



Rutland Folk Dance Club

Report by Peter Meacock, RFDC committee member (Web site & Publicity),
on behalf of Colin Trevor, Chairman.

The club meets every Friday evening from beginning of September to end of June, 8.00 to 10.00pm, in Uppingham Town Hall, with short breaks at Xmas and Easter.

Details and programme on club web site at <https://rutlandfolkdanceclub.wordpress.com/>

Currently 48 subscribing members, plus ~12 occasional members, with an average weekly attendance of ~30; for special dances with Guest caller & live band we get 50+ attending.

Financially the club is sound and on a steady track, where annual income matches expenditure and the club has a reserve equal to approximately one year's running costs.

Subscriptions; Membership £4; Weekly charges - Members £2, Non-member £2.50

Annual programme year runs from September to June, with AGM in March so giving three month overlap to allow the incoming committee to organise from following September.

Programme for current year (2015/16) comprises 38 dancing evenings with:-

- 10 Visiting-caller evenings, at least 3 with live bands (Belzebug, Kelly's Eye, tba)
- 9 Named Club-caller evenings
- 19 Open Club-caller evenings - including 17 themed evenings

Recently introduced features of the programme include:-

- Open Club-caller evening with a live musician (Kevin Downham)
- "Write a Dance/call a dance" evening, to encourage members to try writing/calling
 - in 2014-15 year, we had 8 people submitting newly written dances
- "Members'-requests" evening (Choose a Dance/Caller)

Other recently instituted features of the club:-

1. Music Library of 44 CDs and 64 Dance-notation books (established up via donations from families of 2 club members who had passed away, and purchases by the club), which are available for members of RFDC and BOD to borrow free, in order to support Club Callers and encourage more members to try calling.

2. Revised web site (<https://rutlandfolkdanceclub.wordpress.com/>) which includes club information and news, programmes from current and previous years (recent ones annotated with the dances called), the catalogue of CDs and books in the music library, a picture gallery from special club events, and links to other club/EFDSS web sites.

3. New Club Logo (See top of page)

4. Honorary Life Membership awarded to Elsie & Colin McIntosh in recognition of their long service and support to the club. (Voted unanimously at the March 2015 AGM)