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Classes: Scottish Country Dancing Classes at St Mark's Church Hall, Lincoln Road, Peterborough PE1 2SN re-commence on **Tuesday 9 September 2014**, 7.45 – 9.45 pm. Class announcements will continue to be made immediately after our warm-up each week, so if you wish to know what is going on, please arrive promptly and please also remember to have a look at the Class Folder on the stage.

Advanced Classes begin on **Thursday 18 September 2014**, 7.45 – 9.45 pm.

Fees:

- Weekly class fee = £2.50 for RSCDS members or £3 for non-members.** Please pay this promptly to Eleanor each week, preferably before you have your refreshments.
- Annual class administration fee = £3 per dancer, to be paid to Eleanor before 30 September.**
- Annual RSCDS membership fee = £18 (or £29 for two adults at the same address).**
RSCDS fees should be paid directly to Sheila (NOT to Eleanor, and cash or cheque only please for the correct amount) before 30 September. You will receive your membership card from Sheila upon payment. If you are not already a member of RSCDS, we would encourage you to join, especially if you dance regularly; you will then be able to pay the reduced weekly class fee and will receive two RSCDS magazines during the year (further benefits are listed in a leaflet available from Sheila). Cheques should be made payable to 'Peterborough and District RSCDS'.

Other Classes:

- Hazel Williams' Beginners' Ceilidh/Scottish Dancing Class begins on Monday 15 September, 7.30 – 9 pm, in Braceborough Village Hall, Braceborough, Stamford PE9 4NT
- Amanda Peart's Sunday Class (beyond beginner level), 4.30 – 7.30 pm: 10 August, 31 August and 28 September at Castle Bytham; 7 September and 5 October at Eaton (further details at www.thesundayclass.org.uk)
- Stamford Scottish Country Dance Club begins on Monday 8 September, 7.30 – 9.30 pm (details at www.stamfordscottish.org.uk)

Congratulations to:

Maimie Clarkson (left) on being presented with a RSCDS Branch Award by Jean Goodman (right)



On 6 May 2014, the Peterborough & District Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society were delighted to present a RSCDS Branch Award to Maimie Clarkson on her retirement from teaching Scottish Country Dancing. Maimie has been a leading light in the life of Peterborough & District Branch ever since its beginnings in the early 1980s and has contributed greatly to the welcoming and friendly atmosphere of the ongoing Scottish Country Dancing classes in Peterborough. She has been teacher, dancer, Branch Chairman, committee member, and much more over the years. Maimie continues to encourage others to take part in an activity which offers fun, friendship and fitness. *(Press release June 2014; photo by Brenda Burton)*

Congratulations also to: Rhona Murray on performing in the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony in Glasgow on 23 July and **Amanda Peart** on her success with The Sunday Class Book 1 and accompanying CD.

Dates for Your Diary:

<p>Tuesday Classes, 7.45 – 9.45 pm <i>(16 Dec: 7.45 – 10.15 pm)</i> 9 September – 16 December 2014 (No class on 25 November: St Andrew's Meal) (No class on 23 & 30 December) First Tuesday in 2015: 6 January</p>	<p>Thursday Advanced Classes, 7.45 – 9.45 pm 18 September 16 October 20 November</p>
<p>Friday 3 October, 2 – 5 pm at Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon Tea Dance (with walk-throughs)
<p>Saturday 18 October: Peterborough & District RSCDS Dance at St John's Church Hall, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough PE3 6EZ <i>Please note the earlier time: 7 pm – 10.30 pm</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Anderson & Max Ketchin • Crib and link to videos on our website • Raffle prize donations welcome: in advance to Sheila please
<p>Tuesday 25 November: St Andrew's Meal at The Beehive, Peterborough (to be confirmed)</p>	<p>(No dancing after our St Andrew's meal this year)</p>
<p>Saturday 24 January 2015 at 6 pm at Westgate Church Hall, Peterborough, PE1 1RG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burns' Night • Dancing after supper (haggis to be piped in)
<p>Friday 19 June/Saturday 20 June 2015 at St Mary's Church Hall, Peterborough, PE1 1TT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peterborough SCD Weekend • Fri. Dance; Sat. am classes; Sat. Dance

Committee: Please do let the Committee know if you have any suggestions for our classes. Let us know what you think of the dances on our Core Dance List; you should find that these dances crop up in class or at dances throughout the coming year. Plans are currently being finalised for our **Burns' Night** and **Dance Weekend** in 2015. Another new initiative is the introduction of **afternoon Tea Dances**, beginning on **3 October**; additional possible dates (to be confirmed): **7 November**, **12 December**. We shall keep you informed of all these events – please keep checking your emails!