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December 2011

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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Presidents Corner December 2011

We are all very excited and pleased that we will be able to resume our full schedule of classes in January 2012 at the former St Martin -in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue. The Church has been purchased by the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church lead by Pastor Stewart Mackenzie.

This year we have scheduled the **Open House** for the second week in January and it will be held on **January 10th** at the VFGF Church. Please bring friends and acquaintances who may be interested in Scottish Country Dancing. Most classes will resume in the first week of January starting on Tuesday January 3rd.

On January 21st we will be having the Burns Social at Les Passmore Hall. Maureen Orr will be organizing a Silent Auction and will be soliciting items from members early in January. Funds raised from the auction allow us to bring in musicians and teachers from locations outside Victoria for our special Workshop and Social now scheduled for Saturday **March 31st 2012**.

We are very pleased to have been invited once again to participate in this year's **Dance Days** program sponsored by **Dance Victoria** <http://www.dancevictoria.com>. **Dance Days** is a city-wide ten day dance event intended to showcase the performance of dance through free classes, performances and special events. We are planning a free Friday night Ceilidh on February 3rd to be held at **Dance Victoria Studios, 2750 Quadra**. We are also inviting people to take a free lesson with the January 31st Basic class. **Dance Victoria** will be publicizing the event through the media including a full spread in Monday Magazine.

To round off this season we still have the joint Christmas Social on **December 10th** with live music by Mary Ross, and the Branch New Year's Social on **December 31st** both of which will take place in the former St Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall. Hope you all have a very happy holiday season.

Dora Dempster, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Classes

| CLASS | DAY | CLASS REP. | PHONE |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Experienced Social | Monday at 7:30 | Jane Matthews Kathryn Deegan | 478-0143 kdeegan@shaw.ca |
| Basic | Tuesday at 7:30 | Susannah Anderson Sheila Eaglestone | 480-5113 727-6225 |
| Daytime Social | Wednesday at 1:30 | Irene Booth | 652-4592 |
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| Advanced | Wednesday at 7:30 | Joan McIntosh | 477-2512 |
| Intermediate | Thursday at 7:30 | Jenny Laing | 686-0503 |

Class dates, Winter 2012, all classes at VFGF Church (formally St Martins-in-the-Field)

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|---------------------|---|
| Open House | January 10 th VFGF Church at 7:30 pm |
| Experienced Social: | January 9 th to April 9 th 2012, Mondays at 7:30 pm |
| Basic Class: | January 3 rd to April 10 th 2012 Tuesdays at 7:30 pm |
| Advanced Class: | January 4 th to April 4 th 2012 Wednesdays at 7:30 pm |
| Daytime Social: | January 4 th to April 4 th 2012 Wednesdays at 1:30 pm |
| Intermediate Class: | January 5 th to April 5 th 2012 Thursdays at 7:30 pm |

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is December 25, 2011. Merry Christmas! Please send submissions to aharley@shaw.ca

Membership

The registration form for 2011/12 is available on the website or in class. Please submit your forms promptly to Jenny Laing. Don't forget that if you paid class fees for only the first half year, the balance of your class fees will be due in January.

CHANGE TO DROP-IN FEES

As many of you will remember, it was decided at the AGM to move to a punch card system for drop-in fees. You'll find the opportunity to buy 10 drop-in classes for \$60.00 on the membership form; please be sure to mark Punch Card, and it will come to you through your class rep. Cards do not expire, and more can be purchased as yours run out.

Core Books and Dance Instructions

When considering how to limit expenses last year, the Executive decided to stop printing Core Books as a matter of course for all new dancers. The Core Book is still available electronically. If you send me an email

(gcrobinson@shaw.ca), I will forward the file to you so that you can print your own or refer to it on screen. There are also a few copies left so that new dancers may be able to get one if they can't readily print their own.

We also investigating putting the Core Book on line as part of the web site. We have already included an SCD Resources page on the web site. There you will find links to the Scottish Country Dancing Dictionary including cribs for many dances as well as videos for a number of dances. Some caution should be exercised however as the cribs have occasional errors (for example, Terrace Loggers' Jig on the Christmas programme!) The videos may be helpful but range from quite good to terrible (bad sound, poor dance technique, variations from the actual dance directions, etc.).



