

From our President

“I thought, as your new president, I would like to write a few words for this newsletter, at the beginning of a new chapter in the story of the Dublin Scottish Country Dance Club

On 14 September we made our farewells to John and Hazel suitably expressed our thanks with a presentation to him. We are fortunate to have Aad continuing as our teacher. (with Kaoru and Hazel as the reserves). Our programme will be much the same as former years, with the odd extra now and then. Speaking of which, I understand that Judy made around £100 at her special ‘tea’ for the Hospice movement - well done Judy and all who gave.



We are grateful that Pam and Forbes have agreed to edit the Newsletter - it will keep them busy.

We look forward to a successful season with our members old and new”.

Photographs by Blair Halliday



New Members.

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members. Nora Ni Chuiy, June Richards and Daire Connell.

Nora is home from Canada on a sabbatical and she will be with us until next June. We hope that she has a successful year. She has been Scottish Dancing for many years in New Brunswick and we are delighted that she has joined us whilst she is in Dublin.

June has returned to Ireland from Poole in Dorset, where she also did Scottish dancing. We wish her well in her new home in Bray.

Daire is a friend of Meadhbh. She loves dancing and has done many different kinds - including Highland Dancing. She has always wanted to learn Scottish Country Dancing and so Meadhbh introduced her to our club.

We look forward to having them with us on a regular basis and hope they will enjoy dancing with us.

Visitors.

We are always very pleased to welcome visitors to our club, whether they come to participate or just to spectate and on Thursday 5 October we were delighted to see **Philip Haworth** and **Isobel Watts** from Cheshire and **Sr. Maire** (Liam’s sister) home on leave from Zimbabwe. Philip and Isobel were enjoying a week’s holiday in Dublin. At home they go Scottish Country Dancing every week - we could see that they were very experienced!. Sr.Maire is a missionary in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe . She works with the local people in the township. She very much enjoyed watching our dancing.

Forthcoming Events

St Andrew's Night Dinner Dance

Saturday 25th November 2000.
The Rochestown Lodge Hotel
Music: John & Judy Barnes

St. Andrew's Week-end School

Saturday 25 November, 2000.
Teacher - Eric Finlay.
Music - David Oswald
Organised by the Belast S.C.D.S.

Comber open night

Monday 1 January, 2001
Organised by Comber Scottish Dancing Club.

Dancing Display

Wed. 10 January, 2001
by Dublin S.C.D.C.
for Greystones Girls' Brigade Past Members

Cork Burns' Night Dinner Dance.

Friday 2nd February, 2001.
Organised by Cork Scottish Dancing Society.
Band, Frank Fitzpatrick Trio.

Ballylesson Annual Dance.

Friday 9 March, 2001.
Organised by Ballylesson Scottish Country Dancing Club.

Dancing Display.

Thurs. 15 March, 2001
by Dublin S.C.D.C. for Dalkey Ladies.

Dublin S.C.D.C. Annual Dance.

Saturday 21st April, 2001.
Band. John and Judy Barnes.
Organised by the Dublin S.C.D.C.

Coleraine 21st Week-end School.

4 - 5 May. 2001.
Organised by Portrush Branch Royal Society of Scottish Country Dancing.

Comber 21st Anniversary Dance.

Music by Ian Muir Sound.
Organised by Comber S.C.D.C.



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A Fond Farewell

The first dancing season of this new Millennium began in September and we all returned after the summer break with great enthusiasm and gusto.

However, when we gathered at York Road on September 14, it was not only for a night's dancing at York Road but also, sadly, to say farewell to John Gibson on his return to Edinburgh to study Divinity. Over the past thirteen years, John has been a wonderful member and teacher of and inspiration to our Dancing Club and we will certainly miss him very much, but we look forward to seeing him anytime he returns to Dublin on vacation.

To say "au revoir" we held a farewell party. This was very well attended and we had a night's dancing. As a token of our appreciation of all that John has done for our Club we presented him with a pewter tankard. [However, now that he is in Edinburgh, we hope that he will still be supporting Guinness and not Youngers!]

Now that John has gone to Edinburgh I will be compiling the Newsletter. I will try hard to maintain John's high standard, but to do this I will need some help from the members. I would very much appreciate contributions from you for inclusion in this letter from time to time and, to start the ball rolling, Tom Dundas, our President, has asked me to include a short message from him on the following page.