



From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the final edition of the Postie's Jig for 2019. As hard as it is to believe the year is nearly over, the signs are all there – shops full of Christmas things, school leavers, Jacaranda trees in bloom, all signal “that” time of year. Personally, I don't panic until the orange flowers of the WA Christmas Tree appear – a sure sign I'd better get on with it. Another indication is that this edition is full of notifications of yearly wind-up events and party programmes.

2019 has seen some memorable events for the Scottish Country Dancing community which have been greatly enjoyed. Thanks to the Committee and everyone who is involved in organising such events, and already arrangements are under way for a great dancing year in 2020.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to the regular correspondents from the Clubs and Classes – without you the Jig would not be possible. Special thanks to June who is “retiring” from Jig duties and welcome to Brian and Anne, our new reporters.

With very best wishes for the coming Festive Season.

Lauraine.

From the Chair

Dear Members

Well the end of the dancing year is closing in rapidly now and I can't believe we are half-way through October already. Only fourth term classes to go and the last two Hops of the year.

We have had very good numbers attending the Hops this year which is fantastic to see and makes for a great atmosphere. The final event this year is the Christmas hop and a chance for those of us who are not teachers to have a go at recapping a dance, a fairly nerve-racking experience for us but it gives our hard-working teachers a break. It's always a fun evening with a nice Christmas feel. We now have enough requests, so John is on the job of putting the programme together.

The Australian Winter School to be held at Muresk just outside Northam is now less than a year away and applications are coming in. This is a perfect opportunity for WA dancers who have never been to a winter school to come along and enjoy a wonderful week of fun, friendship, live music and of course dancing. We have a link on our website to the Winter School website, so all the information is at your fingertips.

We are holding another keep in touch dance next year - just the one which is planned for the 18th January using the Dalkeith hall (now we have air conditioning). We haven't had the booking confirmed yet so keep an eye on the website for details. Donna has agreed once again to make up the programme and run the evening.

If I don't get a chance to see you at the hop, I'll take the opportunity now to wish everyone an enjoyable festive season and a wonderful New Year.

On behalf of the branch I wish to extend our sympathy to Dawn Cromb on the death in of her sister in law Fay Tannock on the 25th August. Fay was a valued member of the RSCDS committee many years ago and such a lovely lady who will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Christine

Secretary's Report

It's hard to believe this will be the last edition of the Postie's Jig for 2019. I hope all members have had an enjoyable year of dancing. As always if there are any comments or suggestions you would like to make to the committee please let me know.

Highland Gathering



The Heel & Toe Band played at the recent Highland Gathering in Armadale. It was a beautiful day and there was a large crowd watching all the various events. The Applecross Scottish Country Dancers were short one dancer so I volunteered to fill the gap and we demonstrated "Red Wine and Straight Lines" which is a Medley JSR and then the audience was invited to join in to dance the Virginia Reel. The demonstration team is a very active group and their

dancing brings much pleasure to residents of aged care homes, nursing homes and other community groups.

In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathies go to Christine Vittorio on the passing of her mother, Helen.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Judith Tweedie who passed away on 19/9/19. Judith was a WA branch member and Jig Editor some years ago.

Christmas Hop & 4th Term Classes

The Christmas Hop is on Saturday 7 December and will be held as usual at the John Leckie Pavilion, corner Melvista Avenue and Stone Road in Nedlands. I would like to add a big thank you to Roy for his efforts in organising supper on Hop nights. We always notice when Roy is not there!

In view of the later date for the December Hop, classes will run for 8 weeks this term.

Winter School – 27 Sept to 4 October 2020

The Winter School Sub-Committee is working hard to organise a truly memorable 45th Australian Winter School in 2020. Applications are now coming in and it's easy to register at

<https://winterschool2020.com/registration-form/>

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season.

Kindest regards

Helen Douglas



NEWS FROM THE CLUBS AND CLASSES

Albany Scottish Country Dancers

We are gradually moving out of winter and into spring – with the lovely spring showers which help our gardens and the farmers. Jan Pittman from Kalamunda Scottish Dancing Group joined us while she was in Albany for the Australian Wildflower Conference at the Albany Entertainment Centre on the harbour front – which is a different function to the local Annual Wildflower show! Jan was displaying her botanical art which was for sale.

