

# Carnoustie Scottish Country Dance Club

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

Welcome to Newsletter 2, November 2007.

### VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

'Walkie-Talkies' - As a beginner/improver, I do appreciate recaps and walk-throughs at dances, and indeed I have heard a lot of positive comment on this matter at our dances. They do give much needed encouragement to beginners and to others who don't know some of the dances. However, is this being a bit too complacent? Perhaps becoming too dependant on them is not so clever!

A possible solution, at least for Club members, might be to take up Marian's idea of adopting a 'Dance of the Month' for Club nights, whereby a selected dance would be repeated during the month, hopefully with increasing expertise! For the first couple of times we could get full walk-throughs, on the third night only a recap, and then on the final night get straight into it with no recap or only a brief reminder - with June getting a chance to join in with an 'expert set'! This would help the less experienced dancers to get more used to recap only dancing.

With regard to the main dances, the issue is more complicated. Would it be worthwhile considering a mix with only well-known dances being recapped/walked, with the programme being marked accordingly?

If you have any suggestions or comments please do not hesitate to let a member of the committee know your views. A general discussion among Club members might be quite interesting!

### Website

A preliminary website has now been designed, but not yet launched onto the internet. I plan to give members an opportunity to see it at the Club over the next few weeks so that its content can be reviewed and any changes made accordingly. At the moment, the website contains the following pages:-

- **Home Page:** A general outline of the Club, plus links to the other pages.
- **About the Club:** Gives more details on the Club, where, when, how much, etc.
- **Events:** Calendar of Club events & dances.

- **Notice Board:** Club news, notices, etc.
- **Suggestions:** Feedback, suggestions & comments.
- **Contact Us:** By email only to a separate email account for the Club.
- **Newsletter:** Electronic copy of the latest Newsletter.

Please have a look and give me any comments or suggestions.  
*Tom Wilson*

### FUND RAISING

#### Hall Floor Appeal - Update

Fund Raising (to date):

- Club Contribution (if req'd): £500
  - Donations/pledges: £200\*
  - Goods for raffles/prizes: £50 approx
  - Church/Hall users: Nil
  - Purchase-a-Plank/Quizzes: £\*\*\*
- Total = £746

In addition, Help-the-Aged has offered to consider a grant application for up to £1000 (conditional on grant award from Angus Council).

The church have kindly invited us to promote our 'Purchase-a-Plank' scheme at their Christmas Fare at 10.30am on 17 November in the Holyrood Church Hall. If any members would like to come along to help, please contact a committee member.

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

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

#### "PURCHASE A PLANK FOR A POUND"

Sponsorship forms for this fundraiser are still available. All purchasers' names will be added to our template which will be displayed in the hall on dance nights once the floor has been laid.

The closing date for plank purchasing has been set as **Thursday 10th January 2008**. This will give everyone time to sell planks to relatives and

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friends who may be visiting over the festive season.

Maybe your first footers would like their footsteps remembered in a more "virtual" context and donate a pound along with the traditional piece of coal! Have that sponsor sheet ready just in case!

### QUIZ

The closing date for entries for the first quiz was on Monday October 29th. All correct entries were put into a prize draw and the winner was..... their prize, which was donated by Mackays will be with them shortly. Congratulations.

Following on from the success of this quiz, another is to be put on sale. Compiled by June Smith, entries will be accepted until..... When the prize draw will take place.

### COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning is planned for Saturday 24th November in the Philip Hall.

In order for this to be a success support is required from all members. Please add your details to the lists displayed and assist in the area you prefer.

### WINTER DANCE

Funds raised from the winter dance, which will be held on Friday 9th November in the Beach Hall will go towards the floor fund. Music will be supplied by Frank Thomson and it is anticipated that, just like the summer dances, friends and visitors will have a great time. The usual refreshments and raffle prizes will be required. So come along and enjoy the good programme of dances which we have practised on club nights.

