Jane Rattray a member of Perth and Perthshire Branch sadly passed away suddenly in January 2024.

Jane was a former Chair of the Branch, a long standing Youth Co-ordinator and, for many years, a General Committee Member. In addition she was , for a long time, the teacher of the children’s class as well as being a popular and well regarded teacher of dancers of all ages. She was particularly active across rural Perthshire as well as supporting dancing in Stirling.

Of the three “f’s” which go with Scottish country dancing namely fun, fitness and friendship Jane always brought out the fun. Rarely was her class, or any dance which she had organised, not infused with laughter and enjoyment. However this lightness of touch belied someone who was an expert dancer and teacher always willing to help those who needed encouragement. She was wise, witty and self effacing and this combination made her a popular choice amongst dancers and dance classes. Jane was also an expert programme deviser who would always deliver a well balanced programme which appealed to dancers at all levels.

Our thoughts go out to her family. Jane will leave many happy memories and a great gap in the Scottish country dancing community.