



MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2005

Hi everyone,

On behalf of Moray Ceilidh Club Committee, I'd like to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2005.

On Saturday 4th December we welcomed 'Spagnum Moss' to the Bishopmill Hall. The committee were a bit worried about how this ceilidh was going to go. We knew little about the band and ticket sales were very slow - probably due to the time of year. However our fears were unfounded. What a fantastic night. Numbers were smaller than usual but we arranged the seating to make the hall look more intimate. The band were lively, with a brisk pace, and one of the best we've had. They definitely will be invited back. They had been playing a gig in Mull the night before and were very tired after a 7 hour journey north, but they soon forgot their fatigue thanks to the enthusiasm of the crowd and the warm welcome they received. I think that winning a bottle of sparkly in the raffle helped too! They played all our favourite dances and even though the band consisted of only 3 people, their sound was superb with a couple of songs thrown in during 'cool down' periods. As with many ceilidh bands, the members play as part of other bands too. Indeed, one of them was travelling to Germany the next day to perform. As always seems to happen with our bands, they enjoyed the night just as much as the crowd and are looking forward to coming back to play for us later on this year. We're getting a right reputation for ourselves aren't we? By the way Craig, the band noticed in particular that your party left early!

The last ceilidh of 2005 is to take place at the end of

November. We feel that as soon as you go into December, people have too many other things happening leading up to Christmas. I suppose we could have a St Andrews Day theme, couldn't we and all dress up as saltire flags, thistles, bowls of porridge, clottie dumplings, tablet, butteries, the Krankies, Isla St Clair - the list is endless!

Our next band, 'Iron Broo', sound very promising and they will be performing at The Miltonduff Hall on Saturday 5th February. They are one of the top ceilidh bands in Scotland and have performed all over the country including at 'T in the Park' and also Aberdeen Music Hall. They have been together for a number of years and go out of their way to make sure that the evening is a success with their distinctive, lively sound featuring Scottish, Irish and European Music. They will be playing all our favourite dances plus maybe a couple of new ones and a caller will be on hand to help out with any that you may not be sure of.

Their full band comprises accordion, fiddle, guitar, whistles/flutes, dance caller and percussion. I always say this but in this case I think it's most important that you get your tickets early. We're at the Miltonduff Hall again where numbers will be limited. Also, the last time we were there, for the Portobello Ceilidh Band, it was a complete sell-out and we were right on the verge of turning people away. Remember too that new members are joining up all the time so that there will be more competition for tickets.

If you were at the last ceilidh you will have noticed a few of the committee members modelling T-shirts with the Moray Ceilidh Club logos on them. If you were really jealous, don't worry as you too have the opportunity of looking cool and trendy. You can buy

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them for £8.50 at The Copy Shop in Elgin - across the road from Safeway. They can print the logo any size you want on any part of the t-shirt or you can bring along your own garment for them to print. The mind boggles! I'd just like to add that 'Spagnum Moss' were so impressed by these garments that they now have one each!

As an aside, Moray Ceilidh Club have affiliated to the Arts Council for Moray. This means that we have the opportunity of applying for funding for any special events we may have in the future. We're thinking of perhaps making the children's ceilidh extra special this year or having a Burns theme Ceilidh next January. Any other ideas would be most welcome.

The committee are really pleased about the way things are going with the club and we want to thank you all very much for your continued enthusiasm, support and raffle prizes!

Caroline Coomber

Annual Membership Fees

We have learnt a lesson in that it is easier to administer a single annual renewal date for Membership Fees. Details haven't been finalised but the current thoughts are:

- Annual memberships fees to be due on 01st September each year
- No pro-rata feeing for those that join between Septembers
- As a one off existing members with a renewal date other than September will be credited with an appropriate amount when asked for their 2005/6 Membership Fee
- Discussion on this and confirmation of the details will take place at the AGM

Non-MCC Ceilidh

There is to be a ceilidh in Aberdeen in aid of the Tsunami disaster appeal.

Date: 11 February 2005 at 20:00

Venue: Aberdeen Northern Hotel, Great Northern Road, Aberdeen

Bands: Beggars Feast and the Tifty Ceilidh Band.

Iron Broo - Miltonduff - Saturday 05th February 2005 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

Tickets: £10

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Future ceilidhs

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
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
Sat 17 Sep 2005 at 20:00	Venue to be confirmed Portobello Ceilidh Band
Sat 29 Oct 2005 at 20:00	Venue to be confirmed Bella MacNab
Sat 26 Nov 2005 at 20:00	Venue to be confirmed Spagnum Moss
Sat 28 Jan 2006 at 20:00	Venue and Band to be confirmed
Sat 18 Mar 2006 at 20:00	Venue and Band to be confirmed
Sat 22 Apr 2006 at 20:00	Venue and Band to be confirmed

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