

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Peterborough & District Branch



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Tuesday Classes

- Peterborough & District SCD classes resume on **Tuesday 4 September 2018**, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm, at St Mark's Church Hall, Peterborough PE1 2SN.
- Please do bring along friends/neighbours/relatives, as September really is a good time for beginners to join us. Posters advertising our classes are available from Sheila.
- Classes will run until **Tuesday 11 December**, our **Christmas Social, 7.30 pm – 10 pm**.
- Please note that there are no classes during the month of August.

Advanced Classes

It is hoped that Advanced classes will be held on the following Thursdays:

27 September, 25 October, 22 November

Unfortunately, we had to cancel a couple of Advanced Classes last year due to lack of numbers. Please therefore be sure to reply to any email asking if you are able to attend or not, as this helps us determine whether the class is going to be viable. If there are dancers who do not already attend Advanced Class, but who would like to give this a go, please speak to James or Sheila.

Fees: A Reminder

- Thank you to those of you who have renewed your **RSCDS membership for 2018-19**. If any other local dancers wish to join RSCDS, then please contact Sheila as soon as possible. RSCDS membership is optional, but we encourage dancers to join, especially if you attend classes regularly and would therefore benefit from lower weekly fees (see below).
- Our **Annual Class Fees (£3 per member) are due from all class members in September**, so please remember to pay this to Ian on the first Tuesday you attend. Weekly class payments remain the same for the coming year: £2.50 for RSCDS members; £3 for non-members. Please try to bring the correct change each week if you possibly can.

Friday Afternoon Tea Dances

Tea Dance dates are as follows, **3 – 6 pm**, at Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT, cost £5:

28 September, 2 November, 14 December

Other Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 13 October 2018: Peterborough & District RSCDS **Annual Dance**, 7.00 pm – 10.30 pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, PE3 9RF, dancing to **Ian Slater**. Raffle prizes welcome.

Saturday 8 December 2018: **Mandy Baxter's 60th Birthday Dance**, 3 pm – 6 pm, at Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT – all Peterborough & District dancers are welcome.

Saturday 26 January 2019: Peterborough & District RSCDS **Burns' Supper Dance**

Further details of events mentioned above, including cribs and video links, will appear, in due course, on our website: www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk You will also find dates and details of dances organized by other local groups on the website, and we are grateful to Amanda for keeping us all up-to-date in this way.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all dancers who supported recent dancing events in any way:

- We had a Visiting Teacher, Gill Mouncer, on 5 June, and we hope you all agree that this was a very instructive and enjoyable session. It was also a well-earned break for our regular teachers.
- Our Annual Dance on 23 June was very enjoyable too, even with only 21 dancers able to attend.
- The Dancing Dem. on Sunday 8 July went well, with a good number of dancers showing their support: fourteen of us danced in the car park of Newborough Village Hall in the baking midday heat. Unfortunately, it was so hot that our handful of spectators had to retreat indoors, and we were left without an audience at all for the last two dances!
- And finally, a special thank you from James to those who took part in trialling his own dances on 3 July; we had enough couples to be able to try out eight-couple dances in a square set, and the scores and comments by dancers are always very helpful to James.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

As a result of GDPR coming into force in May 2018, PRSCDS dancers were asked to fill out a Contact Details form: this process has been a useful way of checking that we have your correct details and knowing exactly how you wish us to process your data. There are now two separate Branch emailing lists, one for those of you who wish to receive all dancing news (including information from other dancing groups about their dances), and a second list of those who wish to receive information only about PRSCDS events. If you think you are on the wrong list and wish to receive more or less information, please do let Sheila know. Also, if you are reading this and have not completed a form but wish to be added to our contacts, then please email Sheila: sheilalewins@hotmail.co.uk

Charity

Our charity for 2018-19 is **Multiple Sclerosis**. We have already raised £39 at our Summer Dance raffle and hope to add to this amount with our Christmas 2018 collection and Burns' Supper Dance 2019 raffle.

Other Classes/Events

- **Stamford Scottish Country Dance Club** classes resume on **Monday 3 September, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**, at **Ryhall Village Hall, PE9 4HR**. Please note there is no dancing on **Monday 10 September**.
- **The Sunday Class** meets on **2 September** at Eastwell Village Hall and on **30 September** at Castle Bytham Village Hall, **4.30 pm – 7.30 pm** (dancing from the new RSCDS Book 52 on both dates). Further dates and more information on The Sunday Class website: www.thesundayclass.org.uk or if you wish to receive the NewsE-mail, please contact: amandapeart@thesundayclass.org.uk
- There are still places available on the **Dancing Holiday** with Marian Anderson's Scottish Dance Band in Tynemouth, Sunday 16 - Saturday 22 September. Apply to Amanda Peart: amandapeart@thesundayclass.org.uk
- **Beginners Ceilidh/Scottish Dancing, Monday evenings, 7:30 pm - 9pm**, at Braceborough Village Hall: contact Hazel Williams for further details: 01778 560417