



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

Intermediate Class: 8.00 - 8.30 pm

General Class 8.00 - 9.45pm

Class Dates

Autumn Term 2026 (12 weeks)

Start: Tuesday 15th September 2026

Wednesday 16th September 2026

**NO CLASSES 27th & 28th
OCTOBER**

End: Tuesday 8th December 2026

Wednesday 9th December 2026

Class

Teachers

Tuesday

David Haynes

All classes on

Hilary Letts &

Wednesday

Helen Trattles

Class Fees & Subscriptions

Fees for the Autumn Term will be:

Beginners & Intermediate Class: £20

General **OR** Social Class: £40.00

Each additional class per week: £ 3.00

Branch Annual Subscription £3.00

RSCDS HQ Annual Subscriptions 2026/27

Single £15

Couple £22

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

**Total to pay this term including annual
Branch and Headquarters subscriptions:**

Beginners & Intermediate classes: £38

General or Social classes: £58

Couples for one class: £105

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

Saturday 6th June, Strawberries & Summer Dance

Following the success of our previous afternoon dances, we held our summer dance at St.Stephen's Prenton. With 31 dancers we were able to have three sets of four couples and a set of three for most of the dances. Our thistle grading system worked well and our less experienced dancers were able to join in the one thistle and some became very bold and joined in the two thistles. This was all helped of course by Hilary and Helen's excellent teaching over several weeks prior to the dance which helped us all. We enjoyed our strawberries and cream and Kath Roache's delicious shortbread.

We had been a little concerned about the numbers as the ticket sales and interest was very poor up to just a week before the dance. However, after asking around our own members, my apologies for aggressive selling tactics, and Alison and I sending some reminder emails and ringing our friends in other groups, we had a last minute rush. E mails and phone calls came in for tickets right up to and including the Saturday morning and four members from Chester arrived on the door and they were made very welcome.



It was a lovely afternoon and our thanks must go to Hilary for being our excellent M.C and Helen for organising and preparing the dances. Thanks to everybody who helped with the refreshments and setting up the hall and of course our members and visitors from other societies.

Pete

World Cup Wheech

I was asked to run a ceilidh again this year for the year 5 and 6 pupils at Avalon School as their end of year celebration. We all had a great time with the highlight being learning the World Cup Wheech. Pupils in Scottish Primary Schools had been asked to devise a ceilidh dance to celebrate Scotland being in the World Cup for the first time in 28 years and so The World Cup Wheech was created. As the ceilidh at Avalon was happening during the run up to the World Cup it seemed only right to include this new dance and the pupils really enjoyed it especially the four bars when one dancer circles their partner showing them a red card with the guilty dancer responding in dismay.

Hilary



We're Not In It Yet...

...Oh but you are!

The standing couple, when it's a three-couple dance in a four couple set, have a number of things to do while waiting for their turn. The most obvious way to be of help is to keep the shape of the set by standing in place on the sidelines maintaining the straight lines.

Watching the other dancers with interest adds to the feeling of the set being a little team all helping each other to have the best time. A couple standing at the bottom of the set watching the others with interest and appreciation really helps the vibe. They increase the chance of other dancers getting the most from the three or four minutes of working together to create something as a group.

Your turn matters to you and it matters to the rest of the set too. Being ready for and joining in with a 'big circle' at the end is a highlight that is a shame to miss and a delight to catch.

Enjoy being in it! Hilary

Liverpool RSCDS Tea Dance has become a regular and very enjoyable fixture in the dance calendar. This year was a special event as Liverpool Branch were celebrating their 75th Anniversary. The programme was appropriately a selection of much loved dances such as Muirland Willie and City of Belfast. And as usual the afternoon tea of sandwiches and dainty cakes was a treat.



Dates for your diary

St Andrew's Dance Saturday 28th Nov 2026 2.30-5.30

Visitors' Night Tuesday 9th Feb 2027 7 - 9.30pm

Summer Dance Saturday 5th June 2027 2-5 pm

Spring Term (10 weeks)

Start Tues 5th/Weds 6th Jan

Half Term Tues 16th/Weds 17 th Feb

End Tues 16th/Weds 17th Mar

Summer Term (12 weeks)

Start Tues 6th/ Weds 7th Apr

Half Term Tues 25th /Weds 26th May

End Tues 29th/ Weds 30th June