

# Northampton Town & County Scottish Association

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NT&CSA NEWSLETTER October 2021

*Dear Member, welcome to the penultimate newsletter of 2021!! Whilst things are generally improving on the Covid 19 front, we hope that you are remaining safe and looking forward to a more permanent release from past months restrictions.*

*Since our last newsletter the Executive Council have met together on two occasions, each time in the comfort of Margaret's front room, firstly on Wednesday 22 September and then again on Wednesday 20 October with tea and scones in abundance, but we conducted business as usual and to prove it, the following is an extract of our discussions and decisions made, we HAVE been busy!!*

***We begin with the news we have all been waiting for, our Grand Lunch is a GO!!***

***Grand Lunch Event :*** *after longer than any of us would care to remember and following much thought, consideration and not a little effort, we have decided to proceed with our first choice, Collingtree Park Golf Club on Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Member numbers are looking good and so once again, many thanks to all of you who have indicated your intention to attend this hugely anticipated event and we look forward to the renewal of "Auld Acquaintance" because "we've wonder'd monie a weary fit, sin auld lang syne" More details on attachment (s)*

***Attached, a menu and booking form with full details, where we ask that you make a three course selection per person and respond via the booking form or e mail direct to Mary Roach ASAP : [mrsmaryroach@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmaryroach@gmail.com) or by phone on 07773 406475***

***In responding to member feedback, please note that the full cost price of this event has been subsidised for members. Full cost price £27.50 Member £25.00***

**Annual General Meeting:** preceding our Grand Lunch at 13.00 we will hold a shortened version of our AGM commencing 12.15 concluding 12.30 to which you are cordially invited. We encourage all members to attend!

**Burns Nicht Supper 2022 :** as indicated in our September "e bulletin" we continue our appeal for speakers to come forward and "do a turn" on the night. It may be the Grace, the Welcome, the Toast to the Lassies or even the Reply to the Lassies but initially, we are putting the call out to within our membership ranks. Why not give it a go!! Be assured that no trained elocution or previous experience is required, so give it some thought and GET IN TOUCH "jist gonnae!"

**Scottish Country Dancing :** Calling all Scottish Dance enthusiasts!!

In preparation for our Burns Nicht Supper 2022 the Council have decided to arrange a few dance classes for those of you keen to learn some simple Ceilidh dances.

The classes will be led by Elizabeth Walker and held at Great Houghton Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd & 30th November, 2-4 p.m. topped up by a couple of Tuesdays in the New Year pre our Burns Nicht Supper.

The sessions will be very relaxed and good fun and everyone is welcome. If you are already familiar with the dances then please do come along to help those wishing to learn.

Please register your interest with Mary Roach 07773406475 (a text is fine) or just turn up on the day. Thank you..... Mary Roach

**Quiz Night Revival :** in reviewing our plans for a social diary in 2022 we are delighted to announce the revival of our **General Knowledge Quiz** previously held every year from 2008 to 2020 when Covid restrictions hit us. This event is as popular as ever and we are hoping that, Covid permitting, we can recommence the quiz following the same format, including Scotch Pies and Beans during the interval. Please pencil Saturday 12 February into your diary for a fun evening for all the family. Further details and registration forms will be available nearer the time. Plenty of time to revise your general knowledge and all things Scottish!!

**LADIES' LUNCHEON CLUB :** *On Tuesday, 12 November. eleven ladies met at The Cross Roads Hotel for our monthly lunch and a good time was had by all. The invitation is sent out monthly to all ladies in our Association. Since the relaxation of Covid-19 regulations, we have been meeting monthly again, instead of our Zoom coffee mornings, and trying out different venues each month. This gives members a chance to have their choice as well as perhaps choosing a place nearer to them them for more convenience. You can always be assured of a very warm welcome and good fellowship.*

*Our next lunch is on Tuesday, 12 November, 12 noon, at The Bold Dragoon in Weston Favell village. Look out for my email of invitation nearer the time with further details.....Margaret Jones*

**LEICESTER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY :** *It is with sadness that we have to report that Leicester Caledonian Society is closing down due to declining numbers and lack of support and social events, no longer viable. The Honorary Secretary, Gina Ferrier was herself standing down after 10 years in office. The Treasurer also wished to stand down. The resolution was passed at their AGM with much sadness. They are still running their final few events, the last one being on 26 March 2022 when they hope to go out in style! They are fortunate to still have a dance group which will be named shortly. Gina thanked Northampton for all their good relationship, friendship, warmth and hospitality over the years. A response to this sad news has been sent to Gina on behalf of our Association....The Executice Council*

**WHY DO WE SAY THAT ?:** *with thanks to Margaret Jones*

*A Baker's Dozen*

*This phrase means, quite simply, thirteen and not twelve. It comes from olden days when bread was the staple diet of the population and there were heavy penalties for any baker whose loaves were short weight.*

*So to make sure they did not fall foul of the law, many bakers used to add an extra loaf to each batch of twelve.*

*The Cold Shoulder*

*If you give somebody the cold shoulder, you show your dislike by ignoring them or being unfriendly.*

*The saying comes from the days when knights were not only bold but also obliged to be chivalrous, especially to fellow knights.*

*This extended to wining, dining and looking after a visiting 'Sir' for as long as he stayed. But if the visitor wore out his welcome, his host would make his feelings known by serving a meal normally only for servants, namely a cold shoulder of mutton.*

*Scots Phrases; We are grateful to Council Member Valerie King, our resident linguist, who has provided us with some vocabulary from where we came fae, remember?*

*A retired GP from general practice in the North East of Scotland asserts that there are four grades of illness in doric,*

*No 1. I'm nae weel, No2. I'm nae awfy weel, No3. I'm afae nae weel No4. I'd be better aff awa.*

*Although the following sentences are also quite common, "ahm jist hinging the gither"- "Am deen" - "I winnae see anither new year" and finally "Am nae in the press and journal, yet!!"*

*For those more intelligent members amongst us who like a game of scrabble, how about the following, all attracting maximum points, nae doot!*

*Geezit, Smine, Shoors, Nodaenat, Oureer, Scunner and Eejit!*

*Finally, from the latest in language learning apps "learning Scottish" Part 23*

*Yer nothing but a wee clipe ( you are a tell tale, grass, snitch)*

*Och, she's up tae high doe (Oh dear, she seems rather worked up)*

*State ah that wee tadger ( that little man looks like a male genitel and I don't like his appearance)*

*That plooks a belter ( that is a spelndid pimple)*

*Gonnae no dae that, just gonnae no ( please stop it and again, please stop )*

*That's all for now folks until at long last, we see you all in November.*

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

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

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