

Club of the month



The committee: Michael Garvin, Archie Cameron, Roddy MacLeod, Freddy MacKenzie, Alex MacKenzie, Christine Pearson, Morag Robertson and Anne MacFadyen.

I T MAY be a long established group with strong roots to Scottish traditional music but Oban Accordion and Fiddle Club is looking to the future.

The club has moved to a new venue for its monthly meetings and is working to develop three rising stars of accordion music.

The club, established in 1975, meets on the first Thursday of every month. For each meeting a guest artiste is invited to play with local musicians.

The meetings form a concert which attracts an audience of nearly 200.

Oban Accordion and Fiddle Club committee member Roddy MacLeod said: 'The club was formed in 1975 in a bid to promote Scottish music locally and I think we have done that.'

'The local musicians are just as good as the guests we have each month. There is plenty of talent in Oban and Lorn.'

'There are three young boys who play accordion that we are encouraging; Craig MacFadyen and Robert Robertson from Oban and Scott Sinclair from Connel. They represent a new generation of musicians in the area.'

After forging a successful home in McTavish's Kitchens the club had to find new premises for its meetings once the restaurant closed down.

And at the beginning of November the Oban Accordion and Fiddle Club held its first meeting in its new home – The Argyllshire Gathering Halls.

Roddy added: 'We were very fond of McTavish's but we have just moved into a new venue. Everybody is very welcome to join us during our season which is from October to April.'

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