

Chairman's Remarks

I hope that you have all had a busy winter season of dancing. As well as all of the various autumn/winter classes, I'm sure Christmas dances and Burn's Night celebrations will also have been well to the fore and enjoyed by all who attended.

The next big event on the branch calendar is the Perth Ball on the 10th of April. This is the fourth Perth Ball and the ball committee have been working hard to ensure it will be as great a success as the past three were. If you haven't already ordered your tickets, don't delay as numbers are limited.

Following that, we will very quickly be in to the Spring classes and Summer dances. Details of these are on page 3 of this magazine.

This is an important year for us, as it is the 90th Anniversary of the Perth and Perthshire branch. Plans are in place to celebrate this with a dance in the Robert Douglas Memorial Hall, Scone on Friday the 27th November. Please make a note of the date in your diaries as I'm sure it will be an event not to be missed.

Enjoy your dancing!

Liz Hamilton
(Chairman)

Next Issue

Please send any contributions for the next issue of the newsletter to Allana by 24 August 2015.
E-mail: allanacreighton@btinternet.com

Branch Web Site

If you have any items for the Branch web site www.rscds-perthandperthshire.com please send them to allanacreighton@btinternet.com

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

Are you interested in taking your Teaching Certificate?

Edinburgh Branch is planning a Unit 2 and 3 courses. This will run over four or five weekends in April/May 2015 with the exam in late May/early June. The tutors will be Elizabeth Harry and Atsuko Clement. To register your interest, email classes@rscdsedinburgh.org or phone +44(0) 7041 323155.

Perth Ball

The fourth Perth Ball will be held on Friday 10th April 2015 in the Station Hotel Perth. Music will be provided by Jim Lindsay and tickets are £26. Application forms are available from Pat Fraser email patriciafraser@btinternet.com

Dancing Achievement Award

These awards, at Intermediate, Advanced and Very Advanced levels, are intended for dancers who wish to improve their standard of dancing and to have that achievement recognised. The dancers must attend a training session/s of a minimum of 5 hours. Dancers must learn the set dances and other formations not included in those dances. This can be done at Summer School or locally by a Branch. The cost of the assessment is £20 (£16 for those under 25). All the details of the syllabus and assessment procedures are available on the RSCDS website www.rscds.org.uk

Teachers' Association Scotland (TAS)

TAS was set up with the following aims:-

- a. To foster the continuing development of SCD teachers.
- b. To provide workshops on the theory and pedagogy of teaching SCD.
- c. To provide a forum for teachers to meet, exchange ideas and share experiences.
- d. To assist in promoting SCD amongst non-dancers and excellence in dance for those intending to train teams for festival work.
- e. To develop support structures for new teachers,
- f. To keep a database of qualified teachers.
- g. To provide a newsletter to improve communications between teachers of SCD.

Membership fee is £5 and the Group is open to all teachers of Scottish country dancing. The website www.countrydanceteachersofscotland.org.uk will give you more information.

Branch Spring Classes

Our series of Spring Classes will again be held on Tuesday evenings during May and June in the RDM Institute Abbey Road Scone. The classes cost £4 including refreshments.

This is an opportunity to learn new dances and/or revise some dances from the Summer Dance programmes. As usual we have a variety of teachers and musicians for these sessions which provide added interest. Please come along as you will be made very welcome. Teachers and musicians may be subject to change.

Day	Time	Venue	Teacher	Musician
5 May 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Christian Catto	Frank Thomson
12 May 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Fiona Mackie	Jim Lindsay
19 May 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Jane Rattray	David Oswald
26 May 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Linda Gaul	Frank Thomson
2 June 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Allana Creighton	James Coutts
9 June 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Margaret Breckenridge	Nicol McLaren
16 June 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	June Templeman	Jim Lindsay
23 June 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Rae Farrow	David Oswald
30 June 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Rhoda Purcell	Jim Lindsay

Summer Dancing Season

The Summer Dancing season returns to the Robert Douglas Memorial Institute in Scone every Tuesday in July and August from 7.30pm -10.30pm. The dances cost £6.00 including refreshments. Come along and enjoy a different band each week. Programmes will be on the web site www.rscds-perthandperthshire.com when available. Bands and MCs may be subject to change.

Day	Time	Venue	Band	MC
7 July 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Frank Thomson	Linda Gaul
14 July 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Marian Anderson	Christian Catto
21 July 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	James Coutts	Allana Creighton
28 July 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Matthew MacLennan	Rhoda Purcell
4 August 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Sandy Nixon	June Templeman
11 August 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	David Oswald	Rae Farrow
18 August 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Nicol McLaren	Margaret Breckenridge
25 August 2015	7.30pm	RDM Institute Scone	Jim Lindsay	Jane Rattray

Here is Rod the Branch Treasurer, and Helen a local dancer, joining Frank Thomson's Band.



