The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Peterborough & District Branch



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Classes:

Our last Tuesday before Christmas will be a social evening on **Tuesday 15 December**, **7.30 – 10.00 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 Air Ambulance: 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 5 January**.

Advanced Classes: Our first class in 2016 will be on **Thursday 21 January**. (No Advanced Class in December 2015)

Future Events:

Plans for 2016 events are taking shape. Our Burns' Supper will be on Saturday 23 January and the piper has been booked; this was a great evening in 2015 so be sure to reserve your place by giving your name and payment (£12 per person) to Amanda/Sheila before we break up for Christmas. Next year we shall be having **two** dances with one of our favourite musicians, Ian Slater: our Annual Dance in October and a Summer Dance in June. We also hope to arrange classes to coincide with Amanda's Dancing Holiday in Corby in September. These classes and the June dance are instead of the weekend originally planned for 17/18 June, so there is no longer any need to keep these dates free. **However**, **please be sure to enter revised dates – full list given overleaf – in your 2016 diaries**.

We have two special birthdays which happen to fall very close to two of our events, so it would be wonderful if as many dancers as possible could please come along and help us celebrate at our

- **Tea Dance** on **Friday 18 December 2015**, 2 5 pm, Newborough Village Hall PE6 7RT (David's birthday is the day before) There will be cake!
- and at our
 - Summer Dance on Saturday 25 June 2016 (Amanda's birthday is the week before)

As well as our Summer Dance on 25 June 2016, we also have our Demonstration at the Armed Forces Day, 10.35 – 10.55 am, in Peterborough Cathedral Square. Thank you to those Advanced Dancers who have already volunteered to take part: details to follow nearer the time.

Dates for Your 2016 Diary

Tuesday Classes, 7.30 – 9.30 pm (24 May: 7.30 – 10.00 pm) 5, 12, 19, 26 January 2, 9, 16, 23 February 1, 8, 15 March (No dancing 22 and 29 March) 5, 12, 19, 26 April 3, 10 (AGM + dancing), 17, 24 May	Thursday Advanced Classes, 7.30 – 9.30 pm 21 January 18 February 17 March 21 April 19 May
Friday 12 February, 8 April, 20 May 2 – 5 pm, Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT (Last Tea Dance in 2015 on 18 December)	 Afternoon Tea Dances Crib and link to videos on our website
Saturday 24 January 6.00 for 6.30 pm – 10.15 pm at Westgate Church Hall, Peterborough PE1 1RG	 Burns' Supper + dancing (Haggis to be piped in by Ian Baca) £12 per person Please ensure you are on Amanda's list of those attending by 15 December 2015 Please let Amanda know if you are willing to help with food preparation Raffle prizes to Sheila in advance please (Raffle in aid of Air Ambulance)
Saturday 25 June 10.35 am, Cathedral Square, Peterborough	Dancing Dem; Armed Forces Day
7 – 10.30 pm, St John's Church Hall, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough PE3 6EZ	 Peterborough & District RSCDS Summer Dance Ian Slater
Saturday 15 October 7 – 10.30 pm, St John's Church Hall, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough PE3 6EZ	 Peterborough & District RSCDS Annual Dance Ian Slater

Website:

Please visit our website www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk to find cribs and video links for our events. You will also find the Peterborough RSCDS Core Dance List for 2015-16 there (under 'Dance Data') along with a link to cribs and videos of our core dances. And the website 'Area Diary' will tell you all you need to know about dance events organised by other dancing groups in our area.

RSCDS Membership Cards:

Please note that your current RSCDS Membership Card is a permanent one; there is no expiry date and you will therefore no longer be issued with a new card every year. All RSCDS members have been assigned a unique membership number. This number is permanent and is written on your card; it will stay with you for life. You, will, of course, still have to renew membership on an annual basis.

Committee:

We currently have only nine Committee members, as Mike Pagella resigned earlier this year due to ill health. If you would like to have a say in the running of our class and organising dance events, please do consider joining the Committee. We shall need a new Secretary from June 2016. Please let Sheila know if you are at all interested – we need volunteers!