

To all members of the St Michael's Scottish Country Dance Club

With Spring comes the Spring Dance, always an event to look forward to and then the AGM in May.

This is my third year as Chairman, therefore I will, according to our Constitution have served my time in office. I have very much enjoyed being Chair, but it is now time for someone else to take my place.

We do not want the situation to re-occur as happened last year when no-one volunteered to take over as Secretary; Elspeth having served her three years and who has now been Acting Secretary for the past year, albeit doing the same job.

So St Michael's, some serious thinking on your part please; it is not good for any Club to continue with the same people "at the top" and new people are needed, with fresh thinking and ideas. Of course, it is a commitment and will take up some of your time, but it is also satisfying and fun! More self-belief needed I think and you can make it your own, there is no right or wrong way of going about the roles; everyone brings their own unique perspective and the bottom line is, we are all volunteers contributing our time. We have an excellent Committee with strong support from all involved and I have never known a Club with such terrific backup from its members. The current Committee have also ensured that the Constitution is up to date and we trust, provides a written framework for our members. Please therefore refer to the section:

*No member may serve as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer for more than three consecutive years. After three consecutive years as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, a member will not be eligible for re-election to that position for one full year.*

Please give this more than a passing thought as I will not be serving again as Chair after May and Elspeth has more than done her time as Secretary and will also be stepping down.

Any queries, then please speak to me or Elspeth and we look forward to hearing from you.

Maggie Westley

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Elspeth Wright