



WATFORD AND WEST HERTS SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Well, Autumn is well and truly here, the leaves are falling and the nights are drawing in.

The dance class is running well with the new format providing a slightly different aspect to our Thursday evening dancing. The Dancing Class Committee would welcome any comments that anyone may have about this and please do feel free to contact any of the Committee members, i.e. Rose, Andy, Judy or Jan.

Thanks to Judy Snook, who made the arrangements for a party of twelve of us to visit the Palace Theatre to watch a very enjoyable and moving musical, "The Hired Man".

Our St Andrew's Dinner-Dance is fast approaching and will be slightly different this year in that we are introducing a soupçon of American flavour to the evening. The reason is that our dinner-dance is just one day after the USA's Thanksgiving and we thought it would be nice to introduce this variation. David Hall will be playing for us this year and there will also be a display of highland dancing, with a piper. I'd encourage anyone who hasn't been to our St Andrew's do's to please come; we have a great time.

Best wishes to you all,
Vera

ST ANDREW'S DINNER DANCE 23rd November

West Herts Golf Club (off Rousebarn Lane, Croxley Green) 7.30 for 8.00 to midnight

Music by David Hall Licensed Bar

Tickets with John Crowder shortly 01923-225522 Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk: as last year, Members £25.00; non-members £27.00

Because the date almost coincides with Thanksgiving, we intend to add a hint of American flavour to the evening.

Menu: Florida Cocktail, Roast Turkey with the Trimmings, Pumpkin Pie or alternative sweets or Cheese & Biscuits, Coffee/Tea & Mints. A vegetarian menu can be available if required - please order with your tickets.

Raffle proceeds to the PACE Centre, at Aylesbury <http://www.thepacecentre.org/>, which provides intensive daily programmes for children with motor disorders such as cerebral palsy.

OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS (further information from John Crowder)

Sat 20 Oct: Harrow Autumn Dance: St Luke's Hall, Pinner; Craigievar; £10.00

Wed 24 Oct: Alzheimer's Society Charity Gig, Walkabout and Jongleurs clubs, The Parade High Street, Watford WD17 1AW from 7 pm - a piper from the Harpenden Pipe Band will play along with a local rock band Riffed. More details at <http://events.watfordobserver.co.uk/disp.asp?i=32512>

Sat 27 Oct: Lucy Clark; Autumn Dance; Lit Chalfont Meth Hall; Records; £3.00 (Bring & Share)

Sat 27 Oct: Epping Forest Informal Dance; Woodford Green Prep Sch; Robin Ellis; £8.50

Sat 27 Oct: RSCDS Oxfordshire; Annual Ball; Headington School, Oxford, The Craiggellachie Band Trisha Rawlings 01869-340830 <http://www.rscdsxfordshire.org.uk/Pages/events.html>

Fri 2 Nov, Potten End Church: Ceilidh; Potten End Village Hall; 8.0 for 8.30; Strathallan; £9.00 Bring & share food & drink; Tickets from Beatrix (01442 873172) or Lynn (1442 863527)

Sat 3 Nov; Hayes Annual Ball; Brentside High Sch; Craiggellachie; £15.00 (tickets from JC)

Sat 10 Nov; Friends of Chiltern Open Air Museum host a Scottish Evening - Entertainments with a Scottish theme, White Hill Community Centre, Chesham - 7. pm for 7.15 pm, to finish by 10.00 pm £8 per ticket, to include light refreshment buffet

Demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing by Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club

Audience participation dances

Use of White Hill Centre bar - Fundraising raffle

For more information contact Jenny Ogden on 01494 793017

or Email richard.ogden@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.coam.org.uk/Friends/friends.htm>

Sat 10 Nov; St Ninian's Annual Dance; Icknield Sch, Luton; David Cunningham; £16.50

Thurs 15 Nov: Chelsea Reel Club Dance: St Columba's; Live music; Bring & share supper; £5.00

DANCE CLASSES

The next Dance Class Social will take place on Thursday 25th October at Bushey as usual and there'll be a good proportion of easier dances so that everyone will be able to take part. The M.C. will be Robert Baker-Glen. The crib is available at:

<http://www.watfordscottish.org.uk/Cribs-Memb-Contacts.html#current%20cribs>

On Friday 16th November, there'll be a Beginners/Improvers Social, for members of our own and other beginners' classes, to be held at St Thomas' Church, Watford WD17 4PN. Tickets and More details from Ken Martlew 01442 261525 / email ImproversDance@WatfordScottish.org.uk

THE SOCIETY'S WEB SITE

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

OTHER NEWS

From Greg Peachey, organiser of the Celebration 2007 recently held at the Colosseum in May: "I

thought you might be interested to hear about the remarkable project that has arisen from the community workshops following on from Celebration 2007.

It concerns local young people, especially the disadvantaged, growing high-yield, high-nutrition vegetables for their own nourishment and that of the local homeless and destitute. St Michael's School are spearheading this work. The vegetables will first be grown in conventional organic nutrients in water, then in sea nutrients – containing the full range of minerals essential to healthy life. Finally, they will grow marine algae in seawater, piloting on a small scale a process for tackling climate change, starvation and the energy crisis.

Climate change is particularly topical among the business community at this time. On 9th November, therefore, we are holding a presentation to local businesses. (See details below.) I would be very grateful if you could forward the invitation below to any businesses you think might be interested. If you would like to come along yourselves you would be most welcome. Please click onto the web form to book in." Visit: <http://www.c-greensolutions.com/events.php>

NEWS OF MEMBERS:

[some information is not shown in this document]

"A LIFE TO ENJOY" Our John Reeve has recently published the first part of an autobiography up to his retirement, with the above title. It includes a number of references to Scottish Country Dancing and dancers. You can ask for it on Amazon or in Waterstones, quoting the ISBN number ;- 1-904502-98-9, or request it from the local library. An on-line bookshop may be found at:

<http://www.tsoshop.co.uk/brcbookshop/bookstore.asp?trackid=001228&FO=1227357&Action=Book&ProductID=1904502989&From=Subject>

Congratulations to Geoff and Diane Faulkner on the arrival of their first grandchild.

NEXT MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 11 December, Watford, 8.0 p.m.