

The Year

Once again, we all met up in September to start another year's dancing. It was good to see everyone again after the lovely summer. We do have great fun learning and practicing the dances. Many thanks Aad for this. Also many thanks to our musicians. Live music makes such a difference.

Dancing Display

WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL NIGHT when we danced for the Castleknock I.C.A last March. The dancing was much appreciated and we were given a lovely supper.

The Annual Dance and Dance for Fun

These nights were enjoyed by all who attended.

THE 6TH ANNUAL DANCE took place on the 5th of April. Once again an occasion to enjoy ourselves in a favourite pastime.

The varied, and sometimes challenging, programme of dances was skillfully presented by our Master of Ceremonies Aad and joined in enthusiastically by the company. The music by John and Judy lifted hearts as well as feet and the grub was great. Florrie (assisted by Blair) organised and ran the evening's entertainment without a hitch.

It was delightful to socialise and dance with our friends from the North and South and we look forward to meeting them again for the 7th on April 17th.

Dance for Fun

MANY, IF NOT ALL, of our members are also in The Scottish Benevolent Society of Saint Andrew and like to support their events – particularly if dancing is involved.

Two such social nights took place in the



John and Judy providing the music at the St Andrew's barbecue

summer. The first on May 10 was the Dance for Fun. This is an occasion when we can introduce friends to the pleasures of country dancing and give them a wee taste in a not-to-serious fashion of its attraction for us.

It took place in Stillorgan Parish Centre where Aad lead the dancing to music provided by John and Judy. The company, including our Set-dancing friends from Clontarf, enjoyed the supper and the whole event was seamlessly orchestrated by Florrie (wearing her St. Andrews' secretary's hat) A grand night.

Another grand night took place on August 29 when the St. Andrew's society held a Barbecue. Malcolm had arranged the venue in the magnificent Scout's Den in Templeogue and also the expert Scouting assistants. After dining alfresco we retired to the hall and after songs and an address by Chairman Tom dancing ensued.



The merry dancers at the 6th Annual Dance in Taney Parish Centre

AGM

Resume of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held June 2003.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING took place on Thursday 5th June 2003. 20 members attended and there were 10 apologies.

The Hon. Secretary read her report giving details of our activities during the year. The Hon. Treasurer's report was discussed in the absence of Alan (due to a family bereavement.)

John Barnes was elected Chairman once again. Florrie Halliday - Hon. Secretary, Alan Corsini - Hon. Treasurer. Committee - Hazel, Tom, Rosalie, with Pam and Aad co-opted.

John thanked Aad for taking the class and thanked Florrie for all the work she puts into the Club. This was followed by a discussion on dancing and how many dances we would like to dance in a night, also that the last Thursday in the month should be a Club Night.

It was suggested by Aad that our Annual Dance should be held on 17th April, 2004. We will re-open on Thursday 4th September, 2003. As there was no further business, the Meeting closed.

From Blair's Photo Album



Aad prepares for the next dance to Dance for Fun



Forbes, Alice and Pam Dance for Fun



Taking a rest, Dance for Fun



Tom entertains: St Andrew's Barbecue



Something cookin': St Andrew's Barbecue

RULES

Every Society must have rules so that it runs smoothly.

DURING OUR LAST DANCING YEAR, some new rules/ideas were suggested to me by different members which would perhaps, help our Society run with even more oil on its wheels!! So hereunder are our Society's Ten Commandments for your consideration.

- 1) Thou shalt not leave your brains under your pillow on dancing nights. Pack them with your shoes, you will need them.
- 2) Thou shalt arrive on time, wearing a smile if possible.
3. Thou shalt check carefully that your shoes are on the right feet.
4. Thou shalt dance every dance and with a different partner for each dance. Experienced dancers shalt try to dance with the inexperienced dancers as much as possible.
5. Thou shalt not start to dance before the music begins and thou shalt try to end the dance with the same partner with whom thou started.
6. Thou shalt listen carefully - the Music will tell you.
7. Thou shalt not leave chocolate biscuit (or lipstick) on your mug, especially if Hazel is washing up.
8. Thou shalt go home only after a jig or a reel, not after a strathspey.
9. N.B. Pensioners. Thou shalt not confuse the dance one is currently doing with the one that thou hast just danced.
10. Thou shalt not give pushes, except of course to the refreshment trolley.

And the most important Rule of all.

Thou shalt go home wearing an even wider smile than was worn on arrival.