

## WATFORD AND WEST HERTS SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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**NEWSLETTER**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We had an enjoyable outing to "Me and My Girl" at the Palace Theatre, thanks to Rose's arrangements.

We celebrated St Andrew's day with appropriate dances and Scottish food provided by Margaret Ingram and Betty Crowder. Many thanks to all involved.

On Friday, 28th November, we and Berkhamsted club held a dance for less experienced dancers. This was helped along by the more experienced dancers. A team, mainly of our teachers, gave us a demonstration dance to set our sights high. We thank members from both societies who worked hard to make the evening go with a swing.

The high point of 2009 will be a Burns' Dinner. We have chosen a smarter venue, better quality meal (four courses), and a Vice President of the Burns Club of London as our main speaker. It should be an excellent evening. The raffle will be in aid of Help for Heroes, please be generous with prizes.

Meanwhile I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely  
Judy Snook

### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

This end of term Social will be held at our normal dance class venue at the Bushey Centre WD23 1TT. Live music by Ken Martlew & Barbara Manning from 8:00 to 10:30pm. Bring a plate of food to share. Soft drinks provided. Programme and cribs are now on our web site.

### **NEW YEAR PARTY**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2009**

This extravaganza of party games, music and some dancing will be held in Nascot Wood Junior School WD17 4YS 2:30 for 3:00 to 5:30 pm. We especially welcome our children and grandchildren to this event.

### **BURNS' DINNER**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2009**

The 250th Anniversary Burns' Dinner is to be held at Batchworth Park Golf Club WD1 3JS – 7.30 for 8 pm to midnight. This will be a special, black tie, evening at a cost of £33. The menu is Cockaleekie soup ; Haggis with neaps and tatties (starter portion) ; Chicken breast in rich chasseur sauce or vegetarian option ;

Fruit crumble or cheese & biscuits ; coffee or tea. **As the venue has requested final numbers by 14th January 2009 please order your tickets from Mrs Margaret Ingram – Tel: 01923 227710 ; email:- MgtIngram@aol.com by \*\*\*\*\* Monday 12th January 2009. \*\*\*\*\***

Download your booking form from our web site at:

<http://watfordscottish.org.uk/Events/Burns%202009%20Booking%20-c.pdf>

### **THE PANAMA CANAL**

**WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2009**

Gallery Hall, St Thomas' Church, Langley Road, Watford WD17 4PN. 8.00 p.m.,

£2.00, including tea & biscuits.

John Reeve will be giving an illustrated presentation of his wildlife expedition to Costa Rica and down the Pacific coast to Panama, thence through the Panama Canal

### **VALENTINE'S SOCIAL DANCE**

**THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2009**

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.

### **DANCE for GILLIAN**

**VALENTINE'S DAY - SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

This dance, in memory of Gillian Collis, is to be held at St Luke's RC Hall, Love Lane, Pinner HA5 3EX.

Music will be by The Craigievar Band. It will be a 'bring and share' supper. We need to know the number of people who will attend, from our society, by 14th January 2009. Please, therefore, enter your name on the list available at our Thursday Dance classes or email: [Secretary@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@WatfordScottish.org.uk).

For more details email: [Caroline@Craigellachie.demon.co.uk](mailto:Caroline@Craigellachie.demon.co.uk)

### **CALEDONIAN BALL**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

2009 will also be the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Society and we will be holding a special celebratory Caledonian Ball, with Strathallan, on Saturday, 21 March 2009. More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters but please make a note of the date for your 2009 diary.

### **WEST M.A.C.S. CHARITY BALL**

**SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2009**

To be held at North London Collegiate School, Edgware, HA8 7RJ from 7.30 - 11.30 p.m.

Music by The Craigellachie Band. The Charity to be supported this year is "Music Therapy in Scotland".

Enter this date in your diary and look out for further information in future newsletters.

### **OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS:**

Fri 12 Dec; Hayes Social; Viking Community Centre; £2 Members - £3 Non Members; Mary Barry – 020 8998 0667

or Olive MacNeil - 01895 237819 ; [www.hayesscottish.org.uk](http://www.hayesscottish.org.uk)

Sat 13 Dec; Epping Forest Christmas Dance; Woodford Green Prep School; £9; The Craigievar Band;

Alan Talbot – 020 8504 3376 ; [alan@efsa.org.uk](mailto:alan@efsa.org.uk) [www.efsa.org.uk](http://www.efsa.org.uk)

Sun 28 Dec: Weston Turville Charity Dance; Weston Turville Village Hall; Ian Robertson; £6 - bring and share.

Valerie Cambridge - [CharityDance@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:CharityDance@WatfordScottish.org.uk).

Wed 31 Dec: Milton Keynes Hogmanay Dance; Great Brickhill Village Hall; Recorded Music; £5 - bring and share.

Jan - 01908 378730 or Rita - 01908 631512 ; [jange@verybusy.co.uk](mailto:jange@verybusy.co.uk)

Fri 2nd Jan: Harrow Annual Ball; Allum Hall; The Craigellachie Band; £16.50 including refreshments (juniors and non-dancers £8.50). Jim Henderson – 020 8954 2586 ; [jimhendersonuk@aol.com](mailto:jimhendersonuk@aol.com)

Sat 17 Jan: RSCDS Oxfordshire Burns Night; Benson Parish Hall; Chris Oxtoby & The Strathallan Scottish Country Dance Band; £14. Trisha Rawlings - 01869 340830 ; [trish@rawlings50cc.plus.com](mailto:trish@rawlings50cc.plus.com)

Sun 18 Jan; Chiltern Fiddle Rally; Swan Theatre, High Wycombe; £8.50; Box Office - 01494 512000 ; 50% of tickets already sold. [www.wycombeswan.co.uk](http://www.wycombeswan.co.uk) ; Ian Robertson - 01296 630682 ; [chiltertrad@aol.com](mailto:chiltertrad@aol.com)

Sat 31st Jan; RSCDS Cambridge and University; Joint Record Dance; Chesterton Community College; £5.  
www.cambridge-rscds.org

Sat 7th Feb; Berkhamsted Highland Ball; Ashlyns School; Sandy Nixon Band; £18.50 including Dinner.  
Janet Halse – 01442 246381 ; janethalseuk@btinternet.com ; www.berkhamstedreelclub.org

Sat 21 Feb: RSCDS Oxfordshire Day School and Dance; Headington School; Ian Muir and the Craigellachie  
Band; Whole Day-£22 ; AM/PM Class-£7.50 ; Evening Dance-£12. Trisha Rawlings - 01869 340830 ;  
trish@rawlings50cc.plus.com

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

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

Congratulations to Margaret on becoming a Great-Grandmother.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

No new members reported

### **THE SOCIETY'S WEB SITE**

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

**NEXT MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING:** - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009