

# Northumberland and Durham Caledonian Society



## Newsletter March 2019

Dear Member/s

As always I hope you are all well and looking forward to Spring. To anyone not feeling 100% good wishes are sent your way!

We are of course reaching the end of this seasons events. So I again list below our dates for your Diary:

### Friday 5 April - Spring Ball

- Venue: Britannia Hotel
- Price: £28.00
- Time: 6.45 p.m. - meal 7.30 prompt.
- Band: Marian Anderson
- Entertainment: Harpist from 7.00

This is our 95th year and will be a very good evening. So why not come along and help make the evening a memorable occasion?

Please note the closing date will be **24 March 2019**

### AGM

You will find enclosed the audited accounts for the year 1 Jan 2018 – 31 Dec 2018, along with your annual receipt for any monies paid to the society during the course of the year. The treasurer has asked me

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to remind you that this is your receipt not a bill, and it is the same format that you have had for the last few years. He will be happy to clarify any points you wish to discuss with him.

The agenda and minutes from the AGM April 2018 are also included in this dispatch, along with nomination forms for committee and officers and we do hope some of you would like to volunteer! We only have 8 committee meetings a year.

- Venue: South Gosforth Parish Hall
- Time: 7.30 p.m.

This event will conclude our 2018/2019 season.

### **Dance Class**

The last dance class of the season is Monday 18 March and this will be party night so if you're coming along don't forget a small contribution to the buffet table! If you have not been to one of our dance classes before why not come along, and since we always offer the first class 'free' for new participants it won't cost you a penny!

Details can be found on our web site [www.nadcall.org.uk](http://www.nadcall.org.uk)

### **Abbotsford House**

This is the first of our extra events for the 95th year. The event was mentioned in our previous letters. Abbotsford House is near Melrose. Details as follows:

- Date: Tuesday 18 June
- Time: Departing 9.30 a.m. approx.
- Price: £38.00 p.p

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The departure point is **Benton House Club, Hoylake Ave, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7UN**, just off Benton Road and within walking distance from Four Lane Ends Metro Station. It has been arranged that there is guaranteed car parking facilities. Visit [www.bentonconclub.com](http://www.bentonconclub.com) if you need to see the location of the club.

On route to Abbotsford we will have a short 'comfort stop' at Otterburn Mills, where you will be able to purchase refreshments.

On arrival at Abbotsford we will be met by our Guide for a conducted tour of the house and grounds. After which we are booked in for lunch: Haggis, neepes and tatties, followed by tea/coffee and shortbread. \*Vegetarian option meal on prior request.

From there at approximately 4.30 p.m. the coach will leave for the return journey to Benton House where we shall have soup/roll and tea and coffee before you depart for home.

All of that is included in your £38 payment!

The booking for this trip has been open for a little while and names taken. We do still have places and would love to see you with us. However, as I always say, events cannot be held open indefinitely and I will be closing with a cut off point of **24 March 2019**.

### **Edinburgh Tattoo**

Those of you who have booked places with us for the trip to the Tattoo are reminded that the final balance is due to be paid to National Holidays on **1 July 2019**. Please ensure that we have your

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final payment by then either by BACS or cheque. Cheques made out to **N&D Caledonian Society** should be sent to me please.

A few members have asked how far in advance our regular events are booked and are concerned that their diaries may be "double booked". To help you plan, with the exception of bank holidays etc., our events do try to stay to the same date confines as previous years. If you have any concerns about missing an event I am as always happy to hear from you by email, phone or mobile on this or any other "Cally" concerns.

Looking forward to seeing at our remaining events of the season.

### Communication

My contact details are always included at the bottom of any newsletter you receive, but if you need to contact any member of the committee by email you simply need to put their first name in front of @nadcally.org.uk – eg. [ted@nadcally.org.uk](mailto:ted@nadcally.org.uk) or [julie@nadcally.org.uk](mailto:julie@nadcally.org.uk) and your email will be forwarded to the correct person and avoids you having to remember their personal email address - or just click on reply to any email you receive from us.

We do try very hard to keep our web site up to date, so please visit [www.nadcally.org.uk](http://www.nadcally.org.uk) for recaps and details of functions. There are also other links you might find useful.

Take care and bye for now.

