

President's Summer Newsletter 2019

Dear ODCS Members

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to Angela House who has been an excellent President for the past two years. She devoted a lot of her time to the successful running of our Society.

I would also like to express my thanks to Maggie and Mike Talbot for their dedication in maintaining the Society's archive for many years. As you will know from my previous email Mike and Maggie are planning to move to mid Kent. Pam French has now taken over the archive following my request to members, thank you Pam.

Our display team have been out and about dancing and raising money for our Benevolent Fund;

- A National Trust Scottish evening at St Paul's
- A Ceilidh for year 8 boys at St. Olave's and year 8 girls from Newstead Woods organised and run by Angela Campbell and Ginny Colenbrander
- Dancing / Teaching the St. Olave's Sixth Form
- Dancing at Christchurch Petts Wood summer fete
- Weald Heights Care Home
- The Town Womens' Guild at Crofton Halls

This year the monies received from displays and raffles will benefit 2 charities as agreed by you at the AGM; Motor Neurone Disease Bromley (our Margaret Briggs is a sufferer) which helps people with this serious illness in Bromley. The second charity is Lymphoema Support Network which has helped Elisabeth Leishman's daughter. Our charitable donations this year were as follows, £600 to Missioncare, £300 to Borderline and £300 to Wheels for Wellbeing.

It is with sadness that I have to report the deaths of two of our past Presidents. Sarah Nightingale was President 1995 – 96 and Val Cutcher 1990 – 91.

During the Autumn Term we will be having the following dances: Please see our website for further details <http://www.orpingtonscottishdancing.com/>

- Autumn Dance - Saturday 12th October
- Monday Birthday Dance - Monday 4th November
- St. Andrew's - Thursday 28th November
- Hogmanay - Tuesday 31st December *Our Hogmanay Dance is particularly suitable for friends and families of all ages to join in.
- Burns' Supper next year will take place on Friday 24th January. This is now our only formal dance of the year and I am keen that it continues to be a success and you are encouraged to ask friends to make up a table.

Our Monday Beginners' Class restarts on 9th September

Our Thursday Social Dancing restarts 5th September

Don Ward has agreed to continue with his Improvers' Class at The Harris Academy on 2nd Wednesdays of the month and Angela Campbell's Advanced Class at The Towncourt Room on the 3rd Wednesdays. Both classes will restart in September.

Summer dancing at Pont Street continues throughout the summer for experienced dancers. (www.summertuesdays.co.uk) This Autumn's Day School is will take place on 19th October at Northwood, Middlesex (www.rscdslondon.org.uk)

ODCS have also undertaken to purchase a defibrillator. The money will be taken out of the Benevolent Fund, for the Petts Wood Memorial Hall. Maintenance of this will be undertaken by the Memorial Hall Trust.

Have a good summer holiday and see you all in September.

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