

Annual Dance 2013

The Club's Annual Dance took place at Taney Parish Centre, Dundrum, on April 13th.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, bookings had been unusually slack this year but eventual numbers settled around 28 including reduced but welcome contingents from Portadown and Cork (including John and Margaret Brown who had travelled from Scotland). Helen's Mum and Dad had also travelled from the UK to be present.

The 23 dances on the programme (including extras) comprised a well-balanced selection of eight jigs, eight reels and seven strathspeys which, with other dances, had been worked through by club members under the tutelage of Hazel, Helen and John over the preceding eight months.

The whole evening was carried off smoothly by the organising teamwork of Florrie and Blair, Hazel, Helen and John, who called the dances and occasionally galloped down from the stage to make up that elusive "one more couple"!

Everything was underwritten by the sheer professionalism of John and Judy Barnes (music for 23 dances, catering for the evening and the logistics of getting food supplies and weighty electronic equipment to and from the hall!)

Several dancers commented that the reduced numbers had meant more enjoyable dancing due to the additional space available.

John Scott-Baird (Cork) spoke for all the dancers when he thanked the Dublin Club for the way in which the event had been organised and run.

John Barnes, Chairman, (complaining that others had stolen his thunder!) concluded the evening with a few well-chosen words and then it was time for "Auld Lang Syne".

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