

## Branch Events

The Oxfordshire Branch holds an Annual Ball in October, a Christmas Dance, and a Burns Supper and Dance in January. A Day School takes place in February, which includes all-day teaching and a dance in the evening. For dates of these and other events please see our website [www.rscdsoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.rscdsoxfordshire.org.uk).

We are in close contact with other local Scottish dance groups, and there are many opportunities to join RSCDS members and dance almost anywhere around the world, as part of our global network. There are numerous benefits to being an RSCDS member, such as the Society magazine, discounts on Society merchandise via the website, access to Society-run schools and training, discounted weekly classes and often discounts on other dances and events, to name but a few.

## Resources

There are many books, CDs and other useful items available through the RSCDS website and on-line shop. Dancing shoes can be obtained from St Andrews Shoemakers, or locally from Centre Stage in Abingdon. Our own Branch website also has some useful additional links.

[www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org)  
[www.rscdsoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.rscdsoxfordshire.org.uk)  
[www.standrews-shoemakers.com](http://www.standrews-shoemakers.com)  
<https://thistleshoes.com/>



The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) was formed in 1923 and is a registered Scottish charity, which is dedicated to promoting Scottish country dance. It has a world-wide network of branches of which the Oxfordshire Branch is one. For more information please visit the website [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org).

## Welcome to the Oxfordshire Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

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The Oxfordshire Branch of the RSCDS holds Scottish Country Dancing classes all year round. We endeavour to reach the high standards set by the RSCDS. The RSCDS stresses the importance of the social nature of the dance form - giving plenty of opportunities for fun and friendship - but is equally concerned with upholding the standards of correct dancing technique. It is this unique blend of wonderful music, disciplined dancing, intricate floor patterns and sociability that appeals to so many people throughout the world.

Formal classes are held on Thursday evenings from September until May at Summertown Church Hall, Portland Road, Oxford OX2 7EZ. *No partner needed and no need to wear a kilt, just something that allows you freedom to move. Soft shoes preferred - safer for you and for everyone else!*

### Class Timetable

Class	Teacher
7.30-8.15pm Basic Class	Alice Stainer, Helen Houghton-Carr or Trisha Rawlings
8.15-9.15pm General Class	Alice Stainer, Helen Houghton-Carr or Trisha Rawlings
9.30-10.30pm Advanced Class	Dennis Tucker
9.30-10.30pm Improvers Class	Alice Stainer, Helen Houghton-Carr or Trisha Rawlings

Through June, July and August social dancing takes place without formal instruction. A senior member of the Branch conducts these evenings and all are welcome to attend. Social dancing takes place in Summertown Church Hall each Thursday from 8.00–10.30 pm.

### Class Fees for 2018/19

Weekly	RSCDS Members	£3.00
	Non-Members	£4.00
Termly	A season ticket is available to RSCDS members at a reduced rate, which usually equates to two 'free' weeks.	

Please note that the full fee is payable even if only one part of the evening's programme is attended.

### How do I know which class is suitable for me?

**The Basic Class** is for beginners, though many experienced dancers attend both to enjoy the dancing and to help those starting out. Please note beginners are encouraged to join at the start of each 'term', that is in September and January, and to be there at 7.30pm.

**The General Class** is for everyone, and our experienced dancers are very good at helping those who are less experienced. This class aims to cover the basic steps and formations and to introduce the core repertoire of more straightforward dances.

**The Advanced Class** gives our advanced dancers an opportunity to dance together at a high standard. It is intended for dancers who have been invited by the teachers. If you would like to be considered for this class, please speak to the Chairman or to one of the teachers.

**The Improvers Class** is run at the same time as the Advanced Class (see timetable) and is for those who are not yet at the standard of the Advanced Class. Please check your eligibility beforehand with the teacher leading this class.

Refreshments are provided at 9.15pm by members on a rota basis.