

Scottish Country Dances

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Dance Diary— **Dancing News**

December 2022 Catch-up

Most programmes for December 2022 have now been approved and I have included them in this Newsletter. Programmes for 2023 are also starting to appear but many have not yet been approved. I have included details of proposed dances with no published programmes together with the web link where you can get the programme when it is eventually published.

Dance organisers are still having difficulty planning events with the uncertainty as to how many dancers will turn up. With no dances permitted during the Covid outbreak many dancers lost companions and are now reluctant to attend dances on their own. Please be assured dancers attending today's functions are still the same friendly people and you will be warmly welcomed and I'm sure you will find new friends. I have only recently started to attend functions on my own and have been welcomed with open arms.

One thing I have noticed is some Branch/Club websites have changed their address (URL) or have ceased to work. I have updated those I was able to track down and added to the Links page of my website. If you know of any website I have not listed can you please drop me a note of their new address or to say they have closed completely.

The following dances listed in the previous Newsletter are still running so don't forget to look them up.

Monday 5th December Martice Club **Friday 9th December** Dunfermline Ball

Saturday 10th December Castle Club Dance **also** Cardross (Helensburgh Xmas Dance)

Friday 16th December Stirling Branch Xmas

Saturday 31st December Bridge of Allan (Mary's Hogmanay. Dance)

The additional programmes here (below) for December were not available in time for the previous publication.

Date:- Friday 9th December **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Ashdale Hall, Westhills, Aberdeen AB32 6FY. **Cost:-** ???
Band:- Scott Band **Organiser:-** Aberdeen Branch **Contact:-** Branch by email **Event:- Christmas Dance** <http://www.aberdeenrscds.co.uk/Brian/DanceDiary/DanceDiary.htm>

Programme:- Good Hearted Glasgow ; The Provost Wynd ; Miss Milligan's Strathspey ; Napier's Index ; Westminster Reel ; Bill Little's Strathspey ; Chequered Court ; None So Pretty ; Cherrybank Gardens ; Plantation Reel **Interval** Auchinellan Jig ; Johnnie's Welcome Home ; Gardeners' Fantasia ; Sunshine and Sweetie's Jig ; Back to the fireside ; City of Belfast ; Dancing Master ; Sailor ; Autumn in Appin ; Final Reel.

Date:- Friday 9th December **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Dumfries Baptist Church Centre, Gillbrae Road, Dumfries DG1 4EJ **Cost:-** £20 **Band:- Neil Copland** **Organiser:-** Dumfries Branch **Contact:-** Alan Briers 07913 683 476 or Janette 07544 36 8000 **Event:- Two course plated supper.** Raffle. <https://www.dumfries-rscds.org/content/events/>

Programme:- Shetland Shepherdess ; Mr Iain Stuart Robertson ; Barbara's Strathspey ; City Lights ; Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan ; Argyll Strathspey ; Montgomerie's Rant ; EH3 7AF ; Ruby Rant **Interval** Swan and the Tay ; Torridon Lassies ; Castle of Mey ; Autumn in Appin ; Luckenbooth Broch ; Falls of Rogie ; Minister on the Loch ; Mrs Stewart's Jig ; Tambourine.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES

Date:- Tuesday 13th December Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Craigmillar Park Church Hall, 2A Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh EH16 5LZ Cost:- £10 Band:- **Iain Macphail** Organiser:- Atholl Club
 Contact:- <http://www.athollscdc.co.uk/> Event:- Weekly Dance **** these dances walked.**

Programme:- Newburgh Jig ; The Inimitable Derek ; The Water of Leith ; Rodney's Rant ; MacFarlane's Geese ** ; May Yarker's Strathspey ; The Grumpy Gentleman ; West's Hornpipe Interval Mole's Frolic ** ; The Plantation Reel ; Peggy Spouse MBE ; Neil M Grant ; Scotland's Gardens ; The Bon Viveur ; The Kelloholm Jig ; The Montgomerie's Rant.