Interview with Rod Purcell

- **When and where did you start Scottish Country Dancing?**

Always liked dancing and did usual Ceilidh and simple dances at school in Uddingston and Hamilton. When we moved to England for work in 1980 we were going to try Ballroom but noticed in newspaper the inaugural meeting of Peterborough RSCDS; which we attended. Went to first dance 2 months later, did about half but were completely hooked.

- **Have you attended any dance events that you have particularly enjoyed?**

Leeds festival with 40 sets dancing outside in the afternoon and many more in the refectory at night. Amazed at ~700 dancers in Bell's at our first Perth AGM.

- **What involvement have you had with the RSCDS, both at Branch level and at HQ?**

Never had any HQ ambitions. Have served on branch committees and organized mass dancing at Expo Steam (Peterborough) and been Rhoda's support and bag carrier.

- **Do you have a favourite dance?**

Falls of Rogie- it just seems to work. I still get a buzz out of any well timed strathspey - I am not really sure why that is.

- **What would you like Perth Branch to do to encourage more dancers to join?**

I wonder if we had a young (teens/ twenties) teacher and could set up a class for young people, if that would get a new generation interested.

- **What other interests do you have outside dancing?**

I played the violin 20 years ago for a couple of years and have been having lessons for the last 2 years and have now started Grade V. I have even persuaded my teacher to use some Scott Skinner music. The grand children are great fun. I really enjoy cooking and unfortunately really enjoy eating.

Rod Purcell

Dancing Shoes

Margaret Young can order classic ballet shoes, red, black or pink £6.50 up to size 5 ½; £8.00 for size 6 and above, plus postage if necessary.

She also has lovely tartan shoe bags for sale. £15 plus £2.50 post and packing.

Margaret can be contacted on 01250 875086 or email morarcrafts@talktalk.net

News from HQ

- The Dance Index has now been updated to December 2014 and includes all RSCDS dances up to and including Book 48, Graded Book 3 and The Imperial 1-3.
- A PDF version of the manual is available from the RSCDS shop.
- Standard Terminology has been updated at February 2015 and is available to download.
- Summer School dates are from 26th July to 23rd August 2015
- Think about entering the RSCDS T-Shirt Design Competition 2015. There are two categories and two winners; the competition is open to all, with a special category for under 12s where the winning design will be printed onto children's t-shirts. The winners will each receive a £25 shop voucher to be redeemed in the RSCDS shop in person or over the phone, a free t-shirt with their winning design and acknowledgement on the website and through social media. Closing date is 29th May 2015.

Go to the website www.rscds.org for more information on all of the above.

Other Local Clubs, Classes & Groups

Aberfeldy SCD Class

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

Bankfoot SCD Group

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

Blairgowrie SCD Club

Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
In the Town Hall, Blairgowrie
Contact: Janice Cameron Tel: 01250 873272

Braco SCD Club

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

Coupar Angus SCD Club

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

Coupar Angus AEA SCD Club

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

Craigie Church SCD Club

Monday From 7.30 to 9.30pm
In Craigie Church Hall, Perth
Contact:

Crieff SCD Club

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

Ericht SCD Club

General Class on Tuesday at
7.30 to 9.30pm in Blairgowrie Town Hall
6 Jan to 24 March 2015
Contact Jan McHugh Tel: 01250 870975

Gleneagles SCD Club

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

Kinross SCD Club

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

Kirkmichael SCD Group

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

Moulin SCD Club

2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursdays from 7.30 pm
In 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

St Matthews SCD Class

Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm
In St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St, Perth
Contact: Allana Creighton Tel: 01738 51148

