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# THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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To preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dances,

To promote and encourage the formation of branches.

To provide, or assist in providing, special education or instruction in the practice of Scottish Country Dances.

To publish, or cause to be published, descriptions of Scottish Country Dances, with music and diagrams, in rimple form

and at a moderate price.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (London Branch) will be held at Denison House, 296 Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1, on Tuesday, 22nd April, 1952, at 7 p.m. Admission will be by Member's Card.

### Election of Officers and Executive Committee

All Officers and Members of the Executive All Officers and Members of the Executive Committee will retire, but are eligible for re-election. Nominations in writing for the offices of Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and nine ordinary Members of Committee, must reach the Hon. Secretary by 22nd March, 1952. Nominations must be signed by a proposer and seconder, and by the nomince, all of whom must be Members of the Branch.

Voting will be by postal ballot. Voting papers will be sent to Members with the next issue of The Reel, and must reach the Hon. Secretary, completed, by 19th April, 1952.

### Other Business

The Hon. Secretary should be notified by 22nd March, 1952, of any subjects for inclusion in the agenda, which will be printed in the next issue of The Reel.

### ACCEPTED OBLIGATION

FEW friends gather for some pastime. A More friends join them, and so, to keep a list of their names and notify them of future activities, one of them is persuaded to act as secretary. Later, another agrees to hold the purse, and becomes treasurer. As numbers increase, some, whose opinions are valued, are asked to form a Committee, and, with that amount of diffidence they consider becoming, agree.

With a small group all the real work may be done by a keen secretary; and a post on the Committee may only incur an obliga-tion to meet occasionally for gossip and giving instructions to the secretary, who probably knows better than to carry them out.

If the group becomes larger new difficulties arise. There may be more work than the secretary and treasurer have time for, even with intermittent aid from the more restless members of the Committee. Someone must be found to do the work. One possibility is to pay a secretary or his assistants for full-time work. Another is for the members of the Committee to share the work between them.

This brings us to London Branch, its 700 members, and its many and increasing activities. With an annual subscription of only five shillings, some of which rightly goes to Headquarters, it is clearly impossible to be a superior of the control of t sible to have a paid secretary. So all the Committee must help. It is said that to do a job well you need wisdom, skill and virtue. Wisdom is knowing what to do. Skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is darn well doing it. If friends, valuing your

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DANCES

Dimensions of the floor at the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleur-de-lis Court, Fetter Lane, makes it necessary to limit the number of dancers to 120, and for this reason applications for tickets for Members' Dances can be accepted only from members of the Society FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE.

Remittances with a stamped addressed envelope should be sent to:—

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5 Courtfield Road, S.W.7.

Applications cannot be dealt with for more than one dance at the time, and not longer ahead of date than two weeks.

Tickets 4/-, including refreshments. Times: 7 to 10.30 p.m. Place: Fetter Lane. Band: Mr. Skinner's (excepting the next dance). the next dance).

In view of the death of H.M. King George VI the dance arranged for 9th February was cancelled. Tickets sold for that date will be available for an extra dance fixed for Thursday, 1st May, 1952, when the programme will be the same. If you have a ticket and cannot use it, please return it as soon as possible, and the money will be refunded, or used for other tickets ordered at the same time. In the next issue of The Reel it will be announced when to apply for the tickets.

# MEMBERS' DANCES Saturday, 15th March

(Frewer's Band) (Almost St. Patrick's Day) S.C.D. Book Book She's ower Young to Marry yet ... The New Rigged Ship ..... The Ship
Ship
General Stuart's
Reel
Tulloch Gorm
Flidget
Ladies' Fancy
La Tempete 9-7 10-3 -12 2-1

# Wednesday, 16th April (Programme of place names)

S.C.D. S.C.D. Book 4—1 V—9 5—1 10—7 Book 5—10 7—10 2—9 

ANGLO-SCOTTISH DANCE Tuesday, 29th April
At Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, N.W.1,

At Cecii Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, N.W.1, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tickets, 2/6 single and 4/- double (for man and woman), are restricted to Members of the English Folk Dance and Song Society or of the R.S.C.D.S. Members of the latter should apply to Mr. Ryall. Tickets are available now.

