



## 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 Fees & Subscriptions

Fees for the Spring 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 - Wirral Branch*; Sort Code 20-50-36; Account No 10768391

## Class Dates

**Spring** Term 2022 (13 weeks)

Start: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

End: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**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/Team

## Teacher

Tuesday General Class	Dave Haynes
Wednesday Social Dancing (West Kirby)	Hilary Letts & Helen Trattles
Demonstration Team	Gill & Dave Haynes





### Money Matters

Prior to our return in September, the committee discussed fees and subscriptions. We recognised that many families had suffered financially during the pandemic, and we didn't want anyone to miss dancing because of the fees. We have therefore kept the fees down and budgeted for a significant loss.

We have paid the annual RSCDS subscriptions at a cost of £400 to the Branch and the classes have cost £150. I am very pleased with this as both venues credited us for the cancelled classes in 2020 and our numbers have been better than expected.

At the recent committee meeting we decided to continue without a beginners' class but are making plans to provide more learning during the General Class. The numbers on a Wednesday have been very variable and we would encourage anyone who would like to join the class to talk to Hilary or Helen.

We have set the fees for next term at £30 for 13 weeks anticipating another loss of £250.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Happy Christmas  
Maxine Slade

*Getting back to dancing did feel good this term didn't it? It has been lovely to meet up again and use our 'dancing brains and feet'.*

*Your committee has met a couple of times in person this term to discuss and plan. While it will not be possible to have a stand alone class for Beginner and Less Experienced Dancers we are planning to offer more support within the classes.*

*We will highlight a 'Dance of the Month' that will be taught at the classes that month. The dances will be popular ones that appear on social programmes. These dances will have videos available plus links to videos of the figures in them. We aim to gradually reduce the number of walk throughs for those dances as the weeks go on so even experienced dancers will find a challenge for their memory and also be able to brush up technique.*

*The members of the committee are grateful for the feedback they have received and will be pleased if you can keep letting us know your thoughts and suggestions.*

*The Committee and Teachers wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2022.*

*Hilary Letts*



## MiniCrib App for Android & iOS

A very useful app has been developed by Charles Inglis (Ottawa, Canada) to look up Scottish Country Dance cribs, display crib instructions, create lists of cribs, display diagrams and videos. The app can be downloaded from Google Play and Apple Store by searching for “**Mobile SCD Cribs**”.



You can build a list of dances by entering a least 5 letters in the title you a looking for in the search area, click on that title in the dropdown and it will be added to your list of dances. The more characters entered in the search, the more refined the search will be. The dropdown list of titles can be swiped through.

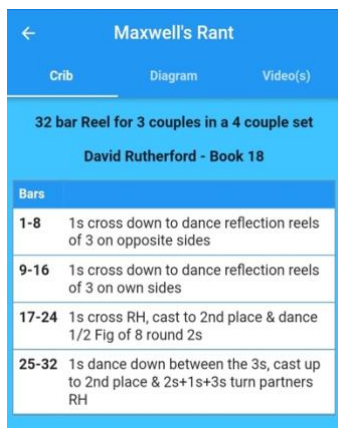


The dance can be deleted from the list by touching the red icon to the left of the title and then you can confirm the delete before the dance is deleted from the list.

The list can be reordered by pressing down on a title and moving the title either up or down the list.

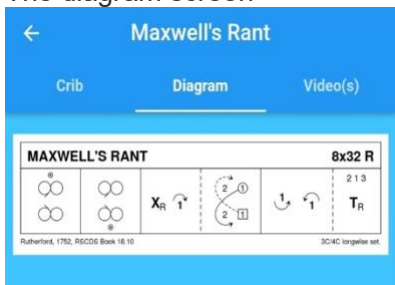
The whole list can be deleted by choosing "Clear current list" from the dropdown menu at the top right of the screen.

To see the details of the dance, tap on the dance name in the list. Then tap on Crib, Diagram and Video.



The dance crib screen

## The diagram screen



A list can be saved by choosing "Save Primary list" from the dropdown menu and then you can name the list you are saving. Saved lists can be retrieved by choosing "Display saved lists" from the dropdown menu and then clicking beside the list name you wish to access.

Once in the desired list you can add, delete or reorder the list.

To delete a saved list, retrieve the list then choose "Clear current List" from the dropdown menu. Once cleared choose "Return to Primary list" from the dropdown menu.

Note: The Primary list is automatically saved from session to session so if you are only working with one list there is no need to save the list.

Happy Dancing

Diana Dainton