

Northampton Town & County Scottish Association

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NT&CSA NEWSLETTER April 2021

Dear Member, welcome to the second of our regular newsletters for 2021 with the aim of keeping you informed with news and happenings within your Scottish Association, such as they are during this challenging period.

Despite restrictions and government guidelines, the Executive Council continue to meet regularly via Zoom and we begin this newsletter with updates from our meetings of 24th March and 28th April.

We regret to inform you of our decision to cancel our planned St Andrews Night Dinner and Dance scheduled for 27th November (as revealed to you on our previous newsletter) This decision has not been taken lightly, but in view of the difficulty in providing commitments to various sources, we felt it wiser to focus instead on our Grand Burns Night Dinner Dance scheduled for 22nd January 2022

We will of course take every opportunity and at short notice, to organise alternative social events during the remainder of the year, subject to the easing of restrictions and where long term commitments are not essential. We will keep you informed of any such developments. Watch this space!

The Executive Council agreed on subscription fees for the forthcoming year including a 50% discount on previous year, this has been communicated to you separately. We take this opportunity to thank all who have already renewed despite the lack of social activity, making us more determined than ever to ensure the regeneration of our Association as soon as is possible.

We agreed also to communicate to our members via E Bulletin (March) inviting you to submit stories of inspiration, light hearted or otherwise, during the past twelve months of lockdown. The first of those accounts and personal reflection comes from our very own Margaret Jones. Thank you Margaret for sharing this with us!

Dear friends,

I write this in response to Bill Lockerbie's E.Bulletin March 2021, asking us to look back on the past year. Yes, many things have happened in my life in that year and I have attempted to do many things, not least reflect and contemplate on what I have learned from it all and questioned myself on what I will do differently when we get back to some sort of normality. However, I just give you one evening pursuit I started – not too deep or reflective!

After knitting for all the family for many years, I stopped some years ago. Not long before Covid-10 hit us, I had a wee yearning to knit again but thought if I did, it best be something small as I might get tired of it and give up. So- when our worlds were turned upside down in the Spring of 2020, I took the plunge and started an evening pursuit - knitting little hats for new born babies in various sizes to be handed into the Barratt Maternity Unit at NGH. A friend recommended this and sent me the pattern. I got started and, as in the past, I can watch TV as I knit – wonderful! What was even better was that it stopped me nibbling in the evenings as I watched TV. Now and again I would go off the knitting, but it was always there to pick up again and has given me ideas of wee Christmas stocking fillers for the family.

However, sad to say, I now realize that I am a multi-tasker (not that I ever doubted it!). I now manage to watch TV, knit AND nibble! Please don't tell me to have more will power – I've used that argument myself, but all the other prompts pop into my head – “a little bit of what you fancy does you good” or “you've earned a wee treat today, you've worked hard” etc.

HELP! Anymore ideas, please? I look forward to your responses, but also to hear of your thoughts and views on the past year. Please send to Bill Lockerbie for the next newsletter.

Margaret Jones

The invitation to send in your “Covid Year” reflections remains open to all so please take a few minutes and share your experience (email address below)

Our most recent meeting took place on 28 April 2021 and the Association Income and Expenditure 2020/21 was discussed and approved for sending out to members.

The funeral of the late Jean Campbell was attended by Mary Roach on behalf of the Association and a donation was made to the Alzheimer's Association. Jean's daughter Jan Campbell was welcomed as a new member to our Association.

Other Business,

Judging by the positive feedback, it would appear you enjoyed the Easter video clip “The Concert in Barcelona” sent in by Pat Schofield. Thanks to Pat and ofcourse to everyone who took the time to comment.

Our monthly Zoom Ladies Lunch on 13 April went ahead as planned, thanks to all who attended and we look forward to our next “on line get together” Margaret.

