

## WATFORD AND WEST HERTS SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Many thanks to all the team who made our Burns' night what it was. 90 people filled the Batchworth Park Golf Club, the most we have had for years. Well done!

Our next event is the talk on Wednesday 4th February. John Reeve has given us talks before and can be recommended.

After that comes the Social on 12th February. The dances will be walked as necessary, so don't panic, just come and enjoy yourself.

Yours sincerely

Judy Snook

### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

This end of term Social was held at our normal dance class venue with live music by Ken Martlew & Barbara Manning. The numbers attending was lower than normal but those who were there enjoyed it very much. We thank Bar Martlew for her preparation and involvement on the night.

### NEW YEAR PARTY

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

The numbers were also low for this event, causing it to be an intimate gathering, which was enjoyed by those who did attend.

### BURNS' DINNER

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

The 250th Anniversary Burns' Dinner, held at Batchworth Park Golf Club. 90 people attended this special, black tie, evening which had the usual Burns' evening toasts and speeches. The Raffle was well supported and £264 will be sent to the charity "Help For Heroes" <http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/>.

### 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. MC will be Debbie McLachlan and the programme is - The Happy Meeting ; Domino 5 ; The Gentleman ; C'est l'Amour, (the Flirt) ; None so Pretty ; Belle of Bon Accord ; The Starry Eyed Lassie ; College Hornpipe ; Inchmickery ; The Dream Catcher ; Follow Me Home ; Mairi's Wedding. Dances will be called on the night, walked if required and Cribs will be available in advance at <http://www.watfordscottish.org.uk/Cribs-Memb-Contacts.html> and on the night. Entry £6.00 Please bring a small plate of food as a contribution.

**DANCE for GILLIAN  
2009**

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

This dance, in memory of Gillian Collis is to be held at St Luke's RC Hall, Love Lane, Pinner HA5 3EX from 7.15 – 11.00 pm. Music will be by The Craigievar Band. It will be a 'bring and share' supper. Peter Collis is co-ordinating numbers and I believe he could do with another 10 to 15 people.

Peter requests volunteers from our Society to assist with serving hot drinks and organising the food offerings on the night. He especially thought that non-dancers would enjoy seeing members and listening to the band. He can be contacted on:-  
home 01908 614443 ; mobile 07802 448164 ; peterjerantbed@talktalk.net

**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 7.30 - 11.30 pm at Parmiter's School, Watford, Herts WD25 0UU. Programme: visit [www.WatfordScottish.org.uk](http://www.WatfordScottish.org.uk) or see our ad in The Reel issue 266. Tickets £16 (£6 for non dancers) including refreshments. Details from Jan Alsop tel. 07762 079083 ; [Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk](mailto:Tickets@WatfordScottish.org.uk)

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

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY WALK**

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

John Reeve will lead this walk. Details will be in next newsletter but please put this date in your diaries.

**OTHER SOCIETIES' FUNCTIONS:**

Sat 7th Feb; Berkhamsted Highland Ball; Ashlyns School; Sandy Nixon Band; £18.50 including Dinner. Janet Halse – 01442 246381 ; [janethalseuk@btinternet.com](mailto:janethalseuk@btinternet.com) ; [www.berkhamstedreelclub.org](http://www.berkhamstedreelclub.org)

**EPPING FOREST SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION – VALENTINE'S DANCE**

Saturday 14 February 2009 – 7.30 to 11.00 pm - £9.50 incl. Supper  
Woodford Green Prep. School, Glengall Road, Woodford Green IG8 0BZ  
Silver Cross SCD Band  
Alan Talbot mobile 07710 854267 email: [talbot1@aol.com](mailto:talbot1@aol.com)  
Lee Noble tel: 020 8505 3032 email: [leenoble@waitrose.com](mailto:leenoble@waitrose.com)

**LUCY CLARK SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB**

CHARITY DANCE – Saturday 21 February 2009 – 7.30 – 11.30 pm  
Proceeds to The Pepper Foundation [<http://www.pepper.org.uk/>]  
Weston Turville Village Hall HP22 5RW - Silver Cross SCD Band, £10 - bring and share  
Marian Rudd, 9 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4SB tel: 01494 563080

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](mailto:trish@rawlings50cc.plus.com)

**WEMBLEY AND DISTRICT SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL BALL**

Saturday, 28 February 2009 – 7.30 – 11.30 pm - £16.00 including supper  
Eastman Hall, Kodak, Harrow View, Harrow HA2 6QQ with The Craigellachie Band  
Mrs Patricia Hamilton, 7 Boldmere Road, Eastcote, Pinner HA5 1PJ – tel 020 8866 2841

Sat 28 Feb: Cheltenham Spring Dance; Pittville School; Iain MacPhail and his SCD Band; £13.  
John Marshall – 01242 237385 ; duracellbunney@tiscali.co.uk

#### MAIDENHEAD SCOTTISH DANCING CLUB – HIGHLAND BALL

Saturday 28 February 2009 – 7 pm to 11 pm  
Brigidine School, Windsor SL4 2AX  
Marion Anderson and her Scottish Dance Band  
<http://www.maidenheadscottishdancing.org.uk/Pages/start.htm>  
Alan Pfeiffer 01628 633928 alanpfeiffer@yahoo.co.uk

Sat 14 Mar: Milton Keynes 30th Anniversary Ball; Lovat Hall, Newport Pagnall; Robert Whitehead & The Danelaw Band; £15; Jan - 01908 378730 ; jange@verybusy.co.uk

#### HARROW & DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY – SPRING DANCE

Saturday 28 March 2009, 7:00 until 11:00 pm  
St. Andrew's URC Hall, Bridle Road, Eastcote HA5 2SH, Dancing to Karl Sandeman's Band  
Tickets: £11.00 including refreshments  
Jim Henderson – telephone: 020 8954 2586, e-mail: jimhendersonuk@aol.com

Sat 18 Apr: Milton Keynes Thistle Club Dance; Wing Village Hall, Recorded Music; £4 – Bring and Share;  
Jan - 01908 378730 ; jange@verybusy.co.uk

W/E 30th Apr to 3rd May: Vienna and Budapest Dance Weekend; Baden, near Vienna; Graham Donald and Susi Mayr as teachers; Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith as musicians;  
<http://www.rscdsvienna.org/jubilee2009/> or <http://www.bstk.hu/bal2009/>

Saturday and Sunday 23rd & 24th May: Jersey May Ball. Event advertised in both the Carswellian and The Reel. We also have a Blog on the Internet where you can obtain information about us.  
<http://scottishcountrydancingjersey.blogspot.com/>

#### ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY – SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

19 July – 1 August 2009 – University Hall, St. Andrews - - Book now to avoid disappointment  
Craig Jackson, RSCDS, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF  
0131 225 3854 [www.RSCDS.org](http://www.RSCDS.org)

Czech Republic 2009 Scottish Country Dance Week.  
August 8 - 14, 2009 Prague, Czech Republic / August 14 - 19 Domazlice, South West Bohemia  
Teaching and Tourist Activities  
For further information about the program and prices, please see  
<http://dvorana.cz/dance/2009/skotsko/index.php>

#### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

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

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

##### **Two new members**

#### **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 3rd March 2009