



## MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER November 2004

Hi everyone,

The combination of the Portobello Ceilidh Band, 106 people and a Halloween theme made for an extremely successful evening at the Milnodduff Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

This ceilidh was a sell-out. We were at the stage of having to turn people away which is a good omen for the future of the club. We had loads of new faces on the night (some are now members), hence the reason why Wilma was 'calling' some of the more well known dances as well as all the new ones we learned like 'The Waves of Torry'.

Thanks to everyone who dressed up for the occasion. Linda Hardie won the adult prize for her fantastic elf costume. It reminded me a fancy dress party I was at a few years ago where someone in a similar costume came as Gnomie Campbell!! And I'd just like to add that Steve dressed up as a Black Pudding Supper at the same event - Hazel has a photo if anyone's interested! Little Rowan Duncan's Pumpkin Costume was absolutely

superb and he deservedly won the Junior prize.

The Portobello Ceilidh Band absolutely loved the gig and were overwhelmed by our enthusiasm and response to them. They were most impressed to see so many children. We didn't beat about the bush though - they're provisionally booked for the first ceilidh of the 2004/2005 season which will probably be on 17<sup>th</sup> September. We only had one tiny wee complaint and that was Wilma's sound system. When she was calling it wasn't too clear and it was a bit difficult sometimes to make out what she was saying. I have to say though that the 'Hooligan's Jig' was the most civilised I've ever experienced. They kept it nice and short so that everyone wasn't collapsing all over the place like at the 'Meantime' ceilidh where we had to make them stop playing in the end before we all ended up in hospital!

Our next ceilidh is fast approaching. It's at the Bishopmill Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> December and will be featuring another band new to the club called 'Spagnum Moss' who hail from the Fort William area. They consist of a box, fiddle, guitar, percussion and vocals. The box player is a friend of Dougie Hunter's and comes

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recommended. Sorry, don't really have any more information. I did a search on the internet and all I found out was that spagnum moss is really good to use as toilet roll if you're caught short in the wilds and it has the additional benefit of having antiseptic qualities! You learn something every day! Anyway, if it's anything like last time, tickets will be going fast so get your orders in right away.

Great news. We've added one more gig to the 2004/2005 season. One of our favourite bands, 'Shandrix' featuring Sandy Brechin will be playing at the Miltonduff Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2005 and we are looking to possibly combine this with a barbecue.

We're presently pricing T-shirts featuring the Moray Ceilidh Club logo and the committee hope to be modelling these on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We're also looking into the possibility of obtaining funding to make the Children's Ceilidh in the summer an extra special one - so watch this space!

Tickets for the 04<sup>th</sup> December are now on sale. Please complete the tear-off portion below and send it to us as normal with a cheque and sae.

Caroline Coomber

### Membership Renewals

If your membership is due for renewal you'll find 2 membership forms enclosed, one for

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**Spagnum Moss - Bishopmill - Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 20:00**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Tickets (Adult @ £5.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Member's school age kids (Free) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guests/Non-members (Adult @ £9.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members school age kids (@ £1.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Send **form, s.a.e.** and **cheque** to either Caroline Coomber (01343 541983) 32 High School Drive, New Elgin, IV30 6UE or Sandy Duncan (01343 860388) Lagana, Rashcrook, Birnie. IV30 8SW

you and one to pass to any friends who would like to join us. Please complete your form and send on to Hazel Davis at the address shown on the form.

For those members who joined later in the ceilidh season, don't worry, Hazel will send you a letter when it's coming near to your renewal date.

### Future ceilidhs

Here is the plan for future events, locations, bands, etc

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
Sat 04 Dec 2004 at 20:00	Bishopmill Spagnum Moss
Sat 05 Feb 2005 at 20:00	Miltonduff Iron Broo
Sat 19 Mar 2005 at 20:00	Bishopmill Gallivanter's Ceilidh Band
Sat 23 Apr 2005 at 20:00	Miltonduff Six Foot and Ginger
Sat 18 Jun 2005 at 19:00	Miltonduff AGM (the meeting, not a band!)
Sat 18 Jun 2005 at 20:00	Miltonduff Shandrix

Below is a tear off to help you order your tickets.

**Hurry, while stocks last ... remember that the last event was a sell out!!!**