Scone SCD Club

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

Comrie SCD Club

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

Forthcoming Events

DATE	TOWN	EVENT	BAND	ORGANISER	VENUE	CONTACT	PHONE
Fri 06/03	BLAIRGOWRIE	Annual Dance	J Lindsay	Blairgowrie SCD Club	Town Hall	Marie Cormack	01250 875 449
Mon 16/03	STIRLING	Dance	A Ross	Martice SCD Club	The Albert Hall	M. McCann	01786 473 544
Fri 20/03	FORFAR	Annual Dance	M Anderson	RSCDS Forfar	Reid Hall	Maggie Crouch	01307 468 747
Fri 20/03	BRACO	Spring Dance	C Dewar	Ardoch SCD Group	Village Hall	Angus Maciver	07801 951 508
Sat 21/03	DUNDEE	Festival Dance	J Lindsay	RSCDS Dundee	Morgan Academy	George Watt	01382 642 131
Sat 21/03	BRIDGE ALLAN	Dance	N McLaren	Stirling Castle SCDC	Parish Church Hall	Janet Johnston	0131 337 0193
Sun 22/03	DUNBLANE	Sunday Studio	Recorded	RSCDS Stirling	Victoria Hall	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Tue 24/03	PERTH	Dance	F Thomson	Perth SCD Club	Kinnoull Church Hall	Dorothy Reid	01738 635 009
Fri 27/03	CARNOUSTIE	Charity Dance	C Dewar	Tom & Anna Wilson	Leisure Centre	Tom Wilson	01241 851 422
Fri 27/03	BRIDGE EARN	Ceilidh Dance	S Carcary	.	The Institute	Steven Carcary	01738 813 997
Sat 28/03	ST ANDREWS	Day School (T)	R Mackay	RSCDS St Andrews	Town Hall	J. Wilson	01334 475 274
Sat 28/03	ST ANDREWS	Branch Dance	SWarrender	RSCDS St Andrews	Town Hall	J. Wilson	01334 475 274
Mon 30/03	STIRLING	Dance	J Coutts	Martice SCD Club	The Albert Hall	M. McCann	01786 473 544
Fri 10/04	PERTH (T)	Annual Ball (T)	J Lindsay	RSCDS Perth & Shire	Station Hotel	Pat Fraser	01250 873 577
Fri 10/04	CARNOUSTIE	Spring Dance	D Anderson	Carnoustie SCD Club	Beach Hall	June Smith	01241 854 418
Sat 11/04	PITLOCHRY	TAS Workshop (T)	M Johnstone	T.A.S.	Tryst Hall	Peter Clark	01387 269 171
Mon 13/04	STIRLING	E o S Dance	N McLaren	Martice SCD Club	The Albert Hall	M. McCann	01786 473 544
Sat 18/04	CRIEFF	Annual Dance	D Cunningham	Crieff CD Club	Morrison's Academy	Joan Anderson	01764 653 356
Wed 22/4	PERTH	50 th Anniversary Dance	J Coutts	St Matthew's Church SCD Class	Church Hall Tay St Perth	Allana Creighton	01738 551148
Fri 24/04	COMRIE	Annual Dance	C Dewar	Comrie CD Class	White Church Hall	Wendy Duthie	01764 679 717

DATE	TOWN	EVENT	BAND	ORGANISER	VENUE	CONTACT	PHONE
Sat 25/04	COUPAR ANGUS	Spring Dance	J Lindsay	Coupar Angus SCDC	Town Hall	Sandra Jack	01828 628 218
Sat 09/05	DUNDEE (T)	90th Anni. Ball	N McLaren	RSCDS Dundee	Bonar Hall	George Watt	01382 642 131
Fri 15/05	BLAIRGOWRIE	Summer Dance	L Brady	Ericht SCD Club	Town Hall	Jan McHugh	01250 870 975
Sat 30/05	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	D Oswald	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church Hall	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Mon 01/06	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Mon 08/06	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Sat 13/06	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	N McLaren	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church Hall	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Sat 13/06	EDINBURGH	Summer Dance	TBA	Dunedin Dancers	TBA	John Nuttall	0131 447 4117
Mon 15/06	BROUGHTY FERRY	Summer Dance	F Thomson	RSCDS Dundee	St Stephen's & West	George Watt	01382 642 131
Mon 15/06	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Sat 20/06	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	C Dewar	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Mon 22/06	BROUGHTY FERRY	Summer Dance	N Copland	RSCDS Dundee	St Stephen's & West	George Watt	01382 642 131
Sat 27/06	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	J Lindsay	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church H.	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Mon 29/06	BROUGHTY FERRY	Summer Dance	SWarrender	RSCDS Dundee	St Stephen's & West	George Watt	01382 642 131
Mon 29/06	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Sat 04/07	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	Glencraig	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Mon 06/07	BROUGHTY FERRY	Summer Dance	D Anderson	RSCDS Dundee	St Stephen's & West	George Watt	01382 642 131
Mon 06/07	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Wed 08/07	CARNOUSTIE	Summer Dancing	M Anderson	Carnoustie SCD Club	Beach Hall	June Smith	01241 854 418