Each September our hall is used for a week for the Annual Wildflower Show, so we are unable to dance that week. We went again to the Yak on York for dinner. Eight of us attended and we had a wonderful evening eating and being able to catch up without the time limits of dance night supper time! Barbara Woodcock, who hasn't been able to dance for a year or so due to a persistent foot injury, joined us. .

Lyn has returned from her eight months caravanning with her husband Jim about the eastern area of Australia. Supper time has been spent catching up with her travel tales.

We will soon be discussing where to go for our end of year dinner!

Sally and the Albany Dancers.

Applecross Scottish Country Dancers



The above picture was taken at Juniper's, Riversley Aged Care at Mt Lawley. This was one of the latest demonstrations performed by a small group of retired dancers who have, for quite some time, been performing at different venues around Perth. They have danced at Community Centres, Rostrum events, cultural events and independent living centres but mostly at aged care facilities. The latest was at the Highland Games, Armadale, dancing to music from the Heel & Toe Band.

The group practice each fortnight and thanks go to the Tartan Dancers who assist by paying for the hire of the hall in which they practice.

Anne Langford

Kalamunda News

With the end of the year almost in sight, again we reflect on our recent doings. Travellers have returned and been welcomed back to dancing. Some have had the opportunity to dance overseas or in the country, others have enjoyed visiting family and friends or just having adventurous times in other climes.

Catherine and Bill are still away as I write, both holidaying in India before Catherine sets off to Zimbabwe to have time with family while Bill returns to Perth. I have now settled back into routine after 5 weeks with my sister visiting the Acores Islands and mainland Portugal. Jan is back from an interesting holiday including the Shetlands, and Mark and Teresa are home from Switzerland's long summer evenings.

Ken and Lauraine enjoyed 5 days in Singapore, with Lauraine celebrating her birthday with high tea at the Raffles. In fact at least a couple of other birthdays were celebrated overseas, with Teresa and Mark's daughter having her 35th, an extra special occasion in that part of the world, and Kathy (me) being treated to a river cruise down the Douro River to Porto by her husband's family on her birthday.

Closer to home, Margaret and Chris met for dinner in a posh restaurant before attending the opera, Madame Butterfly, while on holiday in Darwin. Both also loved to see the Aboriginal Art Exhibition featuring works from all over Australia. Margaret took the opportunity to dance with the Parap group while there, and was made to feel very welcome. While visiting Albany, Jan joined in with the Albany dancers. Always nice to make and renew connections on the dance floor. Incidentally, both Chris and Jan are

wonderful artists who have exhibitions and studios of their own; do keep an eye out for Christine Oxberry and Jan Pittman.

Right back on the homefront, we look forward to an evening on the 17th October with Barbara Boyd, with much appreciation for her expertise in helping us to extend our dance skills. We also have a club dinner planned for the 24th at the Embers restaurant in Gooseberry Hill.

Teresa would like to add a note for anyone who has Spotify..search Scottish Country Dancing, for a playlist of familiar dance tunes. She currently is excited to have 17 followers, the more the merrier!

So we wind-up our notes for 2019 and look forward to a new year of possibilities in 2020 with hopes that new folk will come on board to enjoy the challenge of learning Scottish Country Dancing. Our Christmas Party will take place on Thursday 5th December at 7.30 PM and we would love to see you there.

Cheers for the coming season.

Kathy Alves

Notes from Melville and Dalkeith.

Hello fellow dancers. Well as 2019 rushes towards that black hole known as 'The Past' a few notes from term three.

A long cold winter seems to have sent most of our dancers north to try and find some sun, or kept them at home by their heaters as numbers at both classes were low for the best part of the term.

At Melville, Audrey Emmett and Rebecca Head taught in tandem (but did not change lead as they taught around corners) which meant we had a varied assortment of dances which kept us on our toes both

literally and mentally. We all noticed that Rebecca's confidence increased as the term progressed and we wish her well in her future teaching career.

