

Newsletter of the Perth & Perthshire Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

When I first joined the Branch Committee as a relatively green but, nonetheless enthusiastic dancer I met an equally enthusiastic, but far more experienced, dancer/teacher called Jane Rattray. Jane was always supportive and keen to promote Scottish Country Dancing. She inspired dancers of all ages and across many different classes and areas where she tirelessly gave of herself to support others. I was a Committee Member when she was Chair of the Branch and was glad of her knowledge and experience when she was a Committee Member and I was Chair of the Branch. We will all miss her deeply.

Jane would have wished the dancing to continue whatever the circumstances therefore we head once more into our season of Summer Dances, following a successful run of Spring Classes, each with their own musician and teacher/MC. Details on the website and programme attached.

The Winter classes have continued to be popular attracting dancers both old and new. Our thanks to Fiona, Judith and Rae for leading us through the "dark nights".

In April the Branch held a Charity Dance in aid of Cornhill MacMillan Ward, Perth Royal Infirmary which raised £500.00. Can I thank all those who contributed to making the event so successful, in particular the makers of the trifles. The Branch looks forward to working with Erich SCDC in running another event in two years' time.

Can I also give a "hip hooray" shout for one of our Branch Committee Members, Tess Deiss, who tied the knot in June and became Mrs McNaught. We all wish Tess and Ally the very best for the future. Pre-wedding the Wednesday and Thursday classes contributed to a gift for the happy couple. In addition Rhoda Purcell devised a dance called "Ready for Take Off" (Ally being a pilot) and Mo Rutherford composed a tune to go with the dance entitled "Flying High". Pictures of the presentations are on the Branch website.

Our AGM will be on 3/9/2024 at 7.00pm at the RDMI in Scone. We are always looking for volunteers to join the Committee and if you want a chat about what is involved then please speak to any of the Committee members. After the main business of the AGM there will be an opportunity for those attending to choose the dance which will become the Branch Centenary Dance. Details later on in the HG.

Can I thank the Branch Committee for their ongoing, often behind the scenes, work and to Rod Purcell for pulling together another edition of the HG.

Finally, can I wish all our Branch members a wonderful summer; hopefully enlivened by a bit, or indeed quite a lot, of Scottish country dancing.

Christopher Smith

Branch Centenary Dance

Avid readers of the HG will recall that last year the Branch Committee put out a call for members to devise a dance which would be included in the Centenary Ball next April. Having waited patiently in the hope that our devisers would be spurred into action I am pleased to report that several dances have been submitted. These will be considered by the Committee and the lucky ones will be taught/danced after the AGM in September. Members attending will then be able to vote on which dance should become the Branch centenary reel/jig/strathspey with the title “The Perth and Perthshire Centenary Jig/Reel/Strathspey” as appropriate. Thanks to all those who contributed a dance.

Dance Deviser Reflections

In the run up to the Branch centenary celebrations the Branch Committee thought it would be worthwhile celebrating some of the many dances which have been devised by Branch members. Over the next few editions of ‘Highland Gateway’ we hope to include some reflections of our local devisors on their dances.

In this edition Allana Creighton reflects on the “Newburgh Jig”, Janet Macdonald on “Dancing in Perthshire” and Carol Bissett on “Perth Reels for Real”

NEWBURGH JIG

Netta Berry, who taught the Newburgh SCD Class, was celebrating her 70th birthday and I was invited to her party and asked to MC the programme of dances. As a surprise I decided to write a dance for the evening and Netta and the class seemed to like it. When the RSCDS put out a call for dances for Book 48 I submitted it, with Netta’s permission, and was very pleased when it was accepted for publication.

Graham Berry then wrote the music and named it ‘Ballinbreich’ after the farm where his late father Jim was brought up.

Allana Creighton

DANCING IN PERTSHIRE

I devised Dancing in Perthshire as a way of acknowledging the welcome my husband John and I received from dancers in the Branch when we moved to Auchterarder in 2017. They are always friendly and willing to ask you to dance, even if they don't know you. You have hardly sat down after a dance before someone is inviting you to partner them for the next dance!!

