



MORAY CEILIDH CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2006

Hi everyone,

I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that the recent Marwicks ceilidh was one of the best Moray Ceilidh Club events I have ever attended.

What an outstanding night with the added bonus of Malcolm Jones of RunRig in the line-up. Quote of the night was when Gavin Marwick said - 'It's not about enjoying yourselves, it's about getting the steps right!' How true is that? We have found over the years that the sign of a good ceilidh is when hardly anyone leaves before the end which was the case on that particular night. Craig left before the end but he had a good excuse didn't you Craig?! Once again we had loads of new faces who had a perfect introduction to what the club is all about.

The Tartan Theme went down extremely well and a big thank you to Hazel for searching to the ends of the earth for tartan napkins (she eventually got them in Forres!). A big thank you too to our Chairman Sandy and his wife Jan who came up with the piping in of the haggis idea. Sandy you should be an actor - your address to the haggis was outstanding. Let you into a little secret - Sandy and Jan had bought a large haggis in a traditional

sheep's bladder (too much information?) but it exploded while they were cooking it and they had to buy emergency haggis from ASDA! It was all very much appreciated though and the piper (Sandy's brother) made the whole thing extra special. I was speaking to the band at the end of the night and they had a whale of a time too and can't wait to come back and play for us again.

Huge thank you too to Gill MacLaren and ASDA for providing free shortbread and oatcakes on the night. Very much appreciated. This newsletter contains nothing but thanks!! Thanks to all of you who helped clear up at the end of the night it makes the committee's job a whole lot easier. Please note that Miltonduff Hall has a bottle bank just outside the door so you can dispose of your empties there if you so wish.

Glad to see that more and more of you are buying your tickets through 'The Booth'. Check out www.thebooth.co.uk. It not only provides details of forthcoming ceilidhs but events happening throughout the North of Scotland. It's worth taking a look.

Next ceilidh takes place at Bishopmill Hall on 18th March. It's been a while since a Moray Ceilidh Club Ceilidh filled the Bishopmill Hall -

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Assisted by the Arts Council for Moray

you all seem to prefer the Miltonduff Hall - your droves to experience the fantastic 'Iron Broo'!! This band have a fabulous sound and a very charismatic caller who will have you dancing the 'Cumberland reel' and 'Waves of Torrie' to name but a few in no time. The Moray Council Arts Development team booked them for the Royal Shakespeare Company party in Forres last year and they went down a storm. I can guarantee that the floor will never be empty when this band are playing. The Musical Director of the RSC said to me on the night that in all his travels around the world he had never heard such a fantastic accordionist as Charlie Abel in the band. So if you don't turn up you'll be missing something really special! They played for Moray Ceilidh Club last year too at Miltonduff Hall and as a result received another booking from us immediately as well as a booking from the Spirit of Speyside Committee.

So you've been warned - DON'T MISS IT!

The committee are currently putting together a programme for 2005 and 2006 which will feature old favourites and some newcomers.

does anyone fancy becoming a committee member when we have our AGM in June? Our constitution dictates that several current members must stand down. It's not too much work - the meetings are very sociable and there are only about 6 per year plus sometimes you get cakes and wine. Please don't let this put you

off coming along to the AGM - date tbc - we hope to have nominations in place beforehand.

On Sunday the 30th of April, Benromach Distillery will be holding a fun day. Part of this will include an attempt to do a Virginia Reel with as many people as possible. Look out in the press for further information.

Caroline Coomber

Future ceilidhs

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

DATE	LOCATION & BAND
Sat 18 Mar 2006 at 20:00	Bishopmill Iron Broo
Sat 22 Apr 2006 at 20:00	Miltonduff Clachan Yell
Sat 09 Sep 2006 at 20:00	Miltonduff TBD
Sat 28 Oct 2006 at 20:00	Miltonduff TBD
Sat 25 Nov 2006 at 20:00	Bishopmill TBD
Sat 27 Jan 2007 at 20:00	Bishopmill TBD

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.

The Iron Broo, Bishopmill Hall, Sat 18 Mar 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) _____

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