St Andrew's Day Social

Our St. Andrew's Social was held on November 19th at our favourite hall on Obed Ave. We had reason to celebrate, following the good news that the hall has been purchased by the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship and will continue to be available for dancing!

There was a great turnout of six sets plus, including lots of new faces. Kathryn Clarke of VISCDs was the lucky winner of the 50-50 draw.

A surprise addition to the evening was a performance of a new dance devised by Raymond Thomson and Kathryn Knowles, by a demonstration team from Raymond's Friday night class. This was a first demonstration experience for many of the team members. Congratulations to Marie B., Kathleen, Janet Bazett, Robin G., Gordon H., and Hugh!

The dance, 'Puggles on the Malahat' is dedicated to Johanna Cletcher in recognition of her excellent work as Editor of the *Tartan Tattler*. The title refers to many hours spent playing Twenty Questions on the Malahat last April, when an accident brought traffic to a standstill and delayed many dancers' return from the Nanaimo Tea Dance. Look for more information on "Puggles" in the January 2012 issue of the *Tattler*! (Available online at www.rscdsvictoria.org early next year.)

Many thanks to Mary Howarth and Edith Chapman for arranging and briefing the dance programme, to Christine Kinghorn and her team for all their work behind the scenes, to everyone who contributed to the laden refreshment table, and to Jennie Harley for the perfect cup of tea! All in all, an excellent evening.

Sarah Kell



Greetings from Howard Hospital, Zimbabwe.

Thank you from all the children here that you are helping from all of your generosity and kindness. Proceeds from the dance will buy goats for orphans and Lovemore has made a good start on this, he also has three male goats for the patient's Christmas stew. VIDEA donations are used only for education and we hope to finish paying school fees for 2012 for approximately 45 children. Donations from relatives and other friends are being used to assist three pre-schools. One is a church that will

get a cement floor (to replace dirt) and windows and will be given rent-free as a pre-school. The work will be done by the community.

WE will also get some toys and books since there is absolutely nothing in the school.

Paul, Pedrinah and the boys are well. Paul works non-stop as always.

It is very HOT, apparently breaking records, over 40 in the north and feels like it here. It has been very busy at work, but is quiet this weekend. I am taking care of the male ward again, twenty-six beds. One morning there were nine floor beds. There are so many young people dying of AIDS and many come into the hospital too ill to recover. There are many cases of TB with positive sputum.

The impression I have so far is not one of improvement, even though statistics say otherwise.

To the gardeners, my little garden has been neglected for many months, but now the gardenia is a mass of blooms that wilt in the heat. The bouganvillia is double and a mass of blooms. The lime tree has a lot of fruit, the mango tree (rescued from a garbage pit) is now twelve feet high and has fruit.

Albert really enjoys the dancing on Sunday, and had us all out there yesterday in the heat. Everyone had a great time and there was a lot of laughing. One mother had a baby on her back and it didn't seem to mind being bumped up and down. Also there was a twelve year old boy who looked about seven starting on treatment. His ambuya (granny) was with him and they both danced. Elizabeth is eighteen and looks twelve. She comes every Sunday. The treat is now a bun with jam, and some candies.

Someone asked me about how I coped with the sadness here, it is very difficult at times. Lovemore found a little girl of fourteen, an orphan. Her grandmother had three orphans. She sent this girl away because she couldn't feed her. The little girl did get to another grandparent and Lovemore has her on our list for school fees. How do we cope? I try to be helpful and do as much as possible with what is available. I have always found it difficult to deal with ill children. One wonders what their lives will be like, even if they start on ART.

There is a lovely nurse from Winnipeg for the third time. She is a great friend and even gets up to do rounds on the male ward at 6 am. There is also a lovely social worker from Toronto who will be here until late January.

My 'house' is quite comfortable and Lovemore always gets me a fan which I appreciate.

My happiest times are on his motourbike. The countryside is beautiful and we are planning to go on another trip soon to see the church and visit schools to assess school fees.

With love and best wishes and happy dancing.

Lorraine Irvine

Please tell Ian that all of his pencils got here and are going to school children.



Christmas Social,

Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church, 550 Obed Ave.