### Subsequent Events

Thurs., 1st May Sat., 31st May (Fetter Lane)

(St. Pancras Town Hall—Guest Dance)

opinion and knowing your public spirit, ask permission to nominate you as a candidate for the Committee, by all means consider diffidently whether you know what to do and how to do it, but don't forget to consider also, whether you have the time, health and inclination to darn well do it (or should we say to do it darn well?). In other words other words, unless you are prepared to work on at least one Sub-Committee at least as hard as you would in a paid job where failure meant dismissal, you will show more public spirit by refusing than accepting nomination.

# WE AGREE TO DIFFER 2-Should We?

THE question is, Dark, should we agree to differ? Should Members of the Society amicably flance certain dances, figures or steps in slightly different ways?

There is no question at all, Light. The Society was formed to encourage the dancing of traditional dances according to tradition.

But what tradition? That of 1900, 1860, 1800, 1750, or when? And what books should you trust? Thomas Wilson in 1825 wrote very scornfully about some of the dances published by Playford in 1700. I know he was writing of English Country Dances, but I bet the Scottish Dances changed as much or more. Then, where do you go for your tradition? A dance may have been done in three or four different ways in different parts of the country.

To dam-not damn-your spate of erudition, I will say that the tradition I want to follow is that of 1952. In short, I don't care very much what we do as long as we all do the same. The Society's authorities should study all the traditions, decide and decree. We should follow. If they make new discoveries, let them change their minds, but let them publish the official dogma and see that the Society's instructors stick to it.

But, Dark, that would wrap us up like mummies. We can't dance in strait waistcoats. All the intelligent and enterprising dancers would lose interest, and the others their power to think. After all, we dance because we have found it fun, not just to preserve a ritual.

You stopped listening half-way through my last remark. I didn't say there should be no changes. Your thoughtful enterprising dancers could write to the Secretary or the Council, argue all night at St. Andrews, get themselves elected to Branch Committees, become Branch representatives. But if they must move heaven and earth, let them do it through the proper channels.

But that is like mixing politics and religion. "A crown is worth a Mass," and so forth. Imagine the lobbying, "You want a seat on the Branch Committee so that you can lower the class fees, raise the price of dance tickets and put A in the place of B as teacher of such and such a class. I know fifty people who will vote for you if you sign an undertaking to support the skip-change-of-step for the two-handed turn.'

There is no need to mix the two. We could have a Committee of Taste which kept free of administration. Only it must be an official Committee. It won't do to have selfappointed leaders of fashion fighting over where the front heel goes in the pas de basque, whether or not the sole of the foot dirties the stocking in the Strathspey travelling step, whether the foot comes up fast or slow in the common schottische.

They would fight still more to get on to a Committee of Taste.

But at least we should know who had won. You are advocating chaos.

You haven't given me a chance to advocate anything yet. To use a hackneyed phrase, I want liberty, but not licence.

Meaning?

It is liberty to leave it to the dancers whether they take right or left hand at the second crossing in The Montgomeries' Rant. It is licence to use the pas de basque instead of skip-change-of-step for travelling.

In Duke of Perth is it liberty or licence to turn twice instead of once in bars 5-8, use the arm grip instead of the hand hold for turning corners, and for the men to raise their arms and clap their hands when setting to corners?

Liberty, liberty, licence, licence.
And supposing the authorities decreed tomorrow that the correct way to dance Duke of Perth included swinging corners with the arm grip, would it be liberty or licence to do it the other way?

I loathe taking hands for turning corners in Reel time. I have never enjoyed either doing it or seeing other people do it, however expert they were.

You haven't answered the question.

Liberty, of course, but my real answer is that I don't want decrees from authorities.

Then you will have pandemonium. You mentioned The Montgomeries' Rant. What does it matter which hand we take at bar 5 as long as we know?

I think the left hand is better. The woman has a smoother run, but, if you prefer the right, arrange it so with your partner.

But what would a demonstration look like with each couple a law to itself?

I wasn't talking of demonstrations. I agree that every dancer in a team must use the same conventions, but every team need not be like every other.

They won't be. But they might try.

You might as well ask every actor to give the same interpretation of Hamlet.

But would you have every instructor teaching his own pet version?

Now you have gone from demonstrations to classes. You keep switching about. Let us allow ourselves one paragraph each on dances, demonstrations and classes.

Why separate them? The same principles apply to all three. But go ahead if you must.