The Sunday Post continues to be delivered to my door by Ian and Evelyn Scott, my thanks to both and its been great to talk with Ian on the doorstep, especially over our joint passion for Queen of the South FC (yes there ARE two supporters!) - Bill

The Snooker World Championship is currently taking place at the Crucible and our Scottish Association had a representative in the form of young Anthony McGill who just happens to be Mary's great nephew from Glasgow. Anthony turned professional in 2010 and is currently ranked 16th in the world. Anthony is known by the nickname "The Glasgow Gladiator" and when he came up against Ronnie O'Sullivan live on TV he proceeded to demolish England's finest by beating him 13 frames to 12. Unfortunately he was beaten by a similar score in the quarter final against Stuart Bingham on Wednesday evening after a marvellous display by both! Mary Roach must be very proud, as we all are!! Well done Anthony!

It's great news also to know that Scotland has reduced Covid restrictions, allowing people to move around and cross the border, but even more especially for those of us with family in Scotland who we haven't seen for nearly a year. I can't wait to get my hands on a plain loaf, square sausage and Lidl's snowballs!! More than anything of course, to see my family, friends, Bathgate and Dumfries!! – Bill

*And finally, a wee bit of history. **The Treaty of Edinburgh – Northampton 1328***

The Treaty of Edinburgh–Northampton was a peace treaty signed in 1328 between the Kingdoms of England and Scotland. It brought an end to the First War of Scottish Independence, which had begun with the English invasion of Scotland in 1296. The treaty was signed in Edinburgh by Robert the Bruce, King of Scots, on 17 March 1328, and was ratified by the English Parliament at Northampton on 1 May.

The terms of the treaty stipulated that in exchange for £100,000 sterling, the English Crown would recognise:

The Kingdom of Scotland as fully independent;

Robert the Bruce, and his heirs and successors, as the rightful rulers of Scotland.

The border between Scotland and England as that recognised under the reign of Alexander III (1249–1286).

One of two copies of the document, which was written in French, is held by the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh.[1] However, the document does not constitute the entire peace treaty, which was contained in a number of indentures, notarial instruments and letters patent issued by Edward III and Robert I. Since none of them survives, not all details of the peace treaty are known.

NB. Did I see Nicola Sturgeon at the Castle Train Station recently!?!? ☐☐

Until next time "Fuirich Sa'bhailte"/ Stay Safe!!.....And please, keep in Touch!!

Robert, Margaret, Mary, Val, Shirley and Bill

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Laugh and the World Laughs With You

We are most grateful to Bill & Maureen Stewart for sending in a few laugh lines to cheer us all up. Thank you Bill and Maureen (the old ones are always the best!!)

A Glasgow woman goes to the dentist and settles down in the chair.

'Comfy?' asks the dentist.

'Govan,' she replies.

A guy walks into an antiques shop and says: 'How much for the set of antlers?'

'Two hundred quid,' says the bloke behind the counter.

'That's affa dear,' says the guy.

Did you hear about the fella who liked eating bricks and cement?

He's a wa' noo.

After announcing he's getting married, a boy tells his pal he'll be wearing the kilt.

'And what's the tartan?' asks his mate.

'Oh, she'll be wearing a white dress.'

Ten cows in a field. Which one is closest to Iraq? Coo eight.

A Scotsman in London is having trouble phoning his sister from a telephone box.

So he calls the operator who asks in a plummy voice:

'Is there money in the box?'

'Naw, it's just me,' he replies.

While getting ready to go out, a wee wifie says to her husband: '

Do you think I'm getting a wee bit pigeon chested?'

And he says: 'Aye, but that's why I love you like a doo.'

What was the name of the first Scottish cowboy?

Hawkeye The Noo.

What do you call a pigeon that goes to Aviemore for its holidays?

A skean dhu.

How many Spanish guys does it take to change a lightbulb?

Just Juan.

A man takes a pair of shoes back to the shop and complains that there is a lace missing. "No" argues the assistant, "look at the label" - it says Taiwan ..'

Did you hear about the BBC Scotland series that features the queue for the toilets at Waverley Station? It's called The Aw' Needin' Line.

Coasters from Robert and Baby Hats from Margaret!



How appropriate!



How cute!

