



MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER

Januray 2006

Hi everyone,

Despite the lack of numbers (total of 57 to be exact!), the Spagnum Moss Ceilidh turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. The wonderful sound that the band produced meant that the dance floor was never empty and it was especially good when they played the Northumbrian pipes. The band were particularly lucky in the raffle, winning about 4 prizes in all, I think. They generously asked us to redraw when they won the floral bath salts but the next number was theirs too, so it was meant to be!

Craig told me at the ceilidh that he's very disappointed that there's been no mention of him at all in the last few newsletters. So I'd just like to say that Craig cut his finger recently and during a particularly strenuous dance on the night, his plaster fell off and his cut started bleeding. Thank goodness that emergency first aid was at hand! Hope you're feeling okay now, Craig!

It was great to see yet more new faces turning up, especially Ann and Sonia who came all the way from Skye to see the band. They were fantastic company and they had a whale of a time. It made us wonder where all the locals were and we've put it down to the fact that three other ceilidhs were taking place that night plus the end of November is kind of getting into the festive season.

We're considering trying the New Elgin Hall again. The last few ceilidhs at Bishopmill Hall haven't been well attended. Smaller halls create a cosier atmosphere if ticket sales don't live up to expectations. Also a few bands have commented that the Bishopmill Hall is a bit of a barn which doesn't create the best atmosphere.

Our next ceilidh takes place at Miltonduff Hall on Saturday 28th January and we've managed to book the Marwicks again - another of our favourite bands from last year. The band are made up of experienced, well known, respected musicians playing traditional music with a

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modern, lively, up-tempo sound. They are at their best when playing for dancing and they come alive when the floor is heaving and the dance is in full swing. They always have an experienced caller on hand to guide you through the dances. Even if you or your guests are absolute beginners they will be up dancing in no time. Collectively the band have over 100 years worth of playing experience and are still young at heart. They were absolutely fantastic last year so don't miss this event. As the date is close to Burns night we would like to have a Scottish theme ('A Touch of Tartan') so get the ideas flowing.

Caroline Coomber

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.

Future ceilidhs

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
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

The Marwicks, Miltonduff, Sat 28 Jan 2006 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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