

Carnoustie Scottish Country Dance Club

NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

Welcome to Newsletter No. 1 of 2009.

From the Chair

With the Annual General Meeting now approaching fast and the Club dancing season drawing to a close, I'm sure you will agree we can look back on another extremely successful year.

The highlight must be the installation of the new floor in the hall and the Club re-start coinciding with the grand 'Opening Event' attended by over 40 members and guests.

The Club membership is now at a very healthy level, with good attendances most club nights. The usual annual programme of dances and events has been completed to date, all very well attended and enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

Various initiatives introduced this year include the 'Dance-of-the-Month' and a members' 'Request Night' (see below). These hopefully have added interest and variety to the regular routine of dance evenings.

I hope you continue to find the 'Newsletter' of benefit. The Club website is now well established and includes the Club email address.

Request Night

After discussion, the committee agreed to hold a dancer's choice evening in the form a 'Request Night' on Thursday 23rd April. Forms have been circulated to allow members to nominate up to three favourite dances (closing date 9th April). June will review the nominations and make a selection of the most popular dances to be performed on the night. Hopefully this will be a fun night with something for everyone!

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 7th May, at 7.45pm in the Holyrood Church Hall. A letter giving notice of the AGM, including the agenda and a copy of the accounts, will be distributed to members prior to the meeting. An evening of dancing will continue after the AGM. This will be the last Club night of the season.

If anyone has any points they wish to raise at the AGM please contact the Committee by 16th April.

I would urge you all to attend the AGM. It is your club and the AGM is a good forum for members to air their views, offer advice and support to the Committee, whose unstinting efforts ensure the Club runs smoothly.

Website

Since the Club website was set-up in October 2008, it has received approximately 3,000 visits, with an average rate of 7- 8 per day. This is very encouraging, and hopefully it is being used to obtain on-line information about the club, in particular, details on club dances. The programmes for the public dances are reproduced within the website.

Charity Dances

During February and March the Club held its annual Charity Dances.

Thanks go to the Maple Leaf band (Muriel & Jimmy) for providing excellent music and to Muriel who did a brilliant job of re-capping and keeping us right.

The amount of fantastic food donated for the evening's suppers and also the raffle prizes, which enhance the amount of money raised, are much appreciated by all members and visitors, so a massive vote of thanks goes to everyone who donated to either or both.

The ethos this year was to donate monies raised to very local charities suggested by members. It was agreed to add £100 of Club funds to the final total for each dance and to invite the press along to each presentation to highlight the Club and the Charity concerned. We were delighted to be able to present to the following:

- Alzheimer Scotland, Carnoustie Drop-in Centre - £270
- Carnoustie Community Help-line - £290
- Marie Curie Cancer Care - £300

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A point of protocol

Whilst it is appreciated that the Club is a social group, the Committee is sometimes approached by members who feel that certain courtesies are not being observed.

One plea, which is heard on a regular basis, is for quiet whilst June is giving instructions!

It is not only courteous to the other members trying to hear the talk-throughs and prompts during dances, but it can be very tough for June, not to mention being extremely hard on her voice, when she is competing against background chatter.

We are not asking you to stop speaking, but if you are sitting a dance out, please refrain from talking loudly. If you are in a set, please do not chat whilst instructions are being given - remember even the set at the bottom of the hall needs to hear what to do!

Thank you for your co-operation.

Best wishes to Mary Roberts

On behalf of Club members, we wish Mary all the best after her stay in hospital, and wish her a speedy recovery.

A Poem

Not about Scottish Country Dancing, but Hazel thought this might strike a chord!

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#### The Tea Dance

It's the Sunday tea dance and they'll all be there today,

Aches and pains forgotten, dance the afternoon away.

Foxtrots, quicksteps, waltzes, some are slow but some are nifty,

With memories of how it was way back in the 1950.

Norman's in the toilet struggling to pee,

He's got trouble with his prostate, and he'll likely miss his tea.

Eddy's got a new love that he met in Thornton Heath,

She does a lovely tango, but she hasn't any teeth.

His fancy footwork nearly broke his partner's neck,

She mistook his outside swivel for a travelling contra check.

Ida's had her hair done and she's ready for a saunter,

She had a vindaloo last night and it's coming back to haunt her.

Florry's mini-skirt's revealing when she's spinning in the jive,

She really shouldn't wear a thong, approaching 85.

They've had their tea and cake and chat and had a little laugh,

And gamely rise with creaking knees to face the second half.

Norman's made it back in time for rumba number one,

His cucaracha's very neat, but he's left his flies undone.

Vera's fallen over in a massive Crimplene heap,

Bert's got indigestion and Mabel's fast asleep.

It's last waltz time and up they get for Humperdinck's old tune,

And then: 'Goodbye, good luck, take care, God willing see you soon.'