When we were hunting for a property to buy in the area, we visited lots of different places, but many of them were miles up a B road and I wasn't too sure about going places on my own in the dark up and down narrow country roads. Then we happened upon Auchterarder, a lovely wee town but only a mile or so from the A9 and so our move to Perthshire was sealed.

I like 4 couple strathspeys and therefore devised this as a 4 x 32 bar dance. Hopefully not too difficult to get the hang of it but pleasant to dance.

The first sixteen bars of the dance reflect all those narrow winding country roads that lots of people have to travel along in order to meet up at a dance. Bars 17 - 24 represent meeting different people, the warm welcome we received on moving to the area and everyone's willingness to invite you to dance. The last 8 bars are all about everyone enjoying the dance.

Originally the dance did not have its own tune. However, at the classes which were held in Scone to go through the dances in the book, I was in the same set as Mo Rutherford when we were doing 'Dancing in Perthshire'. At the end of the dance she turned to me and asked if I had a tune for it, to which I said "No". She then told me she had enjoyed doing the dance and asked if she could write a tune for it. I was overwhelmed by her gesture and delighted to accept her offer. A few years ago my husband John and I were walking along a street in the centre of Perth and met Mo coming out of a greengrocer's shop clutching one carrot. John teased her about only buying one carrot (Mo's reasoning was she only needed one carrot to cook dinner that evening so why buy more!) and nicknamed her "One Carrot Mo", a name which he still calls her!! Hence my gift of a Kevin the Carrot soft toy (in his kilt) who now sits on Mo's piano and it is lovely to see him enjoying Mo's playing and our dancing.

Janet Macdonald

PERTH REELS FOR REAL

During the pandemic the Perth and Perthshire Branch asked members to devise a dance which would be used as part of their 95th Anniversary celebration. I decided to accept the challenge and devised the dance “Perth Reels for Real “ The ideal when devising any dance would be to have 6 or 8 willing dancers who would walk the dance and let you change things once you saw how it worked out in practice. However, during a pandemic is not the best time to expect people to get together to help you out!

I chose the name because we were really missing our dancing at that time and thought we would rather be “reeling“ together instead of “reeling “ from the restrictions enforced by the pandemic . Hence “Reeling for Real “

The formations in the dance included reels in promenade hold - getting back together. Set and link - linking up again with dancing friends. Circle - bring everyone back together.

I did not choose any specific music to accompany the instructions. We are so fortunate in Perthshire to have so many excellent bands who would choose an appropriate set of 4 x 32 reels.

You always hope people will enjoy dances you choose for a class or social dance but you feel very anxious if it involves a dance which you have devised. My option is not to mention I devised it!

I totally admire people who devise dances regularly and they must feel proud to see them on dance programmes not only in Scotland but possibly all over the world.

Carol Bisset

More Branch Events This Year.

AGM Tuesday 3/9/24 After the AGM Mo Rutherford will play for the five dances that have been submitted for the Centenary Dance Competition. Members will be able to dance them and vote for the winner.

Dance Around the World On Saturday the 23rd November will mark one year from the RSCDS Centenary, and dancers from around the globe will dance dances from around the globe. The branch will join this worldwide celebration by holding a dance, with Jim Lindsay playing, at RDMI in the afternoon from 2pm until 5pm. Programme as below

Shetland Shepherdess J8, Castle in the Air R8, Oriel Strathspey S4, The Laird of Milton's Daughter J8, From Scotia's Shores we're noo awa' S8, Streets of Milan J8, Dancing in the Street R4.

Antartica Bound J4, Cadgers in the Canongate R8, Cape Town Wedding S8, A Trip to the Drakensberg J8, Swiss Lassie R8, The Swan and the Tay S3 and The Homecoming Dance R4

Please come and feel connected to the world - and have fun!

Christmas Dance. Many dancers have missed the very popular dance that used to take place in Coupar Angus between Christmas and New Year.

RDMI Scone has been booked for Friday 27/12/24. James Coutts and his band will be playing. Come and dance off the Christmas Pudding and get fit for 2025.

