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Newsletter December 2014



Classes: This term we have been delighted to welcome several new dancers to Tuesday class. Many thanks to our more experienced dancers for the invaluable help they have given to our newcomers.

We have also welcomed Kerry, a qualified RSCDS teacher, who, along with Amanda and James, has been part of the teaching team. Amanda and James lead very busy lives, so we are very grateful to Kerry for being willing to 'bridge the gap'. Many thanks to all three - and also to Maimie and Hazel who have stepped in when needed - for their time, hard work and, above all, patience!

We now have a new starting time for the class: **7.30 pm**. Teaching will continue to begin at this time **for everyone**. There will no longer be a specific time slot devoted to covering the basics; teachers will use their discretion as to how and when steps and formations are taught during the evening.

Our last Tuesday before Christmas will be a social evening on **Tuesday 16 December, 7.30 – 10.15 pm** (please note the later finishing time). Please bring a *small* plate of food to share at the interval. Our charity this year is the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice Appeal: if you would like to donate to this charity instead of/as well as exchanging Christmas cards (*please do not feel that you have to do both*), there will be a collection box available. There will be a two-week break over Christmas: classes begin again on **Tuesday 6 January**.

Advanced Classes: Our first class in 2015 will be on **Thursday 15 January**. (No Advanced Class in December 2014)

Committee: Mike is, unfortunately, not currently dancing and therefore feels unable to continue as Chairman. However, he has agreed to be Chairman in name only and Amanda, as Vice Chairman, has agreed to take on the Chairman's duties until our AGM in May.

Publications: Our press release on Maimie's retirement from teaching (see the August Newsletter) has appeared in the latest edition of 'The Reel'. And in 'The Scottish Country Dancer' magazine, hopefully you will have seen an excellent review of Amanda's Sunday Class Book 1 and also an advert for our Dance Weekend in June 2015 (**application forms now available from Amanda/Sheila**).

(More news, and dates, overleaf)

RSCDS AGM: Our thanks to Amanda for representing Peterborough & District Branch at the RSCDS AGM in Perth at the beginning of November. Good news: there will be no increase in RSCDS subscription fees for 2015-16. Amanda's full AGM report can be read on our website.

St Andrew's Meal: We had a most enjoyable St Andrew's evening: thanks must go to James for booking the restaurant, Amanda for supplying the challenging quizzes, and Maimie for the wonderful poetry recital. If you have any suggestions as to where we might hold this in 2015, please let a member of the Committee know: ideally, we would like a restaurant where we can dance after the meal.

Tea Dances: Our October and November afternoon Tea Dances were very successful; thank you to all dancers who supported these, especially those travelling from further afield. We can now look forward to our Christmas Tea Dance on **12 December** – be sure not to miss this if you are free during the day. Dates for further tea dances are given below.

Dates for Your 2015 Diary

Tuesday classes, 7.30 – 9.45 pm

6, 13, 20, 27 January
3, 10, 17, 24 February
3, 10, 17, 24 March (*No class on 31 March & 7 April*)
14, 21, 28 April
5, 12 (*AGM + dancing*), 19 May

Thursday Advanced Classes, 7.45 – 9.45 pm

15 January
19 February
19 March
16 April

Tea Dances

2 – 5 pm, at Newborough Village Hall, 1 Guntons Road, Newborough PE6 7RT

Friday 13 February, Friday 27 March, Friday 15 May

Burns' Supper Dance: Saturday 24 January 2015

6.00 for 6.30 pm – 10.15 pm at Westgate Church Hall, Peterborough PE1 1RG

- Burns' Supper + dancing to recorded music (programme on website). Haggis to be piped in by Ian Baca
- **Please ensure you are on Amanda's list of those attending by 16 December**
- **Please let Amanda know if you are willing to help with food preparation**
- **Raffle prizes to Sheila in advance please (in aid of Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice Appeal)**

Peterborough SCD Weekend: Friday 19 June/Saturday 20 June 2015

at St Mary's Church Centre, New Road, Peterborough PE1 1TT

- 1) Social dance (music: Ian Slater) on Friday, 7.30 – 10.30 pm; Bring & Share Supper
- 2) Two classes on Saturday, 9.30 am – 1 pm: teachers Graham Donald & Sue Ronald
- 3) Buffet supper at 6 pm on Saturday, followed by Social Dance, 7.30 – 10 pm (musicians: Marion Turnock, David Page, Debbie Hammond)
- Application form from Amanda/Sheila (**places are limited so please apply early**)
- **Book all three events before end of March and receive a £5 discount**

Peterborough & District RSCDS Dance: Saturday 17 October 2015

7 – 10.30 pm, at St John's Hall, Peterborough PE3 6EZ, dancing to Chris Dewhurst

Please keep an eye on our website for further information e.g. cribs/links to dance videos: www.peterboroughscds.org.uk



Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to you all