



January 2006

Dear Dancing Friends,

The White Rose Festival of Scottish Country Dancing

Plans for the 52nd White Rose Festival of Scottish Country Dancing are now well under way and the organizing committee would like to invite you to take part. This year the event will have a theme based on Roy Goldring's dances and a number of them have been included in all the programmes. Roy himself will open the festival and Eileen Watt will be our guest of honour from headquarters.

Date: Saturday, 8th July 2006

**Venue: Gateways School, Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LE.
(www.gatewaysschool.co.uk)**

The school has excellent facilities. It is in a rural setting opposite the Harewood estate approximately 3 miles north of the Leeds city boundary on the Harrogate road. It is easily accessible from all directions using the motorway network.

Saturday Afternoon, 8th July, 14.00 - 17.00

There will be massed open air dancing for adult and junior teams, opportunities for demonstrations of pre-selected dances and ladies' and men's Highland displays. Dancing will be to Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Dance Band with piping from Alan Harrison.

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

Saturday Evening, 8th July, 19.00 - 22.30

There will be a social dance to Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Dance Band in the sports hall at Gateways School. Because of restrictions on numbers that can be accommodated admission will be by ticket only.

I enclose further details, programmes and application forms for the afternoon events and an application form for the Saturday evening dance.

The organizing committee hopes very much that you will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Don Andrews
Chairman, White Rose Festival Committee

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

WHITE ROSE FESTIVAL 2006 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Entry fees

Junior teams: £15 per team of up to 9 dancers plus a teacher.

Adult teams: £25 per team of 8-10 dancers. 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 below) for a price.

Please note that we would like any dancers who wish to be included in the afternoon mass dancing to have a thorough knowledge of the dances that have been set.

Please add £1 for postage to adult and junior team fees.

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

Evening dance tickets:

£8.50 each, £5 for those in full-time education, £2.50 for under-16s

These prices include a plated supper; soft drinks will be available.

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

Wet weather arrangements

In the event of wet weather the afternoon dancing will be held indoors in two separate halls. Both venues will have live music. Gateways School has a performing arts centre with excellent spectator facilities. This will be used by the junior teams and any adult team accompanying a junior team. A full programme, including demonstrations, will be danced and music will be provided by Ian Slater.

All other teams will dance a full programme in the sports hall to Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Dance Band.

Parking

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

Refreshments

Gateways School has a restaurant which can provide reasonably priced lunches and evening meals if there are sufficient numbers. Please indicate on your application form if meals are required and approximate numbers. Please note that there are good 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.

Evening dance

Unfortunately because of acoustic difficulties in the hall we will not be able to offer recaps for the dances.

Accommodation

Some accommodation is available in Harewood village and in Wetherby. A wider range of accommodation is available in Harrogate, approximately 20 minutes away by road.

Details 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 accommodation in Harrogate is available from the Tourist Information Centre, Royal Baths Crescent Road, Harrogate, HG1 2RR, tel. 01423 537 304, email tic@harrogate.gov.uk or via the website www.harrogate.gov.uk

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 entry forms. Maps can be taken off the internet at www.streetmap.co.uk by entering post code LS17 9LE. Alternatively maps can be obtained from the Gateways School website at www.gatewayschool.co.uk

Deadline for receipt of entries: 30th April 2006

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

All entries to Brenda Burnell: 208, Moseley Wood Gardens, Leeds, LS16 7JE.

Tel. 0113 267 6655, email Brenda@gunnyjwar.demon.co.uk