

## SCOTTISH HISTORY - Did you know?

- Henry Lord Darnley, husband of Mary Queen of Scots, had been murdered in a dramatic overnight incident at Kirk o' Field, Edinburgh. (1567)
- Three climbers were killed in two separate avalanches on Ben Nevis; five more injured. (1982)
- A crowd of 6000 rugby enthusiasts watched Scotland defeat Ireland by two goals and two tries to a try at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh. (1884)
- Grave of Robert The Bruce, the exact location of which had been long forgotten, was uncovered by workmen at Dunfermline Abbey. (1818)
- Sir Harry Lauder, the great music hall comedian, died, aged 79. (1950)
- The Scots legal profession was warned by Professor T.B. Smith of Edinburgh University that if there was not a revival in legal literature, Scots law could find itself being submerged as a local variant of the English system. (1960)
- The famous "Gun Wife" of Loch Lomond, who lived in a rundown hut/museum and had a selection of relics of Rob Roy on display including a seven-foot musket, had died. (1851)
- The excommunication of the Earl of Bothwell had been confirmed by the Kirk; he was chased from the country and died in exile in Italy. (1596)

**Kelburn  
Scottish Country Dance Club**



Saturday Night Social  
Ngaio Town Hall

Programme:  
Favourite Dances; Old, New and Easy

6<sup>th</sup> June 2003      8:00 – 10:30 pm

Followed by Supper  
**Dancers \$5.00      JAMS \$3.00**

## "THE PLACE TO BE IN APRIL 2003"

*from Ellen Bracefield*

When I was asked to write this article I thought yes it would be easy to do so. There was so much to write about. Where should I start?

Just being there as a weekend school novice or should it be with meeting new people. Perhaps I could start with our tutor Yvonne Gray who shed light on things in a different way and didn't mind showing a neat pair of feet and ankles to demonstrate some steps. Should it be with the new dances or the realization that all tutors have the common goal of encouraging us to dance well.

Maybe it could be with the lovely music played over the weekend – particularly the combined class on Sunday.

The nice lunches and tea breaks with the lovely smiley tea persons. Yes, men and women both pour good cups of tea and coffee.

The Friday night social could be a good start with all those people reeling and jiggling around the hall. Displays from the Jams showing that there are some lovely young dancers coming through.

I could start with the sight and sounds of the Grand March at the Saturday night Ball with the piper leading in the Officials and the dancers with the kilts and the women with their sashes and lovely clothes making a real riot of color. The great hall decorations. Making sure you danced in your own set and no one else's.

Sunday morning's last class meaning that it was nearly over. The combined class with the different teachers taking one dance each and the final dance as a tribute to Carol Smith. (Have danced it at Club nights a couple of times already). Saying good bye to your classmates.

But it was all over too soon and tired aching feet and legs went home to make plans to go to another school – soon I hope.

As always these events don't just happen and I say thank you to all of you who helped organize and run the weekend. This ensured that Anzac weekend school in Wellington **was** "THE PLACE TO BE IN APRIL 2003"

### Scottish Proverbs:

Never marry for money. Ye'll borrow it cheaper.

A day to come seems langer than a year that's gane.

A fool at forty will ne'er be wise.