At Dalkeith only the diehards showed up each week which made programming very difficult for John but he thought on his feet (pun intended) and so was able to cope with whatever number turned up. In the first week of the holidays a dozen or so dancers went for a meal at 'The Local', a café next door to the Dalkeith Hall, where John was thanked with the customary bottle of wine.

A number of interstate and overseas visitors augmented class numbers on a few occasions. It's always great to see some new faces.

Unfortunately, I have nothing to report from our International Branch friends. Skeep was last seen walking in the Harz Mountains and Paddy is still deciding if he can make it to our Winter School next year.



Skeep Walking *

Paddy contemplating

(*Not the same as sleep walking)

And speaking of next year's Winter School do not forget that if you wish to take advantage of the early bird price your application needs to be in as soon as possible and full fee paid by the 31st of March 2020. Your Winter School committee is working hard to try and make this an occasion to remember.

Till next time

Your Roving Dance Reporter.

Rockingham Scottish Country Dancers (Inc.)

I can't believe that this is the last Postie's Jig article I will be writing for 2019! How the year has flown by. Here's hoping that 2020 will bring our club another 4 new dancers and that we have no departures! The club this year is having a change of venue for its Wind-up dinner. We will be 'wining and dining' at the Clipper Inn, in Rockingham. The menu looks good and Cathy and I had an evening meal there, as a 'tester' – any excuse for a meal out! The food was excellent - roll on the 5 December! The 'Secret Santa' this year is the letter R wonder what our "newbies" will bring – mental note to self, must look up the last time we had 'R' and see what I gave then. Sad isn't it when I can't remember, however, in my defence it is 8 years ago!!!

Chris and her sister had made plans to travel to New Zealand in mid-October to celebrate their Mum's 90th Birthday. These plans had to be hastily moved forward when they received a phone call on 25th September to say their Mum was critically ill. Fortunately they were able to fly out the following day and had two days at their Mum's bedside before she peacefully slipped away. To Chris and her family we offer our very sincere condolences.

During Chris's absence Cathy and I have been holding the fort. Luckily we have been taking one Thursday each month for the last couple of years, so it wasn't as stressful as it could have been. Michael made a tentative offer of help, naturally, I'm not one to look a gift horse in the mouth so he has been organising two dances each week. We have a forgiving set of dancers who have been very patient with us.

Next year we will commence dancing Thursday 7 February 2020. If you are free and want some easy SCD to start the year, you are

welcome to join us. The venue is 1st Rockingham Scout Hall, Wanliss Street, Rockingham. Doors open 7.15pm, dancing starts at 7.30pm and finishes 9.30pm there is a shortish break in the middle for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Further information can be obtained from Chris Vittorio 95926954 or mob: 0431184418

In the meantime looking forward to the November Hop with the Heel 'n Toe Band and the final Christmas Hop in December.

Wishing you all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Pat Stevenson

Tartans' Newsletter

Hello everyone.

Here I go with my first attempt at the quarterly newsletter.

For those who are unaware I have taken over as Secretary from June Houston who served in the position for 5 years. The President and Members thank you for your contribution June. However do not wander too far as I may be requiring assistance.

Since the AGM the classes have been going along quite nicely. Currently Carol Phillips is off on holiday, so Dawn is covering in her absence. (I must make an effort to attend Applecross, so that I can put some faces to the names I am familiar with).

The Monday night class is attracting at least 2 x 3 couple sets. This is good as a number of our regular members are currently in holiday.

On the first Saturday in October, the Tartans hosted the RSCDSWA hop in Dalkeith. This was very well attended, and enjoyed by all. Dawn would like to thank those members who assisted by recapping the dances.

Our next event is the Christmas Dance. To be held at St Stephens Uniting Church Hall on Thursday 28th November 2019.

Some members have been asking why it is being held earlier this year. This was discussed at the AGM and as a fair number of members would be away in December and what with all the other Christmas events, we decided that we would try this date.

Brian McMurdo

Thistle Scottish Country Dancers

Hello again.

Like everyone else I can't believe we are into the last quarter of the year!

I hope you can join us for our 'Thistle Do!' on Friday, 13th December when we will travel 'The Devil's Elbow' on our way to watch 'The Flight of the Falcon'. We will pass 'Polharrow Burn', look for 'The Dundee Whaler' and then watch 'The HLI (Highland Light Infantry)' go through their paces.