### CLUB HISTORY

It would be nice to have the history of the Club written down, especially for the more recent and new members who don't how it all came about and the personalities involved. Would a senior member (or group of members) like to put pen to paper and draft a 'potted' history giving the main facts and circumstance, no doubt with a few amusing reminiscences. Any volunteers?

### CONGRATULATIONS

All members would like to add their congratulations and best wishes to Isabel Roy and her husband Jim on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary which took place on 11th October.

Isabel is a founding member of the club and her assistance is much valued by the "newer" members to the club to whom all dances are a surprise!

Best wishes are also extended to Elizabeth Ferris on the occasion of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Elizabeth, as you all know is a past Chair of the club. Her enthusiasm and support is much appreciated.

Finally, we would like to hear from you.

Do you like the idea of receiving a regular newsletter like this?

What would you like to see included?

Do you have a dance you would like to learn a bit better or one you really like?

Feel free to jot down you thoughts, ideas or experiences and give them to one of the committee members at any time.

For those technically minded you can e mail items for the newsletter, your ideas or thoughts on any aspect of the club to:

[scottishcountrydancing@yahoo.com](mailto:scottishcountrydancing@yahoo.com)

Share your knowledge we'd love to hear from you

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### COMMITTEE 2007/08

- Chair - Tom Wilson
- Vice Chair - Marian Scott
- Treasurer - June Smith
- Members - Maureen Bremner
- Fay Cargill
- Lyn Carnegie
- Lyn Doig
- Muriel Petrie

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### DANCES DIARY

November 2007

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

RSCDS AGM Ball

Bell's Sports Centre

**PERTH**

Music - David Cunningham

Ticket Required

Contact Dale Gray 0131 334 6862

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

JAG Group Dance Holiday

Atholl Palace

**PITLOCHRY**

Music - G. Meikle

Ticket Required

Contact Janette Bulloch 01698 816832

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Dundee Uni SCD Soceity

Beginners Dance

St. Andrews Church Hall

**DUNDEE**

Music - R. Kerr

Contact Luke Brady 01382 665722

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Charity Ceilidh Scottish Night

The Waterfront,

1 Queens Drive

**ARBROATH**

Music - Luke Brady Ticket Required £10

Contact - The Waterfront 01241 437777

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

RSCDS AGM Dance

Bell's Sports Centre

**PERTH**

Music - Marian Anderson

Ticket Required

Contact Dale Gray 0131 334 6862

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Winter Dance

Beach Hall

**CARNOUSTIE**

Music - Frank Thomson

Contact June Smith 01241 854418

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

RSCDS Stonehaven Dance

Town Hall

**STONEHAVEN**

Music - Frank Thomson

Contact Linda Lawson

01569 763451

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

RSCDS Forfar Annual Dance

Reid Hall

**FORFAR**

Music - D. Oswald

Contact Helen Fleming

01307 460830

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#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

RSCDS Kirkcaldy

Philip Hall, Links Street

#### KIRKCALDY

Music Gordon Shand (£5)

Contact Karen Carratt 01592 751160

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

RSCDS Dunfermline Ball

The Glen Pavillion Pittencrieff Park

#### DUNFERMLINE

Music David Cunningham

Ticket Required - £21

7.30 - 11.30

Dinner at 8.00 (tables seat 6) Formal Dress

Contact John B. Philip

22 Kingseat Road, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 0DD

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Coupar Angus SCD Club

Christmas Dance

Town Hall **Coupar Angus**

Music - Glencraig

Contact John McBean 01738 631124

### January 2008

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January

RSCDS Dundee First Foot Dance

Invercarse Hotel

#### DUNDEE

Music - Glencraig

Ticket Required

Contact George Watt 01382 642131

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Aberlemno SCD Club Dance

Village Hall

#### ABERLEMNO

Music - Cruickshanks - Ticket Required

Contact Angus Adam 01382 779479

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Carnoustie SCD Club

Christmas Dance

By Invitation

#### CARNOUSTIE

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Burns Night Dance

Boys' Brigade Hall

#### ST. ANDREWS

Music - G. Sutherland

Contact Lorn Macintyre 01334 476428