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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone

What a wet summer we've been having! We did manage to do four dances at our garden dance evening on 16th July before the deluge struck and we had to retreat indoors. Many thanks for Rod and Barbara for hosting a very pleasant evening which gave us a chance to enjoy social chat rather than social dancing.

Turning our thoughts to the Autumn, our dance classes begin again on September 3rd for both general and less experienced levels. Bar Martlew will be running an 8 week course for the less experienced [price £24 payable on September 3rd] so why not talk to your friends and neighbours and see if you can persuade them to come along? Make friends and get fit – sounds like a winning combination!

I will also look forward to seeing you at the President's evening on September 12th and hearing about how you spent your holidays. We are also hoping that a number of us will support the KLOS Musical Theatre in September and perhaps some of you would like to join Trevor and Maggie on October 9th at a quiz they are organising in aid of an orphanage they support [details of both events below].

Best wishes

Rose Kreloff

GARDEN DANCE

As mentioned by our President above this dance was curtailed by inclement weather but the select contingent of 13 people (maybe that was why it rained) stayed to enjoy an evening of social chat, during which we toasted **Stuart and Rose Kreloff whose 23rd Wedding Anniversary was on that day. Congratulations to them both.**

THURSDAY 16th JULY 2009



BEGINNERS/LESS EXPERIENCED (LX) DANCE CLASSES

FROM THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2009

We are to attempt a new format for this class. It will start on Thursday September 3rd and run, each Thursday, for an 8 week block until October 29th [Thursday 22nd is the Autumn Social so no LX class that night] and be taught by Bar Martlew a fully qualified RSCDS teacher. There is to be a maximum of 12 people in the class and we will advertise the classes on the website, local papers and via flyers [predominantly in the Bushey area]. It is expected that attendees will sign up for the full 8 week course at a price of £24, payable in advance. If you, or your friends and neighbours, would like to attend please contact Bar Martlew.

TEL:-01442 261525 EMAIL:- BarMartlew@aol.com or DancingIsFun@WatfordScottish.org.uk

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2009

This will be held, as in recent years, in Donald garden/conservatory, in Watford. We look forward to seeing our Members and friends, especially those we seldom see.

AUTUMN SOCIAL DANCE

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2009

This Dance will be at The Bushey Centre, High Street, Bushey WD23 1TT with Recorded Music. 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm

THEATRE VISIT

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2009

Our Junior Vice President, is arranging a trip to the Watford Palace to see the production of "The Music Man". He will be finalising numbers at the President's Evening (12th September) and is hoping to book the seats for £12. If you would like to go please let him know at the President's Evening or by contacting him:

EMAIL- JuniorVicePresident@WatfordScottish.org.uk

ST ANDREWS CEILIDH

(WATFORD'S GOT TALENT)

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2009

This family Ceilidh will be held at St Thomas' Church 7.30-10.30pm. Margaret is to MC the evening, introducing a line up of Acts which will include:- Light Opera; Tap display; Highland Dance Display; Song; Egyptian Dance; Tribute to St Andrew; Poems; Country Dancing Display; Community Singing; Quiz; Ceilidh Dancing (for all). There will be a supper of Scotch Pies and Beans, Trifle or Apple Tart. Dress Code- informal Scottish.

Tickets, price: £7.50 or £20 per family will be available from Margaret

DANCE FOR LESS EXPERIENCED DANCERS

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER 2009

The Boxmoor Playhouse, 72 St Johns Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1 NP. Time: 7.45 - 10.45 pm. Musicians - Ken Martlew and Barbara Manning. A chance for the participants in the 8 week course to put their theory into practice helped by our more experienced dancers.

