

*The Spring Meeting (April 2020) was cancelled owing to the outbreak of the coronavirus Covid-19. The following article by **Ruth Beattie**, Honorary Branch President and initiator of the Seniors' Group (1999), appeared in the spring issue No.30 of HQ's magazine 'Scottish Country Dancer' under the heading of Anniversaries ...*

[Please note that the original article has been shortened (by the magazine editor) and none of the submitted photographs used.]

HQ's Scottish Country Dancer Anniversaries

Glasgow Branch Seniors' Group – 20

On Thursday 10 October the Glasgow Branch Seniors' Group celebrated its 20th Anniversary. We never thought that it would survive and continue to meet on a regular basis in the way that it has. Its origins stretch back to a very successful social event for dancers and former dancers, organised by Glasgow Branch in 1998 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the RSCDS. It was established for those who shared the same interest in our dancing, but who were no longer able to participate in regular classes. A way of life was suddenly extinguished, very often reluctantly, depriving participants of a lively, physical activity and all social contact. It was decided that, as a group, our meetings should be in comfortable surroundings with some form of entertainment. Members would be able to relax, enjoy socialising, share news and a meal. The chosen venue was the Ewington Hotel on the south side of Glasgow. 26 members gathered in October for a relaxed celebration. After a delicious meal we were entertained by David Ross on accordion. David had played for us on several occasions previously. He gave us a wonderful selection of favourite tunes, frequently responding to special requests. The Glasgow archivist, Chris Sanders, had provided a magnificent display of memorabilia. It was a wonderful panorama of decades of dancing and Branch activities. The afternoon was happy, but there were moments of sadness as we recalled the contributions of distinguished and dedicated members no longer with us. Under the current Convenorship of Daphne Davidson the group is strong, hopeful and determined to continue for many more years.

Ruth Beattie