Dances first, because they are what everything else is in aid of. I welcome a local variation. When I go to Rome, I do as Rome does, but I don't advocate catholicism. And I welcome personal variations—minor ones, of course. We are not all the same in age, shape, size, skill and temperament. Some variations, such as how you do a particular step in the Foursome, matter only to yourself. Others, such as whether you turn half or once and a half in Hamilton House, matter only to yourself and your partner. Others, such as what grip you use for turning corners, whether the women do a right- or left-shoulder reel at the beginning of Miss Mary Douglas-

What did you say?

Don't interrupt. It's not your turn yet.

But it is a right-shoulder reel.

Another time for that, Dark. Let me go on. Things like that matter to the whole set. . . .

I'll say they do!

. . . but they don't matter to the whole

I was once at a Ball which had Lady Susan Stewart's Reel in the programme. One set preferred General Stuart, and danced that instead. Here is a suggestion for you if you are ever an M.C. Announce that the Band will play a 32-bar reel, and invite each set to do a dance of their own choice.

You will not see the difference between

liberty and licence.

Imagine yourself at a Ball with two or three hundred good dancers, the men in Highland dress, the women in white. Imagine yourself in the gallery watching the ordered swirl of twenty sets all in unison. Doesn't the pageantry quicken your pulse, clutch your throat. Then look down on another Ball where half a hundred local and individual variations have crept in to remind you of a heterogeoneous chicken run, and, tell me, is it liberty or is it lousy?

Demonstrations next. Each team should choose its own conventions and stick to them, without necessarily looking as homogeneous as Guards on parade or a troupe of well-matched chorus girls. But each team should think and feel for itself, and not merely ape other teams.

Demonstrations are to show us how to dance. You admitted that. We should all try to dance the same way, and so all teams should try and show us that way.

Classes. In each class you should do what the teacher says, even if you don't agree. Otherwise, it is a waste of his time and your money. But the teacher should not

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# MORE ABOUT THE WEAVING

SOME members of the Cambridge Reels Club have just had a letter from Mrs. MacNab. I am sure she will not mind my passing her information on to interested readers. It shows more clearly than ever the relation between Hebridean and Scandinavian dancing, hinted at in "Weaving lilts and ninesomes" in The Reel, No. 3.

The Hebridean Weaving Lilt formed part of a fantasy, "The Bride of Iona," which Mrs. MacNab produced in aid of the arthritis fund. The fantasy was based on a story given her by a Canadian-born Norwegian, whose great-grandmother came from Iona (the Norwegians had settled in the Hebrides after the last Norse invasion, as he learnt from his grandfather).

The scene of the fantasy was the home of the scene of the fantasy was the nome of the bridgeroom, at the time of the arrival of the bridal party. The dances used included (besides the Weaving Lilt) "The Courting Dance" or "An beadradh dannce" (sic), which is rather like the Swedish "Daldans"; and "Sheena's Dance," which has a Swedish time. In fact the Mrs. MacNethern has a Swedish tune. In fact, Mrs. MacNab describes the dances in general as "Scandinavian with a Highland flavour." (The Daldans is an old couple-dance, the couples usually being arranged in a large circle. It is long, with a great variety of movements, and is in polska rhythm.)

The tune "Orange and Blue" has no connection with the Weaving Lilt, whose tune is in fact an old port-a-beul. (Mrs. Macnab had no music when she was at St. Andrews, though she did sing the tune.) The dance was collected from Baleshare, North Uist, and Mrs. MacNab comments that it is "a little different from the S.C.D.S. version."

Mrs. MacNab ends by observing that most Mrs. MacNad ends by observing that most of the ancient dances (presumably referring to Hebridean dances) originated in some other country, and were brought to Scotland. Thence they went to Canada or the U.S., possibly with Flora Macdonald and her followers. Many of the old-time fiddlers in North Canada or the careful or the stretches and realin North Carolina play strathspeys and reels, but, when asked the names of the tunes they are playing, are unable to say what they are.

H. A. THURSTON.

### WE AGREE TO DIFFER-continued

expect you to adopt his ways outside the class if he hasn't convinced you that his reasons are sound. Let him explain them. He is there to make you think, not merely to put you through the motions.

I don't want to think, I want to know. The instructor is there to tell me. And how is he to maintain his authority if everything he teaches is liable to be contradicted by another instructor or done some other way by a reputable demonstration team. Imagine a keen dancer taught one thing at a Beginners Class, something else at an Elementary Class, and so on all the way up to the Demonstration Class. He'd think, all right. I know what he'd think, Hand hold-arm grip, right hand-both hands, right shoulder . . What was that you said about the women's reel at the beginning of Miss Mary Douglas?