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Fri 10/07	BLAIRGOWRIE	Summer Dance	S Simpson	Ericht SCD Club	Town Hall	Jan McHugh	01250 870 975
Sat 11/07	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	F Thomson	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church H.	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Mon 13/07	BROUGHTY FERRY	Summer Dance	L Weir	RSCDS Dundee	St Stephen's & West	George Watt	01382 642 131
Mon 13/07	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Wed 15/07	CARNOUSTIE	Summer Dancing	F Thomson	Carnoustie SCD Club	Beach Hall	June Smith	01241 854 418
Sat 18/07	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	F Thomson	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Mon 20/07	BROUGHTY FERRY	Summer Dance	C Dewar	RSCDS Dundee	St Stephen's & West	George Watt	01382 642 131
Mon 20/07	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Wed 22/07	CARNOUSTIE	Summer Dancing	J Coutts	Carnoustie SCD Club	Beach Hall	June Smith	01241 854 418
Sat 25/07	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	J Coutts	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church Hall	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Sun 26/07	ST ANDREWS	SS Wk 1. (T)	Various	RSCDS HQ	University Hall	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854
Mon 27/07	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Tue 28/07	ST ANDREWS	Branch Dance	L Brady	RSCDS St Andrews	Town Hall	J. Wilson	01334 475 274
Wed 29/07	CARNOUSTIE	Summer Dancing	M Anderson	Carnoustie SCD Club	Beach Hall	June Smith	01241 854 418
Sat 01/08	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	A MacLeod	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Sun 02/08	ST ANDREWS	SS Wk 2. (T)	Various	RSCDS HQ	University Hall	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854
Sun 02/08	ST ANDREWS	Music Course (T)	Various	RSCDS HQ	University Hall	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854
Sun 02/08	ST ANDREWS	Family Week (T)	Various	RSCDS HQ	University Hall	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854

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Mon 03/08	EDINBURGH	Outdoor Dancing	TBA	Gardens SC Dancers	Ross Bandstand	Margaret Burns	0131 661 1768
Tue 04/08	ST ANDREWS	Branch Dance	J Coutts	RSCDS St Andrews	Town Hall	J. Wilson	01334 475 274
Wed 05/08	CARNOUSTIE	Summer Dancing	J Lindsay	Carnoustie SCD Club	Beach Hall	June Smith	01241 854 418
Sat 08/08	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	M Anderson	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church H.	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Sun 09/08	ST ANDREWS	SS Wk 3. (T)	Various	RSCDS HQ	University Hall	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854
Tue 11/08	ST ANDREWS	Branch Dance	J Lindsay	RSCDS St Andrews	Boys Brigade Hall	J. Wilson	01334 475 274
Sat 15/08	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	D Oswald	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Sun 16/08	ST ANDREWS	SS Wk 4. (T)	Various	RSCDS HQ	University Hall	RSCDS HQ	0131 225 3854
Tue 18/08	ST ANDREWS	Branch Dance	N Galloway	RSCDS St Andrews	Town Hall	J. Wilson	01334 475 274
Fri 21/08	BLAIRGOWRIE	Summer Dance	J Lindsay	Ericht SCD Club	Town Hall	Jan McHugh	01250 870 975
Sat 22/08	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	C Dewar	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church H.	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Sat 29/08	BROXBURN	TAS Workshop (T)	TBA	T.A.S.	TBC	Peter Clark	01387 269 171
Sat 29/08	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	M Anderson	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Fri 04/09	ARBROATH	Charity Dance	F Thomson	Round O SCDC	TBC	George Watt	01382 642 131
Sat 05/09	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	M Anderson	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church Hall	Jane Balman	01786 822 853
Fri 18/09	BLAIRGOWRIE	Charity Dance	d Cunningham	Ericht SCD Club	Town Hall	Jan McHugh	01250 870 975
Sat 19/09	PITLOCHRY	Summer Dancing	C Dewar	June Templeman	Town Hall	June Templeman	01796 473 488
Sat 26/09	BRIDGE ALLAN	Summer Dance	N McLaren	RSCDS Stirling	Parish Church Hall	Jane Balman	01786 822 853

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

Suggestion Box

A 'suggestion box' has been set up to allow members to put forward suggestions to the committee for consideration. If you have any suggestions you wish to share then please send them to the Secretary either by e-mail or by post.

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 £3.00 for the book and £10.00 for the CD.

Branch Award Scheme

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

Administration

Committee 2014/15

Chairman	Liz Hamilton	Vice Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Christopher Smith	Treasurer	Rod Purcell
Membership Secretary	Brian Park	Website/Newsletter	Allana Creighton
Youth Co-ordinator	Jane Rattray		
Members	Betty Blair, Margaret Breckenridge, Anna Brown, David Carswell, Keith Evans, Pat Fraser, Wanda Rodger		

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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.

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.