

# Chester Caledonian Association



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President, Mr Edward Inglis

2010: Burns' Dinner



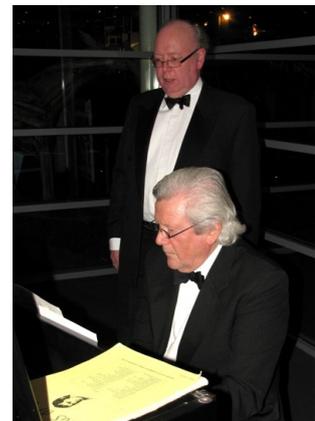
The Lord Mayor John Ebo President of Chester St Andrew Society Andrew Clayton and Major Brian Bloor (Royal Welsh).



Scott Lindsay piping-in the top-table party.



A colourful arrival and it's an English guest carrying Irish Whiskey.



Time for a sound check: Ian Hastie on piano and Rory Lea singing.



The Burns Dinner was only a warm-up for this group who later went clubbing.



Ed Inglis "Now if only I could remember the joke"!



So that's light ale with starters, bitter for the main and mild for dessert.



A new friend (centre) all the way from Minnesota USA.

## 2010: Ceilidh

### Outgoing President's Message

March 2010

Traditionally, a ceilidh refers to a social gathering with music, song, and poetry provided by some of those who attend. At Chester Caledonian Association's annual Ceilidh Supper we follow this traditional form, and this year's event, on Friday 5th March, at the Chester racecourse was enjoyed by all.

We are fortunate to have a number of volunteers within our membership who are keen to entertain (or who can be cajoled into it), and our evening is rich in this pool of diverse talent. Mike Martin acted as M.C. for the event, and following an excellent meal enjoyed by all, started the entertainment by introducing Hamish McIntyre, who demonstrated a mastery of the Lowland Pipes. Sandy McLennan was next up, and with his guitar gave us songs from sources as varied as Robert Burns and Bob Dylan!

"The Rantin Dogs", comprising Dougie Gemmell on mandolo, Mark Rowlands (guitar), Steve Boyd (guitar), and Michael Duke (flute, penny whistle, clarinet – not all at the same time!), were joined by Scott Lindsay on Lowland Pipes for the first time, and provided songs and tunes recognised and appreciated by all.

You can't hear Gaelic mouth music just anywhere these days, but occasionally we are delighted by Angus McSween's joyful delivery of this rare art; and he was truly on-song to provide this. A rare and welcome treat!

So how would you enhance such a talented group and entertaining evening? Well, at Chester Caledonian Association's Ceilidh Supper we are pleased to welcome and enjoy the special musical talents of Mairi Macleod. A graduate of The Northern College of Music, Mairi delighted us with traditional and modern music played with a deft touch on the clarsach, and we were also privileged to hear her sing a ballad or two in gaelic.

Later, we joined together to sing some well-known songs, to round-off the ceilidh, and, of course, we finished with a rousing "Auld Lang Syne". A great evening.

Edward Inglis

N.B. Alan & Frances Bonner were scheduled to take part, but were unable to join us for the evening. Our best wishes are sent to them for a full recovery to cheerful good health.

## 2010: Ceilidh continued



This had better be good!



I've told you a hundred times.....!!!!



The incoming President puts his raffle ticket on the top of the pile!



It's getting late



I've got a letter here from "Britain's Got Talent"

2010: Ceilidh continued



Surely somebody wants to hear the bagpipes



Serious concentration on the big night - The Rantin' Dogs  
with guest Scott Lindsay



Glad it's all over