Next time, Dark, next time.

### SOLUTION OF CROSSWORD No. 1

ACROSS: 3—Punch. 9—Royal. 9—See 14, 10—A kiss for nothing. 14, 9—The long chase. 17—Impl. 18—Hair. 19—Veer. 20—Reel. 21, 22—Enviable. 24—Nastier. 27—Myss Cahoon's Reel. 30—Igloo. 31—Reels. 32—Fling. Down: 1—Pocky. 2—Lass o' Livingston. 4—Unto. 5, 25—Corn Riggs. 6—The Highland Reel. 7—A Song. 11—Fetters. 12—Reel. 13—Pipes. 15—Over-run. 16—Bracs. 22—Lido. 25—See 5. 26—Reels. 28—Heel. 29—Omen.

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### FUN AND GAMES

SOMETIMES dancers congregate where, for some reason, they cannot dance; and sometimes, lightheartedly, they want to play with the dances as well as dancing them. Do you know any dance game to test know-ledge, develop mental or physical agility, or even merely pass the time pleasantly? If you do, send us a brief description.

Here, to inaugurate the series, are sug-

gestions from a reader.

### Charades

Just like ordinary charades, except that every entry must be the name of a Scottish dance.

# THE REEL CROSSWORD—No. 2

ACROSS Evidently not a blucs (3, 5, 5). In what now is

In what now is domestic (6).
21's was of horses (4).
Smooth (4).
A product of 11 (4).
Sept. without Sept

(5).
They come under the hammer (6).
I d.eam it becomes

(6).
"Are you — enough to marry, do you think?" (The Mikado)

(3).
A man who turned over 26 in Roxburgh (6, 9).
With id that is (3).

With id that is (9).
To do this implies bad phresing (6).
Fowl talk (6).
Goes between Venus and Mars (5).
The birds may be

27.

The birds may be slow (4).

The foreign woman may be a penniless trickster (4).

Fling (4).

"It was upon a — nicht, when corns riggs are bonn, O" (Burns) (6).

Does it describe a bronze newly moulded and revealed? (3, 3, 4, 3).

DOWN
Where they c lebrate
St. Patrick's Day (4).
Is their fancy a breist
knot? (6).
Would it be too frivo-

would it be too frivo-lous for Argyll's Bowl-ing Green? (9, 6). A narcotic plant is given round a Chal-dran town (6).

dan town (6).
Jimp (4).
Minister of State, Scottish Office (3, 4, 2, 4).
A fatalistic theory?
(6, 3, 4).
Music while you work at the mill? (7, 4).
Neil Gow and Sons, and were they dreamers of dreams? (11).
West Afican Sierra (5).

(5).
Doctrine that does not

appeal to 24 (5). Musical productions without artists do not shut up Lady 'Arriet

Increases the value of a note by 50 per cent.

a note by 50 per cent.
(3).

Madge Wildfire had lost hers (6).

And so have all those who are off their these (6).

Adjust (4).

Card game called after a ruler in a far-off land (4).

Scottish Country. 25.

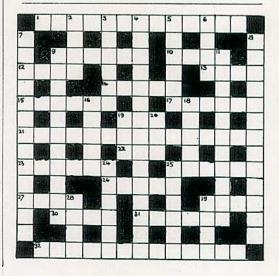
Solvers will find a list of Scottish Country Dances helpful,

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### Reconstruction

The first player mentions a dance figure, ay, "first two couples hands across." The say, "first two couples hands across. The next adds another to go before or after it. The next adds another to go before, after or in between. And so on round the circle. When a dance has been completed the next player, instead of adding another figure, may name the dance, and the player who completed the dance loses a life. The player next after the namer starts a new dance. If a player doubts that his predecessor is describing a genuine dance, he can chal-lenge him. If the challengee can name a dance which contains, as an uninterrupted sequence, the figure mentioned up to and including his own contribution, the challenger loses a life; if not, the challengee loses one. Only complete figures are allowed, of course. It is not permissible to add "Half-poussette" and demand that the next player add the other half.

Kiss Quick, My Mither's Coming
To turn this into a party dance, all we have to do is to put the clock back and danc) it as it was performed two hundred years ago: the bow and reel of three in bars 1—8 and again in bars 9—16 were each originally a kiss and figure of eight.



