



Peterborough & District Branch

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Newsletter Summer 2024

I hesitate to call this a Summer Newsletter, as everywhere I go, I hear the same refrain: 'Summer? What summer?' However, when I look back at last Summer's newsletter, I see the weather was similar, so perhaps this is the new normal – what an awful thought. Anyway, to cheer ourselves up, here are just a few reminders of what we can look forward to in the Autumn term.



Weekly Classes

Classes resume on **Tuesday 5th September** at St Marks Church Hall from 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

Our last class of the year will be on **Tuesday 12th December** when we will have our usual Christmas Social Dance, **starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 10.00pm.**

Class Teaching

We are going to continue with our very popular DIO (Do-It-Ourselves) classes once a month, when Amanda takes a break from teaching the class. There will be a sheet on the stage at the beginning of each month for members to sign up to lead one dance (or more, if you're really keen!). John Mackinnon will take charge of arranging the music. It would be good if people could sign up as soon as possible as that gives John more time to find suitable music.

Here are the dates for the DIO classes:

Tuesday 17th September? – this will be confirmed at the first class on 3rd September

Tuesday 19th November

with the possibility of a DIO class on **Tuesday 29th October**

Branch Charity for 2024-25

Our charity for the coming year will be Ward 6, Peterborough City Hospital, in memory of Mike Thompson. This is at Mary's request, as the staff there looked after him so well.

RSCDS (Royal Scottish Country Dance Society) Fees 2024-2025

Some dancers may have already paid their fees for the coming year 2024-25. If you have not done so, then please arrange to pay them to Mandy Baxter during the first 2 weeks of September. Fees are now £28 (single membership) and £45 (joint). **PLEASE NOTE** that the weekly class charges from September will be **£3 for RSCDS members and £5 for non-members**. So if you anticipate attending more than 14 classes from September to June, it would be financially beneficial to join the Royal Society! Fees can be paid in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer (please contact Mandy on mandybaxterdelph@gmail.com if you would like to pay this way).

Dates for your Diary

Friday Afternoon Tea Dances (with Bring & Share Supper)

4th October

15th November

13th December - Christmas Tea Dance when we will be dancing to some seasonal music!

All from 3.00 – 6.00 pm at Newborough Village Hall PE6 7RT. Dancers £5, non-dancers £2.50

All are very welcome to these dances, not just our class members, and please feel free to bring friends along.

Looking ahead...

Burns Supper Dance

Saturday 25th January 2025

Arrive 6pm for 6.30pm at St Andrews URC Hall, Ledbury Road PE3 9RF

Bookings for this very popular event will open in December

And back...

Short Summer Course 4th June – 22nd July

We're very grateful to Amanda for giving up some of her summer break to teach a short course of 6 classes covering basic steps and figures. These were intended primarily to help our new dancers, but we have all benefited from a refresher!

At the time of writing there are still 2 opportunities left to take advantage of these classes: on Tuesday 16th July at St Marks and Monday 22nd July at Ryhall.



Happy Birthday to You



Birthday Greetings to the following, who all have birthdays during August:

Heather & Kevin Stewart

Mary Thompson

Sarah Hearn

Chris Rea

and Jemma Pawley

And Birthday wishes to Eleanor Rayden whose birthday is just before our first class in September.

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.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at St Mark's on 16th July or Ryhall on 22nd July, and to seeing even more of you in September. Happy August – and let's hope Summer puts in a belated appearance!

Moyra

(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')