'The Bonnie Lass of Bon Accord' will join our 'Summer Assembly' with 'Seton's Ceilidh Band' at 'Mairi's Wedding'.

Supper will be provided of 'Butterscotch & Honey' and 'Sugar Candie'.

Cost \$7. Start 7.30pm until 10.30pm.

Cyril Road Hall, High Wycombe.

RSVP: Kathy 0418 988 455 or katbria@iprimus.com.au

Kathy Grout



In September the family and friends of Judy Tweedie gathered at a service to celebrate her life. Judy passed away on 19.9.19. She will be remembered by many Scottish Country dancers as she was an RSCDS member and danced regularly at classes in Applecross and Mt Hawthorn and at socials. With her husband, Ian, she co-edited the Posties Jig for some years.

Judy trained as a teacher and worked here and in the UK. Her son spoke of her high achievements, travels, love of the Australian bush and of Scottish Country dancing.

In later life Judy and Ian moved to Ocean Gardens to be near her sister Pam and, although not dancing, still kept in touch. A group of dancers joined them there for afternoon tea and a demonstration of some familiar dances to celebrate a significant occasion.

Judy is survived by her beloved husband Ian, married for over 60 years, their sons Neil, Cameron, Nick and Glenn and their 10 grandchildren.

(I am grateful to Judy's friends for the above tribute. Ed.)

KALAMUNDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY

5th December 2019 - 7:30pm

1	Machine Without Horses	J8x32	Book 12
2	Flowers of Edinburgh	R8x32	Book 1
3	Jean Martin of Aberdeen	S3x32	3 Dances 2006
4	Kangaroo Paw	R8x32	Kangaroo Paw
5	Capital Jig	J8x32	5 dances 2009
6	Fisherman's Reel	R5x32	Sue Petyt
7	Broadway	S3x32	Sunday Class Book 2
8	Major Ian Stewart	J8x32	Book 35
9	Macdonald of Keppoch	M(S64+R64)	Book 49
10	Reel of the 51st Division	R8x32	Book 13

Jack Healey Centre, Mead St, Kalamunda



THISTLE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 2019

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| 1. THISTLE DO! (Round Room) (J4X32) | Adaptation by K Grout |
| 2. THE DEVIL'S ELBOW (R8X32) | J Trevor Stephenson SCDArchives |
| 3. THE DUNDEE WHALER (S4X32) | Roy Clowes Ormskirk 1 |
| 4. THE HLI (Highland Light Infantry) (J4X32) | Barry Skelton |
| 5. POLHARROW BURN (R5X32) | Hugh Foss Glendarroch SD Sheets |
| 6. BONNIE LASS OF BON ACCORD (SX64) Sq set | John Drewry Bon Accord Book |
| 7. FLIGHT OF THE FALCON (J8X32) | B Priddey Anniversary Tensome |
| 8. SUMMER ASSEMBLY (RX88) Sq Set | Roy Goldring RSCDS Book 35 |
| 9. SUGAR CANDIE (S8X32) | RSCDS Book 26 |
| 10. SETON'S CEILIDH BAND (J4X64) | Bruce Fordyce Morison's Bush Collection |
| 11. BUTTERSCOTCH & HONEY (S4X32) | Jean Attwood Alexander Leaflet 24 |
| 12. MAIRI'S WEDDING (R8X40) | James Cosh 22 SCDs |

SUPPER



DECEMBER HOP PROGRAMME

1	Maxwell's Rant	RSCDS Book 18
2	Bratach Bana	John Drewry
3	The Enchanted Garden	Ian Boyd
4	A Reel for Alice (R5x32)	Roy Goldring
5	Gold in the West	John Brenchley
6	Culla Bay	RSCDS Book 41
7	Swanleigh Capers	Pat Stevenson
8	The Lass of Richmond Hill	RSCDS Graded Book 2
9	Broadway	The Sunday Class Book 2
10	Farewell to Balfour Road	RSCDS Book 52
11	MacDonald of Keppoch	RSCDS Book 49
12	The Deil amang the Tailors	RSCDS Book 14



CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

TERM 4

Tuesdays – Melville - General Class 8-10pm
Anglican Church of the Holy Cross 56 McLean Street
Melville
Teacher: *Barbara Boyd*

Thursdays - Dalkeith - General Class 8-10pm
Dalkeith Hall 99 Waratah Avenue
Dalkeith
Teachers: *Audrey Emmett & John Brenchley*

Fridays - Dalkeith - Advanced Class 8-10pm
Dalkeith Hall 99 Waratah Avenue Dalkeith
Teachers: *Barbara Boyd/John Brenchley/Audrey Emmett*
Every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month and any 5th
Friday when there is no Hop the following evening.

