

Maria Miller

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Sauchie (Alloa) group

I was introduced to Circle Dance over 20 years ago by my reflexologist and friend, Sylvia Hollingworth, who had started a group in Sauchie, near Alloa. I wondered at first what I was letting myself in for, never having heard of it before, but found my dancing feet very quickly and the class soon became my regular Wednesday afternoon activity.

I have been teaching Circle Dance now for 13 of those years after attending Judy King's Circle Dance Teacher Training Course in 2008. I lead a weekly group in Sauchie, near Alloa, and also attend and help organise Circle Dance workshops and events around Central Scotland including an annual residential weekend in St. Andrews.



I was born in Staffordshire to a Scottish mum and Polish father but relocated to my mum's native Peebles at the age of 13. I have been married to Malcolm, a retired Police Inspector, for 45 years, and have lived in Clackmannanshire since 1977.

I am now retired but my working life has been extremely varied and includes being a police officer, a retail security manager, a driving instructor and latterly a complementary therapist.

Circle Dance is a huge part of my life and I have even choreographed several dances over the last few years. I love learning dances new and old and teaching them to my group and I have a particular interest in researching the history or background of dances.