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Programme:- Welcome to the Atholl ; The Falls of Rogie ; The Rose of the North ; The Recumbent Stone ; A Capital Jig ; Miss Eleanor ; The Waggle O' The Kilt ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; Auchinellan Jig ; The Rutland Reel Interval The Irish Rover ; Best Set in the Hall ; The Flower o' the Quern ; City of Stirling Reel ; The Chequered Court ; City of Belfast ; Glastonbury Tor ; Autumn in Appin ; Old Nick's Lumber Room ; Reeling Home.

Date:- Wednesday 28th December Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Forres Town Hall, High Street, IV36 1PB Cost:- £10/£5 Band:- **Frank Thomson Duo** Organiser:-Forres & Nairn Branch Contact:- Email:- scottishdanceforres@gmail.com Event:- Branch Dance. Raffle prizes welcome. Email to confirm attendance.

Programme:- Happy Meeting ; Ways in New Hall ; S-Locomotion ; Snow on the Mountain ; Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh ; The Star ; Farewell to Balfour Road Sugar Candie ; Clutha Interval Granville Market ; Back to the Fireside ; Braes of Breadalbane ; Cranberry Tart ; Letham Ladies ; Reel of the Royal Scots ; Auld Lang Syne (*Book 27*) ; New Year's Jig. **Extras:-** Trip to Bavaria ; White Heather Jig ; Miss Milligan's Strathspey.

Date:- Thursday 29th December Time:- 2pm – 5pm Venue:- Ardgay Public Hall, Church Street, Ardgay IV24 3BG Cost:- Band:- **Recorded.** Organiser:- Ardgay Class Contact:- 01863 766 852 Event:- **Twixmas Dance** <http://www.invernessrscds.co.uk/dance-diary.asp>

Programme:- Jennifer's Jig ; Glastonbury Tor ; Miss Eleanor ; Chequered Court ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; Montgomerie's Rant Interval Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan ; Father Connelly's Jig ; Culla Bay ; Inimitable Derek ; City of Belfast ; Lochalsh Reel.

Date:- Saturday 31st December Time:- 8pm – 12.15am Venue:- Marybank Hall, Achonochie Rd, IV6 7UN Ross-shire (approx Post Code) Cost:- £5 Band:- **Recorded** Organiser:- Susan MacKay Contact:- smmackay@gmail.com Event:- **Hogmanay Dance.** <http://www.invernessrscds.co.uk/dance-diary.asp>

Programme:- New Year Jig ; Swiss Lassie ; The Aviator ; Mrs MacPherson of Inveran ; The Orchards of Co Armagh ; Neil M Grant ; Let's Have Music and Dance ; Far North Queensland ; Mrs Stewart's Jig ; Mairi's Wedding Interval The Duke of Atholl's Reel ; Countess of Dunmore's Reel ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; Best Set in the Hall ; Orpington Caledonians ; Sands of Morar ; John Cass ; Falls of Rogie ; Bruce's Men ; Deil Among the Tailors.

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Date:- Friday 6th January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Port Seton Centre, South Seton Park, EH32 0BQ Cost:- £40 Band:- **Iain Macphail** Organiser:- East Lothian RSCDS Contact:- Email Event:- **New Year Buffet Dance – Advance Ticket.** <http://rscdseastlothian.org.uk/programmes.htm>

Programme:- New Year Jig ; Flowers of Edinburgh ; The Duchess Tree ; The Cranberry Tart ; Catch the Wind ; The Bon Viveur ; Waverley Interval & Buffet A Trip to Bavaria ; Farewell to Balfour Road ; Cape Town Wedding ; The Earl of Mansfield ; Flora's Fancy ; Neidpath Castle ; Mairi's Wedding. **Extras:-** Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan ;

