



# RSCDS Dance Scottish Newsletter



## Summer School 2015 Wrap Up!

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Well, Summer School 2015 has come to a close; four weeks flew by just like that. It was an amazing time in St. Andrews and there are way too many people who deserve our praise and gratitude.

Thank you to all the dancers who came from around the world to take part; your passion and dedication for Scottish Country Dancing is inspiring, and seeing you dance brings joy to our hearts.

Thank you to all the teachers who showed the utmost patience, dignity, and forgiveness; you make Scottish Country Dancing so much fun and are truly the lifeblood of the Society.

Thank you to all the musicians who not only played but took part in the musicians course. You provide the soundtrack to a wonderful evening and without your graceful and energetic playing, we would have no memories to take home.

Last, but certainly not least, to the Summer School staff. Moira Thomson, Ruby Wilkinson (in her last year as Director!), Jim Stott, Pat Houghton and Anne Taylor. We have no idea how in the heck you did it, but you pulled it off, and on behalf of the RSCDS we would like to thank you for all that you do; we are honoured to have you as a part of the Society.

Until next year, have fun and keep dancing!

Pictures from Summer School 2015 will be up on the RSCDS website shortly (there is a lot to sort through!)

***Please note that we would like all those who attended Summer School to send in their pictures and videos, as we would like to hold on to this material so generations of dancers can enjoy it the same way we do. Send all material to Michael Greenwood at:***

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**RSCDS Teaching Certificate: Unt 2 Dances are now Available Online!**

Head to the RSCDS YouTube page to see all the Unit 2 Dances. We will be making them available on our website shortly for your viewing pleasure.





## **Lorraine Kelly challenges Girl guiding Scotland members to Ceilidh for a good cause!**

TV presenter and former Girl guiding Scotland member Lorraine Kelly has challenged Girl guiding Scotland members to cut a caper and raise money for children in poverty.

The star is calling on Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Senior Section units to stage their own fundraising ceilidh for the STV Children's Appeal 2015.

Lorraine, who is trustee of the STV Children's Appeal, said: "I'm delighted Girlguiding

Scotland will be getting behind the STV Children's Appeal this year and helping to raise funds and awareness for such an important cause.

"Each year I take on a fun and active challenge in aid of the Appeal and this year's 24-hour ceilidh challenge will be no exception!

It will be great to see Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and members of The Senior Section from across the country taking to the dance floor and having lots of fun while raising funds to help children affected by poverty across Scotland."

The RSCDS is stepping in to help support guiding groups who rise to the ceilidh challenge with everything from finding free music to videos of popular dances from the charity's 2014 Global Commonwealth Ceilidh.

The charity is also offering to welcome Girl guiding Scotland members to any ceilidhs that its own groups are organizing as part of Lorraine's challenge.

In 2013 the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Scotland teamed up with the youth charity to create a joint Scottish Country Dance Challenge for Girl guiding Scotland members.

In its first four years the STV Children's Appeal has raised more than £8.2 million to help children affected by poverty.

Will you get involved?

## Follow the RSCDS on Social Media

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Have a question you want answered? Maybe connect with friends, family or dancers in your community? Or just want to see some great pictures and videos of Scottish Country Dancing and read through interesting articles? Connect with the RSCDS on Facebook or Twitter and be a part of the online conversation today! Log on to Facebook and give us a "like", or follow us on Twitter and you will be receiving daily content from the RSCDS in no time.

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