

Northampton Town & County Scottish Association

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Burns Nicht 22nd January 2022 at Moulton Community Hall

Dear Member, welcome to the final Newsletter of 2021 and despite recent negative news on Covid/Omicron spread, we hope you are keeping safe and looking forward to Christmas and the New Year.

The most recent meeting of the Executive Council took place on 10th December, where amongst other topics, we reviewed the recent lunch and AGM at the Collingtree Golf Club. We agreed on how marvellous it was to renew “auld acquaintance” after such a long time away and judging by the feedback, it was a huge success enjoyed by all who attended.

***Our Ceilidh Dance** sessions at Great Houghton on November 23rd and 30th were also well attended and the positive feedback was such that we have booked two more sessions with Elizabeth on **4th and 18th January** respectively, providing you with further opportunities to “hone” those dancing skills before our Burns Nicht*

The format will be as before 2.00pm to 4.00pm just come along and have fun! All are welcome and our thanks go especially to Elizabeth Walker for offering her services and more especially, maintaining her perserverence!!!!

Regarding the Burns Nicht 22 January 2022 at Moulton Community Hall we are into the final stages of organising this special event in our calendar but can now confirm ticket pricing at £45 each (member) and £48 each (non member)

*Given the interest in this event as well as the limit to the numbers ,we strongly encourage you to indicate your attendance **as soon as possible**, by contacting Mary by telephone 07773 406475 or via email mrsmaryroach@gmail.com
Further details of the event will be communicated to you on a separate communication over the next few weeks. Closing date 15th January 2022*

Our meeting concluded with our thoughts on what has been a difficult period for our Association but with hope for the future at this Christmas time. The recent lunch and afternoon Ceilidh Dance sessions and the feedback from our members and friends served to inspire us to ensure that we continue where possible to keep the Association flame burning here in Northampton. Our thanks to all!

Amendment to Rules and Constitution.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 28th November 2021 it was agreed that Clause 4 of the Rules and Constitution be amended to read:

4: Officers

The Officers of the Association shall be President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Communications Officer and Ladies Luncheon Coordinator, who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.

Revised Rules and Constitutions are currently being printed and will be available from the Secretary if you request one. Meanwhile please print this item, cut out the above paragraph and insert the amended clause into your existing copy of the Rules and Constitution.

Scotland's Inventions.

For centuries, Scotland's innovative and inventive spirit has provided the world with some pretty incredible things! From the household items that complement your everyday life, to the medical discoveries that help keep us fit and healthy, Scotland's contribution to society is unmatched and naturally, we're incredibly proud of this rich history.

Television, Telephone, Penicillin, MRI Scanner, Refrigerator, Toaster, Disposable Contact Lens, ATM, Colour Photograph, Flushing Toilet, Hypodermic Syringe, Fingerprinting, Steam Engine, Vacuum Flask, Pneumatic Tyre, Kaleidoscope!!

Apart from all this, what has Scotland ever done for us??

The Scottish Ladies Luncheon Club at Christmas!!



The Scottish Ladies Luncheon Club enjoyed their Christmas lunch this year at the White Hart, Hackleton on Tuesday, 14 December. Several could not make it this year but those who did enjoyed a happy time together. Any ladies who wish to join us on the monthly lunch, please contact Margaret Jones on 01604 638364 for more information. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month visiting different venues.....Margaret Jones.

Meantime we take a wee look at 2021 and remind you of some of the “highlights”

February – Mary had a wee heart attack on boxing day and we reported on her full recovery!!(good news!!) We announced the reduction of membership fees! (even more good news!)Margaret announced that the Ladies coffee mornings would take place via Zoom! We included a paragraph on Mary, Queen of Scots!

April – The Executive Council continue to meet via Zoom!
We announced the cancellation of the St Andrews Night Dinner and Dance!
Remember “ The Glasgow Gladiator” Mary’s great nephew!
We included a paragraph on The Treaty of Edinburgh!

June – Betty Sheppard celebrated her 100th birthday, congratulations Betty!
Dorothy Nicholson was spending time doing and making!
Vida Brown consigned the chocolate to the fridge while coping with her husband’s dance beat!Pat Schofield sent in a joke which was nearly hilarious but Bill Lockerbie’s were absolutely hilarious! (sorry Pat!) Margaret Jones asked “why do we say that?”!

August – the Executive Council meet together “live” for the first time in ages!
We announce confirmation of a Grand Lunch on 28 November!The Ladies Lunch Club also met for the first time in goodness knows when! Margaret Jones continues to ask “why do we say that?”

October = The Grand Lunch/ AGM is confirmed, get your tickets now!
Ceilidh Dancing practice is confirmed, look out those dusty dancing shoes!
Val includes some Scots Phrases, taking you back!

Unfortunately, we lost a few members during the year and our thoughts are with the families and friends of Jean Campbell, Fred Wilson and Jean Lockhart, all of whom were remembered at our recent Grand Lunch on 28th November.

That’s all for now folks and until we meet in the new year, we wish you a very happy Christmas and “a guid new year” “lang mae yer lum reek”!

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

Robert, Margaret, Mary, Val and Bill

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And finally.....from our resident linguist, Val King

YE KNOW YER MAW'S SCOTTISH WHEN SHE SAYS...

I'm up to high doh wi yoo's lot.

Don't be a wee clipe.

What did yer last slave die of.

Away an gie's peace.

Burny Burny.

A wee burdie told me.

Ah 've got eyes in the back o' ma heid.

Who 's she? The cat's mother.

If the wind changes yer face 'll stay like that.

Yer arse in parsley.

Will ye stop clumpin' aboot.

Your jaike't's on a shoogly peg.

You've got a face only a mother could love.

Dae ye think ah button up the back.

The Real Housewives
Of Glasgow City