7:30 pm, December 10, 2011, Cost \$15

Music by Mary Ross

| Dance Name | Bars/Type | Level | Source |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Terrace Logger's Jig | 32J4 | B | Vancouver 40 th |
| Catch the Wind | 32H3 | I | Book 45 |
| MacDonald of the Isles | 32S3 | I | Derek Haynes |
| Tribute to the Borders | 32J3 | I | Leaflet No. 11 |
| The Lass of Richmond Hill | 32R3 | B | 2 nd Graded Book |
| The Rose of the North | 32S3 | I | Leeds 25th |
| Roaring Jelly | 32J3 | I | Glendarroch 6B |
| Mairi's Wedding | 40R3 | I | Cosh 22+2 |
| Saint John River | 32S4 | B | Edwards |
| Mary Erskine | 32R3 | I | 2 nd Graded Book |
| Mrs Stewart's Jig | 32J3 | B | Book 35 |
| Woodhaven Chase | 32J4Sq | I | Douglas 87 |
| Belle of Bon Accord | 32S4 | I | Deeside 2 |
| Pelorus Jack | 32J3 | I | Book 41 |
| Reel of the Royal Scots | 32R3 | I | Leaflet No. 7 |
| Maxwell's Rant | 32R3 | B | Book 18 |



New Year's Social

December 31, 2011

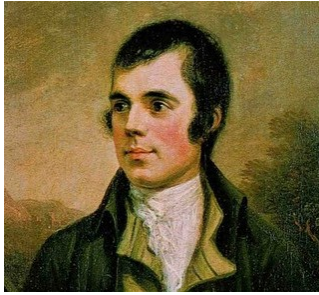
Lutheran Church of the Cross

Doors: 6:30 pm; dinner: 7:00 pm \$10.00 plus potluck donation;

Dancing to start 8:15 ish; wine available; no byob's please bring your own dishes, etc.

| Country | Dance Name | Bars type | Level | Source |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Australia | Joe McDiarmid's Jig | 32J4 | 1 | 5 for 82/3 |
| Canada | St John River | 32S4 | 1 | New Brunswick Coll |
| Switzerland | The Swiss Lassie | 32R3 | 2 | 39/1 |
| New Zealand | Pelorus Jack | 32J3 | 2 | 41/1 |
| Japan | Land of the Rising Sun | 32S3 set | 3 | Joubert |
| England | The Lass of Richmond Hill | 32R3 | 1 | 2nd Graded Book |
| South Africa | A Trip to the Drakensberg | 40J3 | 2 | 38/8 |
| Turkey | Eastern Promise | 32S4 | 3 | Drewry – Turkish Set |
| Antarctica | The Piper and the Penguin | 88R4 sq | 1 | Scotia Suite |
| France | Joie de Vivre | 32J3 | 2 | 39/2 |
| USA | The Spirit of the Dance | 32S3 | 3 | TAC 50th Anniv Coll |
| Germany | A Trip to Bavaria | 32R4 | 2 | Collins Pkt Reference |
| Cosmopolitan | Trip Around the World | 32J4 | 2 | Merse Coll |
| Northern Ireland | City of Belfast | 32S3 set | 3 | Belfast Branch Jubilee Dances |
| Scotland | Mairi's Wedding | 40R3 | 2 | Cosh – 22+2 |





