

Scottish Country Dances

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Dance Diary— Dancing News

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- *This short Newsletter is for the month of May 2026 to give me a chance to keep up to date.*

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West Lothian Branch Weekend 23rd October 2026 until 25th October 2026

Park hotel, Montrose cost £175 pp for 2 nights with single supplement of £25 per night.

Booking form on Branch website <https://rscdswestlothian.org.uk/events/> and all correspondence should be through Shirley Sim **Tel: 01506 441 101**

weekends@rscdswestlothian.org.uk

Date:- Friday 1st May Venue:- There will be No Cannich Rally this year, but organisers hope to resume on 1st Fri of May in 2027 as usual.

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Date:- Friday 1st May Time:- 8pm Venue:- Portsoy Church Centre, 15 Seafield Road, Portsoy, Banff AB45 2QL **Cost:-**£10/£5 **Band:- Susie Simpson Duo**
Organiser:- Contact:- Linda Thomas - linda@1412@gmail.com **Event:-** Fundraiser for Historic Banffshire/Kronach Twinning Association - fundraiser for the forthcoming trip to Kronach in July. **Light Supper. Raffle prizes appreciated.** <https://rscdsbanffshire.wixsite.com/banffshire/rscdsbanffshirebranchdancediary>

Programme:- [SCDDDB 68868] Mrs MacLeod ; Neil M Grant ; The Birks of Invermay ; Lothian Lads ; The Frisky ; The Minister on the Loch ; The Black Bear ; Kathy's Fascinator ; Sugar Candie; The Anniversary Reel **Interval** The Elephant's Stampede ; Caddam Wood ; Miss Nidra Aitken ; Best Set in the Hall ; The Countess of Dunmore's Reel ; The Flower of Glasgow ; Quarries' Jig ; JB Milne ; Anna Holden's Strathspey ; Todlen Hame.

Date:- Friday 1st May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Sauchie Hall, Marr Place FK10 3EA **Cost:-** £15 **Advance Ticket Band:- Frank Thomson** **Organiser:-** Clackmannan Branch **Contact:-** Lesley Ross 01324 559 793 rscds.clackmannanshire@sky.com

Event:- Annual Dance **Light supper**

Programme:- **Grand March leading into** ; Hooper's Jig ; The Falls of Rogie ; Cape Town Wedding ; Les Ramparts de Seville ; The Royal Yacht Britannia ; The Swan and the Tay ; Loch Fitty Jig ; Plantation Reel **INTERVAL** The Chequered Court ; The Countess of Dunmore's Reel ; The Bonnie Tree ; The Bees of Maggieknockater ; Land of the Prince Bishops ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; Best Set in the Hall ; The Deil Among the Tailors.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES

Date:- Monday 4th May Time:- 7.30pm **Venue:-** Concert Hall, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF **Cost:-**£10 / £5
Band:- James Coultts **Organiser:-** Ayr Branch **Contact:-**Wilma Brown 01292 315 558 **Event:-**
 Summer Dancing. <https://www.ayr-rscds.com/> *Dances being Walked*
Programme:- Granville Market ; Scott Meikle ; *Chasing the Eclipse* ; Glayva ; Piper and the Penguin ; Cape Town
 Wedding ; Best Set In the Hall **Interval** Highland Rambler ; Butterscotch and Honey ; Pelorus Jack ; Young
 Accordion Man ; Byron Strathspey ; Postie's Jig ; Montgomerie's Rant.

Date:- Friday 8th May Time:- 7.45pm **Venue:-** Baden Powel Centre, Baden Powell Rd, Turriff AB53 4FE
Cost:- £?? **Band:- Dennis Morrison & Scott Band** **Organiser:-** Turriff Class **Contact:-** Alice Archbald **Event:-**
 - Class Rally. **Light Supper and Raffle** [https://rscdsbanffshire.wixsite.com/banffshire/
 rscdsbanffshirebranchdancediary](https://rscdsbanffshire.wixsite.com/banffshire/rscdsbanffshirebranchdancediary)

Programme:- [SCDDDB 69223] The Whistling Wind ; Major Ian Stewart ; Linnea's Strathspey ; Orpington
 Caledonia ; Jennifer's Jig ; City of Belfast ; The Hoy Head ; Kenora Reel ; Water of Leith ; The Rutland Reel ; Mark &
 Susie's Jig **Supper And Raffle** West's Hornpipe ; The Frisky ; The Moray Rant ; Peat Fire Flame ;
 Miss Hadden's Reel ; Scotch Mist ; The Clansman ; Inchmickery ; Flower O' The Quern ; Bees of Maggie Knockater ;
 Findlater Castle.

