

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY
30 OCTOBER, 2021**

Time	Activity
10.00 - 10.30	Enrolment and coffee
10.30 - 12.30	Morning session
12.30 - 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 - 4.00	Afternoon session
4.00 - 4.30	Tea, coffee and biscuits
4.30 - 5.30	Free Time or Choice of activities Scottish Step: Alice Stainer with Barbara Manning Highland: David Queen with Jeremy Hill Dances from the Evening Programme: Fiona Mackie and Mervyn Short with Ian and Meryl Thomson
6.00 - 9.00	Evening dance with Ceilidh Items: Jim Lindsay and the Day School Musicians

Lunch

A lunch may be purchased comprising a baked potato or rice with either chilli, tuna mayo, cheese or ratatouille plus salad, apple pie or fruit salad with cream, coffee or tea and a glass of wine.

Alternatively, there are facilities for packed lunches or pubs and cafés in the local area.

Evening Dance with Ceilidh Items

This will follow the Day School. Dancing will be to Jim Lindsay and the Day School Musicians - tickets available in advance or at the door.

MUSICIANS' WORKSHOP

This year's Workshop will be led by the accordionist and band leader Jim Lindsay.

For almost half a century Jim has consistently been one of the most respected and 'in demand' musicians on the Scottish music scene. Becoming Scottish Accordion Champion in the early 1970s established him as a top band musician working with most of the legendary names from the golden era of Scottish dance music. You will find him on the credits for countless recordings and broadcasts and he has played at every significant Scottish dance event across the UK with one band or another.

Jim formed his own band in the 1980s which quickly became renowned for his innovative arrangements and concert performances. Their popular brand of listening music continues to be regularly featured on the BBC and their critically acclaimed 'Free Hand' CD released in 1996 inspired a generation of young Scottish musicians.

In recent years Jim has brought the two strands of his music career together playing and recording for dancing under his own name as well as continuing to play with other well known bands.

Jim is looking forward to the workshop after having a most inspiring day on his last visit when London hosted Spring Fling.

The workshop is open to players with a suggested minimum of Grade 5 and is principally aimed at giving musicians a grounding in the techniques and skills required in playing for dancing. It will cover such areas as:

- Pleasing the dancers, regardless of your playing ability level
- Inspiring the dancers through drive and lift
- Exploring ways to enthuse the dancers through tune selection, arrangements and interpretation
- Performing as a group
- Maximising your enjoyment in playing for dancing

For more details and an application form please contact: **Margaret Catchick** - 251 Botley Road, Ley Hill, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1YD

Email: dayschool@rscdslondon.org.uk

*Promoting Scottish
Country Dancing
in the London area*



DAY SCHOOL 2021 with

Teachers: Fiona Mackie (Dundee)
David Queen (Ribble Valley)
Mervyn Short (BHS Border)
Alice Stainer (Oxford)

Musicians: Adam Brady (Dundee)
Jeremy Hill (London)
Barbara Manning (London)
Ian and Meryl Thomson (London)

Musicians' Workshop:
Jim Lindsay

Classes:
Very Advanced, Advanced, Mixed Ability,
Newcomers & Improvers

Optional Classes:
Highland: David Queen with Jeremy Hill
Scottish Step: Alice Stainer with
Barbara Manning
Dances from the Evening Programme:
Fiona Mackie and Mervyn Short
with Ian and Meryl Thomson

**SATURDAY
30 OCTOBER, 2021
ST HELEN'S SCHOOL
EASTBURY ROAD, NORTHWOOD,
MIDDLESEX HA6 3AS**

*It's fun to dance - there's a
welcome for everyone!*

Tear off and return slip, with payment and s.a.e., to: Margaret Catchick, 251 Botley Road, Ley Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1YD Please make cheques payable to RSCDS London Branch. Payments can also be made by bank transfer. For details contact Margaret Catchick at dayschool@rscdslondon.org.uk

Name:	Address:*
Contact Tel:*	Email:*

Class	RSCDS Member Rate	Non-Member Rate	
Morning only	£10	£11	
Afternoon only	£12	£13	
All Day (exc. Dance)	£22	£24	
Evening Dance	£7	£8	
Lunch	£11.50	£11.50	
		TOTAL	

Vegetarian option required?

* Required to enable us to contact you regarding any queries with your application and its receipt
 Would you like to be contacted about future London Branch Day Schools? Yes No

So that we may balance the classes, please tick below which category you believe you fall into.

Please see overleaf for class criteria**

I consider myself to be:

Very Advanced Advanced

Mixed Ability Newcomer/Improver



CLASSES

This year the classes will be Very Advanced, Advanced, Mixed Ability and Improvers levels. The Very Advanced and Advanced groups will each be taught by Fiona Mackie and David Queen. The Mixed Ability and Improvers classes will be taught by Mervyn Short and Alice Stainer.

Very Advanced - To qualify for this class applicants **must** be able to perform and execute all steps and formations to a very high standard of dancing. They must also be able to illustrate good phrasing, handing and covering. In addition dancers must be able to assimilate instructions quickly and sustain a high level of performance throughout both classes.

Advanced - Applicants **must** be very good dancers with a sound knowledge of all steps and formations and should be able to execute them accurately. In addition dancers should possess quick powers of assimilation of instruction and be able to maintain a good level of performance throughout both classes.

Mixed Ability - Applicants should have a good standard of dancing and a sound knowledge of steps and formations and be aiming to improve their personal technique.

Newcomers & Improvers - Applicants should have knowledge of basic steps and formations and be looking to improve on this.

****Class criteria** - Please remember when completing this form it is not the number of years you have been dancing or the number of dances you go to each week which determines your suitability for the class but more importantly whether you are able to perform the steps, formations and other criteria required for the various levels of classes. Please also remember that we have not been dancing for about a year and a half and therefore stamina, technique and memory may not be the same as it was prior to the pandemic. Therefore please be realistic in assessing your ability in order that everyone can get the most out of the day. If in doubt contact Margaret Catchick on 01494 772305 or email: dayschool@rscdslondon.org.uk for advice.

As in recent years classes will not be allocated until the Day School. This will ensure that all dancers applying have a fair chance of enrolling for the class of their ability. The Branch and teachers reserve the right to allocate students to classes as they see fit.

TRAVEL

The entrance to the car park is in Green Lane HA6 1AG. Please do not exceed the 5mph speed limit. There is also additional free on-street parking in Eastbury Road, Carew Road and other surrounding roads.

BY TUBE: The nearest tube station is Northwood (Metropolitan line). Journey time from Baker Street is 30 minutes.
 BY BUS: Route 8 bus from Watford Junction rail station calls at Northwood.

HOUSE RULES

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in school buildings or on school grounds.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no refunds for cancellations received on or after 23 October 2021.

The Branch cannot be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained during the course.

To help with catering, if you require lunch please indicate on the application form whether you would like to have the ratatouille vegetarian option.