



YOUR RSCDS
MEMBERSHIP GUIDE
2022/23

Welcome to the RSCDS!

Fun

Learn an enjoyable
new skill

Fitness

Stay active at a
level that suits you

Friendship

Make international
connections for life

Dear Member,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Based in Edinburgh, the Society was founded in 1923. You are joining us as we start to plan the celebrations for our 100th birthday.

Scottish country dancing is an activity that provides fitness, fun and friendship on dance floors for thousands of dancers, not only in Scotland, but right around the world. I hope that you will find the enclosed information pack both informative and useful.

Our website is the best place to find out about every aspect of the Society's work. For events in your area the local Branch will provide more detail. Additionally, when you travel do take your dancing shoes as there is likely to be a dance or class nearby.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

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Your details



NAME

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

BRANCH NAME

MEMBERSHIP START DATE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE

“Growing a vibrant worldwide community of Scottish Dance and Music--”

Inspired by this mission statement, we promote and develop Scottish country dance (SCD) and related dance forms as inclusive, exciting activities that can be enjoyed by anyone, anywhere.

As members, you are supporting the preservation and advancement of Scottish country dancing and music.



Your benefits

- ✓ Members' magazine direct to your door or inbox
- ✓ Regular email newsletters
- ✓ Customised information from your Branch, relevant to your local area*
- ✓ Exclusive deals with your chosen Branch*
- ✓ 10% discount on items in the RSCDS shop
- ✓ Member-only scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Reduced entrance fees to selected RSCDS events and education programmes
- ✓ Option to stand for the RSCDS Board & Committees

* Speak to your Branch

What is Scottish country dancing?

Scottish country dancing is a group dancing in sets of two or more couples, usually in lines standing opposite partners.

Scottish country dancing is traditional social dancing and can be enjoyed in many places around the world, with informal ceilidhs, clubs, dances, and classes for those who want to take their dancing to the next level. They are all paired with Scotland's wonderful traditional music and provide great exercise. There are RSCDS Branches in every corner of the globe. You don't need to go with a partner; someone will always want to dance with you. Give it a go! It's very sociable, and fun, you'll make friends and get fit.

The combination of formations means there are dances for every level of dancer with a mix of traditional dances enjoyed across Scotland for years and a growing repertoire of more recent modern compositions by dancers around the world. Scottish country dancing can be enjoyed in sports and village halls with classes and

dances in all sorts of environments from ceilidhs to more formal balls. There's plenty



to explore with different Scottish dance forms from energetic solo Highland and elegant Step dance to Ceilidh dancing.

Explore the global community

The RSCDS and its global Branches promote and develop Scottish country dance (SCD) and the related dance forms as inclusive, exciting activities that can be enjoyed by anyone, anywhere and at any time.

We have a worldwide network of Branches and Affiliated Groups, all dedicated to the preservation, evolution and fun of Scottish country dancing. Your local Branch will have classes, workshops and events for all.





SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE



HIGHLAND



STEP



CEILIDH

Our history

1923

The Scottish Country Dance Society was formed in Glasgow to practice and preserve traditional dancing of Scotland



1924

The first book of dances was published by The Society



1947

HRH Princess Elizabeth became Patron of The Scottish Country Dance Society



1951

King George VI bestowed the title The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society



2022

Worldwide, The Society comprises 160 Branches and 300 Affiliated Groups



Learning opportunities

The RSCDS, Branches, Teachers' Organisations and Groups run day schools, workshops, summer and winter schools, weekly classes, and other events with learning opportunities for all to encourage maximum enjoyment of Scottish country dancing.

For those interested in teaching, training that assists dancers to perfect their teaching skills has always been a key part of the work of the RSCDS.

Courses range from Basic Teaching Skills to the intensive Teaching Certificate, spread over several years. Become a teacher with the RSCDS and inspire a new generation of dancers!

“Scottish dancing is kept alive through the teaching of others”



Discover our quick start guide:
www.rscds.org/learn

Scottish country dance music

Scotland has a vast and colourful musical culture and is renowned for its traditional music that is gaining popularity around the world.

Music is a very inclusive part of Scottish culture, and traditional music is frequently performed at social gatherings such as weddings, funerals, parties, holidays, festivals and formal civic events.

Within this label of traditional music lies a variety of different styles and genres and tunes old and new. Scottish country dancing music is just one of the many facets of this musical culture and can be played on the fiddle, the piano, the accordion, or the bagpipes.



Resources for musicians and dancers

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is committed to preserving and promoting traditional Scottish music and we encourage you to explore our music resources page to help develop your practical skills.



Discover our resources:
www.rscds.org/learn





RSCDS EVENTS

The RSCDS runs events to provide learning and social opportunities for Scottish country dancers and musicians worldwide

Winter School

Taking place over five days in the Scottish town of Pitlochry, Winter School attracts more than 150 dancers from the UK, Europe, North America and Australasia. Attendees enjoy a 4-star stay in the Atholl Palace Hotel, with a range of classes, social dances, tours and of course, the famous ball at Blair Castle.



