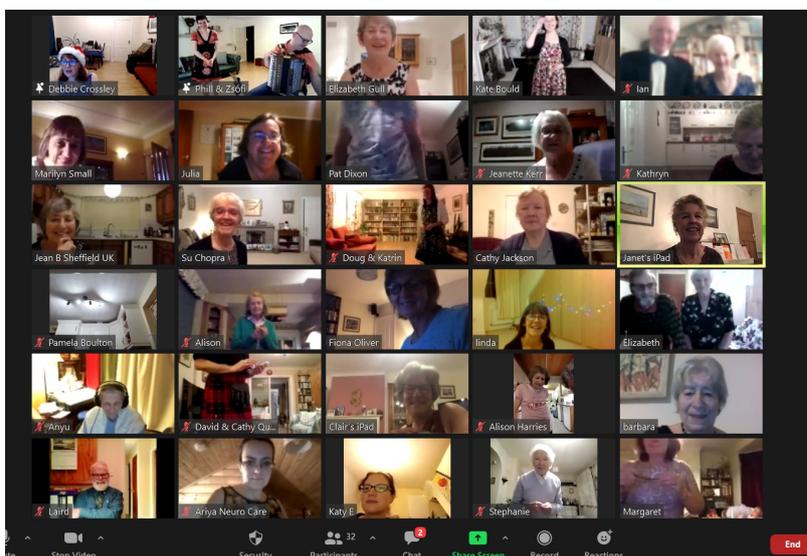


RSCDS SHEFFIELD VIRTUAL ANNUAL DANCE 5TH DECEMBER 2020

This year has seen a number of firsts in the Branch. First physically distanced outdoor class. First Zoom Monday night dance class and Saturday saw our first Zoom Annual Dance. One consolation with having the Annual Dance via Zoom was that we did not have to worry about the weather which, as we all know, can be unpredictable at this time of year. We could partake in our own home and imbibe in as much or as little liquid refreshment, whether it be water or gin!! and nibbles as we wanted.

We had the wonderful accordion playing of Phill Jones who was live for us from the comfort of his own home in Low Valleyfield near Culross.

We kicked off at 7.30 p.m. with all participants eager to get on the dance floor. Members had invited partners to join and they included, Foxy, the well known partner of Debbie Crossley, and several had brought their ghost partners. Also a number of invited guests from as far away as Finland and Southport. It was interesting to see that nearly everyone danced from first place for each dance!!!



The programme was slightly shorter than usual and a couple of the dances had been modified to accommodate for the lack of partners and most were danced four times through. We started with the Gay Gordons Two-Step, moving on to the textile mills for Shiftin' Bobbins; a trip to see the Flowers of Edinburgh; squeezing in a trip to Belfast along the way and to end the first half the Royal Scots got involved.

A short interval to enable dancers to refuel with whatever and then we were off to The Sands of Morar, where we espied The Wild Geese. A visit to

Monymusk in North East Scotland to go on a Highland Ramble(r). A recording was made of Highland Rambler which would be sent to Dulcie (this being one of her favourites), who unfortunately was not able to attend due to illness.

The cool down was a seasonal offering of carols played excellently by Phill.



The evening proved a great success and thanks was given to our MC for the evening, Debbie, and Kate, both of whom had done a brilliant job of organising this and producing a programme which was easy and very enjoyable. Also to Phill for his excellent playing.

Hopefully, next year, the pandemic will be over and we shall be able to partake in a **REAL**, not a virtual, annual dance. So we look forward to seeing everyone then if not before.

Could not resist including this in the photograph lineup and that you will forgive the inclusion of it.