



**WATFORD AND WEST HERTS SCOTTISH SOCIETY**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

Our Burns' night went very smoothly (which was a huge relief to me!). We had a very respectable number, about 70, who enjoyed the evening and the speeches, including the "Immortal Memory" from our own Rita Menzies, and also the dancing. A big thank you to all who made it a very memorable occasion.

Our next main event is the Caledonian Ball. This year, serious attention has been paid to us learning all the dances and I hope that we have a really good turnout for this event. So far in my year of presidency every event has been very well supported and I sincerely hope that this will be so for the Ball. Let's make it a rip-roaring success!

Our Beginners' Class is going extremely well and I hope that some of the beginners will go on to become members of the Society. The reports I have had back from Barbara Martlew, the beginners' teacher, is that we have some very promising dancers among them. Well done to all concerned.

Our dance class teacher, Gillian Collis's health has recently been giving her cause for concern but we hope that she'll be back with us again at the beginning of next month, having made a full recovery. Thanks to Ken Martlew who stepped into the breach and ran a very good class last week. This week, of course, is one of our regular Socials, to be led with minimal instruction, by Society members.

With best wishes to you all

Regards

Vera Joyce

**SOCIAL DANCING EVENING THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2007**

Please remember that on the last Thursday of each month, instead of a class we shall hold a Social Evening, with a minimum of `walk-throughs'; also with a few easier dances in which members of the beginners' class will be able to participate. On these evenings, please bring along a small plate of food for `bring and share'. A crib is available on our Web Site at

<http://WatfordScottish.org.uk/Information.html>

### CALEDONIAN BALL SATURDAY 31st MARCH

Parmiter's School, High Elms Lane, Garston WD250UU 7.30-11.30 p.m. Karl Sandeman Band

Tickets £15.00, including supper, from John Crowder No bar; own drinks if you wish

Programme: Bees of Maggienockater, De'il amang the Tailors, Silver Tassie, Machine without Horses, Nottingham Lace, Moray Rant, The Cooper's Wife, Reel of the 51st, St Columba's Strathspey, Pines of Pitlochry, Polharrow Burn: Grand March into Culla Bay, Napier's Index, Trip to Bavaria, Neidpath Castle, Diamond Jubilee, Lochalsh Reel, Autumn in Appin, Quarries Jig, Indian River, Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan, Irish Rover  
Extras: Flower of the Quern, The Sailor, Shiftin' Bobbins

A crib for the dances on this programme is available via e-mail request from:  
[Secretary@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@WatfordScottish.org.uk) or download it from  
<http://www.WatfordScottish.org.uk/Information.html>

### WEST M.A.C.S. BALL SATURDAY 21st APRIL

North London Collegiate School 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. Craigellachie Band

This year Watford has responsibility for decorating the hall for this annual charity dance and we shall probably look for some help nearer the time. Tickets (price £15.00 and programme information will shortly be available from John Crowder. [Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk) and details will be available at <http://www.WatfordScottish.org.uk/Events.html>

### MAY DAY WALK MONDAY 6th MAY

Note the date in your diary. Details in a future Newsletter

### NEWS OF MEMBERS:

*[some information is not shown in this document]*

### OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS

Saturday 24th February, **Wembley** 75th Anniversary Ball, Eastman Hall, Kodak, Craigellachie, £15.00

Saturday 3 March: **Harpenden** Annual Ball; Harpenden Pub Hall; Craigellachie; £15.00

Saturday 10 March: **Milton Keynes** Annual Ball; Lovat Hall, Newport Pagnell; Danelaw Band £13.00

Saturday 17 March: **Harrow** Spring Dance; Karl Sandeman; St Andrew's URC Hall, Eastcote; £10.00

Friday 30 March: **Berkhamsted** Dance for less experienced dancers; Ian Robertson and Ken Martlew; Potten End Village Hall; shared food; £5.00, inc cribs.

Saturday 19 May: **Berkhamsted** Spring Dance: Boxmoor Playhouse; Silver Cross; £7.50

### CELEBRATION DAY at the COLOSSEUM Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2007

This Bank Holiday event is being billed as a day of music, food, fun and friendship. Watford Mayor, Dorothy Thornhill is supporting this 'Community Cohesion' event which will offer something for everyone regardless of ethnicity, age, ability, culture or faith.

Our Society has agreed to participate in the following areas:- Adult Country Dance Demonstration; Audience Participation for Country Dances; Stall to display Scottish wares and culture with some

cold food for sampling. We are therefore seeking volunteers for each of these activities. If you are able to offer your expertise/time, please contact Rod McNamara via telephone or e-mail [PRO@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:PRO@WatfordScottish.org.uk) to discuss your participation.

**SCOTTISH DANCING HOLIDAYS:** We have leaflets about Furlongs' Travel Scottish Dance Holidays - 2007 If you're interested speak to John Crowder or Judy Snook

**NEXT MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING** Tues 10 April, Watford, 8.0 p.m.