

In Step

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Scottish Country Dance Club

The Newsletter of The Dublin Scottish Country Dance Club.
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Members

Our dancing season commenced on 6th September and all the dancers seemed pleased to get going again as we had a very good attendance.

WE VERY MUCH regret that two of our dancers left the club at the end of the last season. Nora has returned to her work in Canada and Phoebe has now retired from dancing, having danced with us for very many years. We will miss them both, but we hope that Phoebe will join us on some occasions throughout the year.

We were pleased to have John dancing with us for the first few weeks of the season and we were glad to hear that his studies are going well. We look forward to his return visits throughout the year.

At the beginning of the summer, Alan retired from RTE. We send our best wishes to both him and Kathleen and hope that they will have many happy healthy years in which to enjoy their retirement.

Finance

Every Thursday night we pay a £2 subscription towards the costs incurred. However, as you all know from 1st January 2002 our currency will be in Euros and so from then onwards the charge for the evening will be three Euro

James Senior, Shoefitter (Retired)

The name of James Senior has almost become synonymous with Scottish dancing shoes, but who is "the man behind the shoes"?

JAMES SENIOR was born in Pitlessie, near St. Andrews, in Fife in 1923 which is, incidentally, the same year the R.S.C.D.S. was founded. In 1937 he got his first job in shoemaking in Cupar. At that time there were no machines and everything was made by hand. 6 years later he went to St. Andrews, first as a manager for "Nowells of Perth", but soon started his own shoe shop.

In 1946 Miss Milligan asked him if he could make dancing shoes. She said: "I can help you, if you can help me" as the dancers found it difficult to find a place to buy shoes. He accepted and at first Polish ex-servicemen who had settled in Scotland made the shoes for him, but eventually he started making them himself. Of course the shoes were still all hand-stitched at that time.

At the end of August this year he retired and locked his shop in



Market Street for the last time. The shop will be sold, but the mail order service for dancing shoes will continue under his name.

Over the years many dancers have been to his shop to buy their dancing shoes and James Senior was always there to give advice and have a chat. Often you would see him as a spectator in the Younger Hall during the summer dancing.

I have attended the Summer School since 1965 and even if I did not need new dancing shoes I would go into his shop to say hello. He always called me Mr KLM

During his 55 years of service to the Scottish country dance community he made many friends from all over the world. I am sure they all wish him well and hope that he will enjoy a long and well-deserved retirement.

Aad Boode

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A Milestone is reached

It had to happen some time: the number of Scottish country dances registered in the DANCE DATA by Alan Paterson has exceeded the ten thousand

This number was reached on 20 July 2001 and the magical number 10,000 was given to the 48-bar reel "When Dancers Meet", devised by our ex-member Anne-Miek Klokgieters on the occasion of the marriage of Aad Boode to Kaoru Masaki in 1995

Forthcoming Events

Portrush 50th Celebration Dance

Saturday 20th October 2001

Organised by R.S.C.D.S. Portrush Branch

St. Andrew's Night Dinner Dance

Saturday 24th November 2001

Band - John & Judy Barnes.

Organised by the Dublin. S.B.S of St. Andrew

Greystones Girls' Brigade (Past Members)

Wednesday 9th January, 2002. 7.45 p.m.

Royal Hospital, Donnybrook

Sunday 13th January 2002. 3.00 p.m.

Cork Burns' Night Supper and Dance

Friday 1st February. 2002

Band: Frank Fitzpatrick Trio.

Organised by Cork S.C.D.S. ,

Ballylesson Annual Dance

15th March, 2002

Organised by Ballylesson S.C.D.C.

Dublin Annual Dance

Saturday 20th April, 2002

Band John & Judy Barnes

Organised by Dublin S.C.D.C.

Comber Annual Dance

Friday 14th June, 2002

Organised by Comber Scottish Dancing Club.