

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Peterborough & District Branch



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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

Easter is just around the corner and we've come to the end of another busy and energetic term of dancing. This past term has been a bit different from usual as we were without Amanda's expertise for several weeks while she had a long-awaited hip replacement. However we were fortunate to have Gill Mouncer teach one class and there were many willing volunteers (or not so willing, in some cases!) to lead dances in Do-It-Ourselves classes. These DIO evenings were very successful and enjoyable and we all learned a lot from them – having to lead others in a dance proved to be a very good way of learning the dance yourself! We'll be continuing the DIO classes on a monthly basis in the Autumn.

Burns Supper

The highlight of the past term was undoubtedly our Burns Supper at the end of January. 43 people enjoyed haggis, neeps & tatties, followed by a selection of delicious desserts and then tried to work off some of the calories with some very enjoyable dancing. Our charity raffle raised £126 for the Light Project. Special thanks go to Alan Rayden for doing such an excellent job as MC; to Maimie for her address to the haggis (and the translation!); to David Parkes for the Selkirk Grace and to Ian Arnott for the table quizzes. And many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a good evening for all. Several people remarked on the night how much they had enjoyed it and we received this note of thanks from one of the guests:

Thank you for an excellent evening last night. What a treat - great company, fun quizzes, delicious food, good music and dancing. We do appreciate how much work went into it all and are very grateful to you all.

Easter Break



There will be NO classes on **Tuesday 4th or 11th April**.

Classes will restart on **Tuesday 18th April** 7.30-9.30pm in St Mark's Church Hall PE12SN
The last class of the season will be on **Tuesday 23rd May**, which will be a social dance evening from 7.30-10.00 pm. You are welcome to bring a *small* plate of finger food to share; tea and coffee will be provided as usual.

Branch AGM

Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in St Mark's Church Hall PE1 2SN, followed by dancing.

The evening will be free of charge and the meeting will be as brief as possible to allow time for dancing.

AGM papers will be sent out in April. Please consider whether you would like to join the Committee. It's not very time-consuming at all and it would be good to have a few new members. New members mean fresh ideas, so this is your chance to influence what we do and how the Branch is run!

Dates for your Diary

(Further details of all our events and those organised by other local SCD groups can be found on our website www.peterboroughscds.org.uk under 'Area Diary')

TEA DANCE

Friday 12th May 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Newborough Village Hall

The programme for this is now available on our website

www.peterboroughscds.org.uk

SUMMER DANCE

Saturday 24th June 4 – 8.00 pm

Newborough Village Hall



2023 marks the centenary of the RSCDS and we will be celebrating this at our Summer Dance on Saturday 24th June. Lots of good dances from across the years, Charity Raffle, Bring & Share Supper and some special surprises! Make sure to put this in your diary.

AUTUMN DANCE

Saturday 14th October 4.00- 8.00 pm

Ryhall Village Hall

This will be a joint dance with our friends in the Stamford group and we will be dancing to the music of the Ian Robertson Duo. It promises to be a very good evening. More details nearer the time, but put the date in your diary now!



There will be no classes during July and August
Classes will restart on Tuesday 5th September in St Mark's Church Hall PE1 2SN

Advance Notice...

Autumn Tea Dances 2023

Newborough Village Hall PE6 7RT all 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Friday 6th October

Friday 10th November

Friday 15th December

Burns Supper Dance 2024

Saturday 27th January St Andrews URC Hall, Ledbury Road PE3 9RF

more details to follow.

Wishing you all a happy Easter. Here's hoping the weather warms up a bit, today feels more like Autumn than Spring!

Moyra