



## RSCDS Wirral Branch Classes

Prenton - Tuesday evenings  
St Stephen's Church Hall, Prenton Lane,  
Birkenhead, CH42 8LA

General Class: 7.00 - 9.00 pm

West Kirby - Wednesday evenings  
West Kirby United Reformed Church Hall,  
Meols Drive, West Kirby (near to Aldi),  
CH48 5DA

Social Dancing Class: 7.00 - 9.00 pm

## Class Dates

**Summer** Term 2022 (10 weeks)

Start: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

End: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Class Fees & Subscriptions

Fees for the Summer Term will be:

Tuesday **OR** Wednesday Class: £30.00

Each additional class per week: £ 2.00

Occasional visitors: £4.00 per class (maximum three classes per term), no maximum for the summer term, as other societies do not dance then.

Wirral Branch Membership is £2 for the year 2021-2022.

To ensure financial stability, it is vital that Branch Membership and class fees are paid promptly, in advance, or at the first class of the term. Members can pay by cheque - made payable to *RSCDS Wirral Branch* or by bank transfer to *The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society RSCDS - WIRRAL BRANCH* Sort Code 20-50-36; Account No 10768391

## Class/Team

## Teacher

Tuesday General Class Hilary Letts &  
Helen Trattles

Wednesday Social Dancing Hilary Letts &  
(West Kirby) Helen Trattles

Demonstration Team Gill & Dave Haynes

## Money Matters

The loss for the classes for the Spring Term have been just over £200. We have set the fees for next term at £30 for 10 weeks anticipating another small loss.

At the AGM in May I will present the accounts for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. The full details will be available and you will have the opportunity for questions. If anyone would be interested in the Treasurer's job, please talk to me.

Happy Easter  
Maxine Slade



## RSCDS Winter School 2022

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February this year about 120 dancers, some regular Winter School attendees and some first timers, assembled at a Reception in the Bow Lounge at the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry. Winter School Co-ordinator and RSCDS President Elect, William Williamson, welcomed us all back and introduced the Teachers and Musicians for the week:

Teachers: Sue Porter, David Hall, Fiona Mackie & William Williamson

Musicians: Neil Copland, Mo Rutherford, Shona Macfadyen and Adam Brady.

It was clear from the atmosphere that everyone was delighted to be back at Winter School again after a gap of one year, due to the Pandemic.

Each morning we attended classes, some held in the hotel and others at venues in the town. There was a choice of class – according to one's ability - and we all danced with a different teacher and musician each day.



During the afternoons there were some optional activities, such as a guided walk around the town or a gin tasting session. Others chose to go shopping or just to rest in the comfortable rooms at the hotel and study their dance programmes for the evening dances which were held in the Atholl Palace Ballroom.

As usual on the Wednesday evening we enjoyed a Ceilidh with some music and singing from our talented musicians and teachers. The ceilidh dances were great fun – especially a version of 'The Flowers of Edinburgh' in which if someone tapped you on the shoulder you dropped out and they replaced you! This could result in a dancer changing sex several times and suddenly finding themselves first couple instead of fourth!

On the Wednesday evening it snowed – always a magical sight from the hotel windows – and on Thursday morning William decided not to take any risks with dancers walking down to classes in the town. As a result all four classes were combined into one and we danced with all of the teachers in turn in the Palace Ballroom.

### Atholl Palace Hotel in the Snow



As always, the highlight of the week was the Ball at Blair Castle and on Thursday evening, after an early dinner, we were transported there in coaches. The atmosphere was wonderful as dancers enjoyed the choice of programme (nothing too difficult this time) and fabulous music.



All too soon it was time to go home. We look forward to next year!

Anne MacDonald & Andrew Locke

RSCDS Cheshire Branch

## Summer Dance

We are holding our **Summer Dance on 21<sup>st</sup> May at St. Stephen's in Prenton** this year. The committee decided that for our first dance since Christmas 2019 we would keep it relaxed and simple. We will be dancing to recorded music and there will be a light supper. The floor at St Stephen's is very good for dancing and we are looking forward to a great evening. Volunteers to help with the supper, the setting up and the clearing away will be most welcome.

## Dance of the Month

Have you enjoyed the opportunity to repeat the dance? Has it helped boost your confidence? Is there anything you would like the teachers to include in lessons eg: particular dances, formations or steps? Do let Hilary know.

## Craft Afternoons

Although Janet is not able to dance with us at present, she is very happy to resume hosting craft afternoons at her house. She suggests restarting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30 – 4pm.

If you would like more information please email Hilary at [chairman@rscds-wirral.org.uk](mailto:chairman@rscds-wirral.org.uk)

## From the Chairman

I hope, like me, you have enjoyed this term. Although we started later in the New Year than originally planned, I think we have managed a good term of dancing.

Our Visitor's Night went well. I always find it a bright spot among the dark evenings at the start of the year. Next term we have lighter nights, warmer evenings and the Summer Dance to enjoy.

Have a good Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all next term. Hilary

Val Noble has provided us with an interesting cutting from *The National*. It is about the company *Great Scot* who have produced a new tartan for Ukraine and are selling items to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine fund. If you're interested or wish to buy something, visit their website.



**Your  
Committee  
Needs You!!**

*Our AGM, the first for 3 years, will be held at*

**7pm Tuesday  
May 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Many of us have been serving for years, in fact I can hardly remember when Hilary and Diana weren't on the committee.*

*If you are interested at all in helping to run the Branch, ensuring that we have halls, teachers, the equipment we need, insurance, membership of RSCDS, please speak to one of us and consider coming onto the committee.*