Date:- Friday 6th January Time:- 6.30pm Venue:- St Matthew's Academy, Jacks Road, Saltcoats, KA21 5 NT
Cost:- £35 **Band:- Ian Muir Sound** **Organiser:-** North Ayrshire Branch **Contact:-** Trish Lorraine 01294 823 988 **Event:-** **Branch Ball with Supper.** <https://www.narscds.org.uk/>

Programme:- A North Ayrshire Welcome ; Bratach Bana ; Gang The Same Gate ; Miss Nancy Frowns ; Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan ; The Water of Leith ; The Lads of Saltcoats **INTERVAL** Ramadan-ce ; Ayrshire Lasses ; Pelorus Jack ; Fisherman's Reel ; Brisbane Glen ; Follow Me Home ; The Montgomerie's Rant. **Extras:** Scott Meikle ; Minard Castle

Date:- Saturday 7th January Time:- 6.30pm Venue:- Invercarse Hotel, Perth Road, Dundee, DD2 1PG **Cost:-** £32 **Band:- Sandy Nixon** **Organiser:-** Dundee RSCDS **Contact:-** Email **Event:-** **First Foot Ball.** Dress Semi-Formal. Meal will precede dance. Bar available. Table plan in use. **Advance tickets please.** <http://www.rscds-dundee.org.uk/index.php/dances/first-foot-ball>

Programme:- EH3 7AF ; Sleepy Maggie ; Slytherin House ; A Capital Jig ; Inverneill House ; Gang the Same Gate ; The Chequered Court ; The Gardeners' Fantasia ; The Montgomerie's Rant **Interval** Light and Airy ; The Countess of Dunmore's Reel ; The Asilomar Romantic ; Mrs Stewart's Jig ; Castle of Mey ; The Braes of Breadalbane ;

Date:- Saturday 7th January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall, Keir St, Bridge of Allan FK9 4NW **Cost:-** £10 **Band:- Alan Ross** **Organiser:-** Castle Club **Contact:-** Janet Johnston 0131 337 0193 **Event:-** Club Dance. <http://www.stirlingcastleclub.org/> **Programme:-** t.b.a.

Date:- Saturday 7th January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Inverleith St Serf's Church Centre, 1a Clark Road, Edinburgh EH5 3BD **Cost:-** £12 **Band:- Nicol McLaren** **Organiser:-** Trinity Club **Contact:-** Sylvia Davie 0131 466 8646 **Event:-** Club Dance <https://trinityscdc.org/events> **Programme:-** t.b.a.

Date:- Friday 13th January Time:- 7pm Venue:- Normandy Hotel, Inchinnan Rd, Renfrew, PA4 9EJ **Cost:-** £32 **Band:- Ian Muir Sound** **Organiser:-** Glasgow Branch **Contact:-** Aileen 07885 195 305 **Event:-** **Mid-Winter Ball** <https://www.rscdsghlasgow.org/dances>

Programme:- Good Hearted Glasgow ; Inverneill House ; Miss Milligan's Strathspey ; The Aviator ; Deil Among the Tailors ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; A Capital Jig ; The Falls of Rogie **Interval** EH3 7AF ; Anniversary Reel ; Ysobel Stewart of Fish Hoek ; The Hazel Tree ; Scott Meikle ; Moulin Brae ; City Lights ; Mairi's Wedding.

Date:- Wednesday 18th January Time:- 8pm Venue:- North Connel Village Hall, North Connel, Argyll, PA37 1QX **Cost:-** £?? **Band:- Rosie & Friends** **Organiser:-** North Connel Club **Contact:-** ??? **Event:-** New Year Party with Light Supper. <https://rscdsoban.com/north-connel-scdc-new-year-party-2023/>

Programme:- New Year Jig ; Catch the Wind ; Balmoral Strathspey ; Mrs Stewart's Jig ; Minister on the Loch ; The Sailor **Interval** Joie de Vivre ; Scott Meikle ; Fair Donald ; The Laird of Milton's Daughter ; Neidpath Castle ; Shiftin' Bobbins.

