



# Summer School 2020

University Hall  
St Andrews, Scotland  
19 July – 16 August 2020

## INTRODUCTION

Come and join us at the 2020 RSCDS Summer School, which will take place in the historic Fife town of St Andrews from 19 July to 16 August.

The four courses are as follows:-

Sunday 19 July            Sunday 26 July  
- Sunday 26 July        Sunday 2 August  
- Sunday 2 August    - Sunday 9 August  
Sunday 9 August -      Sunday 16 August

You may attend for 1 week or for a maximum of any 2 weeks. We hope that each week will offer something special but, if you choose to attend for 2 weeks, there may be some duplication in content and staffing.

The town has much to offer the visitor and, with the University residences nearby, it is an ideal place to indulge your passion for Scottish country dancing. There are country dance classes every morning for all dancers and voluntary dance-related activities in the afternoons. There is social dancing, or other activities, every evening, with a ceilidh on Fridays. It is hoped that you will also find time to explore the town and the surrounding area - perhaps to visit "St Andrews Gardens" or "Fife Ness".

## RESIDENCES

Summer School is based in **University Hall, Kennedy Gardens**. This is an historic building in its own attractive grounds near the University playing fields. The rooms are study bedrooms, either single or twin, some are ensuite, many have wash-hand basins, but all other bathroom facilities are shared.

The RSCDS office, shop, shoe shops, dress shop and most social functions are in University Hall.

There is a wonderful sense of camaraderie in University Hall. All meals are taken together (on a self-service basis). We provide a full Scottish breakfast and there is an excellent choice, including a salad bar, at both lunch and dinner. Most evening social dancing and other events take place in University Hall. There is also a party room and a games room available for informal gatherings but numbers are restricted.

Accommodation can also be booked in Agnes Blackadder Hall (formerly New Hall). All bedrooms have an en-suite shower, toilet and wash-hand basin. Most of the bedrooms have one double bed and can be occupied by one or two dancers. These rooms are compact when used for double occupancy and couples may prefer to have a room each. All rooms have a television. Agnes Blackadder Hall has a bar, spacious foyer and dining room, where breakfast is served. PLEASE NOTE that Agnes Blackadder Hall offers only B&B, all other meals will be eaten at University Hall.

Dancers who decide to reside in accommodation other than University Hall or Agnes Blackadder Hall will be considered to be **NON-RESIDENT**.

Other University accommodation can be booked directly through St Andrews University and there are a number of hotels, B&B and caravans available in or near the town.

## FACILITIES



All university bedrooms are serviced daily and are provided with towels. Coffee/tea-making facilities are available in nearby well equipped kitchens. Laundry facilities are also available in each residence operated by means of a card system. Internet access is available, although you will need to bring your own device.

**Non-Residents** have the opportunity to attend all classes and social events, having booked the accommodation of their choice. The Tourist Information Centre (01334 472021) can provide information on alternative/cheaper accommodation in the town.

Summer School is open to all dancers aged 12 years or over, and there are discounts available as indicated for members of the RSCDS and for full-time students under the age of 26. Dancers aged between 12 and 15 are invited to attend in week 2 but may attend in any other week and must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Also in week 2 this year, we will be running Junior Summer School for children aged 8 – 11, from 9am – 1pm each day, offering a mixture of SCD and craft activities.

## CLASSES

Classes for all levels of Scottish country dancing are held during the mornings of Monday to Saturday at various venues throughout St Andrews. All are within approximately 20 minutes' walking distance of University Hall. Please see the application form and class selector for the list of classes available and the qualifications for entry. This is a course of practical dancing and everyone is expected to **actively participate** in **both** morning classes for all six days. During the afternoons additional voluntary classes are offered. The examination courses will involve morning and afternoon classes. There are no classes on Sunday.

Please note that all classes are taught in English. If you have difficulty in understanding English you may prefer to choose a lower level class.

**A Musicians' Course** will be held during Weeks 3 & 4. The course in week 4 is designed to give accomplished musicians the skills to play for Scottish country dance CLASSES. Preference will be given to musicians who have not previously attended a similar course. Fees are the same as for dancers. Musicians participating in the course are welcome to attend all other events. Please contact the office for further details and separate application form.

Although pipers are not part of this course, we encourage any pipers to bring their own pipes.

**Classes leading to the RSCDS Teaching Certificates** are offered over 2 weeks. The first course (for unit 5) is during weeks 1 & 2 and the second course (for units 2 & 3) is during weeks 3 & 4. A pass in Units 1, 2 & 3 or at Preliminary Test level is required for entry to the course for Unit 5. Classes will take place during both the morning and afternoon. The examination for Unit 5 will take place at the end of week 2. The examination for Units 2 & 3 will take place at the end of week 4. Examination fees **must be paid along with your residence fees**.

