

## **2018 SCD Results**

### **Dumfries and District Music Festival Association 90th Annual Festival 2018**

The Scottish Country Dance 90th Anniversary Festival was opened by Billy Dewar-Riddick, General Secretary of Perform in Dumfries who welcomed the audience and asked the dancers if they were ready to dance – a resounding YES! was the reply.

45 Teams of Scottish country dancers took part in the dance festival at Dumfries Academy last weekend. Dancers from Cargenbridge, Noblehill, St Ninian's, St Teresa's and Wallacehall primary schools, and groups: DG SCD Dumfries RSCDS, Solway SCD, Northesk Scottish Dancers, RSCDS Dumfries, Kirkcudbright RSCDS, as well as Brownie Team from Maxwelltown West Brownies all took part. Jigs, Reels, Strathspey's, Square Set dances, Ceilidh dances and specially choreographed demonstration dances were performed throughout the day in Dumfries Academy.

The official accompanist for the day was George Meikle, Dumfries. George, is an accomplished musician who provided superb choice of tunes throughout the day as well as keeping the spectators feet tapping adding to the enjoyment. The adjudicator, Jimmie Hill from Edinburgh, gave encouraging and constructive comments to the dancers as well as showing his dancing expertise to the eager dancers to help them develop their dancing technique and style. Jimmie was very pleased to see so many taking part and was delighted to award the Margaret Wilkie Quaich to all the children from Noblehill Primary School for their Outstanding performance of 192 Miles Home showing the best social spirit and enjoyment throughout. He also congratulated their teachers and helpers who helped to make this happen. Dumfries RSCDS received the Demonstration Trophy along with a certificate of Distinction for their choreographed display of Eileen Watt's Reel, A trip to Lorient and The Compleat Gardener.

Again this year, Active Schools, Dumfries and Galloway Council gave local school children to take up the opportunity of participating in the non-competitive section under the Jigs and Reels programme and the festival boasted 8 teams with approximately 50 children in this section.

All teams participating in the festival this year received a special 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Certificate.

Jayne Riddet Scottish Country Dance co-ordinator said "that the day was a great success with well attended audiences throughout the day and thanks all of the volunteers and the Dumfries RSCDS members who helped to make this happen.

**The results are as follows:**

**Class 127A Non-competitive Jigs and Reels Section**

Open to primary schools, participating in the Coach Education/CPD Programme for Scottish Country Dancing  
One dance selected from the First Level Dances' section of the RSCDS Dance Scottish Jigs and Reels Resource Pack

Teams from Cargenbridge, Noblehill and St Teresa's primary schools danced Jig to the Music, A Reel for Jeannie and The Waratah Weaver and received useful comments from the adjudicator Jimmie Hill on the importance of counting out the steps to the music to allow the dance to flow. He enjoyed this section very much.

**Class 118** Uniformed Organisations Brownies and Rainbows  
Test Piece: The Highland Fair

**The Brownie Trophy Winner: Maxwelltown West Brownies**

**Class 105** Schools Section:  
Groups of Children P1-4 with 4 teachers and under

Test Piece: A Reel for Jeannie

**Anonymous Challenge Cup Winner: Cargenbridge Primary**

**Class 107** Groups of children P1-4  
Schools with more than 4 teachers

Test Piece: Easy Peasy

**Miss Johnston Trophy: Winner: Noblehill Primary**

**Class 105A** Schools entering the Competitive Section for the first time or that have not entered in the last 5 years.  
Groups of children from Primary Schools P7 & under

Test Piece: The Waratah Weaver

**Margaret Wilkie Claret Jug: Winner: St Ninians Primary**

**Class 106** Schools Section:  
Groups of children from Primary 7 & under  
Schools with 4 teachers or under  
Test Piece: Hedwig's Reel

