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NANTWICH & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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Back to normal? Let's hope so...

Well, that's the end of another dancing Season and what a year and a bit we've had! We resumed our weekly classes in September 2021, after almost eighteen months of lockdown and many of our big events were cancelled. We were all a bit nervous on that first night back – were we risking infection? were we fit enough? would we remember how to dance? But our worries were soon blown away. We took sensible precautions with hygiene and testing and Liz provided us with warm-up drills to make sure we didn't strain any joints or muscles. We were soon doing familiar dances, with a little prompting when necessary, and learning new ones. We have been delighted to welcome some new members, who show every sign of becoming as obsessed as we are.



On a sad note, we were shocked to learn of the sudden death of our friend and Past President, Charles Hoy, in October. Many of our members attended a Service of Celebration for Charles, led by our Chaplain Andrew Taylor, at St Leonard's Church in Woore, followed by a sociable afternoon with Northumbrian pipers, a singing group, some Scottish Country Dancing and a super buffet – all of Charles' favourite activities. Charles and Noreen were famous for their parties at St Andrews Summer School, so this was a fitting tribute and an opportunity to share our memories.

Despite the ups and downs of the past year, we did manage to have our President's & Visitors' Night at Nantwich Civic Hall on 1st November. This was one of the first President's Nights in the Federation social calendar and we had a good number of guests despite the prevailing nervousness about 'mingling'. People were simply glad to be together and dancing again and it got the Season off to a good start. It also served as warm-up for the Federation Ball the following weekend, which some of us attended.

Unfortunately, with infections on the rise we reluctantly decided to cancel our New Year Ceilidh and our Burns' Night and we started the Spring Term later than planned at the end of January. We have had good attendance at classes throughout the year and we ran a successful Cheshire Wyche Ball in March.

We are now looking forward to a scrumptious Afternoon Tea to celebrate our end of term and the Queen's Jubilee (any excuse!) and perhaps to meet up with some of our non-dancing members. For the dancers – don't forget, dancing continues into the Summer with classes at Sandbach (Tuesdays), social dancing at Tarporley (Wednesdays) and various advertised dances, including our own Summer Dance on **Fri 24th June** with Ian Slater. Peter Marshall's Charity Dance on **Mon 4th July** with Marian Anderson is not to be missed – profits go to MacMillan Cancer Support.

I will be sending out your membership renewal forms in June/July – please return them with payment *before* the start of the Autumn term, so that our hardworking Treasurer can join in the dancing on our first night back.

I owe many thanks to my predecessor, Jackie, for being a steadying hand during a couple of very difficult years – we hope the tough times are now well and truly behind us. Thanks also, as always, to our hugely supportive Committee.

And finally...Congratulations to **Peter Marshall**, who becomes our latest Honorary Life Member in recognition of his outstanding contribution to our Society. Have a good Summer and see you all in September.

Christine

President & Secretary, 23 May 2022

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2022-23

All events at Wistaston Memorial Hall, unless otherwise stated

Start of Autumn Term	Monday 5th September 2022
Last dancing before Christmas	Monday 12th December 2022
Start of Spring Term / New Year	Monday 9th January 2023
End of Season	Monday 22nd May 2023
No dancing	Mon 19th / 26th / Dec 2022, 2nd Jan 2023 Mon 10th April 2023 (Easter Monday) Mon 1st May 2023 (May Day BH)
<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>	
President's/Visitors' Night	Monday 7th Nov 2022 7:30 - 11:00 Nantwich Civic Hall
Christmas Charity Raffles	Mon 21st, 28th Nov; 5th, 12th Dec Hampers on 12th December (two hampers)
New Year Ceilidh	Mon 9th January 2023
Burns' Supper/Dance	Sat 28th January 2023 Worleston Village Hall 6:00 for 6:30
Wyche Ball (RSCDS Cheshire)	Saturday 22nd April 2023 7:00 - 11:30 Cheshire Wyche Ball, Sandbach Town Hall with Susan MacFadyen & Her Band
AGM	2022-23 AGM Monday 24th April 2023
End of Season Social	Monday 22nd May 2023
Summer Dance	Fri 23rd June 2023, 7:30 – 11:00 – Worleston Village Hall