Branch Autumn Classes 2024

<u>Tuesdays</u> 10/9/24-11/12/24	General Class 7.30 to 9.30 Members £2	Tryst Hall, Pitlochry, PH16 5EB Teacher Linda Gaul Non members £2.50
<u>Wednesdays</u> 11/9/24-11/12/24	General Class 7.00 to 8.00 7.30 to 9.00 Refreshers £2	Perth Methodist Church, PH2 8JN Refresher's class with revision of formations and easy dances. General class Teacher Fiona Goudie Non members £5
<u>Thursdays</u> 12/9/24-12/12/24	General Class 2.00 to 3.30 Members £3.50	St Matthews Church Hall, PH1 5LQ Teacher Rae Farrow Non members £4.00
<u>Thursdays</u> 12/9/24-12/12/24	Experienced Dancers 7.30 to 9.30 Members £4	Perth Methodist Church, PH2 8JN Teacher Judith Borup Non members £5

Administration

Committee 2023-2024

Chairman	Christopher Smith	Vice Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary	Rod Purcell	Treasurer	Allana Creighton
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Disclaimer

Please note that RSCDS Perth & Perthshire Branch cannot be held responsible for any error in the details provided for forthcoming events or classes.

Please inform the editor of any changes required for future issues of the newsletter.

Please send any corrections, class information or articles to be included in the Highland Gateway to

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www.rscds-perthandperthshire.com

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

For all other enquiries contact Rod at
perthscds@gmail.com

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.

SPRING CLASSES and SUMMER DANCES**Tuesdays at 7:30****Robert Douglas Memorial Institute****102 Abbey Road, Scone, PH2 6RU****Spring classes: May / June £5****Summer classes: July / August £8****Reg. Scottish Charity No. SC024464****SPRING CLASSES 2024**

07 May: Frank Thomson / Deb Lees

14 May: Neil Copland / Rae Farrow

21 May: David Oswald / Carol Bisset

28 May: Ewan Galloway / Fiona Goudie

4 June: Jim Lindsay / Judith Borup

11 June: James Coutts / June Templeman

18 June: Marian Anderson / Allana Creighton

25 June: Steven Carcary / Linda Magill

SUMMER DANCES 2024**2 JULY Marian Anderson / Allana Creighton**

Hooper's Jig	J	MMM
The Spring Fling Reel	R	50-1
The Munro Rant	S	MMM
A Glasgow Welcome	J	Bootland
Toast to the Mousies	R	53-13
The Golden Years	S	48-3
Maxwell's Rant	R	18-10
Auld Friends Meet	S	Goldring
Seton's Ceilidh Band	J	53-13

The Lass of Richmond Hill	R	Grad 2-22
Miss Hadden's Reel	J	23-5
The Rose of the North	S	Goldring
Muirland Willie	J	21-9
The Silver Strathspey	S	44-3
The Tri-Mariner	R	48-8
The Extra Day	J	Frost
Bonnie Galloway	S	53-5
Da Rain Dancin'	R	30 Pop

9 JULY Neil Copland / Rae Farrow

Good Hearted Glasgow	J	Collins
City of Stirling Reel	R	Book 53
Portincaple Oak	M/R	Book 53
Farewell to Balfour Road	J	Book 52
Milton's Welcome	R	Book 33
Linnea's Strathspey	S	Book 47
First Rain of Spring	J	Book 49
Water of Leith	S	Edin 90 Ann
Maxwell's Rant	R	Book 18

Laird of Milton's Daughter	J	Book 22
Duke of Perth	R	Book 1
Gang the Same Gate	S	Book 36
Farewell to Crumlin	J	Book 32
Festival Fling	R	Book 44
Minister on the Loch	S	30 Pop Vol. 2
Sunshine and Sweeties Jig	J	Book 48
The Swan and the Tay	S	Perth 800
The Highland Rambler	R	30 Pop Vol. 2

16 JULY Frank Thomson / Deb Lees

EH3 7AF	J	Book 40
The Clansman	R	Book 32
Barbara's Strathspey	S	Book 46
The Weathercock	J	2nd Graded Book
Inverneill House	R	Book 35
Drumelzier	S	Blair
The Markinch Mars		
Bar King	J	In Honour of vol 1
Bruce's Men	S	Scotia Suite
Round Reel of Eight	R	Book 27