Date:- Friday 8th May Time:- 7.30pm **Venue:-** Blairgowrie Town Hall, 14 Brown St, PH10 6EX **Cost:-** £10
Band:- Jim Lindsay **Organiser:-** Ericht Club **Contact:-** Alan Thom 01828 628 747 erichtdance@gmail.com
Event:- Summer Dance <https://www.erichtdance.co.uk/events/summer-dance-7/>

Programme:- Cramond Bridge ; Kelloholm Jig ; Dancing in Perthshire ; Spring Fling Reel ; Red Rum ; Thank You
 Patricia ; JB Milne ; Waternish Tangle ; Triple Happiness ; Welcome to Dufftown **Interval Tea / Biscuits**
Please bring a cup / Raffle Reel of the 51st ; EH3 7AF ; Flower o' the Quern ; Portnacraig ; Ship in Full Sail ;
 MacDonald of Keppoch ; Duke of Wellington ; Colin's Kilts ; Miss Eleanor ; White Heather Jig.

Date:- Friday 8th May Time:- 7.30pm **Venue:-** Phipps Hall, Station Rd, Beaulieu IV4 7EH **Cost:-** £10/£5 **Band:-**
Ewan Galloway **Organiser:-** Kilmorack Club **Contact:-** 01463 819 847 **Event:-** Summer Dance
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Programme:- [SCDDDB 63471] Flight of The Lancaster ; Torridon Lassies ; Sunshine In Little Vennel ; Ruby Rant ;
 Freda's Frolic ; We'll Meet Again ; Flying Scotsman Centenary Reel ; Chequered Court ; La Frainaise En Ecosse ; Flit-
 ting of Lorn **Supper** Toast to The Mousies ; Uppies and Doonies ; Duncan's Eighty ; Don't Panic ; Waternish
 Tangle ; La Famiglia Graziani ; Lothian Lads ; Inchmickery ; City Of Belfast ; Firth Of Beaulieu.

Date:- Saturday 9th May Time:- 7pm for 7.30pm **Venue:-** Ashdale Hall, Westhills, Aberdeen AB32 6FY.
Cost:- £25/£20/£5 **Advance Ticket** **Band:- Sandy Nixon** **Organiser:-** Aurora Club **Contact:-** treasurer@aurorascot.org.uk **Event:-** Aurora 30th Birthday Ball <https://www.aurorascot.org.uk/events/aurora-ball-2026>

Programme:- Cranberry Tart ; Bratach Bana ; Culla Bay ; Hazel Tree ; Blooms of Bon Accord ; Wisp of Thistle ;
 Elephant's Stampede ; Cherrybank Gardens ; Shiftin' Bobbins **Supper** Joie de Vivre ; Lothian Lads ;
 Scotch Mist ; Trip to Drakensberg ; Black Mountain Reel ; Foxhill Court ; Follow me Home ; Belle of Bon Accord ;
 Mairi's Wedding. **Extras:-** Australian Ladies ; White Heather Jig.

Date:- Saturday 9th May Time:- 7.30pm **Venue:-** Canon Hoban Hall, 34 West Main Street, Broxburn EH52 5RJ
Cost:- £10 **Band:- Robert Whitehead** **Organiser:-** RSCDS West Lothian **Contact:-** Moira Stephen 0782 582
 001 for tickets. **Event:-** 90th Anniversary Dance <https://rscdswestlothian.org.uk/>

Programme:-The Happy Meeting ; Anniversary Reel ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; Haar on the Hill ; The Montgomerie's
 Rant ; The Silver Grey ; Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan ; Hopetoun House ; Falls of Rogie ; The Dreamcatcher ; The
 Laird of Milton's Daughter ; Mrs MacPherson of Inveran ; Cherrybank Gardens ; Mairi's Wedding ; **Extras** The
 Luckenbooth Brooch ; Maxwell's Rant.

