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The objects of the Local Association are:

- To preserve & further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dancing.
- To provide, or assist in providing, special education or instruction in the practice of Scottish Country Dancing.
- To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dancing by any suitable means.
- Generally to do such things as are considered by the Local association to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of objects above stated.

Branch Web Site

We have our own Branch web site www.rscds-perthandperthshire.com giving you new of all Branch activities including dance programmes.

If you have any news to pass on please send it to the Web Master, allanacreighton@btinternet.com

Bells Sports Injury Clinic

This is just a reminder, if you should overdo it dancing, the Branch have again subscribed to the above sports clinic. This is worth thinking about if you suffer from an injury sustained while dancing. You will get access to expert help and there is a slight reduction in the fees for RSCDS Branch members.

Disclaimer

Please note that the Perth & Perthshire Branch of the RSCDS cannot be held responsible for any error in the details provided for any forthcoming events or classes. The editor would appreciate being informed of any changes required for future issues of the newsletter.

Chairman's Letter.

Spot the difference! I hope you like our smart new logo which will now adorn all Branch publicity, correspondence and the website. At RSCDS Headquarters they have been encouraging wider use of the new Society logo and our Committee agreed that adoption would represent a step forward for the Branch. One of the main appeals is that as more Branches adopt this generic logo then the symbol will be recognised universally as representing first and foremost an RSCDS event or activity whether in Helensburgh, Edinburgh or Perth (Australia).

I know that many of you have been enjoying our Spring Classes in Kinnoull and our Summer Dances at the RDM Institute. The classes as usual have been very well supported and the new venue for our summer dancing is certainly generating an excellent atmosphere. In this respect the smaller size of hall certainly helps.

Looking further ahead Autumn Classes will soon be resuming and, in addition, we will be holding two special classes in St. Matthews in October. Further details are inside this issue. A special mention for our teachers—we are indeed fortunate to have in the Branch a number of dedicated teachers prepared to put in the time and effort in running our branch classes. It is up to us as dancers to reap the benefits of their expertise (to the best of our abilities!) and encourage others, both novice and experienced, to come along.

Finally, the accounts for the year 2010/11 have been approved by the Trustees and independently examined by Peter Thomson. Copies will be available at the AGM which is being held on 1st September in Viewlands Primary School. I look forward to seeing you there and please note the start time of **7.45pm**. Anybody who is unable to attend the AGM and who would like a copy of the accounts should contact the Treasurer.

Enjoy your dancing!

John Graham

The Perth Ball

I was pleased to be asked to reflect upon the Perth Ball (April 2011) for it gives me the opportunity to congratulate and thank the Committee for their excellent organisation of another memorable evening of Scottish Country Dancing. On arrival we found our tables attractively decorated and, as we glanced around the room, we spotted dancers whom we recognised from near and far, almost 100 in total. There was an air of anticipation as 'Jim Lindsay and his Band' played the introduction for the first dance; we found our partners and took to the floor! The carefully chosen programme was not too testing but an ever-changing and experienced line-up of MCs ensured that we were well-briefed and able to enjoy each dance and each set to the full.

The tasty buffet mid-way through the evening offered us not only sustenance but also a welcome break from dancing and a chance for further conversation.

The Hangar has proved to be a most suitable venue for this biennial occasion. Its intimacy, coupled with the excellent choice of music by the band and the good company of friendly, smiling dancers, all contributed to a splendid evening, one of the highlights in our dancing year. On behalf of all those who were present, I should like to thank the Committee once again for the time they gave to the planning and preparation for this event.

Fiona Goudie

Society and Branch Membership

I have been looking after our Branch membership for a few years now and it is interesting to find that our numbers, although they have gone down, have not changed too much. When I took over membership 3 years ago we had a total of 178 members including 18 active life members and 15 non-active life members. A number of those on the roll at that time were not paying their fees and after due reminder they were taken off the roll. As to be expected in a group of people a few are no longer with us and some for personal reasons have moved out of the area.

In the year 2010/2011, the last year that complete records are available we had 119 annual, 17 active life and 8 non active life members making a total membership of 144. In addition we have 8 members who are only branch members as they pay there HQ subscription through another branch.

As with all societies in the current economic climate numbers are unfortunately falling but it is gratifying to see so many people still enjoy the friendship that the Society as a whole offers and the camaraderie on the dance floor. The branch subscription is modest and is used for the cost of committee meetings, the planning of functions and, through this newsletter keeping you informed of what is happening in our area.

In the Society as a whole we are the 5th largest branch in Scotland, 8th largest in the UK and 19th largest in the World.

As a final note, subscriptions are now due for the year July 2011 to June 1012 and for those who have not already paid or have only recently paid, a membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please complete it and return it to me at the address on the form as soon as possible. Although I have served my 3 years on the committee and am now standing down it has been agreed that I will be continuing to act as membership secretary.

