

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2024

Monday, January 8 – evening classes start 7:30 – 9:30

Thursday, January 11 – afternoon classes start 1:30 – 3:30

Saturday, January 27 – Burns Social 7:30

Saturday, March 16 – St. Patrick's Social 7:30

Monday, April 8 – last evening class

Thursday, April 11 – last afternoon class

Saturday, April 20 – Dance Workshop

Saturday, May 6 – Wind-Up Social

Monday, May 13 – AGM

Note: all events are held at Churchill Park United Church (CPUC) 525 Beresford Ave. unless otherwise stated.

A Word from the Chair of COM

Amazing how quickly in this particular month, time seems to pick up speed, and go faster and faster towards the end of December. I am a person who tries to avoid shopping malls especially this time of year, but often feel that there are so many things to think of and do, that I occasionally must venture out. When you get a chance it's nice to try leave it all behind and curl up by the fire with a good book.

Our last meeting was Dec 7/23 and it occurred to me that one of the few good spinoffs from the pandemic was the introduction of zoom meetings. Especially during the dark cold winter nights it is really nice not to have to drive to a COM meeting! I think we owe thanks to Sharyl Eaglesham for organizing the pandemic zoom and helping many of us who are challenged at times by technology. So we will carry on with this format at least until the spring equinox when we will hope to enjoy longer brighter days.

A project that the COM was able to wrap up at the last meeting was the revision and approval of Operating Guidelines including updating of Committee Role Descriptions. We also spent time discussing the need for future teacher training for the branch and what resources might be required. The New Year will bring further planning for the upcoming Spring One Day Workshop to be held on April 20/24 at CPUC. Along with Cheryl Durnin, James Sutherland, Sharron Bettess, Brianne Reinfort and Ellen Graham will be working on organizing the details. More information will be announced in the New Year.

It was really nice to see so many people out for the "St. Andrews" social on Dec. 2. As many of the dances were already previewed in classes by Cheryl, Sharyl and Peter in the fall term it made for a very accessible and enjoyable evening. The briefings were handled quite ably by Sharyl and Peter, so that we had the dancing finished in good time to enjoy the many contributions of refreshments and visiting in the main floor lounge. Special thanks to our social convenors, Barb, Ellen and their trusty helper Donald ("a man for all occasions and jobs"!)...we really appreciate all you three do for the Branch.

Think that's all for this year.

Peter and I wish you and yours all the very best for the holiday season, New Year's and hope to see you on Dec. 30 for "Betwixt & Between".

Lynn McClure
Next COM meeting – January 4

Have you heard?

Seasonal Gathering – Saturday December 30th 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Join us in the CPUC Lounge during this *betwixt and between* time, to celebrate the season and two of our teachers, Maureen Burnham and Joyce Cormack for their many contributions to the Branch. Joyce and Maureen are still coming to classes when they can, but due to recent health issues have not been able to teach. More details will be sent in early December.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR SNOW DAYS

The COM has agreed to the following policy for cancellation of classes when necessary because of inclement weather conditions:

A decision to cancel that day's class will be made no later than 3:00 pm on Mondays & 9:00 am on Thursdays.

An email will be sent out to all members as soon as possible.

IF THE WEATHER IS NASTY, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL BEFORE HEADING OUT TO CLASS.

If you do not have access to email, please let your class teacher know and leave a phone number where you can be reached. If in doubt, please call your class teacher. If you cannot contact your teacher, then call the chair of COM.

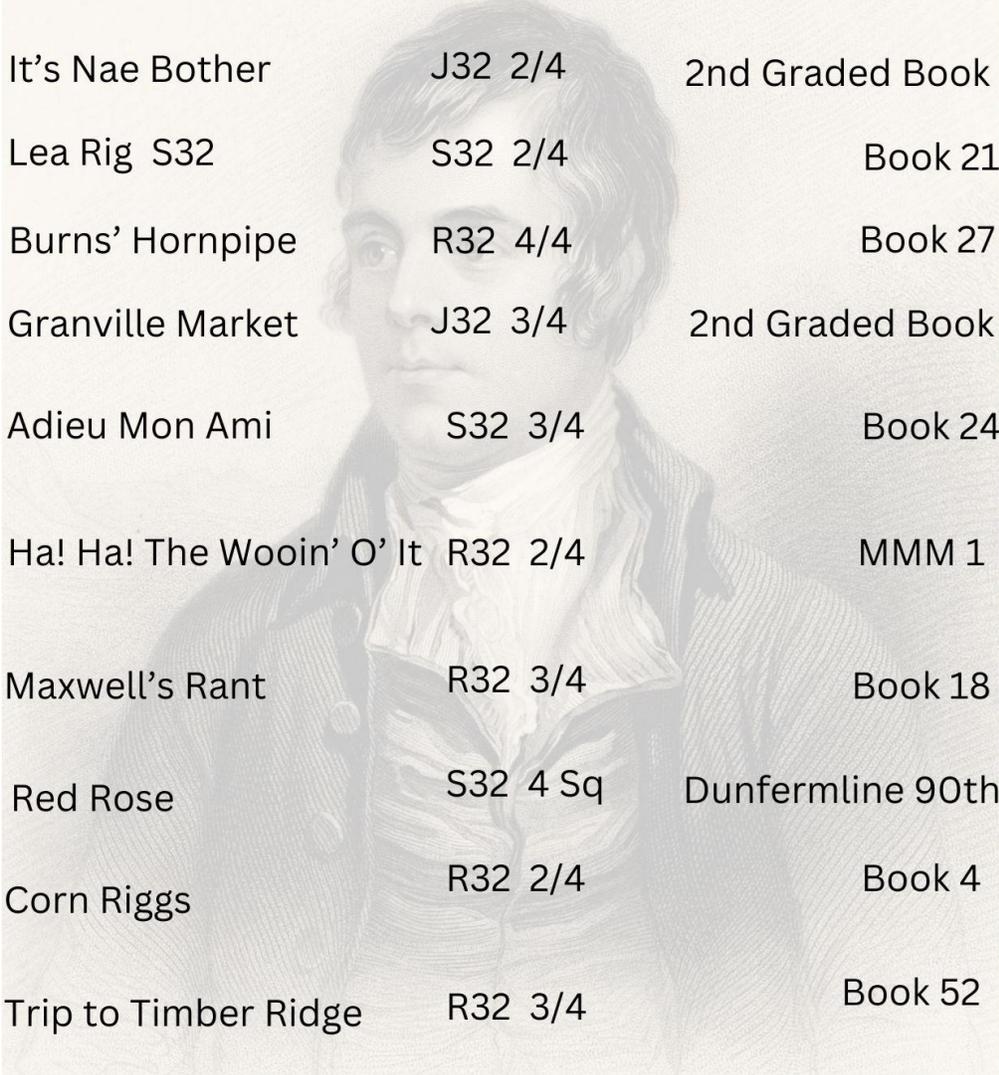
Note: This policy will also apply to extra or special classes and socials that are not on a class day.

