



**MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER**

**January 2004**

Well, it's almost Ceilidh time again. Didn't the festive season go quickly? A Happy New Year to you all.

I think we can all agree that the ceilidh in November, at the New Elgin Hall, featuring Sandy Brechin and his band was a huge success. 130 tickets were sold which is absolutely fabulous. The numbers attending seem to be constantly increasing and membership likewise. Anyway, the ceilidh was a wee bit late in starting because the band got lost! However, it was well worth the wait and they made up for it by doing an encore at the end of the evening. Some of you would have woken up with scratches and bruises on Sunday morning - the hall tended to get a bit crowded at times - but the band said that they loved the intimate atmosphere. They actually preferred it to the Bishopmill Hall.

A huge thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire

handed out on the night. We thought it would be a chance for you all to have your say about how the club was being run and whether any changes should be made and we got some great feedback. The results have been collated by Peter & Hazel and Tom, our secretary has a few words to say on the subject below.

Caroline C.

**Future ceilidhs:**

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
Sat 07 Feb 2004 at 20:00	Bishopmill Hall Ceilidh Minogue
Sat 13 Mar 2004 at 20:00	Miltonduff Hall Marwicks
Sat 24 Apr 2004 at 20:00	New Elgin Hall To be confirmed
Late June 2004 19:00 to 22:00	Proposed Junior Ceilidh
11 or 18 Sep 2004	Location, Band and Date to be confirmed
23 or 30 Oct 2004	Location, Band and Date to be confirmed
04 Dec 2004	Location, Band and Date to be confirmed

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Below is a tear off to help order your tickets. **Hurry, while stocks last!!!**

Due to some 11 guests requesting tickets, promising to pay on the door and then not turning up to the last ceilidh it now has to be cheque with order for unaccompanied guests .... and remember it is always first come first served. You could always bring along sufficient money to each Ceilidh to buy tickets for the following one?

### THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

This produced some interesting, some expected, some hoped for, and some daft responses ... so nothing new there then. Here are some notes on the common themes.

The suggested halls and comments:

- Duffus Hall - tried before and found to have a duff(us) layout!
- Inchberry Hall- a possibility
- Elgin Town Hall - a big turn out required, but not ruled out
- Hopeman Hall - lack of parking. We'd love to know what the "memories" are that makes one person want to return!?! Of the venues in use Miltonduff & Bishopmill have equal and strong support.

Teas & coffees got a thumbs up. But due to the work required and Health & Hygiene Regulations sandwiches, sausage rolls, etc are a non-starter. For the person wanting us to sell fresh water, maybe they don't know that they can use the kitchen taps for free.

The top requested 4 bands in descending order are: Box o' Bananas, Robbie

Shepherd's Nightmare (who no longer exist!), Burach, Buscoe Syke (Black Isle?) Sorry but we don't think that the also requested Blacked Eyed Peas or The Darkness could do a decent Strip the Willow!

Half of the replies said that the guest tickets are too expensive at £9.00 ..... I wonder if it was guests saying this?!? We could reduce them but it must be remembered that the finances have been set up so that the books should "zero" at the end of the year - no profit and no loss. So any requests for things to be cheaper for some, means that it will have to be more expensive for someone else!! Any bright ideas? I have to say that quibbling at having such wonderful evenings for £9.00 takes some beating, and also why don't the guests join as members and get their evening's entertainment for £5.00?

I wonder what the person who requested more kilts wears? Sorry but we don't intend to have a dress code ..... or maybe a discount for members who wear kilts, paid for by an increase in the cost of guest tickets!

There were one or two other ideas that will be considered such as:

- Max break length of 30 mins
- Adding one top raffle prize of > £20
- Explaining more dances to encourage learners
- Managing ticket sales better.

Overall people were happy as long as the quality of the bands is maintained.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Tickets (Adult @ £5.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Member's school age kids (Free) \_\_\_\_\_

Guests/Non-members (Adult @ £9.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members school age (@ £1.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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