

## RSCDS Wirral Branch Classes

### Prenton - Tuesday evenings

St Stephen's Church Hall, Prenton Lane,  
Birkenhead, CH42 8LA

Social Class: 7.00 – 9.00 pm

### West Kirby - Wednesday evenings

West Kirby United Reformed Church Hall,  
Meols Drive, West Kirby (near to Aldi),  
CH48 5DA

Beginners Class: 7.00 – 8.00 pm

General Class 8.00 – 9.45pm

## Class Dates

### Summer Term 2024 (12 weeks)

Start: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**NO CLASSES 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May**

End: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## Class Fees & Subscriptions

Fees for the Summer Term will be:

Tuesday **OR** Wednesday Class: £40.00

Beginners Class £20.00

Each additional class per week: £ 3.00

Occasional visitors: £5.00 per class  
(maximum three classes per term), no  
maximum for the summer term, as other  
societies do not dance then.

Annual subscriptions to the Branch and  
RSCDS will be due in the autumn.  
Wirral Branch Membership will be £3 for  
the year 2024-2025.

Annual subscriptions to RSCDS have been  
increased. They will be subsidised by the  
Branch and will be:

Adult single - £28, subsidised to **£18**

Two adults at same address - £45  
subsidised to **£25**.

To ensure financial stability, it is vital that  
Branch Membership and class fees are paid  
promptly, in advance, or at the first class of the  
term. Members can pay by cheque - made  
payable to *RSCDS Wirral Branch* or by bank  
transfer to *The Royal Scottish Country Dance  
Society RSCDS - WIRRAL BRANCH*  
Sort Code 20-50-36; Account No 10768391

### *Class*

### *Teacher*

Tuesday Social Class  
(Prenton)

Hilary Letts &  
Helen Trattles

Wednesday (West Kirby)

Beginners Class followed  
by General Class

Hilary Letts &  
Helen Trattles



**Your  
Committee  
Needs You!!**

Our **AGM**, will be held in  
Penton at

**7pm Tuesday**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

*The committee needs new  
members & officers.*

*We urgently need a Branch Secretary. This is not a secretarial job as Hilary looks after the meeting minutes. The Secretary is an officer of the branch and a signatory for finances. They receive mail and general enquiries and plan the meeting agenda with the chairman. Please talk to Diana Dainton for more details.*

### **Money Matters**

At the AGM in May, I will present my final accounts for 2023-24, our first year running three classes. The full details will be available to everyone and you will have the opportunity for questions.

I have recently spent time with Sue Powell sharing my experiences of looking after the branch finances for the last seven years. She has kindly agreed to stand for election to Branch Treasurer at the AGM.

The class fees have been maintained at £20 for beginners and £40 for general and social classes with an additional £3 per extra class.

Happy Easter  
Maxine Slade

### **Donation to Hospice St John's**

We decided not to give each other Christmas cards this year and opted for a collection for a charity. We were able to donate £85 to Hospice St. John's.



### **Well Done on Wednesdays**

A big Well Done to all you Beginners and more experienced dancers who have been coming to the class at 7pm on Wednesdays.

We really enjoy teaching such enthusiastic dancers. It is a delight to see how well each and every one of you are doing with your steps and your skills. You are all getting more confident and growing in experience.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back in the Summer term when we'll learn new dances leading up to our Summer Dance in June to which we hope many of you will come and enjoy!

Helen & Hilary

## *Summer Dance Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024*

*Our Summer dance is always held on the first Saturday in June. So this year it will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The tickets cost £8 which is great value for an evening of dancing and a delicious, light supper.*

*If you haven't come to one of our dances before and wonder whether it is for you do have a chat to any Branch member who will be happy to explain the evening.*

*The venue for our Summer Dance is St. Stephen's Church Hall in Prenton. The full address is Prenton Lane, Birkenhead CH42 8LA. This is where we hold our Tuesday Social Dance Classes. The attraction of St Stephen's is that it has a sprung floor which makes for a lovely dancing experience. There is a car park at the Hall and plenty of on street parking.*

*Starting at 7.30 we do eight or nine dances to recorded music before we stop for supper. The dances are a mix of easy to a little trickier. To help dancers know just how tricky we have a thistle system for marking dances. One thistle shows the dance is pretty simple and straightforward with familiar formations. Two thistles show the dance is the next level up so if you are fairly new to dancing it's a good idea to have a partner for the dance who knows the dance. Three thistles show a bit of a challenge, ideally for those who have been dancing a while. If you are a newer dancer these are good fun to watch. At our classes leading up to the Summer Dance we will have a go at the dances on the programme. On the night we do at least one walkthrough of each dance so that everyone is reminded of how the dance goes.*



*We break for about 45 minutes for supper and a cup of tea or coffee and then continue with seven or eight more dances. The evening finishes with Auld Lang Syne.*

*It is very usual to feel a bit nervous before a dance, especially if you haven't been to many but .....it is also very normal for dancers to finish the evening feeling delighted with the experience and pleased they came.*

*Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor, Hilary*

