

Watford and West Herts Scottish Society April 2019 Newsletter



[Photograph courtesy of Morag Wilshere]

Our **Centenary Caledonian Ball** was held at Allum Hall on 16 March 2019. After two years of hard work, we were rewarded when **Muriel Johnstone and Ian Robertson** inspired 150 dancers in a well-received programme which included our own **Jennie Hartley's** commemorative dance "**A 100 Years Behind Us!**" - you can view it on now YouTube <https://youtu.be/fztuoozAxZo>

Photographer Alicja O'Sullivan has a gallery at

<https://alicjaosullivanphotography1.shootproof.com/gallery/8923528> - photos include a gathering of past office bearers - who can you recognise?

Zena and Duncan managed the excellent catering. The proceeds of the raffle were £396 - it was donated to "**Bowel Cancer UK**" to sponsor Jane Crowder in the 2019 London Marathon. And we even received a congratulatory Royal letter!

General Dancing Class at All Saints Church Hall, Croxley Green - There will be **NO** Class on Thursday 18 April and 2 May

Monday beginners/improvers Dancing Class at Nascot Wood School Recital Hall - There will be **NO** Class on Monday 22 April, 6 May, 27 May

Upcoming Events

Pump House Theatre - "How the Other Half Loves" by Alan Ayckbourn - choice of either **Tuesday 11 June or Friday 14 June 2019**. Phone your preference to **David Dickson** on **01727 853458** - leave a voicemail if no answer.

Chorleywood Book Shop - **Rose Kreloff** is investigating their events for a group outing - see <https://chilternbookshops.co.uk/events>

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Gateway Club, Mill End - Dancing Display and Audience Participation - **Duncan McNiven** is co-ordinating with the club for slot at their Wednesday evening meeting

West MACS Charity Ball 2019 -Saturday, 27 April 2019, **Jim Lindsay's Band** Fundraising for **Scottish Autism** <https://www.scottishautism.org> - ticket price £20 dancers / £10 non-dancers & juniors. Join us to support the charity and hear one of the best Scottish musicians in the business. There will be a raffle on the night - if you cannot attend you may still wish to contribute a prize or purchase a ticket - contact **Stuart** at Secretary@WatfordScottish.org.uk

AGM 2019 - Thursday 06 June 2019 8pm - All Saints followed by simple country dancing - we welcome nominations for serving on the Committee.

Summer Social - Thursday **04 July 2019** 8-10.30pm- All Saints Church Hall - music by **Chris Oxtoby**

Our end of season dance is proving to be very popular with local dancers. Find the programme and crib at <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/21751/>

BBQ - The **McNivens** host on Sunday afternoon, **4 August 2019** - 64 Valley Walk, Croxley Green - more details in a future message

Garden Visit - **Church Gardens, Church Hill, Harefield, Uxbridge UB9 6DU** - **26 August 2019** - 14:00-17:00 £5 / £2 child - <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/34868/>

Open as part of the National Garden Scheme - Harefield's own 'secret garden'. 17th Century Renaissance walled gardens on the outskirts of Harefield, incl a traditional organic kitchen garden, consisting of 56 geometrically arranged raised beds, 60m long herbaceous borders, trained fruit trees, alpines, herb garden and an orchard with rare arcaded wall, dating back to the early 1600's. Unique opportunity to view ongoing restoration project.

Email **Stuart** if you plan to attend and wish to meet up

St Andrew's Day 2019 - 30 November 2019

We are considering a number of options for a social event for members and their families - more info in future messages

New Year Walk - possibly Sunday **5 January 2020**

Caledonian Ball 2020 - 21 March 2020 at Allum Hall - **Sandy Nixon's Band**

A top Scottish band is booked for our annual event - save the date

Caledonian Ball 2021 - 20 March 2021 at Allum Hall - **Craigievar Band**

Two years from now but put it in your forward diaries

Date of Next Committee Meeting - **8 May 2019**