



The Bedford Scottish Dance Group

NEWSLETTER

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BSDG EVENTS 2016-2017

2016

Sun 9 th Oct	Social	Oakley Village Hall
Sun 13 th Nov	Supper Dance	Oakley Village Hall

2017

Sat 7 th Jan	Ceilidh	Bromham Village Hall
Sun 12 th Feb	Social	Oakley Village Hall
Sun 12 th Mar	Supper Dance	Oakley Village Hall
Sun 9 th April	Social	Oakley Village Hall
Sat 20 th May	Annual Ball	Bromham Village Hall
Sun 25 th June	Social & AGM	Oakley Village Hall

CEILIDH CLASS

This class will be starting again on Friday 14th October at the Reading Room, Barkers Lane with John Mullett teaching. The class will run until Friday 2nd December.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2016 – Keith Rose

Having enjoyed last year's Summer School, Helen and Keith returned to St Andrews for more this Summer. Instead of dashing there and back by train we took the opportunity to combine the dancing with a week's holiday in Scotland. Many years ago, on a very brief visit to Lewis we had been unable to visit Callanish and had promised ourselves to return. This seemed to be the opportunity. Two long days of driving brought us to the North-West of Scotland, but two days early for our crossing from Ullapool so we headed a little further North and found a B&B in Kinlochbervie. Whilst there we visited Durness and walked to Sandwood Bay. Once on Lewis we were not disappointed by the stones at Callanish, The 50 odd stones are arranged in a circle within a cruciform. We specially enjoyed watching the sunset through the stones on our first evening there.

It was the 4th week of Summer School that we attended at St Andrews. This had a strong international flavour, with friends old and new from many European countries and further afield. Helen went to the Low Impact class taught by Gary Coull and Craig Houston, where pas-de-bas were not looked at, and Keith went to the High Impact class with Antoine Rousseau from Paris and Graham Donald from Leeds, where large sets were expected. Afternoons provided opportunities for extra dancing, visits to the ice cream shop, walking on the beach and swimming, helping in the shop and stooging for the teachers examination candidates. Evenings gave us the chance to dance in the Common Room and the Younger Hall. Those people with enough stamina could then be found in the Party Room, dancing well into the small hours. There was only room for one set and once we had a five-piece band. Finally it was time to come home for a rest, but it was so exhilarating to dance with so many good dancers, and young dancers, and live music all week.

There is a collection of photographs and videos from the week on Facebook at the "RSCDS Summer School Week 4" group's page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/111951158231/>

Competition.

Mackie's, the ice cream and chocolate makers from Westertown, Aberdeenshire are running a competition with the RSCDS. The prize is a week for two people at Summer School 2017. See Mackie's website to enter: www.mackies.co.uk.

WING DAY SCHOOL – Helen Rose

The first Saturday in September saw 5 dancers from Bedford attend Wing Day school and Dance organised by Jan Jones and hosted by the Thistle Club of Milton Keynes.

Janet Johnstone from Stirling was our teacher for the day with Ian Robertson providing the music on his accordion. Janet reminded us of the importance of good footwork, hand positions, eye contact, smiling and the importance of being on time in the dance in a light hearted and fun way. We did a number of dances, most of them were new to us (but not new dances) having practised the formations they contained first.

The day consisted of a morning and afternoon class each of 2½ hours with a short break in each session. We all took a packed lunch and Jan organised an early evening meal at a local Pub.

Sandy Nixon tutored the musicians class who after playing all day very ably played for the evening dance. It was lovely dancing to a large band.

Next year on 2nd September, the musicians will be led by Marian Anderson. For those who doubt their stamina, morning, afternoon and evening sessions can be booked separately.

DANCE POPULARITY – Helen Rose

For the dancing year 2015-16 I looked at 27 different programmes that were either collected at dances or sent out as information and advertising, this included our social and supper dances but not the Ceilidh. This is a smaller sample than some previous years. The total number of dances on the programmes was 524. 246 different dances were featured.

This year Blooms of Bon Accord, Bratach Bana, Chequered Court and Minister on the Loch were featured on 8 (30%) programmes. Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterader and Pelorus Jack came second on a quarter of the programmes. There were twelve dances on 6, 7 dances on 5, 18 dances on 4, 29 on 3 and 38 on twice, the remainder being danced only once.

In contrast Mairi's Wedding, Dream Catcher and Scott Meikle came top of the list in the area round Cheltenham and in the East Midlands area Chequered Court and City of Belfast were the most popular.

Please feel free to ask for the complete listing, also see

<http://www.jockjigging.btck.co.uk/PopularDances>

[http://www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk/dance data.htm](http://www.peterboroughrscds.org.uk/dance%20data.htm)

October Social

Sunday October 9th starting at 7.30pm

OAKLEY VILLAGE HALL

MCs Liz and John Palmer

Maxwell`s Rant	R	Glastonbury Tor	R
Napier`s Index	J	Quarries` Jig	J
The Water of Leith	S	The Singing Sands	S
General Stuart`s Reel	R	Mr Iain Stuart Robertson	R
The Roselath Cross	J	Mrs Stewart`s Jig	J
Gang the Same Gate	S	The Rose of the North	S
The Tri-mariner	R	The Reel of the Royal Scots	R

Entrance £2

For cribs and diagrams please go to: <http://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/8284/>

