

# Carnoustie Scottish Country Dance Club

## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Member,**

Welcome to the very first Carnoustie Scottish Country Dance Club newsletter.

It is hoped that this will be the first of many to keep you informed of what is happening in the Club, notify you of forthcoming events and offer you the chance to air your views or make suggestions.

It is intended to include a diary of Scottish Country Dances that are coming up around Tayside and Fife, so that if you want an evening out, you'll know locations of dances in advance (see back page).

If you have any ideas of what you would like included in the newsletter, please feel free to let a member of the committee know. Everything will be considered.

It would be great to hear what your favourite dance is and why. Or if there is a dance you would like to learn, let us know and we'll see what we can do.

### **Committee**

The Club Committee for this season is:

Chair - Tom Wilson

Vice Chair - Marian Scott

Treasurer - June Smith

Members - Maureen Bremner

Fay Cargill

Lyn Carnegie

Lyn Doig

Muriel Petrie

### **Material for Newsletter**

If you would like to write a short article for the newsletter, please do so and either give it to a member of the committee or e mail it to : **scottishcountrydancing@yahoo.co.uk**.

We will do our best to include as much as we can from Club members.

### **Feedback**

Please let us know what you think about this newsletter.

- Do you want it laid out differently?
- Would you like it to have a different title?
- What about a logo for the club?
- Would you like to see pictures included?
- Dance cribs, would they help you?
- What else would you like to see included?

### **Thanks to:**

- Muriel Boal who allowed the Club to sell fundraising quizzes at her charity dance on 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- John M. Sturrock for the forthcoming dance information.

### **Floor Appeal/Fundraising**

A brief update is given overleaf.

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*Thank you for reading this far. We look forward to hearing your suggestions.*

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### HALL APPEAL UPDATE

#### Background

As reported at the last AGM, an application for a Community Grant was submitted to Angus Council in February 2007. This was for a natural wood laminate floor to be laid over the existing floor on a 10mm underlay (to give 'spring' to the floor). The application was prepared jointly with the Church and was submitted in their name as the property owner. The grant application included a £500 contribution from Club funds.

The new floor will be wall-to-wall with appropriate edgings and doorway ramps, based on a quotation from a local Carnoustie Company.

Angus Council replied by letter in June 2007. Unfortunately they declined our application for the full grant.

In their opinion the grant would 'benefit only a relatively small number of people and was not essential for the continuation of the Club'. However, they offered to consider a re-application for a 50% match funded grant where the Church/Club would contribute half the total amount - **'thereby demonstrating wider community support and interest beyond the relatively small number of Club members'**.

To meet the 50% funding requirement the Club would need to raise £1000 - £1800 depending on the amount of contribution from Club funds.

#### The Way Forward

A committee meeting was held to discuss the options. It was decided to go ahead with fund raising to raise the necessary funds and re-apply for the grant as soon as possible. Club members were advised of the situation at the start of the autumn session.

The following activities were proposed at the Committee meeting, some of which are underway.

- Seek donations from local major Companies/Organisations.
- Seek contributions from the Church and other hall users.
- 'Purchase-a-Plank' appeal - £1 per plank.
- Quiz sheets (50p) - one open until October 29<sup>th</sup> and another to follow.
- Donate the proceeds from the Winter Dance to the floor fund.
- Coffee Morning - 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Philip Hall.
- Increase the contribution from the Club funds (if necessary).

Because the Club would be committing a substantial amount towards the cost of the floor, it was decided to approach the Church to seek a guarantee that the Club would be appropriately reimbursed should the hall be sold or otherwise disposed of.

A reply is still awaited to a letter sent in September 2007.

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### Fund Raising (to date)

- Club Contribution: £500 (if req'd)
  - Donations/pledges: £200
  - Goods: £50 approx
  - Church/Hall users: Nil
  - Purchase-a-Plank: £96
  - First Quiz: t.b.a.
- Total = £746

In addition, Help-the-Aged have offered to consider a grant application for up to £1000.

### Comments & Suggestions

Should any member have comments or other suggestions for fund raising, please contact a member of the committee.

### Contribution from Members

Donations or even short-term loan pledges from members would, of course, be very much appreciated.

### Timescale

Finally, the time-scale is such that a grant award from the 2007/08 Council budget is improbable, owing to funds being allocated elsewhere. However, we are aiming to re-apply as soon as is feasible to get a place in the queue for next year's funding.

### Further Developments

I will report any further developments will be reported at the Club meetings from week to week.

Tom Wilson (Chair)

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### Dances: October

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**RSCDS Carnoustie Branch**

Beach Hall £4.50

Band - Colin Dewar

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**St. Andrews 70<sup>th</sup> Dinner**

Links Clubhouse (tickets in advance)

contact Jonathon Wilson 01334 475274

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Red Cross Charity Dance**

Corn Exchange

**Cupar**

Band - David Cunningham

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Perth Ceilidh Dance**

PERTH A&F Festival Queens Hotel

Contact 01738 623041

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church Dance**

**Kirriemuir Town Hall**

Contact Nancy Crowe 01575 573604

Band - A. Morris