



WATFORD AND WEST HERTS SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Beginners/Improvers Dance held on 16th November went off extremely well; I and others were very impressed with the standard of dancing by the newcomers - well done, keep it up!

Our St Andrew's Dinner/Dance held a week later was a great success; Stuart Kreloff enlightened us with a recitation of "When the frost is on the punkin" and we certainly saw our Society Secretary in a different light that night - Well done Stu!

I hope that many of you will come along to our New Year Party, held on Saturday 5th January, this year held in Nascot Wood Junior School: remember that all are welcome - children, grandparents, mums, dads, aunts and uncles - it's a bit of fun for all ages.

Don't forget that our Burns' Supper in January will be held on Rabbie Burms' actual birthday and I'd be delighted to see as many as possible of our members and friends there.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Kind regards
Vera

CHRISTMAS DANCE 20th December 2007

Bushey Community Centre, High Street, WD23 1TT

Dancing to Strathallan 8 to 10.30 p.m. Entry £6.00

Please bring a small plate of food as a contribution. Sandwiches, savouries, cakes, etc. Please remember that there are no facilities for heating sausage rolls, etc.

We expect to have guests from other local societies and intend also to support their Christmas dances. We hope that many members of the dancing class will join us in supporting Wembley, Greenford, Hayes, Amersham, etc. (Harrow's was last Wednesday).

Programme: Circassian Circle, Hooper's Jig, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran, Gang the same Gate,

Nottingham Lace, Quarries' Jig, Moray Rant, Ladies' Fancy, Black Mountain Reel: Shiftin' Bobbins, Lochalsh Reel, Dundee Whaler, Napier's Index, Anniversary Reel, Autumn in Appin, Aird of Coigach, Ian Powrie's Farewell, Mairi's Wedding.

Extras: Trip to Bavaria, The Belle of Bon Accord.

Crib is available at <http://watfordscottish.org.uk/Cribs-Memb-Contacts.html#current%20cribs>

BURNS' SUPPER FRIDAY 25th JANUARY 2008

Parmiter's School. High Elms Lane, Garston WD25 0UU

7.30 for 8.00 p.m. to midnight

TICKETS; Members: £16.00 Non-Members: £18.00

Raffle in aid of GROW [Group for the Rootless of Watford], helping homeless people in Watford

Booking forms, with details will soon be available on the Website

<http://watfordscottish.org.uk/Events.html>

NEW YEAR PARTY SATURDAY 5th JANUARY 2008

Nascot Wood Junior School, Nascot Wood Road, Watford WD17 4YS

2.30 for 3.00 to 5.30 p.m. (N.B. Afternoon) No charge for children or adults

Please come along early to our party and bring your families and friends to celebrate the New Year, in an afternoon of games, dances and fun for young and old. Please bring some food as your contribution to the afternoon snack: tea, coffee and squash will be laid on. We intend to provide the usual warming glass of punch on arrival).

OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS (further information from John Crowder)

Sat 15 Dec: Lucy Clark Dance; Meth Chur Hall, Lit Chalfont; K Sandeman; £6.00 Bring/Share

AND Epping Forest Xmas Dance; Woodford Grn Prep Sch; Craigievar; £8.50,
including wine receptn (at 7.0p.m.)

Mon 17 Dec: WEMBLEY Xmas Dance; Chur of Ascension, The Avenue, Wembley

Fri 28 Dec: Charity Dance; Weston Turville Vill Hall; I Robertson; £5.00; Bring & share

Mon 31 Dec: HAYES Hogmanay Dance; St Mary's Hall, Hayes; £5.00, inc Supper + Drink

Sat 4 Jan 2008: HARROW Annual Ball; Allum Hall, Elstree; Craigellachie; £16.50

Sat 9 Feb 2008: Berkhamsted Highland Ball; Ashlyns Sch; Danelaw; £18.50, inc dinner

Sat 23 Feb 2008: Wembley Annual Ball; Kodak Eastman Hall; Craigellachie; £15.00

Sat 1st March 2008: Harpenden Annual Ball; Harpenden Pub Hall; Frank Reid; £16.00

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 WebAdmin@WatfordScottish.org.uk

NEW MEMBER

We welcome to the Society:

Ms Carol Diethel, London

NEWS OF MEMBERS:

[some information is not shown in this document]

Ron Kelly, who was President of the Society in 1984-85, died recently from a heart condition. His funeral took place in the Isle of Man, to where he'd retired. Our deep sympathy goes to Pauline, his widow, and to all their family.

Betty and Edwin Swain have moved to be near their son in Liverpool. We wish them happiness in their new home.

Margaret Gunning's granddaughter has just passed her Starlight2 Highland Dancing Exam. Congratulations to her and to Sandy Hunt, who taught her.

Also, at the East Herts Highland Dancing Competition, various children & grandchildren of members did very well, in particular Alison Middleton's daughter, who won several medals; also Andrene Scott's grandson, Margaret Gunning's granddaughter. Jim Henderson's grandson (Jim, from Harrow, often dances with us). Congratulations to them all and to Sandy Hunt who taught them.

NEXT MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 30 January 2008, Watford, 8.0 p.m.