**Ian MacLean Cup: Winner: Cargenbridge Primary**

**11:10 am**

**Class 108** Groups of children P7 & under, schools with more than 4  
teachers  
Test Piece: Machine without Horses

**St John's Challenge Shield: Winner: Noblehill Primary -  
Outstanding**

**11:20 am**

**Class 110** Groups of children P7 & under, Open to all schools

Test Piece: Kitty Campbell's Reel

**Noblehill PTA Trophy: Joint Winners: Wallacehall Primary &  
Cargenbridge Primary**

**12:00 noon**

**Class 102** Groups of children 16 yrs and under Own Choice of Square Set  
Dance Reel/Jig.Strathspey or Medley

**The Lochvale Quaich: Winner: Noblehill Primary -  
Outstanding for the dance 192 Miles Home**

**Class 100A** Groups of children 16 yrs and under  
Open to schools, clubs, uniformed organisations and dance  
groups, which may be combined

Test Piece: Sir JM Barrie of Thrums

**The Peter Pan Cup Winner: Wallacehall Primary**

**Class 126** Ceilidh Section

Test Piece: The Dashing White Sergeant

Teams of dancers from Cargenbridge, Noblehill, DG SCD Dumfries RSCDS  
and Solway SCD reeled and birlled through the Dashing white Sergeant.  
Jimmie Hill, adjudicator said that this was a good fun dance and well done to  
all for taking part and reminded the children to keep their arms at shoulder

height when joined.

**Class 125** OPEN

Test Piece: The Shepherd's Crook

**Caledonian Salver**                      **Winner:**      **Northesk Dancers**

**The adjudicator commented that this was a beautiful display of technique for which he gave an Outstanding award.**

**Class 114** Clubs 16 yrs and under

Test Piece: Light and Airy

**RSCDS Dumfries Challenge Cup**      **Winner:**      **Northesk Dancers**

**Class 113** Clubs Section  
Groups of children 12 years and under  
Test Piece: The White Cockade

**RSCDS 12-15 Cup**                      **Winner:**      **Northesk Dancers**

**Class 120** Open

Test Piece: Foursome Reel

**Strathellen Cup**                      **Winner:**      **Northesk Dancers**

**Class 117** 16 yrs and under

Test Piece: Foursome Reel

**Thistle SCD Trophy:**                      **Winner:**      **Northesk Dancers**

**Runners Up:**                                      **DG SCD (RSCDS Dumfries)**

**Class 129** 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Challenge  
Adult Open

RSCDS Dumfries danced The Gallant Weaver devised by Hugh Foss

**Adjudicator, Jimmie Hill commented that this was a tricky dance that was exceptionally well executed and well-controlled throughout. Festival medals were awarded for this Anniversary Section.**

**Class 103** Adults 16 yrs and over – Any Combination  
Own Choice  
2 couples dance Reel/Jig 4 times  
other 2 couples dance Strathspey 4 times

Noblehill Former pupils danced a lively performance of the Westminster Reel followed by Annan Holden's Strathspey.

**Adjudicator's Comments: excellent steps, covering on whole was very good. The dance flowed well from set & rotate into Rights and lefts formations. Very strong performance only nit picking that the petronella in tandem movement, finishing could have been sharper.**

**Class 104** Adults 16 yrs and over – Any Combination  
Own Choice of 4-couple dance Reel/Jig/Strathspey or Medley

Kirkcudbright Branch danced Autumn in Appin

**Adjudicator's Comments: well done and perfectly executed as this was a very difficult dance.**

**Class 127** Non-competitive Ceilidh Section  
Friends and Families

The Virginia Reel was danced by the Glendinning Team and the Cargenbridge team and the adjudicator said that the teams showed great fun and enjoyment throughout

**Class 124** Open - Own Choice

The final entry of the day was a combination of a selection of dances by RSCDS Dumfries . The dances were Eileen Watt's Reel, A Trip to Lorient, a medley and The Compleat Gardener, a jig.

The adjudicator commented on the good, well-balanced selection of dances chosen, showing the formations clearly and the smooth transitions from reel time to strathspey and jig time along with the good use of the floor space allowing the set to orientate showing the audience the dances from all sides.

He awarded the **Open Demonstration Trophy** with a Distinction marking to RSCDS Dumfries.

**The Margaret Wilkie Quaich** for the team 16 years and under showing the best social spirit and enjoyment of the dance was awarded to Noblehill Primary for their Outstanding Performance of 192 Miles Home, square set dance.

