



January 2005

Dear Fellow Dancers,

The White Rose Festival of Scottish Country Dancing

The organizing committee are now planning the 51st White Rose Festival of Scottish Country Dancing and would like to invite you to take part.

Date: Saturday, 16th July 2005

**Venue: Leeds Grammar School, Harrogate Road, Leeds 17.
(www.leedsgrammar.com)**

This school has been recently built and has excellent facilities. It is in a rural setting on the northern outskirts of the city and is easily accessible from all directions using the motorway network.

Saturday, 16th July, 14.00 - 17.00

There will be massed open air dancing for adult and children's teams, opportunities for demonstrations of pre-selected dances and ladies' and men's highland displays. Dancing will be to George Meikle and the Lothian Band with piping from Alan Harrison.

Please note that arrangements can be made this year for individual dancers or small groups.

Saturday, 16th July, 19.00 - 22.30

There will be a social dance to George Meikle and the Lothian Band in the Sports Hall at Leeds Grammar School. Admission is by ticket only. Please note that because of the size of the hall it will not be possible to give 'recaps'.

I enclose further details, programmes and application forms for the afternoon event for both adults and children, and application forms for the Saturday evening dance.

The organizing committee hopes very much that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

Don Andrews
Chairman, White Rose Festival Committee

P.T.O. for Additional Information on the Festival.

WHITE ROSE FESTIVAL 2005 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Entry fees

Adult teams: £26 per team of 8-10 dancers. This includes £1 postage. Additional dancers - £2.50 each
We would welcome entries from teams that are less than 8 dancers; please contact Brenda Burnell (address, telephone number and email address on application form) for a price.

Children: £16 per team of up to 9 dancers plus a teacher. This includes £1 postage.

Spectators: £1 per person either in advance or on the day.

Evening dance tickets: the price will include a plated supper; soft drinks will be available.
£8.50 each
£5 for those in full-time education
£2.50 for under-16s

The space available limits the number of dancers that can be accommodated. All evening dance tickets will therefore be on a "first come, first served" basis.

Wet weather arrangements

As ever we must make contingency plans in case of wet weather. It may therefore be necessary to restrict the number of teams. Alternatively we may decide to use 2 halls. If we use a second hall we will attempt to provide live music for the second. In either event admission will be on a "first come, first served" basis.

Please note that due to restricted space and fire regulations the number of spectators may be limited if the event is held indoors. Once again admission will be on the "first come, first served" basis.

Parking

Parking is freely available for both cars and coaches on site at the owner's risk.

Refreshments

Leeds Grammar School has a large restaurant on site which can provide both lunch and an evening meal if there are sufficient numbers. The price of dishes is from £1.50 -£5.00 each. Please indicate on your application form if meals are required and for how many.

Please note that there are excellent changing facilities on the site for those who wish to stay between the afternoon event and the evening dance.

To add to the sociability of the occasion we would ask as many people as possible to dine with us.

Open air seating arrangements

All dancers and spectators are advised to bring their own chairs/rugs and umbrellas/parasols. Shade is limited and, depending on the weather, sun-screen is strongly advised.

Accommodation:

A full list of accommodation in Leeds is available from the tourist office at:

Gateway Yorkshire, Regional Travel and Tourism Centre, The Arcade, Leeds City Station, Leeds, LS1 1PL
Tel. 0113 242 5242 or via the website: www.leeds.gov.uk

Details of some accommodation can be supplied if requested on the application form.

Further communications

It would greatly assist the committee if the contact details could include an email address if available.

In May we will send out tickets/programmes and directions plus cribs where requested on the appropriate entry forms. Maps can be taken off the internet at www.streetmap.co.uk by entering post code: LS17 8GS. Alternatively directions can be obtained from the Leeds Grammar School website at www.leedsgrammar.com

Deadline for receipt of entries: 30th April 2005

Branch web-site: www.rscdsleeds.org.uk