*By Derek Prothero, Carshalton, Surrey.*

### Dance of the Month

Because we will be having the Request Night this month (probably spread over two evenings), it has been decided not to start a new Dance of the Month in April. However, when at a recent Master Class held by the Dundee University SCD Society, I experienced what appeared to me to be an

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interesting dance that might be considered as a future DoM. It is called 'Hand in Hand' from RSCDS Book 44. It includes a 'challenging' meanwhile figure and an interesting split-reel formation. Here is the Minicrib for you to have a look at. (Tom Wilson)

### HAND IN HAND (R8x32) 3C (4C Set) (M Banninger RSCDS Bk 44)

- 1- 8 1s advance, face up (touch nearer hands) & cast 1 place, dance down between 3s & cast up to 2<sup>nd</sup> places own sides
- 9-16 1s turn 1<sup>st</sup> corners RH, passing RSh turn 2<sup>nd</sup> corners RH & pass RSh to 2<sup>nd</sup> place own side facing out
- 17-20 1M casts up & into centre **while** 1L casts down & into centre facing partner & set **while** 2s+3s adv on diag to form circle & set turning to face out
- 21-24 2s+3s dance out to places, face in & set **while** 1s dance RSh round each other to end 1M between 2s & 1L between 3s facing opposite sides
- 25-32 1s dance  $\frac{1}{2}$  RSh reels of 3 across, 1s quick turn RH & dance  $\frac{1}{2}$  RSh reel of 3 with 2nd corners ending in 2nd places own sides

{Compiled by Charles Upton. **MINICRIB** Deeside  
Caledonian Society}

### Dates for your Diary

- 17<sup>th</sup> April Spring Dance
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April Request Night
- 30<sup>th</sup> April Band Night (Maple Leaf)
- 7<sup>th</sup> May AGM (Club Closes)
- Club Summer Dances (Beach Hall)**
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Marian Anderson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July James Coutts
- 29<sup>th</sup> July Colin Dewar
- 5<sup>th</sup> August Frank Thomson
- 12<sup>th</sup> August Colin Dewar
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**Remember**, we would like to hear from you.

The Committee welcome any ideas you may have which would take the Club forward and ensure all members enjoy their dancing. If you have any issue you wish to raise please do not hesitate to let us know.

Ideas and assistance for next season's dances are also welcome.

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 with access to the internet you can e mail items for the newsletter, your ideas or thoughts on any aspect of the club to:

[carnoustieSCDC@googlemail.com](mailto:carnoustieSCDC@googlemail.com)

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COMMITTEE 2008/09

Chair:	Tom Wilson
Vice Chair:	Marian Scott
Sec/Treasurer:	June Smith
Members:	Maureen Bremner
	Fay Cargill
	Lynn Carnegie
	Hazel Cargill
	Muriel Petrie

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### DANCES DIARY

| APRIL - JUNE 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b><br/>           DUSCDS Masterclass Workshop<br/>           Balgay Church Hall, Tullideph Rd, DD2 2PW<br/>           2pm - 4pm £5 (Refreshments provided)<br/> <i>'Turning Twirling and Burling!'</i><br/>           Teacher: Helen Russell Musician: Luke Brady<br/>           Contact Tel: 01382 665 722</p> | <p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b><br/>           Charity Dance<br/>           St Andrews Church Hall, King Street, Dundee<br/>           7-30pm - 10.30pm Price £4 (incl supper)<br/>           Music: CD's - All dances Recapped<br/>           Contact: Muriel Boal 01382 509 103</p> |
| <p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b><br/>           Montrose SCD Club<br/>           End-of-Term Dance<br/>           Montrose Town Hall, 7.30pm - 11pm, £5<br/>           Music: Frank Thomson</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b><br/>           Carnoustie SCD Club<br/>           Spring Dance<br/>           Beach Hall, Carnoustie<br/>           7.30pm - 11pm. £5 (incl. Supper)<br/>           Music: James Coutts</p>                                                            |
| <p><b>Tuesday 21st April</b><br/>           RSCDS Dundee Spring Social<br/>           Park Place School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm<br/>           Teacher: Fiona Mackie Music: A. Brady</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Friday 24th April</b><br/>           The Perth Ball, The Hanger, Scone<br/>           7.30pm - 11.30pm £24 (Dress Formal)<br/>           Music: Jim Lindsay &amp; his band<br/>           Contact: Rod Purcell (Tel. 01738 550 418)</p>                                                 |
| <p><b>Saturday 25th April</b><br/>           Coupar Angus SCD Club Spring Dance<br/>           Town Hall, 7.30pm, £5 (Bring own cup)<br/>           Music Jim Lindsay</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b><br/>           RSCDS Dundee Spring Social<br/>           Park Place School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm<br/>           Teacher: Bruce Frazer Music: A. Brady</p>                                                                                                  |