



## **MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER**

**May 2005**

Hi All,

We had our latest committee meeting last night and we all went away feeling very upbeat after putting a wee plan of action together. There's no denying that our funds are quickly running out and that most ceilidhs held this season have made a loss - with one or two being substantial. We'll see how things go though over the next wee while and take each ceilidh as it comes. One important point did come out of last night's meeting though and that is that your support is vital to the success of the club. All memberships will be up for renewal in September again and we really need you all to rejoin.

Unfortunately, April's ceilidh was one of those that made a loss. I think we can safely say it was a great night though and it was wonderful to see Euan and Susan Martin in attendance, two of our Honorary members. A few people said that they preferred Dougie Hunter's 'Daimh' line-up to 'Six Foot Ginger'. There seemed to be a lack of bass and in one or two of the dances it wasn't obvious when we were supposed to start. However they played some great music, the floor was always full as per usual and the atmosphere was really good. Felt so sorry for the poor fiddler when his G string broke though! Kirsty Deans saved the day though by managing to acquire another one for him! Thanks again for your raffle prize donations; they are very much appreciated. I hope little Rowan Duncan has worked out what to do with the croquet set he won and carried with pride over his shoulder for the rest of the night! Thanks too for so many of you helping to clear away afterwards. What a difference some extra pairs of hands make.

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Last Friday's fund raising quiz night was very successful and around £300 was made for club funds thanks to the generosity of those who attended. The team who won were The Munch Bunch, so well done them in what was a tough competition - they very kindly handed their prize money back by the way. Sandy and Jan Duncan put a lot of work into organising this event and they deserve a huge thank you because everything went without a hitch. Craig - you looked like you were enjoying yourself!

We're hoping that fund raising won't need to be a regular thing. At the moment we are planning a press release to promote the club and are about to submit some applications to certain bodies for funding, so keep your fingers crossed.

We are also looking into selling some of the tickets for each event on-line with [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk), by the time that you read this it should be up and running. They successfully sold hundreds of tickets for the recent Royal Shakespeare Company visit to Forres. Simply type in your details along with your debit/credit card number, and for a mere 75p commission per booking that's it. It gives you another option. So just go to [www.moraycc.org](http://www.moraycc.org), click on "Events", and then click on **Book OnLine**.

As you know, the AGM takes place prior to our next ceilidh - 'Shandrix' featuring Sandy Brechin at Miltonduff Hall on 18th June. It begins at 7pm (Is this correct?) and there is absolutely no pressure to attend but any one who does will be made most welcome. Please don't feel though that if you don't attend the AGM you can't come along to the ceilidh - there's no problem with that at all and I'd hate to think that anyone decided not to

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attend the ceilidh because they felt guilty or awkward. Also the AGM will be taking place in the lesser hall so that you won't be disturbing anyone if you decide to arrive early. Even though the ceilidh is taking place at Midsummer, the hall will still be atmospheric because the curtains will be closed and blackouts put up if necessary. Please, please support this one so that we can end the season on a high. 'Shandrix' are a top class ceilidh band, as those who attended their gig at a packed-out New Elgin Hall last season will testify to. They ooze personality, have a terrific stage presence and their music is one of the best ceilidh sounds you'll ever hear. We've had to book this band well in advance because they are so popular so this is not one to be missed.

Caroline Coomber

### THE AGM

This next bit has to sound a bit more formal. As there are few formal proposals or other nominations the formal part of the AGM is likely to be completed fairly quickly leaving enough time for a general discussion and few drinks before the dancing starts. For those that want to have a copy the Constitution is available on the website.

The AGM will be on Saturday 18th June at 19:00 in Miltonduff Village Hall - see the website for a link to a location map.

### AGENDA:

1. Chairman's Welcome - Sandy
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Chairman's Annual Report - Sandy
5. Treasurer's Report including the Annual Audited Accounts - Peter
6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee
7. The Committee propose that the membership fees are for a fixed period starting 01Sep each year with no pro-rata amounts for shorter time periods. There will be transition

arrangements to ensure people who joined after last November will not lose out

8. The Committee propose that the cost of tickets for adults for events in the 2005/06 season be raised to £6 for members and £9.50 for non-members.

9. The Committee proposes that unless a member has no e-mail address all newsletters, etc will be sent to the member's e-mail address and not by post.

10. Any other business.

11. Close of formal meeting

12. General discussion.

Tom Hardie

### Future ceilidhs

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
Sat 18 Jun 2005 at 20:00	Miltonduff Shandrix
Sat 17 Sep 2005 at 20:00	Bishopmill Portobello Ceilidh Band
Sat 29 Oct 2005 at 20:00	Miltonduff Bella MacNab
Sat 26 Nov 2005 at 20:00	Bishopmill Spagnum Moss
Sat 28 Jan 2006 at 20:00	Miltonduff The Marwicks
Sat 18 Mar 2006 at 20:00	Bishopmill Iron Broo
Sat 22 Apr 2006 at 20:00	Miltonduff Clachan Yell

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

**Hurry, while stocks last!!!**

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### Shandrix - Miltonduff - Saturday 18 Jun 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

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