### The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

# Peterborough & District Branch



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# Newsletter Spring 2025

It may not feel very Spring-like at the moment, but the daffodils and crocuses seem to think it is and the clocks are due to go forward at the end of this week, so it must be time for the Spring newsletter!

#### Easter Break



Easter is very late this year (20<sup>th</sup> April) so our Tuesday classes will continue into April, with the last class on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. There will be NO class on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Classes will restart on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30-9.30pm in St Mark's Church Hall PE1 2SN

The last class of the season will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

This will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2024-2025 has been Ward B6 of Peterborough City Hospital in memory of our dear friend Mike Thompson. We have been able to donate £362.50 from raffles and donations in lieu of Christmas cards. At the AGM we will be choosing our Charity for 2025-26. 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 2025-26 are due from 1<sup>st</sup> July. The fee for the coming year is £29 per person or £46 for joint membership and entitles you to £2 off the weekly class fee. Fees will be collected by the treasurer (to be elected at the AGM in May) 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 the treasurer know so your subscription can be renewed separately.



Following on the success of last year's Summer programme, Amanda is proposing to run a short series of classes in June and July again this year. The classes will focus on improving our technique and knowledge of figures and formations and are especially suitable for beginners, though I think we'd all agree we could do with some improvement! These are the possible dates:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July

Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Monday classes would be held at Ryhall Village Hall and Tuesday classes at St Marks Church Hall and members of both the Peterborough and Stamford classes would be welcome to attend either.



Please let Amanda know if you are interested and which dates you would be available, either in person at class or by email

amandapeart@thesundayclass.org.uk

### TIME FOR A CUPPA?

Many of us find that we are so busy dancing at Tuesday classes that there just isn't enough time to chat! To remedy this, Sheila and Moyra have decided to meet from 10.30am every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the M&S café in Brotherhood Retail Park PE4 6ZR for a general catch up. One or both of them will be there and everyone is very welcome to join them, no need to notify them in advance, just come along as and when you are able and want to. The dates for your diary for the remainder of the year are 17<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### TEA DANCES

at Newborough Village Hall, Peterborough Road PE6 7RT 3.00 – 6.00 pm Dancing to recorded music with Bring and Share Supper at half-time.

Dates for the rest of 2025 are:

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Friday 9<sup>h</sup> May** (The April programme is now available, and the May one will be shortly, on our website <a href="https://www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk">www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk</a>)

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

And finally another date for your Diary...

Looking ahead to Autumn, just a reminder that our Annual Dance will be held on Saturday  $11^{th}$  October 2025 from 4.00-8.00 pm at Colonel Dane Memorial Hall, Alwalton PE7 3UU, dancing to music from Chris & Julie Dewhurst. Admission will be £12 and as usual guests are asked to bring some finger food for the Bring & Share tea and their own cup and plate, to avoid the use of disposables. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

(Further details of all our events and those organised by other local SCD groups can be found on our website <a href="https://www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk">www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk</a> under 'Area Diary')

Wishing you a very happy Easter break and looking forward to seeing you all again on  $22^{nd}$  April.

Moyra