

ST ANDREWS NIGHT

Another year has unbelievably passed us by and of course the 30th November was once again celebrated in good style by a “gathering of the clans” – (and more!), at Beau Sejour. How we exiles enjoy our St Andrew’s Night! We certainly don’t let the fact we are here in Guernsey spoil our fun!

The venue was well decked out to make us feel “at home” with its blue and white balloons and tartan adorned tables. The Scottish flags made an ideal backdrop for Graeme Munro and his band who joined us from Haddington for our festivities, and without whom the event would not have held the same charm.

The nostalgic strain of Len Durham’s bag-pipes was a welcoming sound for everyone on their arrival. Len admirably ‘piped in’ our guests, traditional grace was pronounced by our President Mr Stuart Hardie, and the company sat down to an excellent meal, every course tinged with Scottish overtones.

During the meal, the “Lesley Jennings Dancers” entertained us with a demonstration of “Nottingham Lace” – not a very patriotic name for a Scottish country dance – but made our English friends feel more at home!

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir John Coward proposed the Loyal Toast and Mr Stuart Hardie proposed a toast to our guests. Mr Stuart Falla, Chairman of Garenne Group Limited, then addressed the assembled party, enlightening us with his many amusing theories as to how Scotsmen and Guernseymen were not dis-similar.” How many people he convinced was another matter! He ended by proposing a toast to our Patron Saint and Mr Tim Cooper replied with a Vote of Thanks.

Although numbers were down on last year, it was probably to the advantage of the two hundred and twenty dancers who then took to the floor to dance the night away. Realising that such nights do not happen without much effort on the part of our committee; as a mere member, on behalf of all who came and enjoyed, I’d like to propose a vote of thanks for your endeavours in achieving a most successful last St Andrew’s Night of the nineteen hundreds.

M.B.

HATCHES MATCHES AND DESPATCHES

MATCHES

William Alexander and Leanne Brennan on 9 October 1999.

DESPATCHES

Gordon McIntyre on 7 November 1999.

FOOTNOTE

We are looking for a new member to join us on your committee. If you are at all interested, please contact any of us for details. We'd love to have a volunteer!