



Cheshire Chat

August 2026



Welcome to the Summer Edition of Cheshire Chat. I hope that you have all returned safely from wherever your travels have taken you and are refreshed and ready for a return to dancing.

Summer School 2026

Cheshire Members

Once again, several members attended The RSCDS Summer School, and the picture (R) is of those who attended during Week 4.

Branch Ceilidh's

The Angela Rippon Day of Dance, held on the 8th March, was a great success and, following two further successful events in April and May, we now plan to hold a regular monthly Ceilidh. The next one will be on **Sunday, 27th September**, and John Browne will be playing for us on this occasion. We hope that members will publicise these events and encourage their non dancing friends to come along.



Dance Videos

We have now completed video sessions for all of the dances in our 40th Anniversary Book of Dances (these can be viewed on the Strathspey Server) and have also done a video of 'Miss Stevenson's Fancy', one of the dances in the new **Carnforth Collections (Volume 1)** which was launched by the RSCDS in July.

The White Rose Festival

A highlight of the summer was the White Rose Festival. After several practice sessions led by Trish we arrived on the day and commandeered the best spot under the trees (thanks to the early arrival of Maxine, Jane & Olga!) Although another warm day there was a pleasant breeze and we all enjoyed the occasion, dancing to the music of Martainn Skene. The picture below shows Jane serving Pimms during the interval – a definite enhancement to our dancing during the second half!



RSCDS News

- Membership – Work is ongoing with regard to a range of Membership Options and members will soon have the opportunity to take part in a survey to shape the new proposals
- The launch of the new Dance Scottish Hub is imminent, and members will be able to access resources as well as manage their personal data via the RSCDS Just Go account
- A number of vacancies now exist on the Management Board and for various Committee Members – closing date 12th September
- *Autumn Gathering & AGM* – this year to be held in **Dumfries from the 6th – 8th November**. The move away from the larger cities has significantly reduced costs, so why not register now and enjoy 2 nights of great music & dancing.

Committee Changes

Talking of Committees – we are in need of a new Treasurer! Moyra has done this job for the maximum number of years permitted and would like a break. If anyone thinks they could take on this role please have a chat with Moyra.

Autumn Term

The Autumn Term commences with classes from **Wednesday, 16th 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 Renewal Forms and Subscriptions are due by 1st October at latest.

Diary Dates

- Sunday 27th September – Ceilidh with music from John Browne
- Saturday 10th October – Nice & Easy Dance, with music from Andrew Lyon
- Saturday 21st November – Advanced Day School with Faye McNeil
- Wednesday 16th December – End of Term Social
- Wednesday 6th January 2027– Spring Term Commences
- Saturday 16th January - New Year Dance
- Saturday 8th May – Wyche Ball

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

Happy Dancing!

Anne MacDonald