

SATURDAY NIGHT CEILIDH – Mar. 9, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Corran Halls in Oban is the location for the MacIntyre Ceilidh. A number of MacIntyre performers have been lined up including some professionals. If you want to see more about the site go to their new web site:

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/corranhalls/>

Because the performers are donating their time and talent, the entrance fee will be kept at \$20. Drinks are extra. This will be a private ceilidh with admission only to MacIntyres/Wrights and our guests. There will be no tickets sold at the door (with a few approved exceptions for last minute guests) As you will see at the web site, the main hall can accommodate up to 500 seated at tables for ceilidhs with room left for dancing. I expect a number of local MacIntyres will decide to attend as the event draws near, but there's still plenty of room.

MARY MACINTYRE'S CEILIDH DANCING TIPS

Here are Mary Macintyre's tips for making a ceilidh dance enjoyable:

Wear flat(tish) shoes with a plain (unpatterned) sole which can move easily over the floor. High heels are dangerous both to the wearer (going over on one's heel) and to other dancers (because they are sharp).

Metal bangles are dangerous too as they can catch another person when swinging.

Wear cool clothes - Scottish dancing evolved in a cool climate and is vigorous. One does become hot and there is rarely air conditioning or fans in Scottish halls. Any style of clothing is fine but swirly skirts always look good on the floor.

Tartan is nice to wear at a dance even if it is only a bit of ribbon somewhere on one's person.

For the timid - get up and have a go. The dances are not difficult and very repetitive. Look upon it as a workout to nice music. No-one ever shows disapproval of another person at ceilidh dancing, and indeed you will find that many of the Scottish Macintyre are not that good at this form of dancing either so don't be intimidated. Remember it is also very gratifying to the band if people get up and at least have a go.