

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Peterborough & District Branch



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Honorary President

On 26 January 2019, Maimie Clarkson was appointed Honorary President of Peterborough & District RSCDS in recognition of her outstanding dedication and service to the Branch. It was a fitting occasion for the presentation as it was the Branch's Burns' Supper Dance, with Maimie expertly addressing the haggis – just one of the many roles which Maimie has taken on over the years. Maimie's input to the Branch, from its beginnings in 1981 to the present day, has been and continues to be invaluable and it was with great pleasure that Amanda Peart, Branch Chairman, also presented Maimie with Life Membership of the Branch.

Branch AGM

This year's AGM will take place at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 14 May**, in St Mark's Church Hall. All class members are encouraged to attend. We shall keep the meeting as brief as possible to allow time for dancing afterwards, and the evening will be free of charge. We ask you to please bring a small amount of food to share at half-time.

At our AGM, we elect next year's PRSCDS Committee, and our Office Bearers have recently indicated their willingness to stand again. However, we also need ordinary Committee members and would encourage dancers, particularly newcomers, to consider joining us. Being on the Committee gives you a chance to have a say in how the Branch is run, and there are normally only five meetings in the year, currently on a Saturday morning. If at all interested, please do let us know.

AGM papers will be sent out in April, along with a copy of our revised Branch Constitution. If anyone requires printed copies, please let Sheila know in advance of the AGM.

Charity

Our charity collections over the past year (our 2018 Summer Dance Raffle + Christmas collection + our 2019 Burns' Supper Dance Raffle) have enabled us to donate £200 to Multiple Sclerosis. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Photos

Do you happen to have any photos taken at our SCD events which we may use on our website? If so, we would be very grateful if you could please send these to Amanda Peart (amandapeart@thesundayclass.org.uk)

Dates for your Diary

Advanced Classes: Thursday 28 February and Thursday 28 March

New Venue for 28 March only: In March, Advanced Class will be held at Colonel Dane Memorial Hall, Church Street, Alwalton PE7 3UU. Please come along and help us test out this hall.

Stamford SCD Club Dance: Saturday 30 March

7.30 pm – 11 pm, Ryhall Village Hall, PE9 4HR

Friday Afternoon Tea Dance: 5 April

3 pm – 6 pm, Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT

Easter Break: 16 April and 23 April – NO Tuesday class on these dates. Happy Easter!

AGM followed by dancing: Tuesday 14 May

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm, St Mark's Church Hall, PE1 2SN

PRSCDS Summer Dance: Saturday 18 May

New Timing: 3 pm – 6.30 pm, Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT. Dancing to CDs, with a short break for drinks at half-time. Bring and share supper will follow on **after** the dancing.

Visiting Teacher/Last Class of the Season: Tuesday 21 May

7.30 pm – 10 pm, St Mark's Church Hall, PE1 2SN

Gill Mouncer from Leicester, who visited us last year, has kindly agreed to teach our class again. Please note that this will be our **last class of the season** and will be from **7.30 pm till 10 pm**.

Summer Dancing Tuesdays: 4 June, 18 June, 2 July, 16 July, 30 July

Further details available nearer the time.

RSCDS Annual Subscriptions due: 1 July

RSCDS Subscription rates remain the same for the coming year: Adult Single £20; Adult Joint £32; Young Adult (18-24 yrs) £16. All dancers are encouraged to join; more details in a future email.

Classes Resume: Tuesday 3 September

Dance of the Month

A new idea for our classes – a special Dance of the Month; we had *Tambourine* in January and *Angus MacLeod* in February. Our March one will be *The Elephant's Stampede* and for April/May it will be *The Montgomeries' Rant*. Look out for these on our Summer Dance programme!

Further information

Cribs and video links for dances can be found on our website: www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk

Can't remember a Scottish Country Dancing step or formation? Help is at hand online!

Amanda recommends the following link to excellent video clips which are particularly helpful for beginners: <http://www.lowerhuttscd.org.nz/index.php/teaching-tools/>

and this page on the Scottish Country Dancing Dictionary website:

<https://www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com/dance-terms-videos.html>

Can't remember a dance? Search for it on the SCD Dictionary website as above, or on the Strathspey Server which gives you the choice of looking at cribs/diagrams/video clips:

<https://my.strathspey.org/dd/index/>