

MEMBERS PRESENT ON 11 AUGUST 2009

Mrs Dianna Baillie
Dr Christine Bruce
Miss Kathleen Collins
Mr Gary Coull
Mrs Margaret Cowie
Mrs Gladys Forrest
Mrs Lindsay Gauld
Mr John Grant
Mrs Mona Gray
Mrs Kay Heald
Mr Michael Heald
Mrs Grace Henry
Mrs Doris Hepburn
Ms Margaret Laing
Miss Patricia Lemmon
Mrs Judith McIntyre
Mr George Mackie
Mrs Sheila Mackie
Mrs Jean Mair
Dr Alistair Mason

Dr Anne McArthur
Mrs Catriona McIlwraith
Mrs Jessie Reid
Mr William Riddoch
Mrs Anne Robb
Mrs Elizabeth Rutherford
Mrs Helen Sandilands
Mrs Margaret Shiach
Mrs Alison Smith
Mr Brian Smith
Mrs Sheila Smith
Mrs Kathleen Strathdee
Mrs Jessie Stuart
Mrs Jean Topp
Mrs Isobel Turner
Mr Alexander Walker
Mrs Eileen Walker
Mrs Rita Walker
Mrs Ina Webster




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Banffshire Branch

*celebrates its 80th Anniversary
in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen*

*Balmoral Castle
11 August 2009*

With Colin Dewar and his Scottish Country Dance Band

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At a Public Meeting in Buckie on Monday 9th September, 1929 the Buckie and District Scottish Country Dance Society was formed. At the first Annual General Meeting the title was changed to the Banffshire Branch. Miss A. P. Gordon, Cairnfield was appointed Hon. President, Mr John Duncan was appointed dance teacher, the class met in the St Andrews Hall with more men than women and cost 2½ pence. Soon after, Mr Duncan started to travel outwith Buckie to teach classes at Forglan, Marnoch and Cornhill. Miss Nen Watson and Mrs Jean Mair, our longest surviving member, went with him to the classes to demonstrate steps and formations to new members.

This tradition has continued throughout the next 80 years. The membership is a steady 50. There are 13 RSCDS trained teachers who are active members of the Branch teaching locally, nationally and internationally. There are classes within the Branch in Dufftown, Mulben, Keith, Mosstodloch, Fochabers, Buckie, Fordyce, Banff, Macduff, Turriff and Forglan.

There is traditionally an annual dance held on the second Friday in November. There are also day schools, festival participation and special demonstrations held from time to time.



Findlater Castle

Dance Deviser Mr Bill Forbes

Original Tune Adam Rennie's Rev. Peter Fenton

This dance was devised to honour the 75th Anniversary of the Banffshire Branch of the RSCDS in 2004.

Compliments to Jessie Bain

Dance Deviser Mrs Jean Mair

Original Tune Jack Stalker's Compliments to Jessie Bain

This dance was the winner of a competition organised by the Banffshire Branch to celebrate their 60th Anniversary in 1989.

Jessie Bain, Mrs Mair's sister, was the pianist at the Buckie Class, a dancer, and an Officer Bearer of the Banffshire Branch over many years. She represented the Branch on the Executive Council of the RSCDS and was one of the first recipients of the Society's Scrolls in 1986.

Jack Stalker (RSCDS, West Lothian) composed the tune for the dance having had a close association with members of the Banffshire Branch over many years.

The Homecoming Dance

Dance Deviser Anne Thorn

(RSCDS Helensburgh Branch)

Original Tune JJ's Reel by George Meikle

This dance was chosen by the RSCDS for the Year of the Homecoming, 2009. It was published in the recent edition of the Scottish Country Dancer.

The Hills of Alba

Dance Deviser Bob Taylor

Original Tune Winifred Bird Matthew's Miss Jean Milligan

This dance was devised by Bob Taylor on the Ben More Cairn, Isle of Mull, on 30th September, 2000 in joyful celebration of his completion of the Monros with his fellow 'bagger' Tony Pilling.

Gourdieburn

Dance Deviser Mrs Margaret Cowie

Original Tune Modley House by Drummond Cook

Mrs Margaret Cowie devised this dance for her friend Jim Stott's 50th birthday in 2003. Margaret is Treasurer of the Branch.

Drummond Cook, from Forres recently retired from playing at rallies and dances for 50 years.

Round Reel of Eight

Book 27

We've Nae Electric

Dance Deviser Gary Coull

Original Tune Crackens by Graeme Mitchell

Gary devised this dance after a holiday in Spain when the power went out in the villa at night. Gary is Chairman of the Branch.

Graeme Mitchell is a local band leader. Crackens is an incline – a deceptively steep one – between Cairnie and Ruthven.