

## Function Friday 24th June 2022

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Dance Held at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Dumbarton on 24 June 2022

The second dance of the post covid era took place again at St. Pat's in Dumbarton with Susan

McFadyen's three piece band providing some excellent music for the dancers on a seasonably warm

evening (though, in true Helensburgh fashion, the rain made an unwelcome appearance for the journey home).

A variety of couples' dances was complemented by the customary full quota of (four) set dances and

it was gratifying to note that, despite one or two hiccups, the various movements were successfully

essayed by participants who hadn't danced them since before the pandemic.

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42 members and 9 non members were in attendance, somewhat down on the last dance in April due

perhaps in part to the holiday season and the concurrence with the Royal Highland Show at

Ingliston. Ticket sales amounted to £426

Tea/coffee and biscuits were served as usual at half time with thanks to the good offices of the bar

staff to whom the £1 per head proceeds were again donated. The raffle also took place after the

refreshments and raised the sum of £164. Thanks go to those who purchased tickets and particularly

those who donated prizes. Profit for the evening after expenses amounted to £113.50.

The next dance will be held on Friday 26 August and will see a return to the newly refurbished

function suite at the Commodore Hotel in Helensburgh with music being provided by the Steven

Carcary SDB.

The long delayed AGM will also be held at the interval when a number of committee members will

be stepping down and (it is to be hoped) their replacements will be nominated and approved. While

a letter from the vice president was distributed at the June dance and a further letter is to be sent to

members outlining the critical situation in which the Association finds itself with reference to

committee membership the import of these is worth reiterating. Of the current twelve members of

the committee (two short of the optimal fourteen) five will be standing down at the AGM after long

service. Only one individual has thus far indicated willingness to join the committee. Unless at least

four others step forward for appointment the committee will have no choice but to recommend

dissolution of the Helensburgh and District Highlanders Association, in which event the August

dance will be the last of a series of events stretching back some 115 years. Anyone willing to serve

on the committee is strongly urged to contact President Neil McLeod (01436 831284) or Vice

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President John Johnston (01436 675191), or, indeed, any other committee member as soon as possible.

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