



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY – RICHMOND BRANCH
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Dear Members and Friends

I hope you are well and have survived this long period of incarceration and are, like me, looking forward to resuming Scottish Country Dancing.

Last week, Richmond Branch Committee held a Zoom meeting to discuss plans for future activities as the current Covid restrictions should have been eased by the end of June. It was agreed that our first event should be an outdoor social in July of this year. The purpose of this event would be to re unite local dancers, so that we could catch up on news with our friends and have a good blether. Also, as most of us will not be dancing fit, we plan to arrange a modified dancing programme. Perhaps some walking dances to begin with and then adjusting the programme if this is thought to be appropriate. The final details have not yet been decided, but the outline plan agreed so far is attached as a separate notice and the Treasurer and I have decided that this event will be free.

There were other matters of interest discussed and decided at our meeting. Unfortunately, our Spring dance this year, when Marian Anderson and her Band were due to play for us, has had to be cancelled, but the good news is that this event has been rearranged for Saturday 9th April 2022. This is a little earlier in the month than usual because Easter 2022 coincides with our usual date.

Whilst on the subject of dances, we hope to hold our Autumn dance this year in October, as usual, when Phill Jones is booked to play for us on Saturday 9th October at the Clarke Hall, Richmond School.

We are optimistic that we will be able to restart our weekly classes in September when we intend to continue at the Booth Hall at Catterick Village. More information on this will be announced in due course.

Also, in September we intend to hold our Branch AGM for the year ending 31st March 2021. The Committee were of the view that it would be better to hold this event “live” in the Town Hall, Richmond rather than, as last year, by email/post.

Another subject discussed at our Committee meeting was the Scottish Country Dancer magazine. HQ are trying to reduce costs and have suggested that some members would be content to have this sent as a digital on line copy, so all Branch members will be asked to state their preference. Our Membership Secretary, Liz, will be asking members for their choice at subscription renewal time. Incidentally, the subs for next year will remain the same as last year.

Other dancing groups will, like ourselves, be looking ahead, but to date there is little information available. However, we do know already that the White Rose Festival in July this year has been cancelled.

This is just the beginning of the return to our Scottish dancing life and we will keep in touch with you as details of our activities evolve.

Geoff Robinson
Chairman

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