



Peterborough & District Branch

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Newsletter Spring 2024

Easter is, astonishingly, just 2 weeks away and at long last the weather seems to have caught up with the fact that we're now in Spring. How lovely to be able to dispense with winter woollies and to feel we don't need the heating on ALL evening when we're dancing!

Easter Break



There will be NO classes on **Tuesday 26th March** or **2nd April**.

Classes will restart on **Tuesday 9^h April** 7.30-9.30pm in St Mark's Church Hall PE1 2SN

The last class of the season will be on **Tuesday 21st 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 14th 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!

Charity of the Year

Our Charity for 2023-2024 has been the National Railway Museum, in memory of our dear friend Robert Warburton. We have been able to donate £247 from raffles and donations in lieu of Christmas cards. At the AGM we will be choosing our Charity for 2024-25. If there is a charity that you feel would be particularly appropriate for us to support, please bring your suggestions to the AGM.

RSCDS FEES

Just to remind you that RSCDS membership fees for 2024-25 are due from 1st July. The fee for the coming year is £28 per person or £45 for joint membership and entitles you to £1 off the weekly class fee. Fees will be collected by Mandy at the beginning of September when classes restart. If you would like to pay earlier, especially if you want to take advantage of the discount on any RSCDS classes or events you may be taking part in over the summer, please let Mandy know so your subscription can be renewed separately.



There will be no classes after Tuesday 21st May and no Summer Dance this year. Classes will restart on Tuesday 3rd September in St Mark's Church Hall, Lincoln Road PE1 2SN **But ...**

BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS

Amanda is hoping to run a short course, perhaps 6 weeks, in June and July for new dancers who have joined us since September – and of course, anyone else who feels they'd benefit from a refresher! The course will focus on step practice and common figures and will finish with a dance to practice what's been learned over the previous weeks. Depending on the level of interest this may be a joint course with the Stamford group. Venue to be decided later. Amanda will be canvassing dancers after the Easter break to determine availability and interest, so if you'd like to take advantage of this please make sure you let her know, either in person at class or by email

amandapeart@thesundayclass.org.uk

HYGIENE

Covid, thankfully, is far less of a threat than it was BUT it hasn't gone away, and of course there are other invisible germs and viruses still lingering in our midst. That's why we will be making Hand Sanitisers available again at classes. Everyone is encouraged to either bring their own or make use of the ones provided between dances, to keep us all healthy.

TEA DANCES

at Newborough Village Hall, Peterborough Road PE 3.00 – 6.00 pm
Dancing to recorded music with Bring and Share Supper at half-time.

Friday 22nd March

Friday 10th May (The programmes for these are now available on our website

www.peterboroughscds.org.uk)

Friday 17th September (programme will be available later in the year)

(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')

Wishing you a very happy Easter break and looking forward to seeing you all again on 9th April.

Moyra