Berwick Johnnie	J	Graded Book
The Reverend John		
McFarlane	R	Book 37
Something in the Air	S	Book 53
John Cass	J	Book 49
Mrs MacLeod	R	Book 6
Johnnie Walker	M	The Whisky Coll.
The Sailor	R	Book 24
The Swan and the Tay	S	Perth 800 leaflet
Mrs McPherson of Inveran	R	Guide to SCD

All cribs and our other events available on our website:

<https://www.rscdspertthandperthshire.com/classes-dances-events/>**ALL DANCES WILL BE CALLED****PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP**

23 JULY James Coutts / June Templeman

The Hollin Buss	J	Book 24
Let's Have a Ceilidh	R	Gl. Assembly
Lady Peak's Strathspey	S	Greenburn 2
The Dandelion Picker	R	Ian Barbour
Campbeltown Loch	J	Ormskirk 1
Dagmar's Fancy	S	Mainhattan
Jennifer's Jig	J	Book 53
Chasing the Eclipse	S	Highland Rd
The Galloping Carousel	J	Book 53
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	J	Book 16
The Meeting of the Waters	R	Book 53
The Moray Rant	S	Silver City Bk
The Dancing Master	J	Donside Bk
Bratach Bana	R	Bon Accord
Cherrybank Gardens	S	Bankhead 1
Uppies and Doonies	J	Roy Clowes
Indian River Strathspey	S	G. Senyk
Mairi's Wedding	R	J. B. Cosh

30 JULY Ewan Galloway / Fiona Goudie

Happy Returns	R	MMMI
Welcome to Ayr	J	Book 47
Mathilde is a Delight	S	Book 50
The Piper and the Penguin	R	Scotia
Alan J. Smith	J	Book 45
Wisp of Thistle	S	Book 37
College Hornpipe	R	Book 20
Ysobel	S	Book 53
Fingask Castle	J	Glasgow 90
Tribute to the Borders	J	Lft
City of Stirling Reel	R	Book 53
Wild Rose of the Mountain	S	Olaffson
Luckenbooth Brooch	J	Book 53
Black Mountain Reel	R	3 Carnforth
The Paisley Weavers	S	3rd Graded
Haste to the Wedding	J	Book 25
Macdonald of Keppoch	S/R	Book 49
The Countess of Elgin	R	Dunferm. 90

6 AUGUST Steven Carcary / Linda Magill

Hooper's Jig	J	MMM
Reel of the Royal Scots	R	Leaflet 27
Linnea's Strathspey	S	Book 47
Ravens Dance	J	Carnforth 5
Sueno's Stone	R	4 for 2008
Garry Strathspey	S	Cosh
Jim Johnstone's Reel	R	Goldring
Minister on the Loch	S	4 for 2008
Royal Deeside Railway	R	Book 40
The Ruby Rant	R	Book 49
White Heather Jig	J	30 Pop
The Birks of Invermay	S	Book 16
Major Ian Stuart	J	Book 35
Rodney's Rant	J	QE Diamond
The Water of Leith	S	Edin 90 Ann
The Ladies of Dunse	R	Book 26
Gardeners Fantasia	S	Book 46
Laird of Milton's Daughter	R	Book 22

13 AUGUST David Oswald / Carol Bisset

Highland Rambler	R	Goldring
Chased Lovers	J	Book 53
Duchess Tree	S	Drewry
We've Nae Electric	R	Banff Bk
The Scallywag	J	Book 52
Garry Strathspey	S	Cosh
The Nurseryman	J	Book 37
Wind on Loch Fyne	S	Dunedin 1
Findlater Castle	R	Banff Bk
The Committee Meeting	R	Ann Dix
Edmonton Snowball 1	J	Edmonton
Farewell to Benbecula	S	McCuish
Dancing in the Street	R	Book 42
I.P.F.T.A.	J	30 Pop
The Moray Rant	S	Silver City Bk
The Falls of Rogie	R	Attwood
The Orchards of Co. Armagh	S	Book 53
The Luckenbooth Brooch	J	Book 53

