



## Northern Nashville Country Music Club

# January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all! Well, that's it all over for another year. The decorations are down and the diet has commenced! I don't know about you but 2017 was the quickest year yet!

The November show saw the Committee two short on the door; Johnny was off on his holiday to Cape Verde and Alan was called away at very short notice. Many thanks to Ally Gray for stepping in to help "man" the door and also assist with the raffle, and Angie Morison who also assisted with the raffle.

The show kicked off with **Johnny Bremner**. It was Johnny's first time in the RBL club although he did say that he had played at the original NNCMC in the early 1980s with the **Country Jays Band**. It was also the **Benn Sisters** first time in the club. They have been best known as backing singers but are now doing very well performing in their own right as the Benn Sisters. It was a very busy night; both acts popular with a crowded dancefloor!

The Christmas show saw us back to a full compliment of Committee members. Sandy, looking very smart in his dicky bow, began by welcoming everyone to the show. He hoped everyone would enjoy the evening and that those new to the club would come back soon! Sandy went on to tell us about his invitation, from Robin Young, to visit Caithness FM during its 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation. During the visit Sandy was speechless when he saw the extent of the donations to the Caithness Children's Toy appeal and he urged those who had not done so, to donate to this very worthwhile cause. Robin Young was given a round of applause for his work with Caithness FM.

The show began with **Johnny Quinn** and dancing from the start. Johnny hails from Ireland and headed **Philomena Begley's** band, **The Rambling Men** in the late 1970s when Philomena was off the road. He told us about the first time he appeared in our club in 1982 when he was booked by our former committee member, Kenny Maclean. Apparently, an all-nighter ensued! "Sunday Morning Coming Down", "Take The Ribbon From Your Hair", "I Can't Help It If I'm Still In Love With You", "Carmen" and "I Used To Love Her Once" kept the dance floor busy.

The Christmas snowball was £100 and had to be won! Catherine and Gary Henderson's number was picked out but they were not in the hall. The next number picked belonged to Laura Farquhar who was in the hall! Well done Laura!

The **Ryan Turner Band** hails from north and south of the border. Members of the band have appeared many times at our club and surrounding areas supporting **Gary Gamble**, **Trevor Loughrey** and **Louise Morrissey**. The Christmas show saw the band performing in their own right; a multi talented band who have played with many different artists. As a producer, Ryan produced **Robbie Petrie's** latest CD. Great performance!

Christmas thank you presentations were made to the raffle sellers, Sandy's "Trolley Dollies": Evelyn (the Boss's wife), Gina, Anji and Ally. Penny and Donald (the RBL Manager) received a presentation on behalf of the RBL staff.

Following our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary show raffle in October 2017, our Chairman, Alan Miller, presented a cheque for £5000 to Ally Gray and Joanne Macintosh. This will be split between four local leukaemia and cancer support charities chosen by Ally and Joanne. The Caithness Courier ran the story on the front page of their Wednesday 27 December 2017 edition.

It was a bumper Christmas raffle, winners included: Isobel Kemp, Jessie Elder, Nicola Foulton, Robbie Flett, Evelyn Miller, Jim Macgregor, Joanne Macintosh, Mina Oag and Roger Kennedy. Thank you for your support buying raffle tickets and donating prizes! It is always very much appreciated!

A date for you new diaries folks; the 2018 AGM is scheduled for Saturday 17 February. There will be music in the RBL lounge bar after the meeting. Membership renewals are due on this date too!

Our first show of 2018 is on Friday 26 January. Just the one band, Mary B and Paul Gallagher will be providing the entertainment. Revised prices (for this show only) are: £6 members/ £10 non-members.; what a bargain! Please note that this show starts at 9pm and is a dance only (no cabaret!). It would be great to see you there!

At the end of any year, it is timely to reflect on the previous twelve months. 2017 saw our club welcome great artists who performed great music. There were many highlights, not least our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary show. However, 2017 also gave us some challenging low points, which we got through together, as a united club. It is this unity that keeps our club going.

Until the next time...

*Willie & Leisa*