The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Peterborough & District Branch



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AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on *Tuesday 12 May at 7.30 pm*: all class members are encouraged to attend. There will be dancing afterwards, and the evening will be free of charge. Jean Goodman will not be standing for re-election this year; other Committee members are willing to stand again. Would you be interested in becoming a Committee member, or is there someone you would like to nominate? If so, then please let the Committee know by filling out a Proposal Form and submitting it before the AGM if at all possible. However, if nominating someone, please obtain their permission first. Please bear in mind that only members of the RSCDS are entitled to vote and to nominate committee members. All dancers are welcome to stand for Committee, and it would be good to have a representative from our newcomers. Copies of the Agenda and Proposal Forms, along with the Minutes of last year's AGM and the Secretary's Report, will be circulated very soon. In the meantime, please have a think about the following:

Class Time: In 2014 the Tuesday class starting time was changed to 7.30 pm to allow for a 'Covering the Basics' slot at the beginning of the evening for our beginners. Currently the class begins at 7.30 pm and finishes at 9.45 pm for everyone; is this the ideal time for you? Would you prefer to finish at 9.30 pm, or keep the 9.45 pm finishing time and dance easier dances in the last quarter of an hour? We shall be asking for your views at the AGM on 12 May.

Burns' Night/St Andrew's Night: Our very first Burns' Supper Dance on 24 January 2015 was a very successful evening, thanks to the hard work put in by everyone concerned, particularly, of course, by Amanda. Would you like a Burns' Supper Dance in 2016? And if so, should we also continue with our St Andrew's Night meal in November? The Committee would welcome your suggestions with regard to a St Andrew's Night venue: either a restaurant or hall with outside caterers. Please let us have your views and suggestions at, or before, the AGM on 12 May.

Core Dances: At our last AGM a list of Core Dances (put together by our own Committee) was circulated: these are intended to be dances which are familiar to most of us and which we enjoy dancing. Are there dances which you would like to put forward for consideration by Committee to be added to this list, or perhaps there are some which are already on the list and which you do not really enjoy dancing? Suggestions (a maximum of two dances – straightforward ones, nothing complicated) to reach Amanda/James before the next Committee meeting on 11 April please. A revised list of Core Dances will then be circulated at the AGM for final approval by class members.

Publications: If anyone would like to see the **RSCDS Annual Review 2014** booklet or the current copy of **The Reel** (London Branch RSCDS magazine), please let Sheila know.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday classes, 7.30 – 9.45 pm

Thursday Advanced Classes, 7.45 – 9.45 pm

3, 10, 17, 24 March

19 March

(No class on 31 March & 7 April: Happy Easter!)

16 April

14, 21, 28 April

5, **12** (*AGM* + *dancing*), 19 May (Social)

Tea Dances: Friday 27 March, Friday 15 May

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

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

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

Have you signed up for this yet?

- 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
- Raffle prizes to Sheila in advance please (raffle in aid of Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice)



Summer Socials: Tuesday 9 June, Tuesday 21 July, Tuesday 18 August 7.30 – 9.30 pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Peterborough PE1 2SN

Trialling New Dances written by James: Tuesday 30 June, Tuesday 25 August 7.30 – 9.30 pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Peterborough PE1 2SN

Classes re-commence after the summer: Tuesday 8 September 2015