



# NANTWICH & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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## The 2012-13 Season - a year that went well



New Year Party 2013

In a year of transition our dedicated teacher Liz, who is also our immediate past president, has been ably supported by a strong team of willing helpers who make sure that everything runs smoothly at our weekly classes and other events. Our membership numbers are up and we have a steady and consistent attendance each week.

We have adopted email communication with members, this has helped to distribute information quickly and at far less cost to the Society, while printed information is supplied to those who require it. We have also updated our website and purchased new, more easily portable, music playing equipment.

In line with our Constitution "to provide a Scottish gathering where members can meet and enjoy the songs, dances and traditions of Scotland, and provide a bond of fellowship without political or sectarian attachments" we believe we continue to develop solidarity of purpose. After 55 years we have formed a sub-Committee, to look into ways of upholding and interpreting our aims.

Our Society has been represented at virtually every President's and Visitors' Night and at all Council meetings of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Scottish Societies, while Daphne Ashby was again a judge at the Arts and Crafts Festival.

Events during the year have included a thrilling Party Night - dancing to a themed "5 5" set of dances, while we combined our traditional end-of-term with a Christmas Ceilidh, including acts from a number of members, carols and the final Christmas Charity Hamper draw.



New Year Party - Kings & Queens, January 2013

The New Year started with another Party Night, with members dressing up as Kings and Queens.

Our Burns' Night was another great occasion with the traditional feast and speeches in honour of the Immortal Memory of Robbie Burns; the Annual Ball was an acclaimed musical event with Nicol McLaren & The Glenraig Band, while our President's and Visitors' Night was a well-attended success, again at the Civic Hall, with our own members providing the food and music.

Grateful thanks to everyone who made these events such a success and pleasure to attend.



Burns' Night 2013 - addressing the Haggis

We have had two countryside walks - the first, in September, set off in fine weather, although it poured down later. The February walk offered a welcome respite from the bitter weather on a rare warm and dry day.



Above - our Springtime Walk, 2013



⇐ Annual Ball at Nantwich Civic Hall, dancing to the music of Nicol McLaren and the GlenCraig Band

### Programme for 2013-14 Season: Consolidation and Renewal

The following dates and events were agreed at our Committee Meeting in May.

Further events will be added during the course of the year, and in addition there is the celebration dance that Charles and Noreen have arranged on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Woore Victory Hall**, to which all dancing members of the Society have received invitations.

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| <i>Monday 9th September</i>  | Start of season  |
| <i>Monday 23rd September</i> | Nantwich & District Scottish Society's 55th Birthday Party   |
| <i>Thursday 3rd October</i>  | Countryside Walk – Stoneley Green area with pub lunch.<br>Leader: Maureen Gambling. Meet Acton car park at 10:45 for 11:00 start |
| <i>Monday 28th October</i>   | President's & Visitors' Night - Civic Hall, Nantwich   |
| <i>Monday 16th December</i>  | Last dancing before Christmas with final Hamper raffle   |
| <i>Monday 6th January</i>    | New Year Ceilidh Night (no theme chosen yet - all suggestions welcome)   |
| <i>Saturday 25th January</i> | Burns' Dinner & Dance - Masonic Hall, Willaston - 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.  |
| <i>Saturday 22nd March</i>   | 55th Anniversary Ball - Civic Hall - Luke Brady and His Band   |
| <i>Monday 28th April</i>     | AGM, followed by dancing   |
| <i>Monday 19th May</i>       | End of season  |

There will be no dancing on Mondays 23rd and 30th December 2013, 21st April and 5th May 2014.

The Christmas Charity Raffles will take place on: Mondays 25 November, 2nd, 9th and 16th December 2013.

Liz asks anyone who is interested in taking part in **Scottish Dance Demonstrations** to let her know now as she is extending the group of people that she can call upon to represent the Society at outside events. Practice sessions have been arranged in June and July so just check with Liz and come along.

Thank you for your support this year, and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

**Charles**

President's & Visitors' Night, 22 April 2013 ⇨

