

Annual Ball

This will take place in the Younger Hall on Friday, 26th November 2010 dancing once again to the music of David Cunningham. The catering this year will be by Elmwood College.

Please apply soon for your tickets, which cost £22 each. 120 tickets are available. Members will have purchase priority up to **14th October** after which point they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

NB Payment is to be made by **cheque only**. Postal applications **should include an A5/C5 SAE**. Personal applications to the Treasurer require only an unstamped A5/C5 envelope as tickets will be issued to members at the Thursday General class at **VMH**

Christmas Party

Open to all three classes, the Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, 9th December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Victory Memorial Hall. The evening is free of charge to full class members and £3 to others.

As usual there will be shared refreshments. It would be appreciated if contributions were brought pre-cut on a cling filmed plate.

Half Day School

An important note for next year's diary! The highly successful Half Day School will take place on Saturday 26th March 2011 at the Town Hall. The teacher at this event will be Johan Maclean and the class musician will be Robert Mackay.

After supper, the evening dance will be to the music of James Coutts.

Looking forward to seeing you all at as many events as possible!

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society



St Andrews Branch
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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2010

Welcome to our 73rd dancing season! A particularly warm welcome to those who may be discovering or reacquainting themselves with Scottish Country Dancing at the Open Evening.

At the AGM, Chairman John Sturrock demitted office after three very successful years. As the newly elected Chairman, I paid tribute to John on behalf of the Committee and members and presented him with a White Cockade rose which is already blooming in his garden.

It is a pleasure to welcome Joan Crichton, Kathleen Fitzgerald and Kathleen Henderson as new Committee members and I look forward to working with them.

The May Dances this year were enjoyed by all who attended although the numbers were down on previous years. Perhaps this was due to some escaping from the Winter Blues to warmer climes.

The new session begins with the Autumn classes on Thursdays 9th and 16th September at the Victory Memorial Hall. We will be looking at some of the new dances from Book 46.

Please remember to look at our website for information on forthcoming events, Branch news, previous newsletters and photos of past events. For example, cribs for forthcoming dances and the Annual Ball can now be found by going to:- www.rscdsstandrews.org/events

Have a happy dancing season!

Moira Mackenzie, Chairman

Autumn classes

As mentioned above, the Branch will hold two Autumn Classes on Thursday 9th and 16th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Victory Memorial Hall. On these occasions we tend to look outside the Branch for guest teachers.

The teacher on 9th September has still to be confirmed, while on 16th September the teacher will be Linda Gaul.

These classes will be open to all and the Committee look forward to a large attendance especially as it has asked the teachers to concentrate on some dances from the new book. There will be a charge of £3 per evening including refreshments.

Open Evening

The Open Evening will take place in the Town Hall Supper room, on Tuesday, 21st September, at 7.30 p.m. The evening is free of charge.

These evenings have been highly successful ever since their inception. It is a valuable opportunity to open our door to everyone who might be interested or curious to try out Scottish country dancing with the help of experienced dancers in a fun and light hearted way.

We look for a good turn out from our members to help make the evening go with a swing. Just one point worthy of note. Because the Supper Room is the preferred less daunting venue for shy dancers, sometimes floor space is limited. So, without spoiling the fun, please try to be aware of this and perhaps sit out a dance, without abandoning a first-timer of course, to make the floor safer for dancing.

The MCs this year will be Shelley McElney and Moira Mackenzie and the music will be provided by Calum Mitchell. Refreshments will be served.

All Classes

All classes start week beginning 27th September and end week beginning 29th November.

Beginners and Intermediates are reminded that they can improve their dancing by moving up a class when they and their teacher feel that they are ready to do so. They will find that a warm welcome awaits them in their new class.

Society AGM

The 81st AGM and Conference weekend will take place from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th November 2010 at Bell's Sports Centre, Perth. As entitled, the Branch will be sending three voting delegates; they are Moira Mackenzie, Kathleen Henderson and David Taylor.

All members of RSCDS are welcome at the AGM and Conference. A Branch member reminded members at our own AGM that this is a highly sociable and enjoyable weekend giving an opportunity to everyone to meet members from other Branches. To add to the conviviality, there is a memorable ball on the Friday evening followed by an informal dance on the Saturday evening with plenty of space to enjoy the dances. For both of these events tickets must be bought in advance.

