

# Northampton Town & County Scottish Association

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NT&CSA NEWSLETTER August 2021

*Dear Member, welcome to the August edition of our regular newsletters aimed at keeping you informed and connected with our Scottish Association. As always we hope that you are remaining safe following our “release” from covid restrictions effective from 19 July and we hope also, that things continue to improve in the coming months.*

*Taking advantage of the lifting of restrictions, the most recent Executive Council meeting took place on 25 August and for the first time since 13 February 2020 we were able to meet “face to face” and in the comfort of Margaret Jones’ home, where coincidentally, the February 2020 meeting also took place. A long time passing!!!*

***Programme 2021- 2022*** a new and welcome addition to our meeting agenda!

*Could it be that at long last, we have the opportunity to renew “auld acquaintance” before the end of the year? The council members certainly believe so and therefore we are delighted to announce a lunch time “post Covid” celebration on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** to combine a celebration of St Andrew and of 100 years of the Scottish Association in Northampton. Prior to a sit down lunch, we would present a “condensed” version of our AGM, providing our members with an update on Association matters plus an opportunity to guide the Association in the year ahead.*

*Firstly however, we need **YOUR** support and an early indication of your attendance at this event, by contacting council members via the Association email address or direct to **Mary Roach** on 07773 406475 via email : [mrsmaryroach@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmaryroach@gmail.com) for further details, time, location and cost.*

*On a similar note, our preparations for the Burns Nicht Dinner and Dance on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 are well underway and more details will follow in the next editions.*

***Message to our Events Support Group, stand by for action!!!!***

**Announcement.**

*We received news recently from Past President Isabel H R Gunn, that Jean Lockhart died in her sleep at her retirement home near Chapel Brampton on 18th August 2021. She was 94. She had been a prominent member of our Association some years ago and had given the principle speech at Burns Night when Isabel was President in 1974.*

**Birthday.** *In our last newsletter we highlighted the special birthday celebration for long term member, Betty Sheppard on 24<sup>th</sup> June at her home in Westonia Court. Betty presented the Stroke Association with a cheque for £1,000 being the total of donations made to her in lieu of presents on her 100th Birthday. Robert and Carole Perkins attended on behalf of the Scottish Association, and of course Scottish Association member Richard Harris was there, as he is also a resident at Westonia Court. Several other residents also joined us and helped with coffee and biscuits. Betty and her late husband Ernie had previously donated funds in lieu of presents from wedding anniversaries to the Stroke Association, chosen because their son had a stroke at the age of 49.*

*We understand that the Stroke Association submitted details to the Chronicle & Echo, which appeared recently, a fitting tribute to Betty and her family. Please see our website for photographs of Betty's special day.....Robert Perkins*

**The Scottish Ladies Lunch Club (SLLC)** *met for the first time since the outbreak of Covid-19, on Tuesday 10 August - instead of our Zoom coffee morning. The venue this month was The Britannia and all were excited to meet up again, having much to talk about, lots of laughter and excellent service, all adding to a memorable afternoon. The invitation is open to all the lady members of the Association and if you decide to come along, a warm welcome is assured.....Margaret Jones*

**Tribute.** *In our last newsletter we informed you of the passing of lifelong Association member and proud Aberdonian, Fred Wilson. We recently received a heart warming and fitting tribute to Fred which is now available to read on the Association website (or see attachment) Our thanks go to Fred's family for sharing this information with us.....Margaret Jones*

**WHY DO WE SAY THAT?**

*The Real McCoy: Something that is the genuine article "the real thing" is the real McCoy. It's an old saying with a colourful past that began in the Highlands of Scotland. A particularly fine whisky brewed there by the McKay Company was proudly labelled "The Real McKay". It was later sold to the Americans who pronounced it "McKoy." Then an American boxer, Norman Selby, adopted the name Charles 'Kid' McCoy in the 1890's and became the World Welterweight Champion. He was a bit miffed when another fighter appeared named Al McCoy, so The Kid adopted the whisky slogan and was thereafter billed as The Real McCoy.*

*Another claim for the origin of the saying. A bar-room drunk who doubted The Kid's identity was felled by the fighter with one punch. Getting to his feet, the victim said: "You're the real McCoy" Knock-out story, but it's not true!.....Margaret Jones*

***The Scottish Sgian Dubh*** (pronounced *ski-en doo*)

*Our apologies to all you Gaelic speakers and Scots alike for our use of the “English” spelling of the word “sgian dubh” in the last newsletter. In correcting our error we established some facts about the Sgian Dubh which we thought our members may find interesting. Please go to the Association website. (or see attachment)*

.....Margaret Jones.

***Moving on,***

*From June’s newsletter, we are still trying to find the missing £1 from the hotel bill which started at £30, split between three people, then reduced to £25. Silence from our members indicates that heads are still being scratched and that a solution to this problem, is yet to be found! .....Bill Lockerbie*

***Hey diddle riddle,***

- a. What kind of tables do not have legs? – periodic tables*
- b. What English word has three consecutive double letters?- bookkeeper*
- c. What time of day is spelled the same forwards as backwards?- noon*

***Get Quizical:***

- a. Venetian Blinds originated in which country?- Persia*
- b. In an English trial, how many people sit on a jury?- 12*
- c. On a European roulette wheel which number is green? - zero*

***Here’s Twa Limericks,***

<i>I purchased some bagpipes last week, And practised their droning and squeak. My neighbour next door Though, who hails from Jaipur, Said the noise of the pipes made him Sikh.</i>	<i>Morag, a pretty young lass, Had a truly magnificent ass, Not rounded and pink, As you possibly think, It was grey, had long ears and ate grass!</i>
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***Twa Jokes,***

*All flights from John Lennon Airport grounded!! Imagine all the people!!*

*Apparantly smoking cannabis affects your short term memory, if thats true, what do you think smoking cannabis does!!*

***A Bowl of Porridge,*** *Enjoying my porridge recently, I noticed on the back of the packet, the following message “Its awfy dreich oot the day. Best keep the baffies on, grab a bowl of Scott’s and keek oot the windae, feeling gallus” what I couldn’t understand is why they needed to add a translation!! .....Bill Lockerbie*

***My Rather Mean Scottish Solicitor!*** *Yesterday I called my solicitor in Edinburgh and asked “how much do you charge to answer TWO questions??” He replied, “Twenty pounds.....now what’s your second question!” .....Bill Lockerbie*

*And finally, we are on the lookout for a participant(ideally male) to deliver an important element of the Burns Nicht speeches, namely “ the address to the lassies”!! Can you muster up something nice to say about the fairer sex? If not, that’s fine, we’d still love to hear from you. Applications please via the Association e mail address!!*

*That’s all for now folks, stay safe and stay positive*

*Until next time “Fuirich Sa’bhailte”/ Stay Safe!!.....And please, keep in Touch!!*

*Robert, Margaret, Mary, Val, Shirley and Bill*

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**Happy Birthday Betty**

*Note: Answers to riddles and quiz will appear on our website under “August Newsletter” but we would be pleased to hear your answers before we publish!!!*