

# In Step

Newsletter of the Dublin Scottish Country Dance Club.



Hello Dancers,

It is nearly a year since my last "Newsletter" but due to technical problems I was unable to produce one before now. My sincere apologies.

Dancing resumed in September after a lovely summer. However, the number of dancers appears somewhat reduced so hopefully the following verse will inspire you all to spread the word to attract new members.

The time has come the Committee has said  
To address one important thing.  
Not dancing techniques or finance –  
Not e'en the esteemed Highland fling!

It's Membership that's their worry  
How can we let more people know  
Of our happy, healthy pastime  
Of going home feeling 'aglow'

So please put on your thinking caps  
It'd be great to have more dancers  
Don't leave it to the other guy  
Maybe YOU will have the answers!

## *The Mageough Home 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010 & The Royal Hospital 11<sup>th</sup> April 2010*



The “Entertainment Group” had two outings on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>. and 11<sup>th</sup>. April. On the Saturday, eight of us visited the Mageough Home. As always the men in their kilts and ladies with their bright tartan plaids created a great atmosphere and everyone who had two legs that worked got up to dance the ceilidh dances. We kept smiling as we danced a few demonstration dances even when there were some mistakes. Sometimes having so much space makes it harder rather than easier!

There was less participation at the Royal Hospital on Sunday but we did our best to entertain everybody with our demonstration dances. For the “Join In” dances we were adapting as we wanted to accommodate the wheel chair users. It was great to be back in the beautiful hall of the Royal Hospital. It was three years since our last visit as they have been doing a lot of refurbishment.

As always, John and Judy played great music choosing tunes that were familiar to most people. We didn’t have much singing along but lots of clapping. Thanks to all those who gave up their time and rose to the challenge of doing dances as a demonstration. The dancers were Blair, Florrie, Rory, Ruth, Meadhbh, Marie, Rosalie, Pam and Hazel. We danced ~ Posties Jig, Cherrybank Gardens, Mairi’s Wedding, City of Belfast, Joie deVivre, The Dream Catcher and the ever popular Irish Rover.

## *The Annual Dance~ Taney Parish Centre 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010*

Unfortunately, the annual dance was poorly attended ~ 34 people. Notwithstanding the disappointing turnout it was a very enjoyable evening with a great atmosphere. All people from North, South, and East came together and had a great night.

## *Terenure College~ Anniversary of the 150<sup>th</sup>. Year of the school*

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. May a Family Fun Day was held in the College grounds with attractions for all the family. We were part of the entertainment along with the Garda Band and the Bastible Warren Irish Dancers.

### **St. Mary's Hospital Phoenix Park – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. July 2010**

We were very pleased to be invited to participate in a “Scottish Week” arranged by the Matron for the patients in the hospital. We enjoyed our time dancing there and hope they did too.

### **Ceilidh at St. Thomas Mount Merrion 15th.May 2010**

This event is run annually by the Scottish Society of St. Andrew and is always most enjoyable.

### **Florrie's Daffodil Day Collection in aid of the Hospice March 2010**

You will be pleased to hear that Florrie raised €3,140.00 last March through her collection and Sale of Work in aid of the Hospice. She has asked me to extend her thanks to you all for your generous support. Congratulations Florrie, for what you achieve year after year in support of this most deserving charity.

### **The Annual National “Coffee Day” 16<sup>th</sup>.September 2010**

Yet again Judy did fantastic work by catering with delicious food for this event. The amount she raised for this worthy cause was €265. Congratulations Judy for your continuous efforts in helping others.

### **New Arrivals**

Congratulations to Marion Gully who has been blessed with the arrival of a new granddaughter Arabelle.

### **Good Wishes**

John, we are all very pleased to hear that Lily's health has improved and that she is making good progress. Please give her our best wishes and we hope to see her soon at one of our forthcoming functions.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. October 2010 ~ Ceilidh York Road, Presbyterian Church at 7.45.p.m.**
- **27<sup>th</sup>. November 2010 ~ St. Andrew's Dinner in **The National Yacht Club,**  
**Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.****
- **19<sup>th</sup>. February 2011 ~ Cork Burns' Supper Night at 8.p.m.**

### **Website Address**

The address for the newly launched website for the Dublin Scottish Benevolent Society of St. Andrew is

**[www.dublinscottish.com](http://www.dublinscottish.com)**