



The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Belfast Branch

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Dear Branch Member,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break, and are looking forward to a new dancing year.

We are delighted to be able to continue offering weekly evening classes in Castlereagh, Lisburn, Dundela and Knockbreda. On a fortnightly basis there are evening classes at Malone, and Tuesday morning classes at Belmont. Monthly classes for advanced dancers will be on the 2nd Wednesday, and the dancing skills class will continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except December). Details of all our classes and the fees are in the attached leaflet.

There are ten core dances chosen for this year, which will be covered in the regular classes, and some of these will also be included in any organised events. The RSCDS has just published Book 53, a special compilation of dances as part of its centenary celebrations, and we are very proud that it includes "The Orchards of Co Armagh", devised by branch member Jinty Anderson.

Our St Andrew's Dance this year will once again welcome Marian Anderson and her band, and promises to be a great evening. In May next year we will be having a weekend school, with David Queen as guest tutor, and music from the David Oswald band. This will consist of a nice-n easy social dance on the Friday evening, daytime classes during Saturday, and a final dance on the Saturday evening. Keep an eye on the website for more details, and do tell your friends!

I would like to thank Hon Secretary John Campbell, Hon Treasurer Jessica White, and the rest of the committee for their sterling support: the work of the branch is a real team effort, and I count myself very lucky to have such a brilliant group of people around me.

I look forward to joining you on the dancefloor very soon!

Best regards

Linda

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