<p>Date:- Monday 11th May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Concert Hall, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF Cost:-£10 / £5 Band:- Liam Stewart Organiser:- Ayr Branch Contact:-Wilma Brown 01292 315 558 Event:-Summer Dancing. https://www.ayr-rscds.com/ *Dances being Walked*</p> <p>Programme:- EH3 7AF ; *Miss Lucy Clark* ; Rannoch Moor ; Joie De Vivre ; *Crossing the Line* ; Gentleman ; Hazel Tree Interval J.B. Milne ; Dream Catcher ; Mark and Susie's Jig ; Back to the Fireside ; Broadway ; Chequered Court ; Mairi's Wedding.</p>
<p>Date:- Monday 11th May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Forres Town Hall, High Street, IV36 1PB Cost:- £8 Band:- Country Quines Trio Organiser:- RSCDS Forres Contact:- scottishdanceforres@gmail.com Event:- Summer Social <i>Light Supper</i> https://www.invernessrscds.co.uk/dance-diary.asp</p> <p>Programme [SCDDDB 69779] Welcome Reel ; Hooper's Jig ; Hope Little's Strathspey ; Yorkshire Rose ; Reel of The 51st Division ; One For Dorothy ; Maxwell's Rant Interval Bill Clement MBE ; For Old Times' Sake ; Orchards of Co Armagh ; Good Hearted Glasgow ; Falls of Rogie ; Dancing In Perthshire ; Mairi's Wedding.</p>
<p>Date:- Friday 15th May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Clarkston Hall, Clarkston Road G76 8NE Cost:- £12/£6 Band:- Nicky McMichan Organiser:- RSCDS Glasgow Contact:- Margaret Sanders events@rscdsglasgow.org Event:- Nice 'n' Easy Dance. https://www.rscdsglasgow.org/dances</p> <p>Programme:- [SCDDDB 67494] The Hospitality Circle ; The Dancing Bees ; Gramachie ; Yan Tan Tethera ; Bohemian Reflections ; Lord Hume's Reel ; Postie's Jig Interval Crom Allt ; Lady Lucy Ramsay ; Red Nose Jig ; The Montgomeries' Rant ; Seann Triubhas Willichan ; The Auld Grey Cat ; Granville Market.</p>
<p>Date:- Saturday 16th May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Inverleith St Serf's Church Centre ; 1a Clark Road ; Edinburgh EH5 3BD Cost:- £12 / £10 Band:- David Oswald Organiser:- Trinity Club Contact:- secretary.trinityscdc@gmail.com Event:- Club Bi-Weekly Dance. Annual Club Membership £20. https://www.trinityscdc.org/ * * Dance being walked</p> <p>Programme:- EH3 7AF ; Falls of Rogie ; Far North Queensland ; Flora's Fancy ; Countess of Dunmore's Reel ; Gentleman ; Farewell To Balfour Road ; *Reeling Home* Interval Aviator ; Toast To The Mousies ; *Darlington Dancer* ; Scallywag ; Lochalsh Reel ; Broadway ; Gothenburg's Welcome ; Mrs Macpherson Of Inveran.</p>
<p>Date:- Saturday 16th May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Miltonduff Hall, Elgin IV30 8TJ Cost:- £10 Band:- Steven Carcary Trio Organiser:- Miltonduff Class Contact:- miltonduffscd03@gmail.com Event:- Spring Dance <i>Light Supper</i> https://www.invernessrscds.co.uk/dance-diary.asp</p> <p>Programme:- [SCDDDB 67651] Fellside Ramble ; EH3 7AF ; Butterscotch and Honey ; The Reel of the 51st Division ; The Yorkshire Rose ; Loch Spynie ; The Jubilee Jig ; The Findlay's Jig Interval Secret Location ; A Touch of Tartan ; One for Dorothy ; Brig o' Avon ; Flowers of Edinburgh ; Firth of Lorne ; The Clottie Dumpling ; The Highland Rambler. Extras Jamie's Jig ; The Kingston Jig.</p>
<p>Date:- Monday 18th May Time:- 7.30pm Venue:- Concert Hall, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF Cost:- £10 / £5 Band:- Ian Muir Organiser:- Ayr Branch Contact:-Wilma Brown 01292 315 558 Event:- Summer Dancing. https://www.ayr-rscds.com/ *Dances being Walked*</p> <p>Programme:- Roaring Jelly ; Miss Johnstone Of Ardrossan ; *Canadian Landscape* ; Pines of Pitlochry ; Swiss Lassie ; Gang the Same Gate ; Mrs Stewart's Jig Interval Mrs Macleod ; Ayrshire Lassies ; Hooper's Jig ; Bratach Bana ; *Johnnie Walker* ; Yorkshire Rose ; Irish Rover.</p>
<p>Date:- Friday 22nd May Time:- 8pm Venue:- St Thomas' Church Hall, Chapel St, Keith AB55 5AL Cost:- £12 / £6 Band:- Ewan Galloway Duo Organiser:- Keith Class Contact:- Kate Strathdee 01261 842 208 Event:- Class Dance https://rscdsbanffshire.wixsite.com/banffshire/rscdsbanffshirebranchdancediary Programme:- [SCDDDB 70505] The Highland Rambler ; Welcome to Ayr ; Moment of Truth ; Fisherman Ginger's Reel ; The Bees of Maggieknockater ; Sands of Morar ; Crossing the Line ; The Isle ; Aberdeenshire Meets Argentina ; Recumbent Stone ; Alan J Smith Supper & Raffle After Supper ; The Snake Pass ; Alison Rose ; The Shetland Shepherdess ; The Blue Butterfly ; The Fellowship Reel ; Mrs Stewarts Jig ; Chaos In The Kirkway ; Linkumdoddie ; Smiddy Jig.</p>