20 AUGUST Jim Lindsay / Judith Borup

EH3 7AF	J	Book 40
The Spring Fling Reel	R	Book 50
Aging Gracefully	S	Book 47
Major Ian Stewart	J	Book 35
The Reel of the Puffins	R	Dunedin 5
Kilkenny Castle	S	Craiglevar 2
Lochalsh Reel	R	Book 53
The Moray Rant	S	Silver City Bk
Speirs Bruce (The Pole Star)	J	Scotia Suite
Pelorous Jack	J	Book 41
Macdonald of Keppoch	M	Book 49
Bratach Bana	R	Drewry
Midsummer Common	S	Book 49
Black Black Oil	J	Drewry
The Falls of Rogie	R	Attwood
Cherrybank Gardens	S	Drewry
Maxwell's Rant	R	Book 18
Highland Rambler	R	Goldring

27 AUGUST Sandy Nixon / M. Breckenridge

The Grassmarket Reel	R	Lft
Napier's Index	J	Book 45
Rose of the North	S	Goldring
A Reel for Alice	R	Goldring
Tribute to the Borders	J	Lft
The Water of Leith	S	Edin 90 Ann
The Castle of Mey	R	D. Jub. Bk.
Sugar Candie	S	Book 26
Scott Meikle	R	Book 46
Hooper's Jig	J	MMM 2
S-Locomotion	S	Book 41
City of Preston Reel	R	Ribble V Bk
The Newburgh Jig	J	Book 48
Bruce's Men	S	Scotia Book
Catch the Wind	R	Book 45
The Silver Grey	S	Goldring
Sunshine and Sweetie's Jig	J	Book 48
Mairi's Wedding	R	Cosh

Other Local Clubs and Groups

Aberfeldy SCD Class	Aberfeldy Town Hall	Tuesday	7.15 to 9.15
Auchterarder AAEA SCD Class	Auchterarder Parish Church AAEA 07597 600163	Tuesday Term time only	7.00 to 9.00
Bankfoot SCD Group	Church Hall Bankfoot	Monday	7.00 to 9.00
Blairgowrie SCD Club	William St. Hall (Life Plus Ch.) Janice Cameron	Wednesday 01250 873272	7.30 to 9.30
Comrie SCD Club	White Church Comrie Wendy Duthie	Wednesday 01764 679717	7.00 to 9.00
Coupar Angus Ceilidh DC	St Anne's Church Hall Tracy Thom	Wednesday tracy.oram@btinternet.com	7.00 to 9.00
Coupar Angus SCD Club	St Anne's Church Hall Sandra Pullar	Thursday sandrapullar@btinternet.com	7.30 to 9.30
Craigie Church SCD Group	Craigie Church Hall Di Amphlett	Monday 01821 641404	7.30 to 9.30
Creiff SCD Club	British Legion Club Rooms Joan Anderson	Tuesday 01764 653356	7.30
Ericht SCD Club	Blairgowrie Town Hall Alan Thom	Tuesday (Beginners/Improvers 7 to 8.30) erichtdance@gmail.com	7.30 to 9.30
Errol SCD Club	St Madoes Community Hall Margaret McManamon	Tuesdays 01821 642774	7.30 to 9.30
Moulin SCD Club	Moulin Hall Pitlochry June Templeman	2nd,3rd & 4th Thursday 01796 473488	7.30
Scone SCD Club	RDM Institute Scone Helen Flatley	Monday 01738 561676	1.30 to 3.30
Scone Churches SCD Club	New Church Hall Scone Audrey Cooper	Thursday 01738 551053	7.30 to 9.30
St Matthews SCD Class	St Matthews Ch. Hall Perth Allana Creighton	Wednesday 01738 551148	7.30 to 9.30

