

ROY BAIN

Helensburgh and District Branch wish to nominate Roy Bain for a scroll for his tireless and never ending work over many years both in his local area and for the benefit of the Society as a whole.

Roy started his dancing in Greenock in the 1960's becoming a life member after moving to Helensburgh where his interest in dancing grew and he became more and more involved. As well as attending classes and dances he decided to take up teaching and went on to gain his full certificate in 1986. During the intervening years he has taught both junior and adult classes and still runs the Branch General Class. Helensburgh runs a Junior Dance in the Spring and Roy helped to organise this before taking it over.

As a member of the Helensburgh Branch, previously West Dumbartonshire, he served on the committee for many years as a general member before becoming the Branch Treasurer. Following this a few years later he became Chairman on two different occasions guiding the Branch with a steady hand. As a Life member and very keen to see the Society flourish he put himself forward as a committee member at Headquarters and served as a Board member for 3 years, travelling on a regular basis from Helensburgh to Edinburgh. With his interest in Health and Safety in the workplace he helped set up some of the procedures at Coates Crescent to establish safe working practices and a safe environment.

Throughout all his time dancing he has supported and promoted Scottish country dancing through dancing both socially at home and abroad. Roy is committed to helping to engage young people in Scottish Country Dancing and was at the forefront in developing the Youth Committee and became the first Youth Convenor on the Youth Services Committee established in 2013. During this time he assisted in producing and promoting the Jigs and Reels Pack aimed at primary schools throughout Scotland. In Helensburgh as the Branch Youth Convenor he organised and successfully ran CPD (Continued Professional Development) for school teachers in the Helensburgh and Lomond area, developing a rapport with all the local head teachers. As a result all the local schools now have and work from the Jigs and Reels Pack. In his desire to encourage youngsters in to dancing Roy established a Day of Dance for Primary 7 children. Working with the Active Schools Co-ordinator and Branch members to promote the dance the first being held in the mid 2000's it became an annual event and continues to this day.

Even though Roy has now retired from committees at Headquarters he still travels to Edinburgh to assist and continues to help out behind the scenes. Over the years Roy has developed a great knowledge of the Society and his help at local levels as well as at Headquarters is invaluable therefore we are very grateful to have this opportunity to thank Roy for his dedication to Scottish Country Dancing.