Upcoming

Burns Social

January 27 at Churchill Park United Church

Programme



It's Nae Bother	J32 2/4	2nd Graded Book
Lea Rig S32	S32 2/4	Book 21
Burns' Hornpipe	R32 4/4	Book 27
Granville Market	J32 3/4	2nd Graded Book
Adieu Mon Ami	S32 3/4	Book 24
Ha! Ha! The Woin' O' It	R32 2/4	MMM 1
Maxwell's Rant	R32 3/4	Book 18
Red Rose	S32 4 Sq	Dunfermline 90th
Corn Riggs	R32 2/4	Book 4
Trip to Timber Ridge	R32 3/4	Book 52

From the classes

Monday Evening and Thursday Afternoon

Dance classes are a great way to get into the holiday festive mood. Each windup class followed a similar pattern. We enjoyed several favourite dances from the first term and followed up with indulging in a marvellous variety of holiday goodies brought by the dancers.

There are so many delightful tasty treats that no one went away unsatisfied.

"I'm at a place in my life when errands are starting to count as going out."

Anonymous (Cryptoquote)



From the Library ...

The branch library will be available for browsing at the upcoming Burns Social in January. There are a few cd's for sale, books related to Scottish country dancing to borrow, and a box of free stuff for you to look through and help yourself. There will also be some donated free records with great dancing or listening music.

Joan

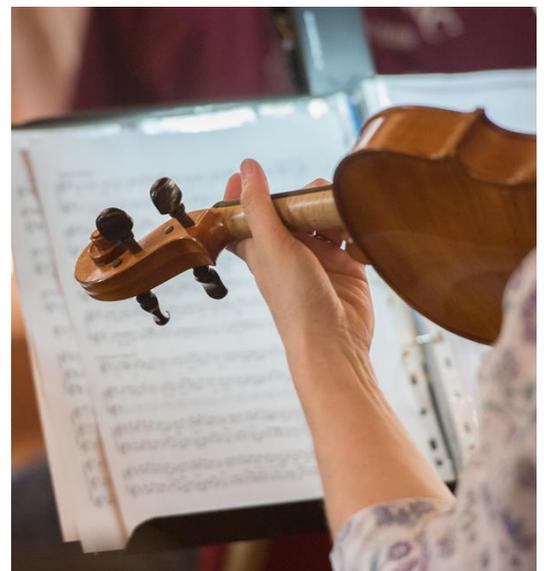
From Dance Scottish Together newsletter:

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S PODCAST

Join Luke Brady as he celebrates the 100th birthday of the RSCDS with a special centenary edition of the podcast, looking back over the last 100 years with some excellent music.

Don't forget, you can listen to all episodes on our [Sound Cloud](#) channel.

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From the editor's desk ...

Oh boy, the rush of the holidays has even infiltrated the preparation of the January Light & Airy! I had an outline written down to include and just needed to sit at the computer for a wee while. But before that, ... need flour upstairs, meet a friend for lunch, attend to washer & dryer, go out to the store for one more item, put out seed in the bird feeders, ... The list grows longer just like Santa's!

It is wonderful to have all our family together during the holidays. It has been several years since we could enjoy Christmas turkey dinner around our table.

Classes resume in January and our Burns social is coming soon – January 27. Admission is \$5 for RSCDS members or \$10 for non-members.

Wishing one and all a Happy Holiday!

Doug Durnin, Editor
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Here and There...

Time to think ahead to July 2024 Summer School 2024!

Some Out of Town Events

February 10 – 12, 2024 – Edmonton - 51st Annual Workshop and Ball

July 28 – August 4, 2024 – St. Catharines, ON – Summer Dancing in Canada

October 20 – 24, 2024 – Hortonville, Nova Scotia – Scotch on the Rocks music & dance festival

Planning to travel? If you have an internet connection, browse for RSCDS & city for dancing where you are going. For instance, RSCDS Toronto hosts workshops and monthly dances and has links to dancing events all over the world. Almost every city in Canada has an RSCDS group. Many have a Facebook site as well.

Here are links to some branch sites:

[RSCDS Winnipeg Branch](#)

[RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch](#)

[RSCDS Calgary Branch](#)

[RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch](#)

[RSCDS Medicine Hat Branch](#)

www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Ottawa](#)

L&A Submissions

Next L&A: February 2024 Deadline for submissions: January 23.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members.

Submissions for the *Light and Airy* can be sent to the Branch e-mail address: info@rscdswinnipeg.ca or to the editor at Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca

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