

Newsletter of the Perth & Perthshire Branch of the
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Chairman's Remarks

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Good New Year. The regular winter classes have been well attended so far and will continue until March.

The Wednesday evening class, taught by Christian Catto, is now settled in St. Leonard's in the Fields Church hall, which has an excellent floor and ambience.

Rae Farrow's Thursday afternoon class in St Matthew's goes from strength to strength.

Rhoda Purcell's Thursday evening class, in Viewlands School, is well established, but for two evenings had to move to the Methodist Church in Scott Street, when the school was unavailable. This proved to be such a good venue that a Christmas Party was held there as well.

Jane Rattray works very hard in her children's class on Tuesday and has a dedicated core of enthusiasts, but finds it hard to recruit new dancers.

Linda Gaul has an affiliated class which is long established in Pitlochry on Tuesdays. Linda now serves on the Management Board of the RSCDS and is the official representative for our Branch. I am sure we all wish her success in her committee work.

The committee is currently organising the return of the "Trifle Dance". This used to take place in January, but lost its way in a series of bad weather winters. The Ericht Club has agreed to take on its traditional role of trifle making and the branch members will hopefully supply savoury finger foods (or trifles if the fancy takes you). The charity has not yet been decided but will be 'Parkinson's Disease UK Perth Support Group'. The date is Friday 13th of April, in Blairgowrie Town Hall, and the band is the very excellent James Coutts. We hope that this dance will run alternate years with the Ball.

We are all looking forward to the Spring Classes and Summer Dances in Scone once again with a mix of top bands and teachers.

I would like to wish you all good dancing in 2018.

Rod Purcell

RSCDS AGM.

Once more the AGM took place in Bell's Sports Centre.

The Friday night dance programme was chosen by New Zealand and the music was by Scott Band and his band who were truly superb (how could he possibly do anything else?), and the icing on the cake was the wonderful lady double bass player.

There were society and music forums as well as a class on Saturday morning, the HQ Shop and James Seniors Shop. The actual AGM was the shortest on record with no change to subscriptions. This year the society scrolls were presented before the Ball and one went to Marilyn Healy for her work mainly at HQ on the Formations Index and on Archives.



Before the Ball the Provost asked to meet some of the Perth & Perthshire Branch committee members . You get a good view of (l to r) Rhoda Purcell, Jane Rattray, Christopher Smith and Sue James. The backs of heads belong to Betty Blair, Wanda Rodger and myself. In the background are two former society and branch chairs Jim Healy and Linda Gaul.

On Saturday Colin Dewar's band provided the music for the Clackmananshire Ball programme, which was very good.

The AGM programmes often include some less often danced older dances. I am so used to rather tricky modern dances that flow, and had some problems with the older dances where joining up seemingly simple movements can be sometimes quite challenging.

Sunday morning saw the weekend finishing with David Queen's class in the Sports Hall.

I forgot to mention the innovation of a ceilidh on Friday night running concurrently with the dance. This was well supported by about 100 dancers and was an attempt to pull some dancers into the RSCDS influence and hopefully soften our image. I think it must be heralded as a success.

Although numbers are dropping at the AGM there were over 500 dancers each night and a small core of younger dancers to carry the flag.

I look forward to next year in Perth again. Hope to see you there.

Message From the Secretary

Christopher Smith has brought to our notice that HQ has recommended a new branch constitution. It is not very different from the old one, but there are a few minor changes. These will need to be aired and discussed at a future AGM. Hopefully this will not be too problematic – something for us all to look forward to!

Programme for “Trifle Dance” 13/APR/2018

Joie de Vivre, Swiss Lassie, Anna Holden’s Strathspey, Kelloholm Jig, Countess of Dunmore’s Reel, St Columba’s Strathspey, 192 Miles Home, Sands of Morar, Plantation Reel. // The Shetland Shepherdess, Scott Meikle, The Moray Rant, Major Ian Stewart, Ramadance, The City of Belfast, Mrs Stewart’s Jig, MacDonald of Keppoch, Mairi’s Wedding.

Extras: Follow Me Home, Duke of Perth.

Thanks to Jane Rattray for the programme.

