



## **MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER**

**October 2005**

Hi All,

The Portobello Ceilidh band provided a great start to our promising new season. We had a good turn-out at the Bishopmill Hall with lots of new faces, including some girls from Switzerland and a number of new members joining on the night. As usual PCB's sound was fantastic. In the first half they played mainly new dances and in the second half they played more familiar ones. We're starting to notice a new trend amongst our members whereby most people seem to be arriving after the ceilidhs are under way compared to a couple of years ago when most people had arrived ready for the band to start us off with the Gay Gordons at 8pm. Should we be running the ceilidhs from 8.30 until 12.30? It certainly creates a better atmosphere if most people have arrived by the time the band starts. Let us know your feelings on this!

I understand that one or two people had problems buying tickets from The Booth last time. This was due to The Booth not setting the system up on time and they have apologised. Hopefully things will run

a lot more smoothly from now on.

Remember - if you want - you can buy all your tickets in advance for the whole season either through [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk) or by contacting the usual telephone numbers for tickets. This saves you having to apply each time.

Bella McNab's Dance Band are next in our line up at the Milnorduff Hall on Saturday 29th October. This band were recommended to us by Portobello Ceilidh Band and are reputed to be 'the' Edinburgh Ceilidh Band. They are a fiddle-driven group who take their inspiration from the traditional music of Scotland and Ireland as well as Cape Breton, Nova Scotia where the fiddle is the main instrument for set dancing. They have been together since 1995 and the current line up is as follows:-

Mairi Campbell - Fiddle  
Annawendy Stevenson - Fiddle  
Derek Hoy - Fiddle  
Dave Francis - Guitar and Caller  
Robin Galloway - Double Bass  
Fiona Moore - Piano

All of the above are well known on the traditional music scene, playing with

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bands as diverse as 'The Cast', 'Jock Tamson's Bairns' and 'Fine Friday'. They include a wide range of dances in their programme, some of which have not seen the light of day on the ordinary dance floor for a couple of hundred years. Caller, Dave Francis keeps dancers right and keeps it clear and simple.

The band has provided quality Scottish music for celebrations, community events and festivals from the Isle of Lewis to the Borders and beyond in locations from castles and palaces to village halls and marquees. They played at the Portsoy Boat Festival in June and have recorded for Radio Scotland's 'Take the Floor'..

Mairi and Dave from the band are two leading exponents of Scottish folk music. They joined forces after meeting on the Edinburgh folk scene in 1991 and since then have recorded two highly acclaimed albums and performed in front of President Bill Clinton, no less. Mairi is described as having one of the great voices of Scottish folk. They are also regulars on Radio Scotland performing live and in recorded sessions but their biggest TV exposure was on the American show - Kennedy Centre Honours, on CBS, where they played 'Auld Lang Syne' in a

portion of the show which paid tribute to Sean Connery.

This band are not to be missed! ([www.bellamcnab.com](http://www.bellamcnab.com)).

The ceilidh is to have a Halloween theme. We did the same last year and it was a very successful night. Please feel free to wear a costume although this is not obligatory. We plan to decorate the hall as before with streamers, pumpkins etc and there will be prizes for the best costumes.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Caroline Coomber

**Future ceilidhs**

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
Sat 29 Oct 2005 at 20:00	Miltoduff Bella MacNab
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!!!**

**Bella MacNab - Miltoduff - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 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. IV30 8SW

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