There are monthly Branch social dances from October to June, except in April. Two of these are run jointly with another organisation; the annual joint ball with RSCDS York and Humberside Branch in November, and in December the annual joint Christmas dance with the Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club.

Day Schools & Weekend Schools

Our successful series of Day Schools and two residential weekend courses, one in Malhamdale in the autumn and one in Scarborough around Easter, were again well attended, drawing attendees from outwith the Branch. As well as a traditional Day School with a visiting teacher, the Day Schools included two Highland Day Schools, and a Musicians' Workshop, which this year focussed on playing for classes - the original intention of these Workshop days. These events attract participants from across the north of England.

White Rose Festival

The White Rose Festival, our summer outdoor event, was blessed this year with wonderful weather and was very successful with 24 adult teams and 4 junior teams taking part in the afternoon massed dancing. The evening dance was also well attended.

Newsletter/Update

We produce a Dancers' Newsletter 4 times a year, and a monthly e-Update with details of local social dances, reminders of forthcoming events and current or urgent issues.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society - Leeds Branch
Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st July 2018

Income	Unrestricted Funds	Resticted Funds	Jul-18 Total	Jul-17 Total
Subs and Donations				
RSCDS subs	1384		1384	1248
Branch subs	322		322	293
Donations Recvd	9		9	813
	£1,715		£1,715	£2,354
Income from charitable activities				
Class Fees	7932		7932	8663
Social Dances	2220		2220	4699
Weekend Schools	18038		18038	14157
Day Schools	1242		1242	1826
Festivals & Demos	4280		4280	3599
Children's Support Fund		3	3	
Branch Shop Income	31110		31110	21676
Bank Interest	11		11	48
Newsletter Postage	70		70	106
Sundry Income	251		251	0
TOTAL INCOME	£66,869	£3	£66,872	£57,128
Expenditure				
Cost of Shop Sales				
Opening Stock	6508		6508	6157
Plus Purchases	22354		22354	15172
Less Closing Stock	-12212		-12212	-10012
Cost of Shop Sales	16650		16650	11317
General Expenses				
RSCDS subs to HQ	1384		1384	1248
Classes	8605		8605	9349
Social Dances	3490		3490	5660
Weekend Schools	15072		15072	14152
Day Schools	1389		1389	1452
Festivals & Demos	3609		3609	3039
Children's Fund		374	374	989
Branch Shop expenses	6520		6520	4476
Shop Stock Write Down	4274		4274	3504
Sundry Expenses	251		251	484
	£44,594		£44,968	£44,353
Admin Expenses				
Newsletters	236		236	139
Printing, Staionery & Posta	156		156	294
Piblicity & Advertising	188		188	160
Insurances	285		285	279
	865		865	872
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£62,109	£374	£62,483	£56,542
Surplus for Year	£4,760	-£371	£4,389	£586

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Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2018

	31st July 2018	31st July 2017
FIXED ASSETS		
Equipment at Cost	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Hand	95	47
Bank Current Account	4,798	6,092
Building Society Account	15,492	15,484
White Rose Festival Account	4,226	3,268
Branch Shop Bank Account and Paypal	6,525	4,844
Shop Stock	7,938	6,507
Debtors and Prepayments	5,249	4,765
	44,323	41,007
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred Income	3,806	6,297
Malhamdale Reserve	2,092	
Other Creditors and Accruals	2,241	2,915
	8,139	9,212
NET CURRENT ASSETS	36,184	31,795
NET ASSETS	£36,184	£31,795
Financed by		
Total Accumulated Fund Brought Forward	31,795	31,424
Surplus for the Year	4,389	585
Accumulated Fund Carried Forward	£36,184	£31,795
	Brought Forward	Current Surplus
	Carried Forward	
Funds Unrestricted Fund	31,424	4,710
Designated Fund	371	-371
Total Fund	£31,795	£4,389
	£36,184	

The above accounts were approved by the Trustees on the 16th September 2018 and signed on their behalf by Claire Johnson, Chair of the Trustees

I examined the above accounts on the basis they did not require a full audit and in accordance with the General Directions of the Charities Commission. In the course of my examination no material matter came to my attention

Adrian Dicken, Moldgreen, Huddersfield on the 18th September 2018