

TARRY AWHILE

MKRSCDS March 2015

Welcome to your pre AGM Tarry Awhile.

Thank you to Sarah and Marie, with ad-hoc support from Rita, for another term of teaching the class. This involves quite a lot of their time in advance preparation as well as their commitment on the evening of the class. Thank you also to all the adult dancers for your patience and encouragement with the children in class, who still seem to be enjoying their dancing.

During the past couple of months we have said au revoir to Annette Trayner, who has moved to the Isle of White, and Rose Barbour, who has retired back to Aberdeen. We'll miss them both in class, at socials and on the committee.

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 20th April. Class will start at 8pm as usual. We will have an hour of dancing, then break at 9pm and start the AGM as soon as everyone has collected their tea/coffee. Time permitting, we will continue to dance after the meeting. If you have any items you would like added to the Agenda for discussion, please let me know as soon as possible.

Forms for Nomination to the committee will be available at class and I do encourage you to consider joining us. Since we lost Annette and Rose the committee is a bit light on numbers and fresh blood with a new perspective is always welcome. I hope you will support our AGM2

Happy dancing

Jan

MKRSCDS Annual Ball

On March 14th we welcomed Susan MacFadyen and her Band to play for our 36th Annual Ball. They are not a well known band south of the Scottish border, and the CD they recorded for RSCDS Book 48, at the tempo dictated by John Wilkinson (then Chair of the RSCDS) didn't do their reputation any favours.

Thank you to everyone who helped out both in advance and on the day with the myriad tasks this kind of event entails. Some of our helpers were first-timers this year and they slotted in with beautiful efficiency.

We were lower on numbers than we'd have liked as several other events clashed with ours but the music, food, co-ordination and most of all the fun, friendly atmosphere were spot-on!

Thank you all again and do get next years date in your diary now, as I'm sure you would hate to miss it!

Date for your diaries - our **37th Annual Ball** will be on March 12th 2016 with Stuart Anderson's Band.

P.s.

If you have one or two photos from the Ball that you would be happy to share, would you send them to me so that I can add them to our website?

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Forthcoming Branch Events & Dates

There will be no dancing on Easter Monday, 6th April, or the Bank Holidays 4th and 25th May, so the remaining classes this term will be 23rd and 30th March, 13th, 20th and 27th April, 11th and 18th May.

We will again have social dancing in June on Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd June.

Please can I have a volunteers to 'host' each of these Mondays?

All you need to do is devise the programme and recap the dances, and we can support you with this if you've not done it before , so do think about giving it a go.

We have planned a Summer Walk and Picnic Dance on Saturday 8th August. The walk will start from outside Bradwell Hall at 11.30 for about 2 hours. There will then be an hour to rest and eat the picnic lunch you have brought with you before rounding the afternoon off with dancing on the green beside the hall (or if the weather insists, inside the hall) until about 4.30.

If anyone would like to have a go at devising a circular walk from Bradwell Hall, please let Marie know, otherwise she will give it her best shot although she is unfamiliar with the area.

Dancing will start again after the summer break on Monday 7th September.

Other Events

28th March Lucy Clarke SCD Club Dance with Craigievar Band

4th April Silver Cross Group Dance with Silver Cross Band

11th April West MACS Ball with Glenraig Band

May 2nd Cambridge Scottish Society Ball with Danelaw Band
or Silver Cross Group Dance with recorded music.

16th May Bedford SCD Group Ball with Scottish Measure
or Berkhamsted Strathspey & Reel Club Dance with Jim Lindsay & Ian Robertson

On Saturday 5th September Thistle Club will have a Day School for dancers with Jim Healy, a Musician's Workshop with Jim Lindsay and an evening dance to Jim Lindsay and the Workshop Musician's at Wing Village Hall.

Jan & Rita's Hogmanay Dance is again at Gt Brickhill on December 31st. The programme & tickets will be available after the summer break.

If you'd like information on these, or any other local events or on some of those held abroad, do come and speak to me.

Jan

Happy Dancing!
