

# ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY GLASGOW BRANCH

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## BRANCH REPORT for AGM 2021

### This is the 98<sup>th</sup> Report for the Glasgow Branch.

**Membership:** Our current membership stands at 227 of which 39 are life members. In addition, we have 14 associate members.

**Classes and Dances:** No classes or dances have occurred this year due to the COVID pandemic.

**Glasgow Branch Newsletters:** Two newsletters were issued during the last year.

**Lockdown emails:** The Chairman, Margaret Sanders, has been kindly sending a weekly email since the beginning of the COVID pandemic and lockdown restrictions began. This has been a thoughtful attempt to keep us connected in these uncertain times.

**RSCDS AGM:** Six delegates from Glasgow Branch took part in the AGM via Zoom in November 2020; voting had been carried out in advance of the event.

**Glasgow Music Festival:** The Dance Classes were withdrawn this year as it would not have been possible for groups to rehearse and submit entries.

**Teacher Training:** Seven candidates have completed Part 1. Due to the COVID pandemic they have been unable to proceed with Part 2.

**Primary Schools Festival:** For the second year running, the Festival has not taken place due to the pandemic. However, Andrea Robertson, a member of the PEPASS team, is working towards a Virtual Festival where schools may participate by dancing either some of the dances used in previous festivals or by devising their own dance. Fiona McDonald recorded a very brief video message, which will be circulated to the schools as part of the introduction to the Virtual Festival.

### Branch Administration

The Committee was made up of fifteen elected members including the two honorary members, the President and Vice-President, four Office Bearers, five Additional Office Bearers and four Committee Members. Committee Meetings have been held on Zoom.

The Constitution and Rules have been revisited in order to clarify some points, update some terminology and incorporate a point raised at the AGM in 2019.

A sub-committee has been looking at social marketing to increase our visibility and advertise the dance form more diversely around Glasgow.

Another sub-committee is concentrating on updating the Health Strategy.

Glasgow Branch will celebrate its centenary in 2023. The centenary sub-committee is in the initial stages of planning the events to mark this occasion.

Finally, sadly, we have lost several members in the past year – Eric Lindsay, Jim Marshall, Ian & Mari Campbell, Pam Gillies (Chairman 1995 – 1998) and Mary Lamb. The dancing community also lost Alan Rintoul and Jeanette McSporran.