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2023/24

Date	Event	Place	Venue	Band	Organiser	Contact	
02 Jul	Dance	Alva	Cochrane Hall	Nicol McLaren	RSCDS Clackmannanshire	Lesley Ross	Rscds.clackmannanshire@sky.com. 01324 559793
05 Jul	Dance	Blairgowrie	Town Hall	Sandy Nixon	Ericht SCDC	Alan Thom	erichtdance@gmail.com 01828628747
06 Jul	Dance	Br. Of Allan	Parish Church Hall	David Oswald	RSCDS Stirling	Jane Balman	jcbalman@hotmail.com 01786822853
10 Jul	Dance 7pm	Dunfermline	Abbeyview Com Centre KY11 4AH	Ewan Galloway	RSCDS Dunfermline		summer.24@rscds-dline.org.uk
13 Jul	Dance	Pitlochry	Town Hall	June Templeman			jaydat16@gmail.com
14 Jul-11 Aug	Summer School	St Andrews	Various	Various	RSCDS HQ		info@rscds.org
18 Jul	Dance	Alva	Cochrane Hall	James Coutts	RSCDS Clackmannanshire	Lesley Ross	Rscds.clackmannanshire@sky.com. 01324 559793
20 Jul	Dance	Br. of Allan	Parish Church Hall	M Anderson	RSCDS Stirling	Jane Balman	jcbalman@hotmail.com 01786822853
24 Jul	Dance 7 pm	Dunfermline	Abbeyview Com Centre KY11 4AH	David Anderson	RSCDS Dunfermline		summer.24@rscds-dline.org.uk
25 Jul	Dance	Alva	Cochrane Hall	Neil Copland	RSCDS Clackmannanshire	Lesley Ross	Rscds.clackmannanshire@sky.com. 01324 559793
27 Jul	Dance	Pitlochry	Town Hall	Jim Lindsay	June Templeman		jaydat16@gmail.com
01 Aug	Dance	Alva	Cochrane Hall	Scott Band	RSCDS Clackmannanshire	Lesley Ross	Rscds.clackmannanshire@sky.com. 01324 559793
03 Aug	Dance	Br. Of Allan	Parish Church Hall	J Lindsay	RSCDS Stirling	Jane Balman	jcbalman@hotmail.com 01786822853
07 Aug	Dance 7 pm	Dunfermline	Abbeyview Com Centre KY11 4AH	Mathew McLennan	RSCDS Dunfermline		summer.24@rscds-dline.org.uk
10 Aug	Dance	Pitlochry	Town Hall	David Oswald	June Templeman		jaydat16@gmail.com
16 Aug	Dance	Blairgowrie	Town Hall	Frank Thomson	Ericht SCDC	Alan Thom	erichtdance@gmail.com 01828628747

Please note that all dances start at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated

OTHER DANCE EVENTS

Pitlochry

24 August Dance to Marian Anderson
7 Sept. Dance to Frank Thomson

Bridge of Allan

17 August Dance to Nicol McLaren
31 August Dance to Frank Thomson
14 Sept Dance to James Coutts

Alva

15 August Dance to Sandy Nixon
22 August Dance to Frank Thomson

Dunfermline

21 August Dance to P. Jones

Blairgowrie

20 Sept. Dance to James Coutts (Charity Dance)
18-19 Oct. *Weekend of Dance*. Ceilidh on 18th with Alba Ceilidh Band, Afternoon School with Garry Coull and Jim Lindsay; and Dance with Jim at night - enquiries@blairgowrietownhall
23 Nov Dance Around the World-Blairgowrie Town Hall 7.30 CDs, Raffle and Refreshments. Contributions and profits to Blairgowrie and District Freedom Coach.

A full list of SCD events can be found at www.scotdancediary@gmail.com

Branch Award Scheme

You are reminded that nominations for Branch awards should be submitted to the Secretary

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 Rod Purcell at perthscds@gmail.com

Perth 95th Anniversary Book

If anyone would like a printed copy of this book of dances, devised by Branch Members, it is available from Allana Creighton for only £2.50.

A very nice group of dances, some with music, and well worth having.

allanacreighton@btinternet.com

A PERTH BOOK OF 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 together.

Additional help for dancers and teachers from RSCDS

The Jigs & Reels and **Dance Trad** packs have instructions for popular Scottish country dances and ceilidh dances. A DVD showing the dances performed and CDs providing the music are also included in the packs. Both packs are available from the RSCDS shop. You can also download the schools resources leaflet for ideas on curriculum links and further information.

Start Dancing. The RSCDS Country Dance Teachers Association of Scotland (TAS) has produced an excellent new book to aid teaching of SCD to all ages from scratch. It can be obtained from RSCDS Shop and there is also music as a CD or Download.

The Primary Schools Accreditation Programme allows classes to work towards Bronze, Silver or Gold badges and the Medal Tests Programme allows children to work towards individual medals.

If you would like your dancing assessed then think about the **Dancing Achievement Awards**. This scheme is for adults and there are three levels available; Intermediate, Advanced and Very Advanced. More information is available on the RSCDS website.

