



Cheshire Chat

August 2022



Dear Members

I hope that you have all had a good summer break and enjoyed some of the lovely, (if rather too hot at times), weather, and that your thoughts are returning to dancing again.

At the end of May a small group of members spent an enjoyable afternoon demonstrating our skills at the Chester Folk Festival. The Workshop was ably led by Trish Reid and the attendees participated with enthusiasm. The afternoon was rounded off with a splendid afternoon tea in the lovely garden of Jane and David Beattie.

The six Summer Socials in June and July were well attended – it is always nice to welcome visitors to Tarporley.



Cheshire Branch Dancers

In July three members of the Branch attended Week 1 of Summer School in St Andrews. It was good to be back after, what was for us, a 3 year break. As usual we walked miles each day between the various class venues. We did however appreciate 3 nights of dancing in the refurbished Younger Hall and, of course, the quality of teaching and musicians that played for us, both in the classes and for the evening dances. As there were classes for musicians during week 1 we benefitted from them joining the band on the final Saturday night.



Saturday Night Musicians in the Younger Hall

RSCDS July Mailing

- Plans are now underway for the AGM, which will be held this year at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow on the 5th November.
- Winter School (19th – 24th February 2023) – bookings due to open on 1st September.
- Centenary Ball (25th March 2023) – bookings due to open on 7th September.
- Centenary Calendar of Events: Please click on the link [here](#).

RSCDS July Mailing (continued)

- Book 53 – The trial dance period has now closed and the Membership Services Committee would like to thank all of the Branches that participated and appreciate the time spent in downloading all of the required information. A total of 240 dances were submitted! We look forward to the new publication and hope that one of our three dances may be included!

Autumn Term

Classes will recommence on **Wednesday, 7th September**. The class format will remain the same with the first hour being devoted to new dancers, as well as improvers, and we look forward to seeing many of last years new dancers returning to join us. NB – Membership Subscriptions due by 1st October at the latest.

Diary Dates

- Saturday, 15th October – Nice and Easy Dance
- Saturday, 19th November – Cheshire Branch Day School with David Queen and John Browne (details to follow)
- Wednesday, 14th December – End of Term Social
- Saturday, 14th January, 2023 – New Year Dance

Scottish Step Day Workshop

There will be a Scottish Step Day Workshop being held at the Community Centre from 10.30 - 3.30 on Saturday, 8th October. This will be led by Kate Gentles, an experienced Step Dancer from Cambridge. Why not come along and try this very graceful type of dancing? If you have not watched any step dancing click on this [link](#) to view one of the Step Demonstration Dances from Summer School this year. For information please contact: Lucinda Hodges – Tel. 01625 618320 or 07952 811196. Email: scottishstepworkshop@gmail.com

With best wishes and looking forward to seeing you all again on 7th September

Best wishes

Anne MacDonald

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