If you wish to be part of one of these courses, please contact the office to obtain the relevant syllabus, the latest edition of the Manual of Scottish country dancing and an application form.

If you require the services of a translator, please contact the office for advice as soon as possible.

If there are insufficient dancers for any course, you may be asked to attend during alternative weeks.

## **CLASS STANDARDS**

The class selector is designed to assist you in selecting the class most appropriate to your ability. It is for everyone's benefit that dancers are allocated to the most suitable class - everyone gets better enjoyment and progress can be smoother. Please think carefully before completing the application form. If you are in any doubt apply for a lower class. The Schools Director, Depute Directors and/or class teachers reserve the right to request you relocate to a more suitable class.

Please ensure that you are physically fit to attend your chosen class, remembering that, during one week, you will be required to participate actively in two classes each morning for six days.

If you are coming for the first time, it is helpful to seek advice from your local teacher. You will find the classes more enjoyable and be more comfortable if you choose a class which is appropriate for your standard of dancing and knowledge of the dances.

For qualified teachers and very advanced dancers who can no longer sustain a high level of performance or who have sustained an injury, we offer the low impact class. For this, you will have an in-depth knowledge, understanding and experience of the dance but may not be able to participate as fully as you would wish. A Social dancing skills class is offered in week 4 for those dancers who have not reached very advanced level and who do not hold the RSCDS Teaching Certificate, and who are unable to sustain the pace of a normal advanced class or who simply want to improve their social dancing skills. Please note this class content may include some social and party dances and some elements of technique. The Social Skills class will NOT teach the dances from the evening social dance programmes

There is further information on all classes in the class selector.

**Be honest with yourself - Choose the most appropriate class**

## **SOCIAL DANCING**

There is social dancing for all dancers attending Summer School on most evenings. This is held in University Hall and/or elsewhere. The programmes and crib sheets are available via the website before you arrive at St Andrews. There is a ceilidh each Friday evening in which you may wish to participate.

Every Thursday there are public dances; this year they will take place in the Boys Brigade Hall in weeks 1 & 2 and in the University sports complex near University Hall, in weeks 3 & 4. Tickets for these can be obtained only from RSCDS Headquarters ([www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org)) and you are encouraged to apply early. On these evenings there is social dancing in the Common Room at University Hall where an alternative programme of dances will be offered.

In week 2, parents or guardians must accompany children aged 8 – 15 to the social dances. Only dancers aged 8 years and above may be on the dancefloor during social dancing.

Branches and Groups nearby also offer opportunities for social dancing during Summer School and details will be available at Summer School.

## VOLUNTEERS

The smooth running of Summer School depends on the hard work put in by members of the office staff, the teachers and the musicians, and also the time and effort generously given by dancers. If you wish to help by, for example, assisting at registration, serving in the shop or selling raffle tickets, please tick the appropriate box on the application form.

It would be very much appreciated if *EVERY* dancer could give at least one hour to help make up the classes required for the practical teaching part of the examinations held at the end of week 2 and week 4. **Some classes will be expected to do this as part of their morning tuition.**

## FEES

Fees and discounts are shown on the application form and must be paid in GBP and you are responsible for any bank charges. We regret that we cannot accept cheques which are not in GBP.

All prices shown are per person per week.

Resident charges include seven nights' accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, all tuition and most social functions.

Only one discount can be claimed per person

All payments will be acknowledged.

Fees may be paid by credit or debit card. Cards accepted are Visa, Access, Eurocard, Delta, and Mastercard. If you wish to pay by cheque, please contact the office on 0131 225 3854.

## INSURANCE

Dancers are **strongly advised** to have suitable insurance to cover any loss of fees in the event of illness, injury or other unavoidable circumstance.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you have special dietary requirements, please ensure you complete the appropriate section on the application form and confirm on arrival.

## ANY OTHER QUERIES

If you have any other queries, please contact our Events Manager, Moira Thomson, at [moira.thomson@rscds.org](mailto:moira.thomson@rscds.org) / 0131 225 3854

## TRAVEL TO ST ANDREWS

If you plan to travel by road please consult the AA, RAC or equivalent on the best route and road conditions.

If you plan to travel by air, Edinburgh Airport is nearest although onward travel by train and/or bus is available from Glasgow and Prestwick.

The nearest train station is Leuchars, where buses or taxis are available for onward travel.

Stagecoach and Strathtay Buses come to St Andrews bus station.

The following website may help with your travel plans:

[www.visitstandrews.com](http://www.visitstandrews.com)





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