Ceilidh Class – Dalkeith – 7.30-9.30pm
1st & 3rd Fridays
Dalkeith Hall, 99 Waratah Avenue Dalkeith
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<i>28 November</i>	<i>Tartans' Christmas Dance</i>
<i>05 December</i>	<i>Kalamunda Christmas Party</i>
<i>07 December</i>	<i>Hop- Members Requests</i>
<i>13 December</i>	<i>Thistle Group Christmas Party</i>
<i>18 January</i>	<i>Proposed Summer Catch-Up Dance</i>
<i>07 February</i>	<i>Rockingham Dancers Resume</i>

Please note: *The December Hop will take place at the John Leckie Pavilion, cnr. Melvista Ave. & Stone St., Nedlands at 7.30PM.*

*(For programmes, minicribs and up to date information see the Branch website:
webpage@rscdswa.com)*

St Andrew's Day in St Petersburg, 2018



St Andrew is not only the patron saint of Scotland, but also of Russia, and the saltire was used by Peter the Great as the principal Russian order of knighthood. According to Wikipedia, "The **Order of St. Andrew the Apostle the First-Called** [pictured left] is the highest [order](#) of the [Russian Federation](#). Established as the first and highest order of chivalry of the [Russian Empire](#) in 1698, it was abolished under the [USSR](#) before being re- established as the top Russian order in 1998."



The Russians do like to party, so it's not surprising that in many Russian cities they gather to celebrate St Andrew's Day. In St Petersburg, for twenty-one years, the celebration has taken the form of a Caledonian Ball, organised by Petersburg Caledonia. This elaborate do is always well supported, surpassing itself three years ago when there were eight Consul Generals in attendance.



In 2018, St Petersburg's Hotel Astoria hosted well over a hundred dancers. Music was provided by the Edinburgh ceilidh band, Teannaich (in Gaelic the name means tighten, close, draw or crowd together). The five members of the band, led by Michael Ross on the cittern, met in Edinburgh and, as well as many years of performing in Scotland and England, they have toured widely. Their overseas trips have included Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Ireland, Russia and more. And in St. Petersburg they kept some revellers reeling on until 3am.

(The above article is reprinted, in part, from 'The Chanter' and my thanks go to Christine Oldfield for permission to use her article)

TO A TATTIE

*Wee Vegetable of humble fayre,
In France you're called a pomme de terre.
In Germany, it seems quite awful,
There you're known as a KARTOFFEL!*

*In Ireland, revered as a deity,
You're called a Murphy or a praity,
In England I've heard it said,
You're a spud or a King Ed.*

*But north of the border,
Home of the Scottie,
You're regarded with pride,
As a great wee tottie.*

*You may have other names it's true,
But originally you're from Peru.
Discovered by some plundering bands
And distributed to different lands.
Unaware of your potential,
With vital nutrients essential.*

*But very soon you took your part
In forms of culinary art,
Boiled, Mashed, Diced or Fried,
All forms experimental tried.
Your shape has taken many twists,
Cut ultra thin and fried as crisps.*

*Of course you can be powdered
And served up in a packet,
Or maybe take the other extreme
And cooked whilst in your jacket.*

*You've played your part in history,
When the blight caused quite a fray
And people left their homeland
To migrate to the U.S.A.*

*Many made their fortune
Finding gold in the river mud
Little realising ...
It was due to the Humble Spud.*

*So next time you are shopping,
Or when you arrange a table,
Just pause and reflect a moment
On this remarkable VEGETABLE*

(Poem by Allan G. Stewart, 1995. Supplied by Rena Gold.)