



NANTWICH & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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Dear Members

How the months have flown and now we're much more than half way through our 2016/17 season which began enthusiastically on the 5th September with our first session back - that now seems a long time ago. On Friday 23rd September we set off on our first **Countryside Walk** of the season with a lovely day for our walk around Wybunbury with a shorter version available finishing at The Swan where we had a very enjoyable meal with excellent company.

We had a superb **Bowling Evening** on Thursday 27th October at the Crewe Super Bowl Leisure Centre followed by a splendid meal at the Rising Sun. Fierce competition between the three teams concluded with Roger's team winning the magnificent cup donated originally by Stuart and engraved this time by Roger. Jane Baxter accepted the cup on behalf of the winning team.

Monday 7th November saw our **President's and Visitors' Night** at Nantwich Civic Hall when once again the food was excellent and our MC Stuart enabled us to have a superb evening of dancing an excellent programme put together by Liz and the Entertainments Committee.



After the walk, a well-earned lunch

Our second term opened on Monday 9th January with a **New Year Ceilidh** which showed many of our members in completely new lights. What wonderful talent is hidden in some of our members! It was a wonderful evening with food provided by members and with the added interest of wrapped raffle prizes.



Ken Unsworth pipes in the Haggis

We had a lovely evening at the end of January for our **Burns' Night** despite disappointing food and very slow service. Our Committee are now making sure the same thing does not happen again next year. We were still able to have a lovely evening of dancing with a superb and very enjoyable atmosphere. We had our own Sheila Holdsworth addressing the Haggis which was piped in in traditional style by Ken Unsworth; our excellent guest speaker to the Immortal Memory was David Johnson, Vice President of the Lancashire & Cheshire Federation, who spoke about Burns being a force to be reckoned with in today's world; and our own David and Jane Beattie gave a superb Toast to the Lassies and Response - very skilfully done and very, very amusing!



Burns' Display in the Foyer of the Masonic Hall



Dancing at Burns' Night

Shortly after Burns' Night our dance teacher, Liz, began a few weeks special holiday and we were very fortunate that Peter was able to take over the classes. We do thank Peter for all his help and also our members who have been leading the dancing after the tea break. We do hope that Liz and Robert are having a very enjoyable holiday and look forward to hearing all about it on their return. We have heard that they are thoroughly enjoying walking in New Zealand.

The second part of our season promises to be as action packed as the first. Our **Annual Ball** took place on Saturday 25th March in Sandbach Town Hall. Music was provided by Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band, the programme was devised by Liz and the Entertainments Committee, Stuart was our MC and the buffet was provided by Harvey's, our proven caterers. It was a very good evening. I hope you were there to enjoy the dancing, the food and the good company.

Don't forget our **Afternoon Tea Party** at the Hunters Lodge on 24th April, which, if anything like last year's will be fantastic; and if you have a burning desire to wear a hat you can do so but otherwise you can remain hatless! Do sign up for the Countryside walk on Fri 5th May, which will also have the delightful option of a meal at the end of all the hard footwork!



President's and Visitors' Night 2016

The challenge of the **Treasure Hunt** on Monday 5th June is a must. Our **Summer Evening Dance** at Worleston on Saturday 24th June with music by Ian Slater will be very enjoyable with food being provided by members; **Peter's Charity Dance** in Nantwich Civic Hall on Monday 3rd July with music by Marian Anderson is another evening not to be missed – so do check up on what awaits you over the Spring and Summer, and enjoy!



President's and Visitors' Night at Nantwich Civic Hall



Dates for your Diary

- Mon 24th Apr** - AGM
- Thurs 27th Apr** - Afternoon Tea Party - Hunter's Lodge
- Fri 5th May** - Springtime Walk with pub lunch
- Mon 22nd May** - last dancing of the Season
- Mon 5th June** - Treasure Hunt by car
- Sat 24th June** - Summer Dance at Worleston - £8
- Mon 3rd July** - Peter's Charity Dance at Nantwich Civic Hall - tickets £12

Stop Press – At the Lancashire & Cheshire Federation Arts and Crafts there was a bumper crop of entries from our members with Pam Neill scooping the second prize for her absolutely delightful 'painting in silks' executed in Japanese stitching.

Enjoy your events!

Eileen

3rd April, 2017

For those of you who use the internet - Nantwich & District Scottish Society's classes and events are now listed on **www.areyou dancing.com** - do go and have a look. You will also find details of other societies' dances and events in our area.