

HDTAE
Member's Lecture
Sunday 24th March 2024
10:30-12:30

Jacobite Sword Dance & First of August

Lecturer: Sandy Hunt



Sandy has been teaching the New Strathspey dancers since 1978 and last year celebrated 45 years of teaching highland dancing with a show, performed by almost 50 dancers ranging in age from 3 years to 60 years.

Over the years, she has been fortunate to have a thriving adult class, many of whom she has taught since childhood. The majority of adult dancers, dance for fitness and fun and enjoy the challenge of learning some of the lesser-known dances.

Sandy has been taught many of these dances by HDTAE members in the past. The UKA syllabus allows inclusion of lesser-known dances in the Hebridean, Allegiance and UKA Award examinations, giving dancers the additional challenge to prepare them for examination.

During lockdown, she celebrated 60 years since her first highland dancing lesson with a zoom coffee morning for past and present dancers and their families. They included 2 steps from each of 30 scripted dances, 60 steps in total. These dances included competitive and lesser-known dances.

Sandy believes that it is important the HDTAE continue to share this knowledge with the next generation of teachers so this wealth of experience will not die out.

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Where: Watford Scout Hut HQ, Imperial Way, Watford, WD24 4XE

Judges – this is registered as CPD with the RSOBHD.

This is our annual closed lecture for members only.