Date:- Saturday 21st January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- New Kilpatrick Church Hall, Bearsden, G61 3RT **Cost:-** £12 **Band:- Phil Jones (solo)** **Organiser:-** Glasgow Branch **Contact:-** Aileen 07885 195 305 **Event:-** **Branch Dance with Entertainment** <https://www.rscdsghlasgow.org/dances>

Programme:- The Happy Meeting ; Maxwell's Rant ; Neidpath Castle **Entertainment** Cutty Sark ; Flowers of Edinburgh ; Burns Bicentenary Strathspey **Interval** Burns Night ; The Lochalsh Reel ; The Wind on Loch Fyne **Entertainment** A Babbling Brooke ; The Silver Tassie ; The Highland Rambler.

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- *If you email them to me it means I don't have to type them out.*
- *If you don't have access to a computer then pop the programme into the post.*

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Click on the "Country Dance" Page then the "Newsletters" page, where they are listed in descending order.

The web page has up-to-date information on these dances and programmes as they are notified.

Date:- Saturday 21st January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Inverleith St Serf's Church Centre, 1a Clark Road, Edinburgh EH5 3BD Cost:- £12 Band:- **David Anderson** Organiser:- Trinity Club Contact:- Sylvia Davie 0131 466 8646 Event:- Club Dance <https://trinityscdc.org/events> Programme:- t.b.a.

Date:- Saturday 21st January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall, Keir St, Bridge of Allan FK9 4NW Cost:- Band:- **Nicol McLaren** Organiser:- Castle Club Contact:- Janet Johnston 0131 337 0193 Event:- Club Dance. <http://www.stirlingcastleclub.org/> Programme:-

Date:- Friday 27th January Time:- 2pm – 5pm Venue:- Walker Hall, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF Cost:- £10 Band:- **Ian Muir** Organiser:- Ayr Branch Contact:- Wilma Brown 01292 315 558 Event:- Branch Dance. <https://www.ayr-rscds.com/>

Programme:- Quarries' Jig ; The Dandelion Picker ; Bruce's Men ; The Aviator ; Polharrow Burn ; The Swan and the Tay ; Joe MacDiarmid's Jig Interval The Countess of Dunmore's Reel ; Miss Eleanor ; The White Heather Jig ; Ramadan-ce ; The Dream Catcher ; The Nurseryman ; Orpington Caledonians.

Date:- Friday 27th January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Albert Halls, Dumbarton Rd, Stirling FK8 2QL Cost:- £30 Band:- **Marian Anderson** Organiser:- Stirling Branch Contact:- Jean Tudor 07748 044 789 Event:- **Burns Dance. Tickets should be purchased by 20th January.** <http://www.rscds-stirling.org/events.html>

Programme:- City of Stirling Reel ; Jim's Haberdashery ; Chasing the Eclipse ; Ramadan-Ce ; Father Connelly's Jig ; Far North Queensland ; Lochalsh Reel ; Dancing Master ; Staircase in Styria Interval Polharrow Burn ; Torridon Lassies ; Wisp of Thistle; Duncan Gray Farewell to Balfour Road ; Broadway ; Rutland Reel ; Birls Allowed ; Mrs MacPherson of Inveran

Date:- Monday 30th January Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling FK8 2QL Cost:- £10 Band:- **David Oswald** Organiser:- Martice Club Contact:- Myra Smith 07974 427 022 Event:- Club Dance. Please bring a cup <http://www.netherleescdclub.com/martice04/>

Programme:- City of Stirling Reel ; Macleod's Fancy ; The Swan & the Tay ; Sueno's Stone ; Bannockburn 700 ; Culla Bay ; A Capital Jig ; The Outer Circle Interval Farewell to Balfour Road ; The Ladies of Dunse ; Linnea's Strathspey ; The Immigrant Lass ; Festival Fling ; Miss Eleanor ; The Last of the Lairds ; Rest & be Thankful