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AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 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.

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.

****This year we shall need someone to take over as Branch Secretary – could this be you?***

Sheila will be stepping down as Branch Secretary, having served in this role for five years, which is the maximum time allowed by our constitution for any Office Bearer's role. The Secretary is, of course, supported by all other Office Bearers and Branch Committee members who help with the running of Peterborough RSCDS. (There is the possibility of having an additional Office Bearer role – that of Membership Secretary – which may help to lessen the load on the Branch Secretary; this will be discussed at our AGM.) Please let us know if you might be willing to be our new Secretary and do ask Sheila if you want to know more about what the role entails.

Copies of the Agenda and Proposal Forms, along with the Minutes of last year's AGM and the Secretary's Report, will be circulated to all Tuesday class dancers very soon.

Peterborough RSCDS Constitution

Along with the AGM papers, you will all also be sent a copy of our Branch Constitution which has recently been revised by James Williams. The revised version will be presented for your approval at the AGM, so please have a look at it before then; any questions on the wording should go to James please. Very many thanks to James for the many hours he has spent on this.

RSCDS Subscription Rates 2016-17

RSCDS Headquarters has informed us that subscription rates for next year will increase as follows: Adult Single £20; Adult Joint £32; Young Adult (18-24 yrs) £16. RSCDS Membership fees are normally collected in at Tuesday class in September, but you may join before then as there are also half-yearly subscription rates.

Dates for Your 2016 Diary

****Please check this list against your diary entries so as not to miss any event!**

Special Birthday Celebration

- On **Saturday 25 June** at our Summer Dance, at St John's Church Hall, 7.00 – 10.30 pm, we shall be celebrating **Amanda's 60th birthday**. We do hope that dancers from other groups will join us and make this a very special occasion.

<p>Tuesday Classes, 7.30 – 9.30 pm (24 May: 7.30 – 10.00 pm) 1, 8, 15 March (No dancing 22 and 29 March) 5, 12, 19, 26 April 3, 10 (AGM + dancing), 17, 24 May</p>	<p>Thursday Advanced Classes, 7.30 – 9.30 pm 17 March 28 April ** Please note change of date! 19 May</p>
<p>Friday 8 April, 20 May 2 – 5 pm, Newborough Village Hall, PE6 7RT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon Tea Dances • Crib and link to videos on our website
<p>Summer Dancing 7.30 – 9.30 pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Peterborough PE1 2SN</p> <p>Summer Socials: All Scottish Country dancers are welcome, but please bear in mind that these sessions are not classes.</p> <p>Trialling dances: These sessions are not suitable for beginners.</p> <p>Dem. dancers only on 21 & 23 June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 June: Trialling dances (with James) • 14 June: Social (practice for 25 June Dance) • 21 & 23 June: Dem. practices (Dem. dancers only) • 5 July: Trialling dances (with James) • 19 July: Social • 2 August: Revisiting dances previously written for local dancers (with James & Amanda) • 16 August: Social
<p>Saturday 25 June 10.35 am, Cathedral Square, Peterborough</p> <p>7 – 10.30 pm, St John's Church Hall, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough PE3 6EZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dancing Dem; Armed Forces Day • Peterborough & District RSCDS Summer Dance • Ian Slater • Raffle in aid of Air Ambulance
<p>Tuesday 6 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes re-commence after summer
<p>Thursday 15 September – please keep this date free (more details to follow)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon classes/evening meal/evening dance • In conjunction with Amanda's September Dancing Holiday to be held at The Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel in Corby.
<p>Saturday 15 October 7 – 10.30 pm, St John's Church Hall, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough PE3 6EZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peterborough & District RSCDS Annual Dance • Branch 35th Anniversary Celebration • Ian Slater