

When did you start dancing with Johnsonville Scottish Country Dance Club?

With the Johnsonville beginners classes of 2013.

How did you get into Scottish country dancing?

My wife and I decided to try something that we could both do and hopefully enjoy.

What do you most enjoy about SCD?

I have always found the club members to be very friendly and helpful. Also the physical and mental exercise of the dancing and the music (mostly) – and never forgetting Rod's mathematical instruction.

Tell us a bit about any Scottish connections you may have.

My mother's father was Scottish but unfortunately I never knew him. However I was always assured we belonged to the Forbes clan. I have also visited there a few times from the borders to John O'Groats but never to the islands apart from Skye which you can basically drive to.

What sorts of activities have you been involved with at the club over the years?

I am currently a committee member and part of the supper team. Also I assist with the usual activities of running the club such as helping prepare and tidy up the hall, and putting up advertising round the local area for the beginners classes.

What club activity stands out for you?

I like the live music dances such as our tartan nights and annual dance. It's really nice having real musicians. Also the club social events are a way of getting to know the other members.

Tell us something about your life outside of Scottish country dancing.

I am now retired so there is time for more dancing and there is family, gardening and property.