

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 - 8.00pm

General Class: 8.00 - 9.45 pm

Class Dates

Autumn Term 2024 (13 weeks)

Start: Tuesday 10th September 2024

Wednesday 11th September 2024

Half term break 22nd & 23rd October

End: Tuesday 10th December 2024

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Class/Team

Teacher

Tuesday Social Class Dave Haynes

Wednesday Beginners and
General Class (West Kirby) Hilary Letts &
Helen Trattles

Demonstration Team Gill & Dave Haynes

Money Matters

There are some changes as we start the new dancing year. Headquarters **annual** subscriptions have increased but we will continue to subsidise them:

Individuals will pay **£16** and **£21** for a couple at the same address.

Branch subscription remains at **£3** per person.

The Social and General classes are **£40** for the term, a second class in the week is an additional **£3**. The Beginners class is **£20**. Anyone supporting the Beginners' Class does not pay anymore.

The total for September is **£59 (40+16+3)** for a person attending either the General or Social Class. Beginners pay **£39 (20+16+3)**.

Sue Powell
Treasurer

Class Fees & Subscriptions

Class Fees for the Autumn Term will be:

Beginners Class: £20

General OR Social Class: £40.00

Each additional class per week: £ 3.00

Occasional visitors: £5.00 per class (maximum three classes per term), no maximum for the summer term'

Wirral Branch Membership is £3 for the year 2024-2025.

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

RSCDS HQ Subscriptions 2024/25

Single £28, subsidised cost **£16**

Couple £45, subsidised cost **£21**

Your New Committee

Following the AGM the new committee met for their first meeting. All on the committee wished to express their gratitude for all the hard work put in over the years by Maxine and Diana. In addition we are very grateful for the help and support they have given to the new officers, Alison as Secretary and Sue as Treasurer. We are also confident that we can turn to them for advice and guidance if we need it in the future.

At our first meeting we got through the business efficiently. The first meeting is largely taken up with planning dates and details for the teaching and the events in the coming year.

Once the business was finished and we were enjoying refreshments I pressed those there to come up with their favourite dance of the moment. Helen Trattles chose *Orchards of County Armagh* for the dance and the lovely music. Peter's choice at the moment is *Farewell to Balfour Road*. Val found it difficult to choose between *Catch The Wind* and *Scott Meikle* so we're letting her have both. Alison went for the strathspey *Chasing the Eclipse* and I love the challenging but great fun *Schiehallion*. Carol and Sue had sent their apologies but don't worry I will be getting their favourites too.

Possibly a biased opinion but I think the committee meetings are good fun. We do concentrate on decisions we need to take and a lot of insights are shared. I always come away feeling excited for the future of Wirral RSCDS.

Hilary Letts, Chair

An Invitation

Congratulations to every Beginner for your excellent progress over this last year. We have been delighted with the improvement in your step work, timing and understanding of new formations. Your enjoyment and enthusiasm are infectious.

From next term we would like to invite you to stay on for an 'Intermediate' session from 8 to 8.30 pm.

You would have a short break for five minutes while the General Class warm up. Then you would join them in learning some new dances. Your session would finish at half past eight at no extra cost.

We do hope that you can take up this invitation but do understand if it's not possible.

We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to dancing with you in the Autumn.

Helen and Hilary



Dates for your diary:

Christmas Dance Saturday 7th December, 7-10.30pm

Spring Term 14/15 January – 8/9 April, half term break 18/19 February

Summer Term 29/30 April – 8/9 July, half term break 27/28 May

Summer Dance Saturday 7th June, 2-5pm

Ceilidh for Years 5 and 6 at Avalon.

This was a repeat request after last year, so some of the children knew what to expect but they were all excited. Having gone home to change out of school uniform and into party gear, the children descended on the school hall. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and word had gone round about one of the dances where they would be able to sing along. So, after an energetic Britannia two step, we all did a hornpipe warm up routine to Ewan Galloway's Across The Waves. The children sang to The Wellerman with such delight that we repeated it. The dancing continued at high intensity until the pizzas arrived and the party drew to a close.

Hilary



Who are we?

Wirral RSCDS is part of an International network of 159 branches and over 300 affiliated groups around the world. We use the same dances and the same great music whether it is in Australia, North America, Europe or even Japan! The HQ is in Edinburgh.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society celebrated its Centenary in 2023.

RSCDS members, Branches and Affiliated Groups receive our biannual Scottish Country Dancer magazine – we use this format to champion achievements, showcase events and most importantly, publish the views and opinions of our diverse Membership. We publicise what is happening globally with the aim of bringing the Scottish Country Dance community closer together.

