



NANTWICH & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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DANCE SCOTTISH – more popular than ever and healthier too!

NEW MEMBERS welcomed – **LONG TERM** members celebrated.

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We all enjoy our Monday nights – which now regularly need swinging round into five sets across the Memorial Hall floor as numbers continue to rise. We welcomed six new members officially at our last committee meeting as we planned the traditional events for the rest of this our 55th season. At our September Party Night we danced to old and new dances devised by Liz, Stuart and Peter, based on 5's in recognition of our 55th year, including our own FIVE LiVe. We had an outstanding Christmas Ceilidh at the last Monday meeting before the holidays with the Hamper Raffle causing great interest as well as raising money for local good causes - and weren't the ceilidh items amusing and jolly! We are grateful for all the effort put in by the performers, and to our catering committee for the festive food. Kilted and in full President's regalia wearing the chain of all past presidents, I took our Society's Greetings and the hamper prepared by committee members to present to Honorary Life Member Jack Owen, now residing in a care home. He was overjoyed and emotional on receiving the Christmas goodies. So keep dancing, singing and playing – to further our shared interest of Scottish Culture.



Country side walk - September 2012 - the sun came out briefly!

Forthcoming events: Our 55th Season continues from Monday 7th January 2013 at 7.00 p.m. with a social theme of **KINGS and QUEENS** which we hope will thrill and delight all members – wrapped raffle prizes and a plate of food will be welcome from members for that event. So come and enjoy fine dancing and pleasure – in this austerity period a chance to reuse your Jubilee Outfits from our Jubilee Party last May in mixed red, white and/or blue colours perhaps, or whatever your fancy takes you for dress?

Our **Burns Night Dinner Dance** at the Masonic Hall is on Saturday 26th January, and Liz will be helping us through the dances on Mondays beforehand, supporting our newer dancers.

Do come and join in our traditional rousing celebration for the start of our special events.

We have another walk in the country for two hours or so on Thursday 28th February - we expect the rain to keep off this time as it is now 2013 and not the wettest year on record!

We gather at 10:00 for a 10:15 start from the venue, returning for a light lunch two hours or so later. Please sign up from 7th January and come and walk with us, whatever the weather.

Regular Monday evening sessions with Step and Formation practice are from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Wistaston Memorial Hall, and General Dancing from 7:30 – 10:00 with a tea break at 8:45 as usual. Classes continue every Monday until 20th May except for an Easter break on 1st April and May Day 6th May.



Countryside Walk - Sept 2012 - umbrellas up!



Nantwich members at the 85th Lancs. & Cheshire Federation Ball, Ellesmere Port, November 2012

President's and Visitors' Night is a formal evening for fine dresses and a host of men wearing the kilt. Again, all dances will be rehearsed in class beforehand.

Our **AGM and Dancing** is on Monday 29th April from 7:00 p.m. with the **End of Season Party** for all members in the Wistaston Memorial Hall 7:00 p.m. on Monday 20th May.

Some more dates for your diary:

A number of members will be attending the **Harrogate Weekend School** – now fully booked – in February, and the **Duns Weekend** over 17-19 May is always attended by a committed few of us dancers – why not more?

It is a wonderful teaching and dancing experience in the Scottish Borders with some of the best Scottish Dancing tuition available on a two night B&B basis this side of St Andrews and Pitlochry. Details from myself or Christine for this event, and also the wonderful **Summer School at St Andrews** - we have members attending in weeks 2, 3 and 4 (there's 10% discount if full payment is made by 31st Jan 2013). Many members will take part in the **WHITE ROSE FESTIVAL** near Leeds on Saturday 13th July either as part of the Cheshire Branch of the RSCDS or Crewe and Nantwich U3A Groups.



Charles & Noreen with Rev. Sandy and Mrs. Mary Mailer, Chieftain and President of the Lancs. & Cheshire Federation

Charles

Our **Annual Ball** is at the Civic Hall in Nantwich on Saturday 23rd March, dancing to Nicol McLaren and the Glenraig Band from 7:00 – 11:30 p.m.. All dances will be practised beforehand on Mondays so don't hesitate about coming. It is a splendid occasion when dancers from other societies join us and enjoy a lively band and the Civic's sensationally sprung floor. This is a star event for the Society and is all the better for a full turn-out of members. Our own **President's and Visitors' Night** is on Monday 22nd April from 7:30 – 11:00, again at Nantwich Civic Hall. This is a time for all members to dance alongside Presidents and Partners from other societies in the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation, augmented with a North Wales contingent.



Nantwich members at the Federation Ball - dancing Culla Bay

September 2013 sees 500 years since the historic **Battle of Flodden** in Northumberland, and as Noreen and I have a special event of our own to celebrate at that time, all members are invited to cross the border from Cheshire into Shropshire – just as James IV crossed from Scotland into England in 1513 – on Saturday 7th September to an eventful feast of Scottish Dancing at the Woore Victory Hall.

Thanks to all who have worked for and with the Society over the past year, providing food, music and entertainment, especially to Liz, who is such a considerate and comforting teacher for every grade of dancer. Well done everyone!