



Cheshire Chat

August 2025



Summer School 2025

Cheshire Members



A record number of Cheshire members attended The RSCDS Summer School during Week 4. Di was, once again, Depute Director, and busy dealing with all the practical issues associated with such a large event. We know how much work went into planning the month and we certainly had a great time, enjoyed some fantastic dancing to superb musicians and meeting up with friends from far and wide.

Book 54

This year saw the publication of RSCDS Book 54. We were delighted when a dance submitted by one of our teachers, Trish Reid, was accepted for inclusion. This meant that we were required to submit a video of a team demonstrating the dance and were very proud when this dance featured at both the online book launch in July and was danced in all the classes during Summer School.

The White Rose Festival

Another highlight of the summer was the White Rose Festival. Following a break of several years the Cheshire Branch entered two teams this year. After several training sessions ably led by Trish (General Dances) and David (Demonstration Dances) we set off, on what must have been



one of the hottest days of the year! We settled in a shady spot, under a tree, and on the whole, we acquitted ourselves reasonably well, although I think our dancing picked up considerably after the break when Jane and Stewart treated us to a sumptuous afternoon tea of scones with cream & jam and a welcome glass of Pimms! I should add that we received several compliments about our outfits (the ladies, I mean!).

The AGM

As usual this was held in May and during the evening we presented Liz Bruynooghe with Honorary Membership of the Branch. Liz is the only remaining Founder Member of the Branch and over the years has been a loyal member, as well as teaching classes at all levels of dancing. Her clear and patient style being appreciated by new and experienced dancers alike.



Anne stepped down after 8 years as Chairperson and Steve Williams nobly took up the mantle. We wish him well and I am sure that he will have the support of all the members.

Autumn Term

After the Summer Break I am sure that everyone is looking forward to returning to their favourite pastime and classes recommence on Wednesday, 17th September. As usual the first hour will be mainly for new and less experienced members (7-8pm), with the Intermediate Class following and dancing for the more experienced dancers will be after the tea break. Dancers will be advised by one of the teachers when they are ready to join this class.

NB Membership Subscriptions will be due by 1st October.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 17th September – Classes Commence
- Saturday 11th October – Nice & Easy Dance
- Weekend 7th – 9th November – RSCDS AGM and Autumn Gathering - Glasgow
- Saturday 22nd November – Advanced Day School with Faye McNeill
- Wednesday 17th December – End of Term Social
- Wednesday 7th January 2026 – Spring Term Commences
- Saturday 10th January - New Year Dance
- Saturday 28th March – Wyche Ball

Well, I think that brings us up to date with all the news.

Happy Dancing!

Anne MacDonald