



## Northern Nashville Country Music Club

### March 2019 Newsletter

We are four shows in to the year already. The 2019 AGM has been held and our May show is imminent; very organised! I did need another reminder about the newsletter though (thanks Brigitte!). Summer is almost upon us; days are long and the nights are short; the gardens are starting to look colourful.

Our March show took place on a drizzly evening. Sandy, our resident compere, welcomed and thanked everyone, including all those who had travelled distances to be with us; friends through country music. Aly Gray had finally agreed to take up a position on the committee (not before time) and Sandy joked that Aly could now be blamed if anything goes wrong. Aly also got teased about a size XXL committee shirt which, allegedly, doesn't fit. Poor Aly!

Other announcements, and keeping with the shirt theme, NNCCMC polo shirts are now available to order at £20.00 each. A bit like Henry Ford, you can have one in any colour, as long as it's burgundy (one of the club's livery colours)!

The NNCCMC website is now up and running and being maintained [www.nncmc.co.uk](http://www.nncmc.co.uk). Congratulation to Frank and Sheila Sinclair on their 57th wedding anniversary – wow!!

Sandy welcomed George and Evelyn Thompson to the club as country royalty. He went on to say that George was instrumental in starting the NNCCMC and was very active during its early years. During the evening both George and Evelyn were inducted into the hall of fame that is lifetime membership of our club and will be welcomed back at any time.

**Nicky James**, from the county of Omagh, opened our March show. Nicky was last at the NNCCMC in September 2018 with Will Bannister. He sang two songs that he has recorded with the Hale Sisters; "Once More" and "Make The World Go Away". Nicky stated his next song "Derry, On The Banks Of The Foyle" was often sung by his dad while on his way home from the pub. His mam would refuse to let him into the house, but Nicky would always open the door! He finished his cabaret spot with "Irish Rover".

Sandy then introduced more country music royalty that is **Manson Grant and The Dymanos**; having played more times at the NNCCMC than any other band! Robert Cameron, who also recently received NNCCMC lifetime membership, gave his thanks and wondered whether it was because he didn't visit our club often enough or worse, because he doesn't have very long left!

"There Goes My Everything", "I'll Be There Before The Next Teardrop Falls" - Manson, "Tiger By The Tail" - Keith, "Milkman's Eyes" - Brandon. The audience was delighted to hear of Brandon's popularity and chart successes in Holland, North France, New Zealand and Australia. "Give My Love To Rose", "Happy Hours" featured Brandon on the accordion; with "Streets Of Bakersfield" - Manson and Keith finishing the cabaret spot.

Fiona Young was not in the hall to receive the snowball, therefore it rolls over to £60. Lucky raffle winners: Isobel Gordon, Catherine Nicolson, Aly Gray, Evelyn Miller, Kaye Campbell, Carol McPherson, Bettine Sinclair, Isobel Beattie, Nicola Fulton and Veronica Fulton. Well done to you all.

The evening of our April show was sunny but windy with a packed stage; two full bands. Standing room only! Sandy joked that we nearly had to build a second stage.

The NNCCMC Band of the Year 2018 was announced in reverse order (to keep us in suspense!):

3rd - Shaun Laughrey

2nd - Will Bannister

1st - Stephen Smyth, for the second year in a row! We look forward to seeing Stephen at our November 2019 show where he will be presented with the award.

Sandy went on to introduce, from London, England, the **Ian Highland Band** who were in our club a few years ago. Sandy stated it had been a poor night; qualifying that by stating a poor weather night, not a poor band night!

"Pass Me By, If You're Only Passing Through", "Birmingham Turnaround", "Carmen", "Don't Rock The Jukebox", "Much Too Young To Feel This Damn Old", all had our feet tapping during the cabaret spot.

Jane Matheson was in the hall and received her £60 snowball; it's back to £50 next month. We had quite a few birthdays to celebrate this month: Jessie Mackay, Aly Gray, (both big "0"!) Mary Johns, Jessie Elder, Henry Ross and Davey Mackenzie.

Sandy went on to introduce the **Joe Davitt Band**. "Tennessee Waltz" was dedicated to all of the good-looking women in the room. Joe joked that we would make up for the lack of dancing in the first half by pulling the netting from the ceiling in the second half! We enjoyed a singalong to "Put Your Sweet Lips A Little Closer To The Phone" to get Sandy singing. Joe asked if anyone liked Declan Nearney before singing "Stop The World And Let Me Off"; he joked that the band didn't because Declan doesn't sing any of Joe's songs. "Come On Home And Sing The Blues To Daddy", "Round And Round, Up And Down" and then Dominic on steel guitar instrumental, "Blues Eyes Crying In The Rain". "Pretty Little Girl From Omagh" and "Back in '68" completed the cabaret spot.

Joe introduced Harry on piano, Dominic on steel guitar, Rita on drums and Derek on sax. Rita and Derek are brother and sister, and Joe's niece and nephew!

The proceeds of the raffle were donated to the Race For Life, which Isobel Kemp was championing. £520 was raised! Both bands very kindly donated CDs to the raffle. Winners included Darryn Youngson, Rosemary Oag, Peter McDonald, Kenny Mclean, Ann Farquhar, Henry Ross, Mina Oag, Muriel Murch, Davie Oag and Trish Ireland.

The NNCCMC 2019 shows, taking us to the end of summer, are as follows:

- 31 May – **Gareth Pritchard and Band**, along with **Johnny Bremner**
- 29 June (all day show) – **Ray Murtagh** and **Northstar, Liam Kelly and Band, High and Dry, Border Radio**, and **Angie King Duo**
- 26 July – **Five Star Country**, along with **Buzzard Creek**
- 30 August – **The Duke Boys**, along with **Kentucky Rain**

Tickets for the all-day show are available. Please contact Alan on 07990 039495 for further details. The remaining 2019 shows are all set to be musical extravaganzas not to be missed!

Until the next time.....

*Leisa*