BURNS' DINNER

FRIDAY 22nd JANUARY 2010

This year the event is at a new venue - Metropolitan Police Bushey Sports Club, Aldenham Road, Bushey WD23 2TR. 7.30 for 8.00 pm to 00:30 am. There is to be a four course meal of Cock-a-leekie Soup ; Haggis, Neaps and Tatties ; Beef Steak & Veg ; Drambuie Trifle ; Coffee & Mints.(Vegetarian and Sweet options can be catered for). The evening will follow our normal format with, hopefully, more dancing as we have arranged an extra 30 minutes. Tickets will be £35. We will send out booking forms, as normal, but please note the date in your 2010 diary.

OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS:

(Further information from contacts shown for each item)

Sat 05 Sep: Milton Keynes Thistle Musician's Workshop & Dance; Wing Village Hall, Workshop-£15 ;

Dance-£6 – Bring and Share; Jan - 01908 378730 ; jange@verybusy.co.uk

Sun 06 Sep: Hertford Open Air Scottish Dance and Beating Retreat, Hertford Castle Grounds 2 – 5 pm Free Admission
Maureen - 01279 434342 ; maureen.ainsworth@hotmail.co.uk

Wed 09 thru Sat 12 September: KLOS Musical Theatre will be presenting *The Pajama Game* at the Winston Churchill Theatre, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL. Performances: 7.30 pm with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets £12 (£10 concs with a special 2 for 1 offer on all tickets on Wed 9 September) obtainable from the Box Office on 0208 868 4096 or contact Jan (07762 079083). **Kevin is also a member of our Society so we are hoping that a number of us will support this event.**

Fri 09 Oct: Latimer House, Latimer Place, Latimer, Chesham, Buckinghamshire. HP5 1UG. 7pm for 7.30pm. Trevor and Maggie are organising a quiz evening to raise money for an orphanage which they support. The entry fee is £12 per person, but a fish and chip supper is included. EMAIL: Secretary@WatfordScottish.org.uk who will forward your email.

Fri 09 Oct: Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DR. 8pm Deirdre Adamson Scotlands leading solo accordionist giving an evening of Scottish & International music with The Hertfordshire Accordion & Fiddle Club. £6 at the door (incl. refreshments). Further details from Chris Walker 01727 822143

NEWS OF MEMBERS

In the last newsletter mention was made of the death, on 4th June 2009, of Tom Inglis, who had been a member since 1958, becoming an Honorary Life Member in 1999. An Obituary notice appeared in Announcements of The Scotsman newspaper group. *** INGLIS Thomas (Edinburgh) Peacefully, at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, on Thursday, June 4, 2009, Thomas, beloved husband of the late Ann, much loved son of the late David Cleland and Jane Munro Steele Inglis, loved brother of the late Agnes and Alastair. A funeral service will be held at Seafeld Crematorium, on Thursday, June 18, at 1 pm, to which all are welcome. A retiral collection will be taken if desired in aid of St Columbas Hospice.*** You can see the notice by clicking this link: <http://announce.jpress.co.uk/2276058>

Betty, who has been a member since 1990 and is a regular at the Dancing classes, is "home from Hospital after heart surgery and recovering slowly." We wish her the very best for a full recovery.

Congratulations to Vera on the arrival of a new Grandson - born to her son and his wife on Saturday 13th June. The newborn weighed a whopping 9lb 8 oz!

We also send hearty congratulations for the following "Landmark" Wedding Anniversaries:-
Brian & Jo who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Saturday 1st August, and
Bob & Jenny who celebrated their Silver Wedding on Monday 27th July.

NEW MEMBERS *[some information is not shown in this document]*
We welcome one Associate member to the Society

THE SOCIETY'S WEB SITE

Our Webmaster will be happy to receive any photographs or other items of interest to the Society, for incorporation in the Society's website. Email WebAdmin@WatfordScottish.org.uk

EDITOR'S QUESTION TIME

In the last Newsletter I asked if anyone was able to identify the wild flower in this photo.
Thank you to John who responded to say - The flower in question is **Coralroot/Bittercress**. There used to be a small cluster of plants at the far end of Whippendell Woods; it has now spread quite a bit, including into Harrocks Wood on the other side of Rousebarn Lane. It's not a very common wild flower.

