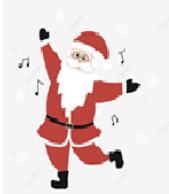


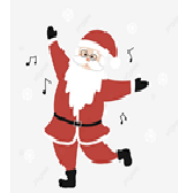


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Newsletter November 2022



Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat... but not Scottish Country dancers! It's hard to believe that, as I write, Christmas is less than 6 weeks away. The mild weather this Autumn has fooled us all into thinking it's much earlier in the year. However, we still have a few classes to look forward to before the Christmas break, details below.

Please remember to bring your own cup (& plate when needed) to classes, tea dances and other events in order to reduce the amount of plastic we use. Thank you.

Dates of classes before Christmas and after New Year

Alwalton: Thursday 17th November, our second **Thursday class**. As we have only had one Thursday class so far, in October, we will continue the experiment of having one class a month on a Thursday at Alwalton into the New Year and will review it in the Spring.

St Mark's: Tuesday 22nd November (DO-IT-OURSELVES), 29th November, 6th December, 13th December.

Tuesday 13th December will be the last class of the year. As usual, this will be a Social Dance from 7.30 – 10.00 pm and everyone is invited to bring their own drink and a SMALL amount of finger food to share, or your own snack if you prefer.

Weekly classes will resume on **Tuesday 10th January**

St Mark's: 10th, 24th (DO-IT-OURSELVES), 31st January, 7th February

Alwalton: Thursday 19th January

Christmas Cards

There will be an opportunity to exchange Christmas cards on the 6th and 13th December, for anyone who would like to do this. There will also be an opportunity to make a donation to our chosen charity for this year, the Light Project (see below), instead of (or as well as) giving cards. A donations box will be available on both evenings. The choice is entirely yours, and there is no obligation to do either.

Tea Dance

Our last Tea Dance of the year will be on **Friday 16th December** from 3.00-6.00 pm at Newborough Village Hall. Programme, crib and links to videos are on the PRSCDS website, as usual

www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk

Admission: Dancers £5, non-dancers £2.50

There will be no Tea Dance in January or February

Burns Supper Dance

28th January 2023

At St Andrews URC Hall, Ledbury Road PE3 9RF, arrive 6pm for 6.30pm

Cost £15 per person. Payment in advance by 16th December, please.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque at our weekly classes or the December Tea Dance, or by post to **Moyra Arnott, 105 Church Street, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 6QF**

Please make cheques payable to *Peterborough & District RSCDS* and give your contact details and any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Numbers are limited so early booking is advised.

Programme, crib and links to videos are on the PRSCDS website (see above).



Help with catering and washing up: we need volunteers to

- provide cooked & mashed potatoes or swede (for 10 people),
- provide a dessert or biscuits & cheese (Expenses will be reimbursed)
- help with washing / drying of dishes

Lists will be available from end of November to sign up to help in one or more ways!

There will be a raffle (tickets £1 per strip) in aid of this year's charity, the Light Project (see below), and Brenda Parkes will be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes, either in advance or on the night.



POT NOODLES!...

This year's charity is the Light Project, a local charity which helps homeless people to find a way back into society. Have a look at their website for more information on what they do

www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk

In addition to monies raised at the dance in June, we will be donating the proceeds of the Burns Supper raffle and any donations made instead of/ as well as exchanging Christmas cards.

In addition, the Light Project has asked supporters for donations of Pot Noodles, or similar instant snacks. If you would like to contribute to this, please bring them to any of the weekly classes or the Christmas Tea Dance.

Thank you and Best Wishes (x2!)

Much to his regret, **James** felt work pressures meant he had to step back from his involvement with Scottish Country Dancing for the time being. We have all appreciated and benefited so much from the time and enthusiasm he has given to the branch and he will be greatly missed. A card and thank-you gift of garden vouchers are on their way to him.

Amanda will also be stepping down temporarily as she is due to have her long-awaited hip operation on 14th February. This means she will be 'out of action' from then until the end of February, though she hopes to be back teaching classes in March. Arrangements are being made to find teachers to step in for two of the weeks she will be absent and the third week we will be covering ourselves as one of our DIO classes. More details to follow.

Wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Moyra