Brian Park

A note from the Editor

Society Merchandise

Our Branch no longer has a 'shop' as HQ now have one which is available to all members through the web site or by contacting them directly. In order to access the members section of the RSCDS web site you have a user name and password. Access can easily set up by going into the web site, signing in with your user name which is your first name followed by your surname without anything in between eg JohnSmith. Then click on forgotten password. HQ will then send you a temporary pass code so that you can set up your own password. If you have difficulty Brian Park should be able to help.

The future of Highland Gateway

This is the last edition of Highland Gateway that I am producing. I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together over the last 4 years and thank all those who have given me support and have contributed to making it a success. It is now time for someone else to take over. Allana Creighton has kindly agreed to take over publication of the magazine. Please give her your full support and she will I look forward to receiving Branch news and reports on dances for publication. **Please send any contributions for the next issue of the newsletter to Allana Creighton, 1 Mapledene Road, Scone, Perth. PH2 6NX no later than 3 December 2011.**

E-mail: allanacreighton@btinternet.com

Dances from Perthshire

During the October half term the Branch is holding two dances in St Mathews Church Hall, 7.30 to 9.30pm. Admission £4.00 per night.

Friday 14 October Linda Gaul and Lorna Ogilvie will present a selection of dances from Perthshire. Musician: Andrew Nolan.

Friday 21 October Allana Creighton and Anne Duffy will present a further selection of dances from Perthshire. Musician: Robert Mackay

For further information contact Lorna Ogilvie Phone No. 01738 553925.

Day School and Dance 2012

The Day School will be held on Saturday 11 February, 2012 in the Robert Douglas Memorial Institute, Scone with classes in the afternoon, followed by a dance in the evening. Sinclair Barbour, from Thornhill, is returning to take a class during the two afternoon sessions. Sinclair, with his easy manner, sense of humour and experience, is a popular teacher and we are delighted he is coming back to Perth. We are particularly pleased that Janet Johnston, Edinburgh, is coming to join the team and take a step dance class during the second session. Step dancing is a different skill, and if you want to try something other than country dancing, come and join us. Frank Thomson will provide music for Sinclair and Pat Clark will play for Janet.

Frank Thomson and his band will play for the dance in the evening and we hope those who have attended during the day will be joined by other dancers for a fun evening with an excellent programme.

The cost for two classes and the dance is £11.00. Application forms are now available from committee members and should be returned to Linda Gaul.

A Book of Perth Dances

The Branch still has a number of copies of this publication and the accompanying CD. These can be obtained from Allana Creighton at a cost of £5.00 for the book and £12.00 for the CD, bought together they cost £15.00.

Ericht Scottish Country Dance Club

Dancers in the Blairgowrie area may be interested to know that the Ericht Club will be resuming classes on Tuesday the 4th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Following Margaret Young's retirement we are pleased to welcome Carol Bissett as our new class teacher. More information can be found on the website www.erichtdance.co.uk or tel. John Graham on 01250 884315.

Scone Country Dance Class

The Scone Class resume in the RDM Institute for 2011/12 session on Monday 19th September at 7 30pm. New members are welcome.

Taster sessions are being run on 19th and 26th September with no obligation to continue.

For further information contact Anna Brown Tel 01738 551377

Branch Classes 2011/12

Day	Time	Class	Venue	Music/ Teacher
Tuesday 6/9/11 to 6/12/11** and 10/1/12 to 20/3/12	4.00 to 6.00pm	Children's Class from Graded Class Approx 6 yrs	Viewlands Primary School, Oakbank Crescent, Perth	On CD/ Jane Rattray
Monday 5/9/11 to 5/12/11** and 9/1/12 to 19/3/12	7.30 to 9.30pm	Experienced	Gymnasium Viewlands Primary School, Oakbank Crescent, Perth	On CD/ Rhoda Purcell
Tuesday 13/9/11 to 29/11/11 and 10/1/12 to 27/3/12	7.30 to 9.30pm	General Class	Tryst Hall Pitlochry	Linda Gaul
Wednesday 7/9/11 to 7/12/11** and 11/1/12 to 21/3/12	7.00 to 7.30pm 7.30 to 10.00	Beginners General Class	Assembly Hall Oakbank Primary School, Viewlands Road West, Perth	On CD/ Christian Catto
Thursday 8/9/11 to 8/12/11 and 12/1/12 to 22/3/12	2.00 to 3.30pm	Afternoon Class	St Mathews Church Hall, Perth	On CD Ray Farrow

** Excluding School holiday period 10/10/11 to 21/10/11.

Classes cost £3.00 for Branch members and £4.00 for non-members.

The cost for the children's class is £18 per term or £2 per night and the cost for the Thursday afternoon class is £3 for members and £4.00 for non-members.

Please support the classes as they are organised for the membership by the Branch. New members are always welcome.