There are now 3 levels of teacher training:-

Basic SCD Teaching Skills is a course for those who are already leading or about to lead a group but don't want to sit the RSCDS exams.

Core Training for Instructors is the newest programme and is still under development but you can register your interest at 'ent@rscds.org'.

The Teaching Certificate Units 1 to 5 are still available.

More information on all three qualifications is available in the Teacher Training section of the RSCDS website.



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Annual Subscription for the year 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Dear All

Spring classes again have been a great success, and what fantastic attendances we have had so far, hopefully this will continue in the dances through the summer.

In April this year we held our Trifle Dance in Blairgowrie with the assistance of the Ericht SDC and this turned out to be as popular as it had been in the past. A delicious array of trifles were provided by Ericht members and superb music by David Oswald. Proceeds from the evening are going to the Cornhill Macmillan Centre PRI. We hope to continue this event in alternate years to our Perth Ball.

Your Committee have been busy organising other events in the coming months.

After our AGM on **Tuesday 3rd September** we are going to trial the new dances compiled by some of our members, and everyone attending will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite dance. Mo Rutherford will be playing for us.

On the afternoon of **Saturday 23rd November** we are going to celebrate the Dance Around the World day. The RSCDS have compiled a programme with an international theme and we will include these dances in our programme. Our musician for the afternoon will be Jim Lindsay.

On the evening of **Friday 27th December** we are reinstating the End of Year Dance held in the past by the Coupar Angus Club, and James Coutts and his band will play for us on that evening.

As you all will know it will be our Centenary Year in 2025. On **Saturday 22nd February 2025** in the afternoon there will be a Centenary Celebration Dance when David Oswald and his band will be our musicians.

All of the above events will be held in the **RDMI in Scone**.

Don't forget our Centenary Ball on **Friday 4th April 2025**, when Jim Lindsay and his band will provide the music.

Best Wishes,
Janice.

Invitation to renew

Please advise me of any changes to your contact details. If they are the same, tick the box for that. You can pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer (BACS).

If paying by BACS you do not need to return a form, but give your name as reference, and **please** send me an email so that I can update the record and acknowledge receipt.

New members

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Please complete the payment slip. To comply with GDPR you are required to indicate whether you are happy for us to use your details to send you information related to dancing and the RSCDS. **Please choose whether you receive that information by email or by post by ticking the relevant boxes * () and also, very importantly, sign the form.**

As all members receive a permanent membership card, from now on these will only be issued to new members. I can let you know your membership number, if you have mislaid it.

- Donations to the Branch from Life Members are appreciated.
- The cost of postage has increased significantly over recent years and we have been able to absorb this by distributing *Highland Gateway* to many members electronically.
- If you have an e-mail address and are happy to receive *Highland Gateway* as an e-mail attachment, please indicate on your Membership Form.
- Members who do not have e-mail will continue to receive the newsletter by post.

Yours sincerely

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RSCDS Perth and Perthshire Branch**Subscription 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025*****Name(s) (BLOCK CAPITALS):**

Membership Number

*If details of address and email are the same as before please tick ()****Address (New Member or change of address)*****E-mail address:****I understand that this information will be retained by the Branch and shared with RSCDS HQ for the purpose of administering my RSCDS membership, and to receive dancing information*****Please tick one**

Email ()

Post ()

Signature:**Date:**

Only one copy of the RSCDS magazine and the Branch newsletter 'Highland Gateway' will be sent to each household.

*** Please tick ONE**

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Category	Code	HQ Subscription	Branch Subscription	Total Subscription	Tick One Only
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Adult Joint (both 25+)	AJ	£45.00	£12.00	£57.00	
Youth (12 -17)	Y	£14.00	Nil	£14.00	
Young Adult (18 – 24)	YA	£22.00	£6.00	£28.00	
**Adult Single (Half year)	HY	£14.00	£6.00	£20.00	
*** Associate Member (Branch only)	AM	_____	£6.00	£6.00	
Life Member Donation	LD	_____		_____	

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*** Full membership must be through another branch, or HQ, or you must be a Life Member.

If applying for this category please name the other RSCDS branch or state Life Member on the line below.

I am a full member ofBranch.

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