

OUR OWN SECRET GEM!

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The last week-end of Ceilidh Culture saw us re-uniting with Simone Verheyen, described by our Dancing Master, Nicolas Broadbridge, as “Our own secret gem from Belgium”. Well I’m sorry Nicolas, I’m letting the cat out of the bag.....we mustn’t keep her all to ourselves. Despite having a dreadful cold & near loss of voice, Simone was her usual vivacious self & soon had us dancing Playford derived dances. She is the kindest lady, but yet has a gentle way of bringing out the best in us which enhances the sheer pleasure of the dance. Music was provided by Aidan & Nicolas Broadbridge and refreshments managed by Nell and her sister Helen so all in all we were in the best of hands.

It was refreshing over the week-end to be joined by a fair number of people who had never joined us before and some who had never tried this dancing form before but we all made sure they had a thoroughly good time. It’s great to find a dance style to which people may come and join in with no experience at all. With Simone’s sparkle and our enthusiasm I think the newcomers went home happy. An added pleasure was to have the company of some members of “CONFIDANCE” which caters for dancers who are partially sighted. Young Levi Broadbridge was the best baby ever.....he never made a sound but shared his smiles, so it was great to try the new dance created especially for this dear little boy.

Saturday night’s Ceilidh was a fun night as usual. Again we had visitors join us and Simone, Annette Broadbridge and Nell took us through a joyful programme. This week-end workshop and Ceilidh has become an annual event in our diaries and our numbers increase annually. If you missed it this year do look out for it in the 2012 Ceilidh Culture programme.

If you don’t know anything about this type of dance go no further than our own Robert Burns who cut a fine figure on the dance floor, we understand, and these would have been the dances he would have enjoyed. They are elegant and executed to the finest of tunes, many classical. Around the same period Mr. Darcy would have been courting Elizabeth with these dances. We meet monthly in Glasgow and/or Edinburgh. More information is available from Nicolas and Nell Broadbridge on 01555 662212 or e-mail :- info@nicolasbroadbridge.com You may also wish to visit the website on www.nicolasbroadbridge.com This is an evening suitable for all ages and all abilities. If costume is your “thing” then the Annual Ball at the end of June/beginning of July is the opportunity to be a time traveller and get costumed for the occasion but this is by no means obligatory. However and whenever you join us we know you will find it irresistible. We look forward to meeting you. We don’t promise you’ll meet Messrs. Burns or Darcy or even Miss Elizabeth but we guarantee a friendly experience.