For further information contact the class coordinator Linda Gaul Tel 01796 472366

Celebrations

Audrey Creighton, Allana's mother, celebrated her 85th birthday at a party at The Hanger, Scone in May.



Donald and Dora Evans celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary at a Ceilidh in the Tryst Pitlochry on 13 August 2011, pictured with Linda and her sister Vicky.



Four Generations of Dancers, Dora with Linda, Grand Daughter in Law Juliet and Great Grand Daughter Zoe



Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 3 September
Pitlochry Town Hall
Band: Glenraig
June Templeman 01796 473488**

**Friday 28 October
Perth A & F Festival Salutation Hotel
Band: I Anderson
Contact: 01738 449430**

**Saturday 17 September
Pitlochry Town Hall
Band: Marion Anderson
Contact: June Templeman
01796 473488**

**Saturday 29 October
Stirling Castle SCDG
Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall
Band: A Ross
M MacKechnie 01786 461275**

**Friday 23 September
Blairgowrie Town Hall
Charity Dance
Band: James Coutts
John Graham 01250 884315**

**Friday 4 November
RSCDS AGM Ball
Kelvin Hall Glasgow
Band: Ian Muir
Contact: 0131 225 3854 for tickets**

**Saturday 1 October
Stirling Castle SCDG
Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall
Band: James Coutts
M MacKechnie 01786 461275**

**Saturday 5 November
RSCDS AGM Dance
Kelvin Hall Glasgow
Band: Lothian
Contact: 0131 225 3854 for tickets**

Saturday 15 October
Stirling Castle SCDG
Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall
Band: M Phillips
M MacKechnie 01786 461275

Saturday 12 November
Stirling Castle SCDG
Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall
Band: I Thomson
M MacKechnie 01786 461275

Friday 28 October
Red Cross Charity Dance
Cupar Corn Exchange
Band: S Warrender
Jonathan Wilson 01334 475274

Saturday 26 November
Stirling Castle SCDG
Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall
Band: G Shand
M MacKechnie 01786 461275

Local Clubs, Classes & Groups

Aberfeldy SCD Class

Meets Tuesday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
In Aberfeldy Town Hall
Contact: Betty Kinnear Tel: 01887 820124

Bankfoot SCD Group

Meets Monday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
In the Church Hall, Bankfoot.
Contact: Jane Rattray Tel: 01738 828510

Blaigowrie SCD Club

Meets Wednesday at 7.30pm
In the Town Hall, Blaigowrie
Contact: Maurice Archibald Tel: 01250 873341

Braco SCD Club

Meets Tuesday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
In Braco Hall
Contact: Charles Robertson Tel: 01786 880208

Coupar Angus SCD Club

Meets Thursday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
In Coupar Angus Town Hall
Contact: John MacBean Tel 01738 621124

Coupar Angus AEA SCD Club

Meets Thursday from 7.00 to 9.00pm
In Coupar Angus School
Contact: A McKinlay Tel: 01828 627040

Craigie Church SCD Club

Meets Monday From 7.30 to 9.30pm
In Craigie Church Hall, Perth
Contact: Anne Duffy Tel: 01738 620895

Crieff SCD Club

Meets Tuesday from 7.30 pm
In the British Legion Club Rooms, Perth Road,
Contact Joan Anderson Tel: 01764 653356

Ericht SCD Club

Beginners & General Class on Tuesday at
7.00 in Blaigowrie Town Hall
Contact John Graham
Tel: 01250 884315

Gleneagles SCD Club

Meets Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
In Gask Church Hall, Findo Gask
Contact: Gordon MacBean 01764 660193

Kinross SCD Club

Meets Wednesday from Oct to March
7.30 to 9.30 pm in Milnathort Town Hall
Contact: Jennifer Wallace Tel: 01577 863855

Kirkmichael SCD Group

Meets Monday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
In the Blackwater Hall
Contact:

Moulin SCD Club

Meets 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursdays from 7.30 pm
In Moulin Hall, Pitlochry
Contact: June Templeman: Tel 01796 473488

Perth SCD Club

Meets Tuesday at Kinnoull Church Hall
Class 7.30 to 8.15 followed by Social Dancing
8.30 to 10.00pm Visitors welcome
Contact: Dorothy Reid Tel: 01738 635009

St Madoes SCD Group

Meets Tuesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
In St Madoes Community Centre, Glencarse
Contact: Jean Coyle Tel: 01738 860477

St Mathews SCD Class

Meets Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
In St Mathew's Church Hall, Tay St, Perth
Contact: Allana Creighton Tel: 01738 551148

Scone SCD Club

Meets Monday from 7.30 to 10.00pm
In The Robert Douglas Memorial Institute,
Scone
Contact: Anna Brown Tel: 01738 551377

Comrie SCD Club

Meets on a Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
Contact: Wendy Duthie Tel: 01764 679717

