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The Newsletter of the RSCDS Manchester Branch

Annual General Meeting 2020

Our Annual General Meeting scheduled for 19th May 2020 had to be postponed due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Subject to Government guidance, we are holding the delayed Annual General Meeting on **29th September 2020** at Ladybarn Community Centre, Royle Street, Fallowfield, M14 6RN, at 7.30pm.

This AGM will feel a little different to previous years.

Ladybarn Community Centre is working in a COVID-19 secure atmosphere. Bearing this in mind, there will be certain procedures in place.

When you arrive at the Centre there will be hand sanitiser available, which you will need to use as you enter. Seating will be placed so that it is socially distanced (i.e. 2 metres apart) and you would be encouraged to wear face masks

The Minutes of the previous AGM, the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report will be emailed to those we hold email addresses for. Please print-out your own copy of these and bring with you. If you have problems with this, please contact the Secretary as soon as you can.

We are limited to numbers who can attend so please also book a place by emailing or phoning the Secretary, at least 24 hours prior to the AGM. If you are unable to attend, please confirm in an email or verbally that you are willing for the Chairman of the Meeting to hold your proxy vote.

Unfortunately, there will be no dancing after the AGM on this occasion.

We will also simultaneously hold the AGM via Zoom for those who wish to use this facility, rather than attending in person.

Return to Dancing

With this mailing there is a questionnaire, and those who attend dance classes are requested to complete this. You can either send the questionnaire in the post, or you can email your answers.

We are proposing, subject to the answers from the membership, and government guidelines, to re-commence classes in the first week of October. So, the beginners' class would meet on Tuesday 6th October, and the intermediate/advanced class would meet on Wednesday 7th October.

There will be a **change of venue** for the Tuesday class. We will no longer be holding the class at Chorlton High School. Tuesday classes will move to Ladybarn Community Centre, Royle Street, Fallowfield, M14 6RN. This is already the venue of the intermediate/advanced class. The hall is considerably larger than the dance studio at Chorlton High School. The class times will remain the same. The committee hopes that you will find the new venue an improvement.

Joining the Committee

This is a plea for members to consider joining the committee. The committee is responsible for organising dance classes, the dances at St Matthew's Hall Stretford, and keeping the branch running. Since we are a registered charity, all committee members also act as Charity Trustees.

The more people there are on the committee, the more we can spread the workload. There are only three committee meetings per year, so there is not an arduous time commitment.

This year, as we are not meeting at classes, and therefore not able to get nominators or seconders, please let the Secretary know, by phone or email, if you would like to give the committee a go.

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We hope you like having a branch newsletter. If you would like to contribute to the next issue, drop the Secretary a line.