



MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2005

Hi All,

Welcome to the new Moray Ceilidh Club season. The committee are very excited about the programme for 2005/2006 which features our favourite bands from the last 2 years plus some more who come highly recommended.

Many thanks to all of you who came to the Shandrix gig (featuring Sandy Brechin) in June at the Miltonduff Hall. Over 100 tickets were sold and we were very encouraged to see so many new faces. The band were a bit late unfortunately and things didn't get under way until about 9pm - an hour later than normal. Although they offered to play on until 1pm, this wasn't to be as most people had to leave at midnight; however, the music was fantastic, something that Sandy is renowned for.

You probably know that we've been a bit concerned about our funds. The bank balance took a real knock last financial year with most ceilidhs making a loss (due to lack of numbers) - some a severe loss. However, the Arts Council for Moray have awarded us a grant of £625 which will help see us through another season. We're not out of the fire yet though - if we're not supported this year we'll be confronted with an even worse financial situation - so please, please come to as many ceilidhs as possible - bring your friends and spread the word.

Tickets for all of this year's ceilidhs will be available on-line on www.thebooth.com as well as by normal means. We first used 'The Booth' as a trial for the Shandrix ceilidh and were surprised by the response. A number of members booked their tickets this way and some first-timers were alerted to the fact that the ceilidh was happening after browsing through the 'What's On' on the web-site. We feel that this system not only makes things a lot easier for the members but it's also a great marketing tool. Thanks for all your hard work in getting this set up Tom and for monitoring it! The site assures you that you can make secure payments. Hundreds of people bought tickets this way for the Royal Shakespeare Company visit in April.

Speaking of technology - if any of you are happy about receiving your newsletter by e-mail instead of by post, please make us aware by completing the appropriate section on the membership form.

Saturday, September 17th sees the return of The Portobello Ceilidh Band. Those of you who attended the Halloween ceilidh last October in Miltonduff will remember how fantastic they were - an outstanding night, so you can't afford to miss it! We decided to have them in the Bishopmill Hall this year because the Miltonduff hall was too small for the number of people who wanted to come and experience them. Check out their website on www.portobelloceilidhband.com.

Oh, I forgot to say. Back in June, Chivas Brothers

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Assisted by the Arts Council for Moray

invited eight of us to come and perform some ceilidh dances in front of 300 Chinese employees who were over on an all expenses paid visit, at Glenlivet Distillery. It was a really good experience but most of the 300 visitors were very much the worse for wear. Anyway, the point is we received £100 as a donation to Ceilidh Clubs so many thanks to Chivas Brothers. Now you can see the kind of sacrifices we make for this club.....!!! How many free drams did we all consume.....?

At the AGM (held just prior to the Shandrix ceilidh), the cost of tickets was discussed and the decision made to increase them to £6.00 for members and £9.50 for guests (Still £1.00 for a guest's child). Membership fees will remain the same i.e. £10 for a single membership; £20 for a couple and £25.00 for a family.

We also decided that the maximum number of tickets we would sell for the Bishopmill Hall would be 130 and 90 for Miltonduff Hall.

We would like to welcome Julie Stewart and Carol Bennett onto the committee. It's a bonus to have some new faces involved and some fresh ideas.

Bella McNab, a band recommended by us by Portobello Ceilidh Band, are booked to play for us at Miltonduff Hall on 29th October. Like last year, this will be a Halloween theme night with the hall decorated appropriately plus prizes for costumes. So get that date in your diaries!

A reminder that the Moray Ceilidh Club logo is available at The Copy Shop in Elgin if you want a T-shirt or any other garment for that matter, printed. You don't have to purchase their T-shirts - you can bring along anything you like as long as it's 100% cotton!

We have a ceilidh on Saturday 28th January at Bishopmill Hall and to tie in with Burns Night we're planning on some kind of Tartan Night. We'll keep you informed but any ideas would be most welcome.

At our most recent meeting we talked about putting photographs on the web-site. To be honest though, because of the rules and regulations surrounding photographing children and signing consent forms, I think it's going to be too difficult to keep tabs on unfortunately.

Please remember that if you manage to mislay your newsletter, you'll be able to find a copy on the web-site.

We very much appreciate all the raffle prizes that you've contributed. Many Thanks!

Caroline Coomber

Future ceilidhs

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
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!!!

Portobello Ceilidh Band - Bishopmill- Saturday 17th Sep 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, Rashcreek, Birnie. IV30 8SW

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