

Dear Affiliated Group Secretary

May 2017

Please find enclosed the following:

- Letter regarding renewal of affiliation, and individual memberships
- Form for affiliation renewal
- Form for HQ membership (collective) renewals, if applicable
- Form for Youth Branch Membership, if applicable
- Affiliated Group & Branch Brochure
- RSCDS Membership Brochure

New Publications and Recordings:

- *Book 51*, the accompanying CD and the electronic download (available July 2017) recorded by Ian T. Muir and his Scottish Dance Band
- *Index to Formations and Movements in Scottish Country Dances* (available July 2017)
- *Originally Ours Volume 1 (Reprint)*
- *Combined Book 31-38*

For more details on current and forthcoming projects, see *Scottish Country Dancer* and keep an eye on the website.

Magazine: *Scottish Country Dancer* will continue to be sent directly to members, and a copy to each Affiliated Group, in April and October. You should recently have received edition #24. Please remember to send in reports on your group's activities/special events that you think others will be interested to read about. Reports can be anything from a few sentences to 300 words, and should be sent to the Editor at mag.editor@rscds.org. Accompanying photographs (as separate graphics files) are always welcome!

If you have changed addresses recently, please email your new address to info@rscds.org so the Magazine can be sent to the correct location. Alternatively, please log in to your Affiliated Group page on the RSCDS website to edit or amend your group's details. If you require a password reset, please email info@rscds.org.

Remember that you can advertise Day, Weekend, or week-long Schools or Workshops in the magazine, without any charge, in the Day School Diary. Entries can be submitted by e-mail direct to the compiler, John Sturrock, on john.m.sturrock@btinternet.com or by post or fax to Headquarters, clearly marked for the Magazine Editor. If you send details to one of the events listings websites (links to these are on our website at <https://www.rscds.org/article/worldwide-dance-events>) this will also ensure that your event is widely publicised.

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RSCDS website

Do please keep an eye on the website at www.rscds.org for the latest news and information. Also, don't forget that all Affiliated Group members can view the contents of the regular mailings to Groups at: <http://www.rscds.org/article/branch-mailings>

Dates for your diary:

- *Summer School 2017*, St Andrews: 16 July – 13 August 2017
Applications can be made online, at www.rscds.org, where full details are available, or by telephoning Headquarters. **There are still places available**, so if you are thinking of coming to Summer School, please apply as soon as possible to guarantee a place.
Due to popular demand we are holding two different types of Musicians' Courses during Week One and Week Three.
Since the introduction of Junior Summer School last year we have had many requests to hold the programme again, and we are thrilled to be offering it during Week Three.
- *Annual Conference Weekend and AGM 2017*, Perth: 3 – 5 November 2017
Full details are now available on the website, and tickets can be booked online on the Events page at <https://www.rscds.org/article/events>. Hard copy booking forms are available from Headquarters on request.
- *Winter School 2018*, Pitlochry: 18 February – 23 February 2018
Details will be made available on the website as soon as they are known; online booking will open in September 2017.
- *Spring Fling 2018*: Glasgow, Scotland: 20 – 22 April 2018
Details will become available on the Spring Fling website, but in the mean time you can sign up to receive news and updates via the Spring Fling newsletter: <https://www.springfling2018.com/>. Online booking is not yet ready, watch that website and www.rscds.org for more information!

Spring Fling 2019 will take place in Lyon, France, and more information will be available closer to the end of the year.

Please pass on the information above to your Group members, particularly with regard to the AGM & Conference Weekend – you don't need to be a member of the Society to attend! In addition to the wonderful classes and dances we are also hosting a ceilidh and extra activities and workshops.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have queries about any of the above.

Yours sincerely

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