

# The Scottish St. Andrew's Society of Abu Dhabi



September 2014 Newsletter

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Yours aye, Iain Hill, Chieftain

## Forthcoming Events

### Welcome Back Party: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014, Crowne Plaza, Level Lounge

To celebrate the return after the break and as a warm welcome to all new friends and interested colleagues, I would be delighted to welcome you all to Abu Dhabi and join us for drinks and food at The Level Lounge. Tickets are 130 AED per person and include two complimentary drinks. Contact Steve Holt [steve43\\_holt@hotmail.com](mailto:steve43_holt@hotmail.com) Tel: 050 582 3235 or Sadia Syed [sadssyed@hotmail.com](mailto:sadssyed@hotmail.com) Tel: 050 905 3097.

### Scottish Country Dancing

Every Sunday 7.15 – 9pm, also a new daytime class every Thursday 2-3.30pm. The (British) Club, Tourist Club Area. Beginners welcome and no need to bring a partner. Members 30 AED, Non-Members 40 AED. For further details: Francine Quastel [francinequastel@gmail.com](mailto:francinequastel@gmail.com) Tel: 055 9484 658.

**Monthly Golf** – Our season will start during October this year and our defending champion, Dave Jeffrey is determined to defend his title! The format is being tweaked a little by our organizer, for the 2014/15 Series to determine the best of the best for this year. Further details contact Steve Holt [steve43\\_holt@hotmail.com](mailto:steve43_holt@hotmail.com) Tel: 050 582 3235.

**Sundowners: Porter's Bar, Grand Millenium 6:30pm onwards** – Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Our next event is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and all are welcome to bring along friends and colleagues who are interested in finding out more and would like to join the Society. You do not need to be Scottish to join in!!

### The St Andrews Ball: Friday 7th Nov 2014, 7pm

We are Celebrating 45 years as a charitable society in Abu

Dhabi and the Chieftain extends a personal invite to all members, friends and colleagues to attend and celebrate Scotland's National Day. Venue TBC so watch this space for more details soon.

**Charities:** We are a non-profit making, volunteer led organisation, raising funds through raffles, auction items and sponsorship to support our chosen charities in Abu Dhabi and Scotland for 2014, Alzheimer Scotland – Action on Dementia [www.alzscot.org](http://www.alzscot.org) and The Special Care Centre Abu Dhabi. The Special Care Centre is a non-profit making organization, helping children with mental and physical disabilities.

**Membership:** We welcome all nationalities to join our Society, so please encourage any new friends who have come to the region to join us. Our annual membership is 100 AED and the card discount scheme provides many savings for all! Contact Sadia Syed [sadssyed@hotmail.com](mailto:sadssyed@hotmail.com), Tel: 050 905 3097, or our Membership Secretary - Sean Hildebrandt [sean.hildebrandt@amec.com](mailto:sean.hildebrandt@amec.com) Tel: 050 811 6586. New member application forms are available on line at [www.adscots.com](http://www.adscots.com)

**Sponsorship:** Grant Property, based in Scotland, have kindly provided a sponsorship donation and would like to reach out to all interested investors, have a look at their property investment opportunities at [www.grantproperty.com](http://www.grantproperty.com). As always we are keen to attract sponsors for an individual event or a donation throughout the year. It is an opportunity to showcase their company and invite their clients to one of our events. For assistance contact Tracey Hughes [traceyhughes\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:traceyhughes_uk@yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 056 196 2994 or Alan Payne [apayne@nationalambulance.ae](mailto:apayne@nationalambulance.ae) Tel: 056 687 9060.

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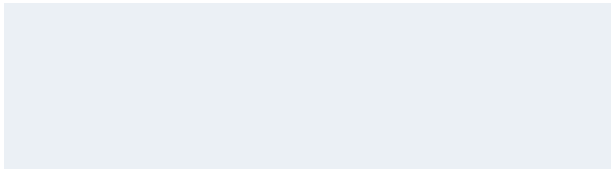
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