

Secretary's Report for year to 30th June 2025

It's a pleasure to be able to report that our membership increased to 76 last year, being 43 adult single, 24 joint and 7 Bristol Members (registered with RSCDS HQ elsewhere) and 2 Life Members.

One of the highlights of the year was the Teachers Certificate course. Fiona Grant taught the course, somehow managing to enable 10 students to take a combination of Units 1-5. Four students gained their full certificate and the others all passed the units they took. Huge credit must go to not only, Fiona and the candidates, but to all the volunteer dancers and the examiners who fought against Storm Darragh to make it to the examination hall. The volunteers from Wales were told by the Met Office not to travel but others offered to help when their other plans were cancelled. Everyone worked together, generously giving their time and experience so that we have four more fully-qualified teachers in the area plus six who are part way there.

We have continued to hold weekly Thursday evening classes; 7.00-7.30 for beginners and new dancers, 7.30-8.45 General class and 9.00-10.00 for more advanced dancers. The classes take place January – end of June and September until Christmas, with an Easter break as well. Lynn Robinson, with help from others, teaches the beginners' class and Margaret Chambers, Graham Coles, Fiona Grant and Maggie Kirkup teach the General Class and more advanced dancers in rotation. Throughout the summer there were classes in Marksbury and also classes in Westbury Park for less experienced dancers. Our new part-qualified teachers Heather Acornley and Sadie Ferguson have also been taking some classes.

The dances put on by Bristol RSCDS have been well attended with a happy atmosphere. Most are held in Oatley Hall, St Monica's where the floor is particularly good for dancing and parking more than adequate.

The July Summer Fling is always enjoyable; people are asked to choose their favourite dances, turn up, pay on the door and dance. Graham Coles with Pat Fish organised the music and dances. A variety of people talked through the dances and the homemade scones and cakes tasted delicious – an excellent afternoon all round.

Craigellachie played for our New Season Dance in October. We always enjoy their playing and Alan Cottle saw nearly 60 people through the programme. There were some less-familiar dances but the smiling faces suggested it was a great success.

In November we had a Day School for Dancers. Ros McLaughlin taught 26 beginners in the morning and 26 in the afternoon who were more experienced dancers. 46 people attended the dance in the evening with tired feet but happy hearts. Ian Robertson played all day and was accompanied by his son in the evening. The catering is a huge undertaking as the event is over two halls but Pat and David Wells, with help from many others, made sure it ran smoothly, yet again.

Norman Yeaman played for us at the end of the Christmas Term. The evening was at no charge as a "Thank you" to Members and volunteer dancers for their support of the teachers in training. We also enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine and class teachers were presented with thank you gifts – a celebration of a lot of hard work and support by many Members.

There is a monthly advanced skills group which is taught by a rotation of teachers. Some dancers come from outside Bristol RSCDS and the idea is to explore more complicated dances and, when invited, put on displays. Stoke Gifford Retirement Village invited the group to perform at their Burns Night celebrations again. The display was enjoyed by all with several members of the audience joining in with the ceilidh dances; haggis, neeps and tatties were then provided for everyone.

Our Newcomers' Dance is always popular, as are The Dewhurst Trio. So, in February, about 80 people enjoyed the music and an evening of dances with which they are familiar. Margaret Chambers and Lynn

Robinson walked us through the dances at least once so it is an excellent introduction to a Dance for newer or less confident dancers.

We returned to Dawlish at the very end of February for our weekend of dancing. Nice comments were received from attendees congratulating us on an excellent weekend. Strathallen seemed to enjoy themselves too as we were uplifted by their music and fun. Janet Johnson was a lovely teacher, also with a great sense of humour. The Saturday evening ceilidh was fun with many people joining in.

Our Summer Dance in mid-May was also well attended. The band of Matthew McLelland, with Keith on the drums and Fiona Grant as MC encouraged 65 people to attend. Due to our usual catering facilities being unavailable, we had to rearrange things. Pat and David Wells in particular, and the committee members present, should be congratulated on making the necessary changes.

John Dudley played for us at the final class of term at the end of June. It was a shame several people were away but those who were there enjoyed his music and we hope he will return.

Ruth Davies
November 2025

RSCDS - Bristol **Registered charity number 1059608**
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Income and Expenditure account

	Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted funds		
	Year to 30 June 2025			Year to 30 June 2024		
	Income	Expenses	Surplus	Income	Expenses	Surplus
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Thursday classes						
Autumn term 2024 classes	2347	2649	-302	2371	2409	-38
Spring term 2025 classes	2446	2180	266	2281	1800	481
Summer term 2025 classes	1593	1590	3	1803	1705	98
Other classes						
Beginners classes 2024	370	276	94	329	201	128
Further Skills classes & demos	680	300	380	473	213	260
Teaching Certificate course	2160	2086	74			
Dances and events						
Summer Fling 2024	130	151	-21	205	169	36
New Season Dance 2024	870	715	155	1484	1160	324
Dancers Day School 2024	1340	1191	149	1643	1614	654
Newcomers Dance	1140	620	520	1005	595	410
Tea Dance				65	171	-106
Summer Dance	975	585	390	803	650	153
Residential weekend	20719	20306	413	19018	19006	12
Other income						
Branch membership (see note 1)	148		148	130		130
Investment interest	193		193	110		110
Donations	1631		1631	8		8
Other costs etc						
Administration (see note 2)		1045	-1045		629	-629
Adjustment (see note 3)		-90	90			
Equipment repairs & replacements					23	-23
Depreciation (see note 4)		61	-61		80	-80
Grand Total	<u>36742</u>	<u>33664</u>	<u>3077</u>	<u>33819</u>	<u>31879</u>	<u>1940</u>

Note 1: Membership of RSCDS	1714	1714	0	1474	1474	0
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Note 2: Administration

Insurance	97	93
Subscriptions	13	11
Publicity	80	0
Website	529	107
Zoom		78
Gifts	277	308
Health & Safety	4	18
Card payment fees	46	
Misc		8
Total administration	<u>1045</u>	<u>629</u>

Note 3: Adjustment

Expected hall charges in 2023-4 brought forward were estimated and £90 more than actual charges.

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Note 4: Equipment

Value brought forward	120	95
Purchases	31	105
Less depreciation @ 40%	61	80
Value carried forward	<u>91</u>	<u>120</u>

Balance sheet at year end	Unrestricted funds 30/6/25	Unrestricted funds 30/6/24
	£	£
Current assets		
Insurance paid in advance	85	85
Paid in advance for future events	252	50
Cash held	188	89
Cash at Bank current a/c	1148	4830
Cash at Bank on deposit	14408	9215
Other assets		
Equipment (see note 4)	91	120
Current liabilities		
Ticket sales for future events	15	200
Other creditors	204	1315
Total net assets	<u>15952</u>	<u>12874</u>
 Unrestricted funds brought forward	 12874	 10947
Net surplus	<u>3077</u>	<u>1928</u>
Unrestricted funds carried forward	<u>15952</u>	<u>12874</u>

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011. There have not been any changes of accounting policy during this period.

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees:-

Chairman Clive Robinson

Treasurer Alan Pinder

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees/Members of
The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society-Bristol. Registered Charity Number 1059608**

On the accounts for the year ended 30" June 2025, set out on page 1 and 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:-

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities Act of 2011 and with the methods and principles of Statement of Recommended Practice for the Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: J E Newsom

Date: 12/11/25

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