



## BRANCH NEWS JUNE 2016

### Membership subscriptions 2016-2017

Our current annual subscription for an individual adult stands at £24, which is made up of £18 subscription to the Society and £6 to the Branch. At the Society AGM in Perth in November 2015 it was agreed that from 1 July 2016 Society subscriptions would rise by £2 to £20 per annum.

As a Branch Committee we have always tried to avoid any significant increase from one year to the next. We are therefore proposing that for 2016-2017 our overall subscription remains unchanged. This means that the Branch subscription will actually fall by £2 (and proportionately for other categories).

Over the next year we shall look hard at the actual costs incurred by the Branch in servicing members, and it may be that we shall have to make an according adjustment in July 2017, possibly an increase.

In the course of the next year our Treasurer is intending to compile an article for the Newsletter setting out the costs and explaining the reasons for any proposed change.

From 1 July 2016, therefore, the Branch Committee proposes that the overall total subscription remains unaltered. Proposed rates would therefore be as follows:

**Adult single (25+) £24 (£20 + £4)**

**Adult single, half-year £12 (£10 + £2)**

(Only for new members joining after 1 Jan 2017)

**Young adult (18-24) £16.50 (£16 + 50p)**

**Youth (12-17) £11.50 (£10 + £1.50)**

**Adult joint £38 (£32 + £6)**

(2 people, same address, belonging to same Branch, 1 copy of magazine per household)

This proposal will be voted on at AGM on 18 June in Swansea - so come along and have your say!

**Alison Jackson**

**Branch Sec / Membership Sec**

### Listings June-October 2016

**Sat 25 June:** S Wales Branch Festival of Dance, Brecon Mountain Centre (2:00 – 5:30 pm) & Bishop's Meadow Caravan Park, Brecon (7:00 – 10:45 pm). Details Conor Farmer 07812 569744

[conor@farmer199.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:conor@farmer199.fsnet.co.uk)

**Wed 29 June:** Ross Reel Club Party Night, 7:45 pm. Larruperz Centre, Ross on Wye

**Sat 9 July, Sun 10 July:** Creels & Reels – Corrievrechan Display. Dundry Village Hall (nr Bristol), 2:15 pm. Details Erica 01275 472634 or Mike 0750 393 6999 or Corrievrechan website

**Sun 10 July:** Bristol RSCDS Summer Fling, 4:00–8:00 pm, Ubley Village Hall BS40 6PN. Details from Pat Fish on [bandp856@btinternet.com](mailto:bandp856@btinternet.com)

**16 July:** Charity Dance in aid of Bristol NW Foodbank. 7:15-11:00 pm, Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG. CDs. Details from Mavis Monahan 01934 709512 or [mavis@monahan.co.uk](mailto:mavis@monahan.co.uk)

**Wed 3 Aug & Wed 17 Aug:** Afternoon of dancing, Bishopswood Village Hall, HR9 5QT, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

**Sat 24 Sept:** S Wales Branch New Season Welcome Dance. St Paul's Parish Centre, Swansea, 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Details [anthony.harland@anthonyh102.plus.com](mailto:anthony.harland@anthonyh102.plus.com)

**Sat 1 Oct 2016:** Regular first Sat of the month dance in Letterston, Pems. Details Pat Rye 01646 698463 [ryedp@hotmail.com](mailto:ryedp@hotmail.com)

**Sat 1 Oct 2016:** Cardiff Cal Soc regular first Sat of the month dance, Whitchurch Scout Hall, Cardiff. Details Conor Farmer 07812 569744 [conor@farmer199.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:conor@farmer199.fsnet.co.uk)

### Tea sets

We know about longwise sets, square sets, triangular sets – but how are tea sets linked to Scottish Country Dancing? Well, you may have noticed at the Spring Dance that we served tea and coffee in a rather pretty array of vintage cups and saucers. Several of you commented on them at the time (“What nice cups”, “So much pleasanter to drink out of than plastic cups”).

The delicate cups and saucers in question were provided by Ann Morgan, who borrowed them for the occasion. She's not sure whether they will be available again, so the committee have decided that we might try to acquire some of our own. Before we scour local charity shops, we wondered if members might have any surplus china cups and saucers they would care to donate to us. They don't need to be complete sets – in fact, part of their charm is the randomness of them. Just intact (i.e. no chips or cracks), no precious heirlooms please, but if possible pretty rather than utilitarian!

If you have any cups and saucers you think would be suitable please contact Conor Famer or me (Alison Jackson):

Conor: 07812 569744 or

[conor@farmer199.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:conor@farmer199.fsnet.co.uk)

Alison: 07811 082510 or

[jacksonaj@talktalk.net](mailto:jacksonaj@talktalk.net)

### Thanks from John Williams

Most members will be aware of the sad loss of one of our most stalwart members, Mair Williams, in early October 2015. Her family asked that any donations in her memory be given to the Golau Cancer Foundation. Many of Mair's dancing friends responded, both individually and as groups, and her husband John has sent us the following message, to be passed on to everyone who donated.

*Please find enclosed a photo of us presenting the handsome £2,841-00 cheque on behalf of all Mair's friends who contributed so generously to our chosen charity, “Golau Cancer Foundation”, the official charity of the South-West Wales Cancer Centre at Singleton Hospital. This is a magnificent total and your contribution to this large sum is much appreciated.*



*I am very much indebted to yourself and your members for your caring messages and sympathy following Mair's unexpected passing. Please convey my most sincere gratitude and best regards to all your members who embraced Mair and made her social life so happy.*

*With sincere gratitude, as always,*

**John Williams**

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