

Northampton Town & County Scottish Association

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Nt&CSA NEWSLETTER February 2022

Dear Member, welcome to the first newsletter of 2022 and on behalf of the Executive Committee, we wish you a belated, happy and prosperous New Year!

Unfortunately the year began badly for our Association, with the cancelling of our Burns Night Dinner/Dance at Moulton and despite all our efforts, preparation and communication, the uncertainty over the latest variation of Covid, left us with no option but to cancel this eagerly awaited event. We were so near, yet so far!!

However, dare we say it, but things are looking decidedly more optimistic and as far as the Executive Council are concerned, normal business is about to resume.

Our first meeting of the new year took place on Friday 11th February, once again in the delightful surroundings of Margaret Jones' living room. There was no sign of despondancy from within our ranks that's for sure, instead a determination to make up for lost time !! Here are some highlights!

Membership Renewal. *Despite a lack of activity over the past year or so, we remain confident that we can resurrect our familiar activities going forward and to that end we confirm membership renewal for 2022/23 at £10 per person. In line with our financial year, we ask for payment during the month of March. Please see details attached/enclosed Mary Roach*

Ceilidh Dancing resumes!!! *We are delighted to announce the resumption of our Ceilidh Dance afternoons with Elizabeth Walker at Great Houghton Hall on Tuesday 1st March and Tuesday 15th March commencing 2.00pm until 4.00 pm. Regardless of your dancing skills, we hope that you will come along if only to enjoy the company of others, tap your feet to the music, have a blether, enjoy a wee cup of tea and if you feel like it, a wee jig around the room. We ask only that you make a small donation towards the cost of hiring the hall. "It'll be nice tae see ye"*

Quiz Night: We are delighted also, to announce the date and venue of our annual quiz night! Following the success of our November Lunch, we have elected to return to The Redwood Room at Collingtree Park Golf Club on the evening of Saturday 12 March commencing 7.00pm until 10.00pm.

The format will be as in the past, general knowledge, teams of six, informal competition with a few prizes, bar available and of course, the legendary scotch pies and baked beans, all at the bargain price of £6 per person. Come along individually or with friends and family, all welcome!

Please see the Scots Quiz Flyer for further details/registration ...Robert Perkins

Leicester Caledonian in our October Newsletter we informed you of the closing down of the Leicester Caledonian Society and of their final social event scheduled for 26 March. We attach/enclose a notification of the event should any of our members wish to attend. A warm welcome is assured from Gina Ferrier on behalf of our Caledonian friends and we wish them a succesful and memorable evening. Please see attachment/enclosed.

Why do we say this?..... “In the nick of time.” By Margaret Jones

Something that happens in the nick of time is a last moment reprieve from failure, like a goal at the end of extra time in a soccer match. When the giant computerised scoreboard at a stadium like Wembley flashes up the message “Wow, what a goal! it is only a modern version of a man with a stick of wood. For hundreds of years the scores in games similar to soccer were kept by a man who would nick the side of a tally stick each time a team scored. If victory came for one of the sides at the last moment, it was known as the nick in time.

Bill has just returned from Spain and reports the following airport experiences!

At the checkout gate I was asked by security if anyone had put anything in my baggage without my knowledge? I responded that, if anything WERE placed in my baggage without my knowledge, how would I know? I nearly missed my flight!!!

I nipped into McDonald's and purchased some eats to the value of £4.20 and so I handed over a £5 note AND 20 pence. The young girl (a student no doubt) informed me that I had given her too much money! I said yes, but you just need to give me back £1. Cue consternation and the manager appearing before me, asking me to repeat my request. I explained as best as I could, to be informed “we're sorry, we don't do that sort of thing here!” I was handed 4x20 pence pieces!!

Some positive thoughts on getting older:

- : Kidnappers are no longer interested in you!*
- : In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first!*
- : Things you buy now, wont wear out!*
- : You enjoy hearing about other people's operations!*
- : You have a party and the neighbours don't even realise it!*
- : Finally, your eyes wont get much worse!!*

Quotes:

"learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow" Albert Einstein
"you are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream" C.S Lewis
"the best is yet to come" Frank Sinatra
"gonnae no dae that, jist gonnae no" people from Glasgow!

Saturday 5 Feb 2022: *location Murrayfield, Scotland 20 England 17 Calcutta Cup for the second succesive year, we sent them homeward tae think again!!*

Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2022/23: *we may be setting our sights too high but what the hell! Val King is investigating the possibility of running a trip to Edinburgh in 2022 or even 2023 if maybe too late for this year, nothing ventured.....!!*

February 14th Valentine's Day :

*O my Luvie is like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luvie is like the melody
That's sweetly played in tune.*

*So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luvie am I;
And I will luvie thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.*

*Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.*

*And fare thee weel, my only luvie!
And fare thee weel awhile!
And I will come again, my luvie,
Though it were ten thousand mile.*

Robert Burns

Northampton Town and County Scottish Association
1st March 2022

Dear Friends

It is that time of year again when I am required to inform you that your annual subscription to the above Association for 2021-2022 is now due.

At the February meeting of the Executive Council, it was decided to set the subscription rate for the coming year at £10.00 per person to include added benefits for members only. Our Communications Officer, Bill Lockerbie, has already made significant improvements to the website and kept the membership well informed and entertained with his Quarterly Newsletters.

The preferred method of payment for subscriptions is by bank transfer to National Westminster Bank. Sort Code 56 00 60 Account No.05576725 reference, name with initials (very important) and subs.

If the above method is not convenient for you, please send a cheque to, Mrs Mary Roach, Hon. Treasurer, 13 Ravens Croft, East Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0RL and please make the cheque payable to Northampton Town and County Scottish Association.

It would be most helpful if subscriptions could be paid by the end of March. Thank you.

Details of the AGM in April will be communicated to you shortly.

Yours aye,
Mary Roach
Hon. Treasurer

Webpage: *to reflect the new year and our renewed optimism, we have updated our webpage which we very much hope will soon be populated with forthcoming events. Our thanks go to Simon Hoggarth for his artistry and IT skills as well as his continued support of our Association. In the meantime, check out the fine photographs of our November lunch (courtesy of Laurie Roach)*

That's all folks! "Fuirich Sa'bhailte" / Stay Safe!!.....And please, keep in Touch!!

Robert, Margaret, Mary, Val and Bill

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