



MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER

November 2005

Hi everyone,

Our Bella McNab ceilidh was very, very successful. We had a packed out hall decorated in a Halloween theme (a big thanks to all of you who turned up early to put the decorations up) with lots of vampires, ghosts, witches and other scary creatures in attendance. For the first time in absolutely ages we didn't make a financial loss and it's all because of your much appreciated support. The raffle takings were higher than usual and we owe Gemma Anderson a big thanks for helping out with that. A big thank you also to those of you who donated raffle prizes. The club relies on kind gestures like this.

Now to the band. Bella McNab were very well received. Led by Dave and Marie Francis they introduced some great new dances which went down a treat and gave everybody a chance to get onto the floor. Unfortunately only 4 members of the band were able to attend compared to the usual full compliment of 6. However, the

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dance floor was always full and everyone had smiles on their faces and that's the main thing.

One band who definitely will get your feet tapping are Spagnum Moss who feature at our next ceilidh at the Bishopmill Hall on 26th November. They are a young threesome from Fort William and consist of accordion, fiddle, guitar and vocals (they do a couple of songs). They played for us last year and went down a storm with the disappointingly low crowd. The band enjoyed it so much that they asked us to send them Moray Ceilidh Club T-shirts which we duly did. Hopefully they'll be wearing them at the gig. They're absolutely brilliant; even their soundcheck made me want to get up and dance, so don't miss them this time!

Thanks to all of you who are happy to receive your newsletter by e-mail (about 90% of the membership). It has saved quite a bit of money on postage. If you know anyone who isn't a member who would like to receive regular newsletters by e-mail too, please let us know and we'll add them to our address book.

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Assisted by the Arts Council for Moray

Lots of you are now booking your tickets via 'The Booth'. We had over 30 sold in this way for Bella McNab. It's very straightforward. Just log onto www.thebooth.co.uk, choose the event you want then go through the booking procedure. This is a secure website so there is no need to worry about your credit card details going astray. A booking fee of 50p is charged and then you receive an e-mail confirming your booking number which you just print off, take along to the ceilidh and we tick you off our list. It's also a very good way of finding out 'What's On' elsewhere in the North of Scotland.

Our ceilidh at the end of January will have a Touch of Tartan theme because it's close to Burns night. Should be fun. Also, from now on, at each ceilidh, we're going to have a 'slide the £1 at the whisky bottle' competition at half time. In February we hope to have another Quiz Night to raise funds after the great success of the one we held in May. We'll keep you posted with regard to date and venue.

The committee will soon be thinking about making bookings for 2006/2007 season. As long as the next few ceilidhs are well attended, we'll be confident about

carrying on for another year. Once again, the fate of the club lies in your hands. The encouraging thing is that membership is rising slowly but surely but we need this trend to continue.

Caroline Coomber

Future ceilidhs

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
Sat 26 Nov 2005 at 20:00	Bishopmill Spagnum Moss
Sat 28 Jan 2006 at 20:00	Miltoduff The Marwicks
Sat 18 Mar 2006 at 20:00	Bishopmill Iron Broo
Sat 22 Apr 2006 at 20:00	Miltoduff Clachan Yell

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

Are they any of the bands you'd like to, or maybe even not want to, see back again? Just let Sandy (the tall one in the tartan trews who stands at the front at half time) know as we are about to book next season's bands.

Spagnum Moss - Bishopmill - Sat 26 Nov 2005 at 20:00

Name _____ Tel _____

Address _____

Member Tickets (Adult @ £6.00) _____ Member's school age kids (Free) _____

Guests/Non-members (Adult @ £9.50) _____ 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.

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