Branch Scholarships

The Branch is offering scholarships to Branch members who are interested in taking either the teaching certificate Part 1 or Part 2. This will be a contribution towards the costs subject to confirmation that the candidate will be willing to teach and/or MC for the Branch on successful completion of the teaching qualification. To express an interest or to find out more please contact the Secretary Christopher Smith on 01738 443568 or email cjs110@yahoo.co.uk

Primary School Accreditation Programme

This is for primary schools to learn Scottish Country Dances at BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD levels. The scheme can be used in conjunction with '*Jigs & Reels*'; a book of dances which includes 2 CDs and a DVD, and links in directly with the Curriculum for Excellence.

More details are available on the RSCDS website www.rscds.org.uk

SPRING CLASSES AND SUMMER DANCING 2018

The branch is planning to repeat the normal summer programme in the RDM Institute in Scone, with the usual mix of great teachers, musicians and bands.

Keep your Tuesday evenings free in May, June, July and August.



Here are some of the dancers enjoying Sandy Nixon's band. Although we ask for a three piece band he came with 5, and a reserve ! What a great sound they made.



Branch Winter Classes

Day	Time	Class	Venue	Teacher	Music	Cost
Tuesdays	4.00-6.00	Children's Class 9 Jan - 27 March	Oakbank Community Centre PERTH	Jane Rattray Contact: 01738 828510	CDs	£25 per term or £2.50 per night
Tuesdays	7.30-9.30	General Class	Tryst Hall PITLOCHRY	Linda Gaul		£2.00 for Branch members and £2.50 for non members
Wednesdays	7.00 7.30-9.30	Beginners/Improvers General Class 10 Jan - 28 March	St Leonards' in the Fields Church Hall Marshall Place PERTH	Christian Catto	CDs	£4 for Branch members and £5 for non-members
Thursdays	2.00-3.30	General Class 11 Jan – 29 March	St Matthew's Church Hall Tay St PERTH	Rae Farrow	CDs	£3.00 per class
Thursdays	7.30-9.30	Experienced Dancers 11 Jan - 8 March (No class Feb15)	Viewlands Primary School Gym PERTH	Rhoda Purcell Contact: 01738 550418	CDs	£4 for Branch members and £5 for non-members

Information on any of the Branch classes and activities can be found on the website

www.rscds-perthandperthshire.com

SCD Events in Scotland Diary is now being hosted on the RSCDS Dundee website

<http://www.rscds-dundee.org.uk/index.php/scd-events-scotland>

Please send information to : Kate Dalrymple strathspey@hotmail.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

	TOWN	EVENT	MUSIC	ORGANISER	VENUE	CONTACT	PHONE
Sat 3/2	Bridge of Allan	Dance	A Ross	Stirling Castle SCDC	Parish Church	Janet Johnstone	0131 337 4197
Fri 16/2	Cupar	Valentine's Dance	S Warrender	St Andrews RSCDS	Old Parish Rooms	J Wilson	01334 475 274
Fri 16/2	Blairgowrie	Annual Dance	M Anderson	Ericht SCDC	Town Hall	Jan McHugh	01250 870 975
Sat 17/2	Bridge of Allan	Dance	Jim Lindsay	Stirling Castle SCDC	Parish Church	Janet Johnstone	0131 337 4197
Sun 18/2	Pitlochry	Winter School	Various	RSCDS HQ	Atholl Palace Hotel	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854
Fri 2/3	Blairgowrie	Dance	Jim Lindsay	Blairgowrie SCDC	Town Hall	J Cameron	01250 873 272
Sat 3/3	Glenrothes	88 th Ball	Marian Anderson	RSCDS Kirkaldy	Rothes Hall	Ian McCrae	01592 569 795
Sat 3/3	Bridge of Allan	Dance	N McLaren	Stirling Castle SCDC	Parish Church	Janet Johnstone	0131 337 0193
Fri 9/3	Forfar	Annual Dance	Jim Lindsay	RSCDS Forfar	Reid Hall	Sheena Lesslie	
Sat 17/3	Bridge of Allan	Dance	M Anderson	Stirling Castle SCDC	Parish Church	Janet Johnstone	0131 337 0193
Sat 31/3	Bridge of Allan	End of Season Dance	C Dewar	Stirling Castle SCDC	Parish Church	Janet Johnstone	0131 337 0193
Fri 13/4	Blairgowrie	Trifle Dance (charity)	James Coutts	Perth & Perthshire RSCDS	Town Hall	Christopher Smith	01738 443568
W/E 20/4 + 21/4	Glasgow	Spring Fling	Various	RSCDS HQ	Various	RSCDS HQ	0131225 3854
W/E 21/4	Aberdeen	Day school & Dance	N Copland	RSCDS Aberdeen	Robert Gordon's	Lynn Wood	01224 636 128