November Supper Dance

Sunday November 13th starting at 7.30pm

OAKLEY VILLAGE HALL

MC Joan Sawyer

Jennifer`s Jig	J	Blooms of Bon Accord	R
The Rutland Reel	R	The Minister on the Loch	S
Cashmere Shawl	S	The Chequered Court	J
Inchmickery	J	The Montgomeries` Rant	R
Crammond Bridge	R	The Dream Catcher	S
City of Belfast	S	Bees of Maggie Knockater	J
Pelorus Jack	J	Bratach Bana	R

Entrance £3 + a plate of food

For cribs and diagrams, please go to: <http://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/8578/>

LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Host	Event	Band/Teacher	Venue	£	Time
Sat	24 Sep 2016	Cambridge SS		Chris Walker	Girton, CB3 0PN	£10	7:30pm
Sat	24 Sep 2016	Market Harborough SCDS	1st dance of season	Ian Slater	Cong. Church Centre, LE16 7AF	£8	7:30pm
Fri	30 Sep 2016	Peterborough RSCDS	Tea Dance	Recorded	Peterborough PE6 7RT	£5	2:00pm
Sat	01 Oct 2016	Leicester RSCDS	Social		Avenue Rd Junior School, LE2 3EJ	£5	7:30pm
Sun	09 Oct 2016	BEDFORD SDG	Social Dance	Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	£2	7:30pm
Sat	15 Oct 2016	Huntingdon CS		Recorded	Hemingford Abbots VH		
Sat	15 Oct 2016	London RSCDS	Day School		Paddington Academy W9 2DR		
Sat	15 Oct 2016	Peterborough RSCDS	Charity Dance	Ian Slater	St John's Church Hall, PE3 6EZ	£10	7:00pm
Tue	18 Oct 2016	Berkhamsted SRC	Charity Dance	Chris Oxtoby	Potten End VH HP4 2QG		
Sat	22 Oct 2016	Newark SCDS	Annual Dance	Ian Slater	Oxton VH, NG25 0SA		
Sat	22 Oct 2016	Oxford RSCDS	Ball	Craigellachie	Headington School OX3 7TD	£18	7:30pm
Sat	29 Oct 2016	Waltham SCDG	Annual Dance	Ian Slater	Waltham VH, LE14 4AG		
Fri	04 Nov 2016	Peterborough RSCDS	Tea Dance		Newborough VH, PE6 7RT	£5	2:00pm
Sat	05 Nov 2016	Stamford SCDC	Autumn Dance	Recorded	Stamford PE9 2SR	£6	7:30pm
Sat	12 Nov 2016	Leicester RSCDS	Annual Ball	Phill Jones	Leicester LE3 2PP	£13	7:00pm
Sun	13 Nov 2016	BEDFORD SDG	Supper Dance	Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	£3	7:30pm
Sat	19 Nov 2016	Berkhamsted SRC	Drewry Dance	J Lindsay & I Robertson	Bovingdon, HP3 0HJ		7:30pm
Sun	20 Nov 2016	Berkhamsted SRC	Day School		Abbots Hill School HP3 8RP	£22	9:30am
Sat	26 Nov 2016	Huntingdon DCS		Recorded	Hemingford Abbots VH		
Sat	26 Nov 2016	SE Herts SCDC	Annual Ball	Marian Anderson	Ware SG12 0DP	£18	7:30pm
Sun	27 Nov 2016	The Sunday Class	St Andrew's Dance	Marian Anderson	Waltham VH, LE14 4AG		4:00pm
Mon	28 Nov 2016	Cambridge RSCDS	Wnter Dance		TBA		
Sat	03 Dec 2016	Leicester RSCDS	Christmas Dance		Leicester LE3 2PP		
Fri	09 Dec 2016	Berkhamsted SRC		K Martlew & B Manning	Bovingdon HP3 0HJ		
Fri	09 Dec 2016	Newark SCDS	Charity Dance	Ian Slater	Newark Town Hall. NG24 1DU		
Fri	16 Dec 2016	Peterborough RSCDS		Recorded	Peterborough PE6 7RT		
Thu	29 Dec 2016	Oxford RSCDS		C Oxtoby & B Manning	Cumnor Village Hall OX2 9QF		
Sat	31 Dec 2016	Huntingdon CS	Hogmanay	Recorded	Huntingdon, PE29 3AQ		
Sat	31 Dec 2016	Jan & Rita	Hogmanay Dance	Chris Dewhurst	Gt Brickhill, MK17 9AG	£5	8:00pm
Sat	07 Jan 2017	BEDFORD SDG	Ceilidh Dance	Peter Scatterty	Bromham VH, MK43 8JP		7:30pm
Sun	12 Feb 2017	BEDFORD SDG	Social Dance	Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	£2	7:30pm
Sat	18 Feb 2017	Oxford RSCDS	Day School & Dance		Headington School OX3 7TD		
Sat	11 Mar 2017	BHS Borders RSCDS	Day School	Paul Plummer	Fleet		
Sun	12 Mar 2017	BEDFORD SDG	Supper Dance	Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	£3	7:30pm
Sun	09 Apr 2017	BEDFORD SDG	Social Dance	Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	£2	7:30pm
Sat	22 Apr 2017	Cheltenham RSCDS	Day School		Reddings Hall GL51 6RF		
Sat	20 May 2017	BEDFORD SDG	Annual Ball	Robert Whitehead	Bromham VH, MK43 8JP		7:00pm
Sun	25 Jun 2017	BEDFORD SDG	Social Dance + AGM	Recorded	Oakley VH, MK43 7RJ	£2	7:30pm

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