

## 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

### Autumn Term 2022 (13 weeks)

Start: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

End: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Class Fees & Subscriptions

Class Fees for the Autumn Term will be:

Tuesday **OR** Wednesday Class: £35.00

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 2022-2023.

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

### RSCDS HQ Subscriptions 2022/23

Single £25, subsidised cost **£15**  
Couple £40, subsidised cost **£20**

## Class/Team

## Teacher

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

## Money Matters

At the AGM in May, the accounts for the last 3 years were accepted. The proposal that we continue to subsidise both HQ Subscriptions and Class Fees was supported.

Happy Holidays  
Maxine Slade

## Strawberries on Saturday

Our Summer Dance on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May was a most enjoyable evening. Held at the home of our Tuesday class in Prenton, St Stephen's church hall looked great decorated with union jacks in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.

Most dancers took to the floor for every dance and it was really pleasing for the teachers to see those dancers with less experience do really well. There was a lovely 'buzz' on the dancefloor as the sets were being organised. One walk through for each dance meant less dancers clutching their crib sheets or trying to get down to fourth place. Instead there was an eagerness to be involved and get going.

The dance before supper was Long Live The Queen from Miss Milligan's Miscellany. A simple dance which we adapted to four times through. With all dancers leading down the hall turning and leading back up it gave that processional feel that dancers really pick up on (think Shiftin' Bobbins or The Highland Rambler).



Having St. Stephen's as the venue meant there was a separate room where tables were set up for the supper. This again added to the relaxed feel of the evening, no having to ask for strong people to stagger around with tables or desperate flinging on of tablecloths before dancers put their plates of food down. Instead we all walked through to where the food was laid out and settled in companionable groups to chat and eat at the tables which had been set up and decorated before the dance began.

The supper was simple and delicious.

Strawberries, cream and shortbread were well received, and the meal ended with a slice of a Platinum Jubilee celebration cake.



The second half resumed with The Platinum Strathspey and the rest of the evening whizzed by. All too soon it was 11pm with Auld Lang Syne, the National Anthem and a polka. As dancers disappeared home the feeling was that our first dance back after the Lockdown had been a success.

If it was your first dance ... there will be more. If it was your umpteenth dance ... there will be more.

Hilary Letts

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.

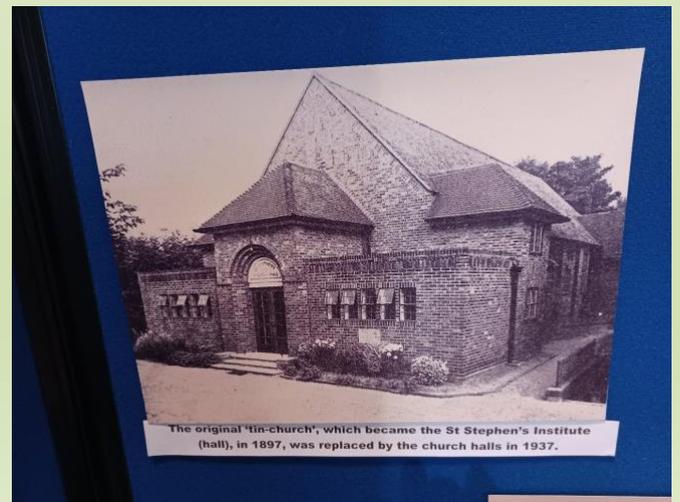


## Happy Birthday St Stephen's

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May I was invited to a service to celebrate 125 years of St. Stephen's Church in Prenton. The church was beautifully decorated to mark the special birthday. Inside it is an impressive building with many stained-glass windows. From the exhibition at the back of the church I learnt that the original 'tin' church became the church hall when the church we now know was built. That was then replaced with the hall we use in 1937.

For anyone interested there is to be a Heritage Open Day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September when the church will be open for visitors.

Hilary



The original 'tin-church', which became the St Stephen's Institute (hall), in 1897, was replaced by the church halls in 1937.