

BRISTOL RSCDS
3rd MUSICIANS' DAY SCHOOL
9th NOVEMBER 2019

Course Description

Participants in the course are invited to join Chris and Julie Dewhurst to play for the Bristol RSCDS Day School evening dance from 18:30 to 21:30. During the day, the musicians will work towards this exciting event, with workshops being held from 10:15 to 16:30. There will be a break for lunch between 12:30 and 14:00, and for tea between 16:30 and 18:30.

- Competent players from all musical backgrounds are welcome to join the course; a minimum of ABRSM Grade 4 (or equivalent playing experience) is suggested.
- Scottish country dance music is most commonly played on accordions and fiddles, with accompaniment from keyboards, double bass and percussion, and many of the tunes have been written with these instruments in mind. However, other instruments are welcome, provided that participants can work from music supplied at concert pitch.
- The workshops will focus on playing excellent music for Scottish country dancing. Sets of music will be provided in advance, and it would be extremely helpful if participants could familiarise themselves with this before the day, so that workshop time can be used to develop the band's performance style, rather than simply learning the notes.
- Key elements of good Scottish country dance music will be explored, as will some of the essentials of playing as a band. In addition to their instruments, participants are asked to bring a music stand, a colourful shirt/blouse, dark trousers/skirt, and a smile!

Chris Dewhurst, Course Tutor

Chris grew up in a family which enjoyed many different forms of social dance, and he was particularly attracted to both Scottish and English country dancing from an early age. He learnt to play classical piano and church organ, and later obtained an ARCM piano teaching diploma for which he studied at Birmingham Conservatoire as a mature student. He took up the accordion when he was 14, enabling him to bring together his interests in music and dance, and soon started his first band: he has been busy playing ever since!

Chris and his wife Julie danced regularly with Leicester RSCDS during the 1980s, where they also started playing for Branch events. They moved to the West Midlands in 1987, and work and family commitments took priority for a while. Then in 2000, they were invited to play for the Morland Scottish Country Dance Week, at which John Drewry was the principal teacher, and since then they have played increasingly for Scottish events. Known for their infectious enthusiasm and 'lift', Chris and his band play for dances and festivals throughout the UK, and sometimes beyond. They have recorded extensively since 1982, and their 3rd Scottish Country Dance CD is due to be released this autumn.

Venue

This will be the Hall at St. Peter's Church, Henleaze, as will the evening dance. Lunch is NOT included, but a list of local eateries will be provided, or you may bring your own lunch and eat in the hall.

Fee £25.00 Optional light meal between the course and the dance £3.00

The day will start with registration & coffee from 09.30. This will give ample time to set up ready for a prompt start at 10:15.

APPLICATION FORM
THIRD BRISTOL RSCDS MUSIC SCHOOL 09 NOV 2019

Please PRINT.

First name:

Surname:

Email:

Tel no.:

Address (if no email):

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Post town and code:

Approximate grade (e.g. 4 or 5)

AND/OR your EXPERIENCE.....

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INSTRUMENT:

FEE is £25.00 for the WHOLE day. We offer a light meal (soup, roll, fruit, coffee/tea) before the dance @ £3. Please add this to your Total Fee.

Other requests

Total Fee:

Postal Applications: completed form, together with cheque payable to RSCDS Bristol, to PETER WRIGHT, Hillside, The Sidelings, Ubley, BRISTOL. BS40 6PF

Electronic Applications: scanned image of completed form or equivalent details to peterwri@mac.com

Once approved payment may be made electronically to:
Account name: RSCDS Bristol, account number 02429078, sort code 30-99-38,
Reference: "MDS " plus your surname and initials.

Both application and payment, by either means, will be acknowledged.

Your above details will be used for sending you scores by the end of AUGUST. They will be retained and used in line with Bristol RSCDS privacy policy.

To enquire, confirm or get reassurance about the course, please ring or text PETER on 07590 366 565 or email peterwri@mac.com