Spring Fling

Spring Fling is THE Scottish Country Dance Festival for dancers aged 12 - 35. Held in a different city each year, the event is an opportunity for young dancers from across the world to get together, make friends, pick up some skills and overall have a fantastic weekend of Scottish dancing!

Summer School

Four weeks of Scottish country dance in the beautiful Fife coastal town, St Andrews. This is our flagship event where over 500 dancers come and dance and learn together. The month-long event also includes courses for juniors (8 to 11 years) and the youth (12 to 15 years), with specialised music courses for all ages.



The Autumn Gathering

Dancers from the UK and around the world gather over a weekend in Scotland for classes, discussion forums and workshops. Whether attending as delegates or spectators, all enjoy the social events which surround the business of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

RSCDS Publications & Shop

The RSCDS publishes a wide range of Scottish Country Dance books, sheet music, teaching materials, and recorded music, to support Scottish dancers and dancing across the world.

Dance publications include dances collected from the oral tradition in the early years of the Society, drawn from our extensive archives of historical materials, as well as modern dances in traditional form, devised by our members. Over 200 titles are available, many in both print and ebook format. The shop also stocks a range of RSCDS-branded clothing, souvenirs and dancing accessories.

Our main shop is online but we have a pop-up shop presence at all our official events.



The Archive

The RSCDS Archive is housed in the RSCDS Office at 12 Coates Crescent in Edinburgh. The catalogue is a searchable database of descriptions and digital images of our archives. Our collections comprise records of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and its Branches, as well as personal papers of members, including published books, manuscripts, minute books, correspondence, photographs and audio recordings.

This project has been made possible through a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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➤ Delve into our history:
[www.rscds.org/about/
history/rscds-archive](http://www.rscds.org/about/history/rscds-archive)



Online resources

The RSCDS has a huge amount of resources and information available online, with special access to some offers for our members. To begin, go to www.rscds.org and select the blue "My RSCDS" button.

Once logged in, your My RSCDS page will show details of orders you have placed and events you have booked. You can also access additional material in the "Member-only content" area.

With almost 100 years experience educating young people, The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society offers a range of curriculum-approved courses for various age and skill levels

Getting started

Follow this handy checklist to ensure you're well prepared for your first dance:

1. Ask your local RSCDS Branch for details of all classes and dances.
2. Your teacher will advise on dance programmes and which dances are suitable for your skill level.
3. Scottish country dancing is very sociable and you can dance with a different partner for each dance. Get ready to make some friends.
4. Have a great time!



Essentials

- Soft, flat shoes with a non-slip sole
- Clothing you're comfortable being active in, such as: comfortable trousers / leggings / loose skirt
- Bottle of water

Taking it to the next level

- Gillies, dance or ballet shoes
- Kilt or formal gown (especially for Balls)



Useful information

Our website

FAQs

www.rscds.org/about/frequently-asked-questions

Online classes and warm ups

www.rscds.org/online-classes

Worldwide events

www.rscds.org/get-involved/global-dance-listings

Limited edition t-shirts and totes

www.rscds.teemill.com

Get Social

facebook.com/RSCDS

twitter.com/rscdsdancescot

youtube.com/user/TheRSCDS

instagram.com/rscds

soundcloud.com/rscds

Scottish Country Dancer

Digital magazine and other publications

www.issuu.com/rscds

Donate

<https://www.rscds.org/donate>

Other sites

Find useful information from volunteer-led initiatives

www.strathspey.org

www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com

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The Deil Amang the Tailors

Book 14 Number 7

32-bar reel for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

| Bars | Description |
|---------|--|
| 1 - 4 | 1st and 2nd couples set to partners and dance right hands across halfway round. |
| 5 - 8 | 2nd and 1st couples set to partners and dance left hands across halfway round to original places. |
| 9 - 16 | 1st couple lead down the middle and up to finish in the middle of the set facing up. 2nd couple step in. |
| 17 - 24 | 1st and 2nd couples dance an allemande. |
| 25 - 32 | 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance six hands round and back. Repeat, having passed a couple. |

Taken from Dale's Collection of Reels and Dances C.1799

Original Tune: The Deil Amang the Tailors (Gow)



Check out the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqShm5XeKMA>

The Deil Amang the Tailors - 8x32 Reel

The Deil Amang the Tailors

Gow

1
9

3 A A Bm Bm E7

A A Bm A D A E7 A 3 A E7 A

17
25

A A Bm Bm E7

A A Bm A D A E7 A

Dance from Davies Collection



Stream or download the music
[https://www.rscds.org/shop/
product/music/cd-book-14/](https://www.rscds.org/shop/product/music/cd-book-14/)