Saturday Afternoon Dancing in Scone

Great way to spend a winter afternoon at the RDM Institute.

All dances called. Tea with home baking. Raffle

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. 27th Jan, 10th Feb, 24th Feb.

Weekend of Dance in Blairgowrie Town Hall by Ericht SCDC Advance Notice.

Friday	26/10/2018	7.30	Ceilidh with Alba Ceilidh Band
Saturday	27/10/2018	10 -12 noon	Guided Walk Autumn Colours Around Blairgowrie
		2 - 4	Class Teacher John Wilkinson Music Jim Lindsay
		7.30	Dance to Jim Lindsay and his Band

Future Ericht Dance Dates in Blairgowrie Town Hall

11th	May	Mathew McLennan
6th	July	Nicol McLaren
17th	August	James Coutts
21st	September	Frank Thomson

Useful Information

Bells Sports Injury Clinic

The Branch has again subscribed to the Bells Sports Injury Clinic so if you sustain an injury through dancing then consider attending the clinic where you will get expert help. There is a slight reduction in the fees for RSCDS Branch members

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 reduced price of £8.00 for the book and CD.

Branch Award Scheme

You are reminded that nominations for Branch awards should be submitted to the Secretary by 30 May. The form can be downloaded from our website.

Administration

Committee 2016/17

Chairman	Rod Purcell	Vice Chairman	Wanda Rodger
Secretary	Christopher Smith	Treasurer	David Carswell
Membership Secretary	Rhoda Purcell	Website	Hazel Ryan
Newsletter	Vacant	Youth Co-ordinator	Jane Rattray
Members	Jean Dewar, Susan Black, Sue James, Ethel Keay,		Betty McRae
Contact Details:	Christopher Smith	e-mail:	cjs110@yahoo.co.uk

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.

A gentle reminder that membership for the year 2018/ 2019 becomes due on 1st July, when forms will be available at Branch functions, on the website, from a member of the committee or from the membership secretary:

(Rhoda Purcell, 85 David Douglas Ave, Scone, Perth, PH2 6QQ)

Disclaimer

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

Newsletter compiled by Rod Purcell , to whom any relevant articles or information may be sent at:-
rod.purcell@btopenworld.com

Other local clubs, classes and groups

Aberfeldy SCD Class

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

Bankfoot SCD Group

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

Blairgowrie SCD Club

Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
Town Hall, Blairgowrie
Starts 27 September 2017
Contact: Janice Cameron Tel: 01250
873272

Braco SCD Club

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

Comrie SCD Club

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

Coupar Angus AEA SCD Club

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

Coupar Angus SCD Club

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

Craigie Church SCD Club

Monday From 7.30 to 9.30pm
Craigie Church Hall, Perth
Contact: D Amphlett Tel: 01821 641404

Crieff SCD Club

Tuesday from 7.30 pm
British Legion Club Rooms, Perth Rd
Contact Joan Anderson Tel: 01764 653356

Ericht SCD Club

Tuesday
General Class 7.30 to 9.30pm
Blairgowrie Town Hall
Contact Jan McHugh Tel: 01250 870975

Gleneagles SCD Club

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

Kinross SCD Club

Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
Milnathort Town Hall
Contact: Helen Payne Tel: 01577 861349

Kirkmichael SCD Group

Monday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
Blackwater Hall
Contact: Pat Simpson Tel: 01250 881403

Moulin SCD Club

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

Perth SCD Club

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

Scone SCD Club

Monday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
Robert Douglas Memorial Institute,
Contact: Helen Flatley : 01738 561676

Scone Churches SCD Club

Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30pm
Scone New Church Hall
Contact:

St Matthews SCD Class

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