



**WATFORD AND WEST HERTS SCOTTISH SOCIETY**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

Well! I have seen some daffodils and snowdrops out - so Spring must be coming!

I hope all who attended our Burns Supper had a good time. My grateful thanks to our speakers. At the last minute, the Elected Mayor of Watford, Dorothy Thornhill was unfortunately unable to attend but the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mrs Jan Brown and her Consort, Councillor Ian Brown stepped into the breach, and thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

The next social event is our St Valentine's Dance which is, appropriately, being held on 14th February. The Dance Class Committee has produced a delightful programme for the night. We'll have live music from Ken Martlew and Barbara Manning - it should be a good night with the hall decorated appropriately. Come along and enjoy yourselves.

Then on Monday 25th February we shall be entertained by an illustrated talk on Ecuador and the Galapagos.

Take care, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on February 14th.  
Regards Vera

**VALENTINE DANCE Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

Bushey Community Centre, High Street, WD23 1TT

Dancing to Ken Martlew & Barbara Manning      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 to be represented at some of their dances - at Harrow, Greenford, Hayes, Wembley, Berkhamsted, Gerrards Cross, Amersham, etc.

Dances on the programme have been selected to be fairly straightforward and many of them are also appropriate for St Valentine. Any of which there is uncertainty will be walked, or talked through.

Programme: Kiss under the Stairs, Reel of the 51st Division, Neidpath Castle, The Hazel Tree, Summer Wooing, Fair Donald, Equilibrium, Alison Rose, Haste to the Wedding, The Black

Mountain Reel, She's Ower Young to Marry Yet, Ray Milbourne, The Honeymoon, Montgomeries' Rant.

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**ECUADOR and the GALAPAGOS      MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2008**

Gallery Hall, St Thomas' Church, Langley Road, Watford WD17 4PN

8.00 p.m., £2.00, including tea & biscuits

An illustrated talk

**CALEDONIAN BALL    SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2008    7.30 – 11.30 p.m.**

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

The Frank Reid Scottish Dance Band

Tickets £16.00 (non-dancers £6.00), including supper, from John Crowder on

[Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk)

No bar; bring your own drinks if you wish

Tickets for this year's ball are likely to be much in demand as Frank Reid is one of the most popular Scottish dance bands in the South of England, so members are advised not to leave it too late before buying tickets. We shall probably limit the number of tickets for dancers sold for the Ball due to space limitations. However, non-dancers are encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening of Scottish country dance music.

Programme: Bees of Maggienockater, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran, The Wind on Loch Fyne, Bratach Bana, Spiffin', The Gentleman, Father Connelly's Jig, The Reel of the 51st Division, The Glasgow Highlanders, Polharrow Burn, The Irish Rover, Grand March leading in to Culla Bay, J B Milne, The Machine without Horses, Iona Cross, Napier's Index, Ladies' Fancy, Falls of Bracklinn, Mairi's Wedding, The Dream Catcher, Quarries' Jig, Montgomeries' Rant.

Extras: Belle of Bon Accord, Ray Milbourne, A Trip to Bavaria

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**OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS**      (further information from John Crowder)

Sat 2 Feb: London Highland Club; Spring Ball, St Columba's, Marion Anderson; £12-£15

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

Sat 16 Feb: Lucy Clark Charity Dance, W Turvile Vill Hall; Silver Cross; £7.00 (bring/share)  
and RSCDS Oxfordshire Day School & Dance (see leaflet)

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

Fri 29 Feb: Harpenden Leap Year Ball; H'den Pub Hall; Frank Reid; £16.00 (NB Date Change)

Sat 15 Mar: Harrow Spring Dance; St Andrew's URC Hall; Eastcote; K Sandeman; £11.00

Sat 29 Mar: Shepperton Spring Dance; Chertsey; Craigellachie; £14.00

**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](mailto:WebAdmin@WatfordScottish.org.uk)

**NEWS OF MEMBERS:**

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

Congratulations to Ken Martlew, who has been invited to play for a BBC4 programme about keeping fit in past times; he will be playing for and possibly teaching Scottish Country Dancing for a group of volunteers who are living in a country house for six weeks and undergoing health and fitness courses from three different periods.

**NEXT MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING** Wednesday 5 March 2008, Watford, 8.0 p.m.