

Wed 7th Oct

Dear Taster Session Dancers

We are delighted that so many of you have come along to the Taster Sessions to try Scottish Country Dancing (SCD), and we are impressed by your enthusiasm and your progress.

Already tonight we are at the third session with the final one next week, after which we hope you will join the main class.

There is of course much more to learn, and to give you more opportunity to progress and to ease your transition to the main class, the plan is as follows -

from Wed 21st Oct, I will run a shorter taster/beginners' session from 7.15 till 7.45 then from 7.45 till tea break (around 8.45) you can join the main class and dance with our regular dancers.

That first half hour with just the beginners will give time for you to continue to learn more figures and some simple dances.

From 7.45 to 8.45 we will dance dances that are a little more complicated but are achievable when you are in a set with more experienced dancers.

Do stay for tea and cake at the break - it's a great opportunity to get to know other dancers.

After tea break the main class will continue for our experienced dancers. You are welcome to stay to watch if you wish

The committee have chosen not to put an end date on this "three-tier" system. We know it's important for new dancers to feel they are making progress and are achieving some success, rather than to feel overwhelmed. We will run this "three-tier" system this for as long as it seems to be helpful.

Finally a **BONUS!** Once a term (plus our end of term party night) we have live music. This term it is Wed 21st, your first night joining the early part of the main class (7.45 - 8.45). Ian Slater, a brilliant accordionist, will be playing for us, from 7.45. We will still have the above-mentioned early session from 7.15-7.45. Any musicians among you will enjoy listening to Ian play for the later session too. Come and enjoy!

Any queries, let me know

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Useful websites

www.harrogatesaltire.com

www.lowerhuttscd.org.nz - excellent short videos of SCD steps and figures

www.rscds.org - the organisation that leads SCD across the globe - we are an affiliated group

www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com