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Date:- Friday 22nd May **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Steeple Halls (formerly Old & St Andrews Church Hall), 121 High St, Montrose DD10 8QW **Cost:-** **Band:- Neil Galloway Trio** **Organiser:-** RSCDS East Angus **Contact:-** Elizabeth Neill elizab_neill@hotmail.com **Event:-** Summer Dance. **Supper & Raffle.** <https://www.scotdancediary.co.uk/index.php/apr-jun-2026>

Programme:- [SCDDDB 66338] Hooper's Jig ; Tri-Mariner ; Linnea's Strathspey ; Inchmickery ; The Sailor ; S-Locomotion ; Yorkshire Rose ; Gardeners' Fantasia ; Trip to Timber Ridge ; Raven's Dance ; Balmoral Strathspey ; Lochalsh Reel ; Equilibrium ; Celebration Strathspey ; Rutland Reel ; Luckenbooth Brooch ; Swan and the Tay ;

Date:- Monday 25th May **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Concert Hall, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF **Cost:-** £10 / £5 **Band:- David Oswald** **Organiser:-** Ayr Branch **Contact:-** Wilma Brown 01292 315 558 **Event:-** Summer Dancing. <https://www.ayr-rscds.com/> *Dances being Walked*

Programme:- It's Just For Fun ; Clutha ; City of Belfast ; *Waternish Tangle* ; Festival Fling ; Sands of Morar ; Napier's Index **Interval** Maxwell's Rant ; Moray Rant ; *Equilibrium* ; Polharrow Burn ; Bonnie Tree ;

Date:- Friday 29th May **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Dobbie Hall, Main Street, Larbert FK5 4BL **Cost:-** £10 **Band:- Colin Dewar** **Organiser:-** Clackmannan & Falkirk Branches **Contact:-** :- Lesley Ross 01324 559 793 rscds.clackmannanshire@sky.com **Event:-** Joint Dance

Programme:- Pelorus Jack ; Donna's Dancing Shoes ; Sands of Morar ; Centenary Jig ; The Earl of Mansfield ; MacDonald of Keppoch ; The Highland Rambler ; Postie's Jig **Interval** Hooper's Jig ; Polharrow Burn ; The Cashmere Shawl ; Seton's Ceilidh Band ; Ramadan-ce ; The Wind on Loch Fyne ; The Wild Geese ; Montgomerie's Rant.

Date:- Saturday 30th May **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Pitlochry Town Hall, West Moulin Road PH16 5AY **Cost:-** £12/£4 **Band:- James Coutts** **Organiser:-** June Templeman **Contact:-** jaydat16@gmail.com **Event:-** Summer Dancing. *Dances being Walked* **Raffle Tonight.**

Programme:- [SCDDDB 41275] Hollin Bus ; Blooms of Bon Accord ; Alison Rose ; *Merry Mayhem * ; I.P.F. to Auchterarder ; The Bonnie Tree ; *The Phantom Piper * ; *The Yorkshire Rose * ; The Cashmere Shawl ; St Andrew's of Brampton **Interval** Cadgers in the Canongate ; *Bruce Frazer's Jig * ; Autumn in Appin ; *Meeting of the Waters * ; Plantation Reel ; Lady Peak's Strathspey ; *The Galloping Carousel * ; Ramadan-ce ; Indian River Strathspey ; Mrs MacLeod.

Date:- Monday 1st June **Time:-** 7.30pm **Venue:-** Concert Hall, South Beach, Troon KA10 6EF **Cost:-** £10 / £5 **Band:- Susan MacFadyen** **Organiser:-** Ayr Branch **Contact:-** Wilma Brown 01292 315 558 **Event:-** Summer Dancing. <https://www.ayr-rscds.com/> *Dances being Walked*

Programme:- Welcome to Ayr ; *Lass from Stonehaven* ; Gardener's Fantasia ; Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder ; Davy Nick Nack ; Cashmere Shawl ; Farewell to Balfour Road **Interval** *Cuckoo Clock* ; *Mathilde Is A Delight* ; Midnight Oil ; Shifftin' Bobbins ; Duchess Tree ; Jubilee Jig ; Deil Amang The Tailors.