

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

June – July 2024 Newsletter

High spirits from the Easter "party" for the Scottish Country Dancing group

Our Scottish Country Dance group continues to be well attended - we now have 44 members, and our average weekly attendance is around 28. Some of us are even getting quite good at it! This type of dancing is very popular, with groups across the UK and, indeed, the world - most of them organised by branches of The Royal Society of Scottish Country Dancing (RSCDS). As well as our u3a group, there is also a weekly Doncaster RSCDS group who meet at the Goldsmith Centre in Sprotbrough.

The dancing itself, as the name suggests, is not too different from English Country Dancing (such as Barn Dancing you may recall from your youth), or Ceilidh dancing. There are over 6000 different dances, but in our group, we limit ourselves to around 60 of the most popular ones. If you would like to see it in action, do come along to the Members' Meeting on June 17th - we have been asked to put on a short demonstration. If you would like to see an on-screen example performed by some of the top dancers, just search 'highland rambler dance'.

Hope to see you in June

Geoff Tagg



April – May 2023 Newsletter

It is now 5 years since we started this group - and its getting ever more popular. We now have 38 members in total, with around 25 each week attending.

Geoff Tagg

December 2019 – January 2020 Newsletter

It is now coming up to two years since the Scottish Country Dancing Group began - the photo is from a recent session, with a group of us trying hard not to look posed! We are at least smiling, which is a fair representation of what we get up to. We might not get every dance correct but we always enjoy the attempt! As one member said "I always know I am going to start Friday with plenty of fun and laughter". And of course, any dancing is good for your physical health and even for keeping your brain ticking over.

We are very much open to new members. So if you are tempted, either come along to the "party" (see page 6) or our early January sessions (Jan 3,10,17), when we will be going over the basics.

Why not "Come Dancing"?

Geoff Tagg



At the final session of Scottish Country Dancing before the summer break, Sue and Geoff Tagg presented a bouquet from all the members to Nicky Dixon, to say thank-you for her brilliant and friendly teaching.

Geoff Tagg



August – September 2018 Newsletter

The Scottish Country Dancing group started in February 2018, so has now completed its first 6 months - numbers have fluctuated between 12 and 20 - and as we can easily accommodate 32, we are very keen for new members to come along and give it a try. To quote one member - "It's really good fun, it's good exercise for us, and it keeps the brain ticking!" - and Nicky is a lovely and encouraging teacher. Most members come as individuals, whilst others come with friends or partners - it makes no difference, as we dance in 'sets' of 6 or 8.

Geoff Tagg

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Members of the DU3A Scottish Dancing group clearly enjoying themselves. There is plenty of room for new members. Just come along for the fun. Every Friday morning at the Methodist church opposite St Peter in Chains,

Chris Woolven



This is a new weekly activity, 10 a.m. every Friday in school terms - run by members Nicky Dixon and Geoff Tagg. The first 5 sessions have averaged around 20 members each time, which is good - but we hope it will grow to 30 plus - so do feel free to get in touch. Around half of the members come with a partner, and half solo - it makes no difference as we dance in sets, rather than just with a partner. The dancing is similar to English country dancing, very sociable (The Gay Gordons, anyone?!) - and we try to help out anyone who feels dancing is not their top skill - just ask George Kirk or David Allen! And of course, as well as being good fun, it's a good way to get a little fitter.

Geoff Tagg