**Burns Social, Les Passmore Seniors Centre, 286
Hampton Road Jan 21**

| Dance name | Bars type | level | source |
|--|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Jubilee Jig | 8 x 32 J | B | RSCDS Leaflets (Core) |
| A Reel for Alice | 5 x 32 R | B | A Reel for Alice (Core) |
| The Sauchie Haugh | 8 x 32 S | I | RSCDS Leaflets (Core) |
| The Laird of Milton's Daughter | 8 x 32 J | I | Bk 22 (Core) |
| Polharrow Burn ** | 5 x 32 R | A | Glendarroch (Core) |
| The Lea Rig | 6 x 32 S | B | Bk 21 (Core) |
| Seton's Ceilidh Band | 4 x 64 J | I | Morison's Bush (Core) |
| Corn Rigs | 6 x 32 R | B | Bk 4 |
| Return to Saint Martins | 4 x 40 S | I | B. Anderson |
| Let's Have a Ceilidh | 4 x 32 R | I | Glasgow Assembly |
| Bedrule | 8 x 32 S | B | Bk 33 |
| Napier's Index | 8 x 40 J | I | Bk 45 (Core) |
| Break | | | |
| Shiftin' Bobbins | 8 x 32 R | B | Ormskirk 6 (Core) |
| A Gin and Tonic | 6 x 32 M | I | Three Hands Across |
| Jennifer's Jig | 8 x 32 J | I | Silver City (Core) |
| The Dream Catcher | 1 x 96 S | I | Bk 45 (Core) |
| Extras | | | |
| Maxwell's Rant | 8 x 32 R | I | Bk 18 (Core) |
| The Dancing Master | 1 x 96 J | A | Donside (Core) |
| ** No Briefing | | | |
| Hosted by the Monday Social Class | | | |





The Old Time Dance Society

Dedicated to the Enjoyment of Old Time Music and Dance

Old Time and Sequence Dancing

Regular Old Time & Sequence dance classes resumed in Victoria on October 2nd

The classes are held at **Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall, 4516 West Saanich Road, (near Royal oak Shopping Centre, next to Med Grill)** every second Sunday, starting January 8th, from 1pm – 4pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact Willie McDermot for more information:
250-743-5312 or otdance.vic@shaw.ca

Salt Spring Simply Scottish II, Salt Spring Scottish Country Dancers

As you were so good in supporting our Simply Scottish event in 2009, we are pleased to let you know that the follow up is happening in June 2012. All the information can be found from the website. We hope to see some of you at next year's event. The first registrations are already in !!

http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/Simply_Scottish_II.html

Salt Spring Simply Scottish II Committee.

The Heather Ball with music by the Scottish Accent March 17th at the Gizeh Temple, Burnaby

The Vancouver Branch, R.S.C.D.S. Heather Ball will once again be held next March 17 and we would ask you to add this event to your newsletter and/or make announcements at your various classes. As you can see the band is the Scottish Accent led by Laird Brown and the location is the one with the great sprung wooden floor.

Tickets for this event usually go quite fast and there is a maximum of 180 so anybody interested in coming should contact Mary Ann McDevitt as soon as possible. Note the price advantage to purchasing before the February 1, 2012 deadline.

Cost \$75 or \$70 before Feb 1st, Contact Mary Ann McDevitt at (604)929-2944 or mamcdevitt@shaw.ca

Duncan MacKenzie
ceilidh@rscdsvancouver.org

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

2011

Dec 10 Christmas Social with Mary Ross, St Martin In-The-Fields, 7:30 pm

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Social, Lutheran Church, Cedar Hill Crossroads

2012

Jan 10 Open House, VFGF Church (formerly St Martins-in-the-Field)

Jan 21 Burns Social. Les Passmore Seniors Centre, 286 Hampton Road

Feb 3 Dance Days Ceilidh, Dance Victoria, 2750 Quadra Street

Feb 11 Valentine's Tea Dance. St Luke's Anglican Church, 1.30pm

Mar 31 VISCDS Workshop/Spring Social, Henderson Hall, Live Music

Apr 15 Kirkin' o' the Tartan, St Aidan's United Church

Apr 28 Spring Fling. St Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Dec 11 Gleneagles Ball, Gleneagles Club

Dec 28 Betwixt & Between Social, Vancouver Branch

Feb 18 Love to Dance Workshop, Vancouver Branch

Mar 17 Heather Ball at the Gizeh Temple, Burnaby Vancouver Branch

Apr 21 Children's Workshop and Dance, Vancouver Branch

May 4 Youth Weekend West - Ages 15 to 30-ish, Seattle

<http://www.youthweekendwest.com/index.html>

June 15 Puget Sounds Crossroads, Friday Harbor, WA

<http://www.rscds-seattle.org/images/PS%20Crossroads%206-18-2011.pdf>

June 15-17 Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dancers, Simply Scottish II 15-17 June, 2012

http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/Simply_Scottish_II.html

Link to Regional Database of Events

http://www.portlandcountrydance.org/files/Northwest_ECD.html

NOTE: Dance Programs for many of the listed events are available from the VISCDS newsletter editor or the listed contact/websites.