

Mrs Margaret Kay - Scottish Country Dancing with RSCDS Wirral Branch

Margaret has been one of the most active of Branch members, working tirelessly in the cause of Scottish Country Dancing in the Wirral area and beyond for many years. Below is a list of just some of the contributions she made over the last 20 years:

- Joined RSCDS Wirral Branch in 1996 as a member of the Beginner's Class held in Heswall
- Transferred to the Tuesday Class held at Prenton in 1997-1998 season
- Elected to the Branch Committee in 1998
- Represented RSCDS Wirral as Branch Delegate, attending the RSCDS AGM over a number of years
- Attended RSCDS Summer School at St Andrews on many occasions
- Took on responsibility of Ticket Secretary - her legendary skill of painlessly extracting money in exchange for dance tickets ensured the success of Branch social functions
- Took on responsibility for catering arrangements and food preparation for Branch social functions on the retirement of Joan Roberts - a role that continued to the present. The success of Branch social functions was in no small measure due to the outstanding suppers that dancers enjoyed
- **Children's Class teacher** for 10 years in which time she lead teams of youngsters to dance festivals in Leeds and Southport. The children, under her guidance, also performed in public at school fetes and other events
- Much involved in a Branch initiative to take Scottish Country Dancing into a number of primary schools, Brownie packs, etc
- **Wednesday Class teacher**, first in Wallasey and latterly in West Kirby
- **Beginners' Class teacher** on Tuesday evenings at Prenton.
- As a teacher of Scottish Country Dancing, Margaret acquired an extensive collection of dance music, first on cassette tapes, later on CDs. In addition, she built up a library of dance books. Her classes were enhanced by her selection of the appropriate music to play and the accuracy of her descriptions / teaching of dances
- Attended numerous dances organised by other Scottish Country Dance organisations in the North West - a wonderful ambassador for the Wirral Branch and making so many friends in the world of Scottish Country Dancing

Margaret's contribution to the enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing, in Wirral Branch and beyond, cannot be overstated. She will be sorely missed by all those who knew her.

David Haynes
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