

# Carnoustie Scottish Country Dance Club

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

Welcome to Newsletter No. 2 of 2009/10.

### From the Chair

As the AGM for 2009/10 approaches my term in office is now drawing to a close, having served as the Chair for three years. I would like to take this opportunity to advise members that I will not be available for re-election. I would be happy to continue administering the Club website and, if required, assist with the production of the Newsletter.

I must say that I feel honoured to have been appointed Chairman of the Club, especially as I am a relative newcomer to Scottish Country Dancing. In fact it was only during my second year of country dancing when I was elected Chairman. As you might imagine, I have experienced a very steep learning curve, not only in Club affairs, but also in the wider SCD scene with its many personalities and established ways of doing things - some times a bit quirky!

It has given me much pleasure to see the Club develop and grow in membership during my period of office, thankfully with lots of help from very active and supportive committee members.

The AGM (details below) will be followed, as usual, by as much dancing as time permits - a good incentive to keep the meeting as short as possible! After all, dancing is what the Club is about.

I encourage all members to come to the meeting. After all it is your club, and this is a chance for you to have your say and contribute to the running of it.

**However, at this juncture, the Club is facing a very serious situation, as we will have vacancies not only for the offices of Chair and Vice-chair (resigned, see below), but also for at least 2 Committee Members.**

On behalf of the committee I appeal to all members to support the Club by offering to serve on the committee and thereby contribute to the organisation and running of the Club - it is

**paramount to the Club that the offices of Chair & Vice-chair are filled.**

If you would like to be involved in the committee, please advise me or any other committee member so that we can propose you to the membership at the AGM.

Terms of office are set out in the constitution as follows:

*"The Members of the Committee will be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and will be eligible to serve as Committee Members for a period of three years"*

June Smith, our secretary, holds a copy of the constitution. Please see her if you wish to consult it before the AGM.

As usual this has been a very busy year, with a very full programme of events. I hope you all enjoyed the 2009/10 season of dancing and I wish all of you very happy country dancing in the forthcoming year.

Tom Wilson

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.45pm in the Holyrood Church Hall. A letter of notification, including the agenda and a copy of the accounts, will be distributed as usual to members prior to the meeting. The AGM 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.

The AGM is a good forum for you to air your views, and to offer advice and support to the Committee, whose unstinting efforts ensure the Club runs smoothly.

### From the Vice Chair

I am taking the unusual step of addressing Members through the newsletter as I feel it important to let you all know that for various reasons, I submitted my resignation as Vice Chair to the Committee in February.

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I have enjoyed my time as vice chair and would like to officially record my thanks to Tom. He has been an excellent Chair and has taken the Club forward in so many ways.

His hard work and dedication saw the installation of the new floor, which has made dancing more of a pleasure and certainly easier on the feet.

Tom has taken every opportunity to promote the Club and, with Anna's support, has developed fantastic promotional items that show friends and visitors that Carnoustie Scottish Country Dance Club is a friendly, well-established Club that is open and welcoming to all.

My thanks also go to the other Committee members who work hard both behind the scenes and at the front of house to ensure the Club runs smoothly. Their unstinting assistance in setting up, raffles and undertaking kitchen duties have ensured all the dances held have been successful and enjoyable.

I will be continuing with my membership of the Club and trust the good work of the Chair and this Committee will be taken forward and more importantly, developed, by those who follow.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be an office bearer and represent the Club. I wish everyone well and happy dancing for the future.

Marian Scott

### **Obituary - Mrs Muriel Petrie**

It was with great sadness we learnt that Muriel died so suddenly on 1st March 2010. She will be greatly missed by us, the members of the country dancing club, for she helped as a committee member and all her friendship to us all. She helped in any way she could.

She loved her family very much and just lived for them, and there was no one like her dear grandson Andrew! Muriel will be sorely missed by her family and her sister Ethel, and by all of us too.

Peggy Ramsay

### **Website**

The Club website has been visited about 3,200 times during the last 12 months, averaging 8-9 per day. This is very encouraging, and hopefully it is being used to obtain on-line information about the club, in particular, club dances details. The programmes for the public dances are reproduced within the website. If anyone wishes to add any additional information, or has any comments on the website please let me know.

Tom Wilson

### **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.

A massive vote of thanks goes to everyone who donated food and raffle prizes or both, for the dances. The raffle enhances the amount of money raised, and the supper is much appreciated by members and visitors alike.

This year the Committee agreed to donate the monies raised at the dances to the following three charities suggested by members:

- Parkinson's Disease Society, Arbroath Support Group - £270
- University of Dundee Breast Cancer Research Fund - £200
- Moorfields Eye Hospital Development Fund - £206.50p

The Committee decided to increase the totals raised from the dances by using Club funds. This means that each charity will receive £300. Press coverage highlights the "work" of the Club and the charities concerned and to this end they have been invited to cover the joint presentation of cheques on **8<sup>th</sup> April**.

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### Dates for your Diary

- 16<sup>th</sup> April Spring Dance (Frank Thomson)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April Band Night (Maple Leaf)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May AGM (Club Closes)

### Summer Dances (Beach Hall)

- 14<sup>th</sup> July Frank Thomson
- 21<sup>st</sup> July Colin Dewar
- 28<sup>th</sup> July James Coutts
- 4<sup>th</sup> August Colin Dewar
- 11<sup>th</sup> August Marian Anderson

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### PRESENT COMMITTEE

- Chair: Tom Wilson (Retiring from office)
- Vice Chair: Marian Scott (Resigned)
- Sec/Treasurer: June Smith

### Members:

- Maureen Bremner
- Fay Cargill (Retiring from office)
- Lynn Carnegie (Retiring from office)
- Hazel Cargill
- Monica Mattock

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**Remember**, we would like to hear from you.

The Committee welcome any ideas you may have which would develop the Club and take it forward to ensure all members enjoy their dancing experience.

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

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

Feel free to jot down your 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 the club:

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

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### DANCES DIARY

APRIL - May 2010	
<p><b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>            Montrose SCD Club            Annual Dance            Old and St Andrews Church Hall, Montrose            7.30pm - 11pm, £4.50            Music: Frank Thomson</p>	<p><b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>            Carnoustie SCD Club            Spring Dance            Beach Hall, Carnoustie            7.30pm - 11pm. £5 (incl. Supper)            Music: Frank Thomson</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, April</b>            Dundee RSCDS Branch            Spring Social            Park Place Primary School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm            Teacher: Susan Robertson Music: John White</p>	<p><b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>            Coupar Angus SCD Club            Spring Dance            Town Hall, Coupar Angus            Music: Colin Dewar</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, April</b>            Dundee RSCDS Branch            Spring Social            Park Place Primary School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm            Teacher: Stella Phillips Music: Adam Brady</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26 May</b>            Christian Aid Dances            Panmuir Church Hall, Monifieth,            7.30pm - 9.30pm, £3            Muriel and Jimmy Boal</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, May</b>            Dundee RSCDS Branch            Spring Social            Park Place Primary School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm            Teacher: Fiona Mackie Music: Luke Brady</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, May</b>            Dundee RSCDS Branch            Spring Social            Park Place Primary School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm            Teacher: Sue Steele Music: Callum Mitchell</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, May</b>            Dundee RSCDS Branch            Spring Social            Park Place Primary School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm            Teacher: George Watt Music: Adam Brady</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, May</b>            Dundee RSCDS Branch            Spring Social            Park Place Primary School, 7.30pm - 9.15pm            Teacher: Muriel Boal Music: Jimmy Boal</p>