# THE SOCIETY

# EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

THE Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Society Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the Lyric Theatre (Y.M.C.A.), Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 22nd, 1952, at 11.30 a.m.

> Morning Session: 11.30 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Afternoon Session: 2.0 p.m. to 5.30

The President of the Society will be in the

This meeting is being held to ratify the proposed new Constitution and Rules, business which was postponed from the Annual General Meeting last Autumn. Any member who requires the full notice of the meeting may have it on application to the Hon. Secretary of the Branch. The draft Constitution and Rules were circulated to members last year.

# SUMMER SCHOOL, 1952

This year the Summer School of the Society will be held at St. Andrews in two fortnights, from July 21st to August 4th, and from August 4th to 18th. Application forms will shortly be available from the Branch Secretary, who will send you one as soon as possible if you let him know now. Remember, however, that accommodation is so restricted at St. Andrews that only dancers actively engaged in Educational or Social work can normally be admitted, and many applicants are disappointed every year.

# THE BRANCH

### MEMBERSHIP

ANYONE can be a member of the R.S.C.D.S. For subscriptions see page 1, column 1. The present year ends on 30th June, 1952.

### New Members

Send your subscriptions to the Hon. Secretary.

### Old Members Renewing

Send your subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer.

### Books

In either case state which book is required as the subscription issue. Those available are books 6 to 16 inclusive, booklets covering books 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, or the leaflets of the Four Set Dances (Weaving

The Hon. Secretary would still like to hear from Members who have not had a book for this or last year, or who did not get the book they wanted.

### ANNUAL BALL

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (London Branch) Annual Ball has been postponed until after the period of Court mourning.

### CLASSES SYLLABUS

| Day       | Class                                    | Times                               | Place  | Term Fee               | Teacher  |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Monday    | Beginners                                | 6.30-7.30                           | 107 Charing Cross                              | Mbrs 7/6               | Mrs. Hutchins  |
|           | Beginners<br>Demonstration               | 7.00—9.00<br>7.30—9.30              | Road,<br>Barrow Hili Road<br>107 Charing Cross | 17/6 15/-<br>Mbrs only | Mrs. Summers<br>Miss MacLennan                             |
| Tuesday   | Beginners                                | 7.00-8.00                           | Road<br>Pulteney Street                        | Mbrs                   |  |
|           | Elementary<br>Elementary<br>Intermediate | 8.00—9.00<br>6.30—8.30<br>7.15—9.15 | Barrow Hill Road                               | 17/6 15/-              | Mr. Purdon<br>Mr. Purdon<br>Miss Ockenden<br>Mr. Armstrong |
| Wednesday | Adv, Inter.<br>Intermediate              | 6.30 - 8.30                         | Cosway St. Schools<br>St. George's, South      | 17/6 15/-              | Mr. Ireland.   |
| Thursday  | Advanced                                 | 6.30—8.30                           | Street, W.1<br>Ditto.                          | 17/6 15/-<br>17/6 15/- | Mr. Ireland<br>Mrs. Sandison                               |
| Friday    | Beginners<br>Certificate                 | 6.30 - 8.30 $6.30 - 8.30$           |  | 17/6 15/-<br>- 15/-    | Miss Ockenden<br>Miss MacLennan                            |
|           | Elementary                               | 7.00—9.00                           | Barrow Hill Road<br>School                     | 17/6 15/-              | Mrs. Chaffey   |

### TERM ENDS 9th APRIL, NEW TERM BEGINS 29th APRIL

- "Beginners" Class for those without any, or with but slight, knowledge of Scottish
  Country Dancing.

  "Elementary" Class for those with knowledge of the basic steps and the easier dances.

  "Intermediate" Class for those with a good knowledge of the basic steps and the
- "Advanced" Class: Members should only attend this class after consulting a teacher.
  "Certificate" Class: For members wishing to learn to teach.

"Demonstration" Class: This class is open only to members invited to attend.

107 Charing Cross Road, W.C.2 ...... opposite the Phœnix Theatre St. George's Schools South Street, Park Lane, W.1

Buckingham Gate School, Wilfred Street, S.W.1 near Victoria Station

Barrow Hill Road School St. John's Wood, N.W.8 Cosway Street Schools, off Marylebone Road ...... near Marylebone Station

### DANCE POPULARITY

BY what ingenious system the dances are selected for a programme is a mystery to me. Stranger still is the success of the system because one never hears grumbles or harsh comments, just an occasional bleat, "Oh I don't know that one." Oh! I don't know that one.'

For the idle fun of finding out which dances are more popular than others, I went through 15 London Branch dance programmes beginning with 27th November, 1948, and ending with 25 October, 1950. The Branch danced Duke of Perth and The Reel of the 51st Division along times. of the 51st Division eleven times. She's of the 51st Division eleven times. She's Ower Young and Lamb Skinnet, eight times. Next came Waltz Country Dance, The New Rigged Ship, Hamilton House, General Stuart's Reel, seven times. Then, six times we danced Scottish Reform, Strathglass House, Monymusk, Mrs. Stewart's Strathspey and Meg Merrilees. It is a little surprising to find we danced Glasgow Highlanders only five times equalling the lesser. landers only five times, equalling the lesser known Dalkeith's Strathspey and Ladies'

Seven dances were danced four times, viz: La Tempête, The Black Dance, The Duran Ranger, Jessie's Hornpipe, The Machine without Horses, Miss Mary Douglas and Miss Murray of Ochtertyre.

Think of any Reel Club and the frequency of Petronalla. It's a relief to know we only danced it three times, together with Miss Nancy Frowns, Greig's Pipes and Grant's Rant. Seventeen dances had two appearances and 27 dances only one.

Finally: to save you the trouble, the figures are—15 evenings with 212 dances, not including an eightsome and foursome on every programme.

# OTHER ORGANISATIONS' **EVENTS**

EASTBOURNE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB—Hon. Sec., 234 Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, Sussex.
7th March—Tartan Ball at The Pier Ballroom, The Pier, Eastbourne, 7.30—11.30. Admission 5/-. Tickets at door or from Hon. Sec.
LONDON ANGUS ASSOCIATION—Hon. Sec.: Ian A. McCleod, 20 Somerset Close, New Malden, Surrey. Dances at the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall, Fetter Lane, E.C.4. 7.30. Admission 3/6. (Except for the Annual Ball.)

Annual Ball.)
5th March—London Angus Drama Group, followed by a Dance.
14th March—Annual Reception and Ball at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.I.
7th May—Social and Dance
4th June—Flannel Dance.
LONDON GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION—Hon. General Sec., W. K. Donnan, B.Sc., 11 Dysart Avenue, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey (Kingston 9710). Dances at the Bonnington Hotel, W.C.1. Tickets 6/6 (Members) and 7/6.

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12th March—M'Clelland and Past Officers' Night: Whist Drive and Dance. 7.30—11.
3rd April—Sir Harry Lauder Night: Whist Drive and Dance. 7.40—11.
8th May—A.G.M., followed by Whist Drive and Dance. LONDON PERTHSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Hon. Sec., J. Kerr Wilson, M.P.S., 27 Linkside, N.12 (Flinchley 0553).
7th March—Dinner-Dance at the Mayfair Hotel.
Dances at the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall, Fetter Lanc, E.C.4.

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29th March—Social and Dance.

20th April—Informal Dance.

14th June—Summer Dance.

RICHMOND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY—Hon. Sec., J. T. Small, 232 Beechcroft Road, S.W.17 (Balham 2383).

Dances at the Penrhyn Rooms, East Sheen.

20th March—Union of the Crowns Dinner and Dance, 7.30—1.30.

25th April—Dance, 8—11.30

ROMFORD SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION—Hon. Sec., J. T. Strachan, 20 Carlisle Road, Romford, Essex (Romford 6969).

20th March—Closing Dance at the King's Head, Romford 20th March—Closing Dance at the King's Head, Romford 20th March—Closing Dance at the King's Head, Romford 20th March—Closing Dance at the King's Head, Romford

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20th March—Closing Dance at the King's Head, Romford. 3rd April—Reel Club Closing Dance at the Regency Ballroom, Romford.

RYDES REELING. CLUB—Hon. Sec., Lt.-Col. A. C. W. Kimpton, Rydes Court, Guildford, Surrey.

18th April—Rydes Reeling Club Caledonian Ball at the Dorking Halls, Dorking, Surrey, 9—2.

THE SALTIRE SOCIETY (LONDON BRANCH)—Hon. Branch Sec., John Skinner, 13 Cornhill, E.C.3.

20th March—Saltire Society Ball in Chelsea Town Hall, 7.30—11.30. Tickets 12/6 (including buffet) from Mrs. E. M. Sinclair, 32 Park Village East, N.W.1.