

Northampton Town & County Scottish Association

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*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
We are deeply saddened by the death of Her
Majesty The Queen who died in her beloved
Scotland.*

*We join the nation in mourning her passing
and extend our heartfelt sympathy to
The Royal Family*

Dear member, welcome to newsletter number four of 2022 and as always, on behalf of the Executive Council, we hope that you are in good health and good spirit, despite the unprecedented events of the past days but hopefully you are looking forward to the colours of Autumn in the weeks ahead.

Having enjoyed an extended holiday break, or “sabbatical” the most recent Executive Council meeting was held on 19 September 2022 and following the usual Association business matters, the following topics were discussed and agreed, now included for your information.

St Andrews Day we are pleased to announce initial confirmation of a St Andrew’s Lunch, similar to our previously successful 2021 event, to be held on Sunday 27 November 2022. This is a date for your diary and full details including venue, timings and costs will be published on a separate communication over the next few weeks. Watch this space!

Burns Night we are also pleased to announce confirmation of a Grand Burns Night Dinner/ Dance to be held on the evening of Saturday 21 January 2023. Once again and back by popular demand, Duncan Scott (The Occasional Few) live band will provide the evening’s entertainment. This is another date for the diary with full details, including venue, timings and costs to be published on a separate communication in due course. Watch this space too!!

The Executive Council look forward to welcoming members, families and friends to both these major events in our Association calendar and as stated above, as soon as we can confirm venues and further details, we will publish same as soon as we can. Don't forget to watch this space!!

Other matters arising included a review of the year to date and are as follows.

Obituary

In July we notified you of the sad news that one of our members Richard Harris passed away on 8th July 2022. Richard was a true gentleman in every sense of the word, always keen to be involved in the Association and who will be remembered by many members as the friend and supporter of Betty Sheppard.

Our thoughts remain with his daughter Karen, son Ian and extended family.

CEILIDH DANCE SESSIONS

We are pleased to announce the resumption of our previously successful and hugely popular,

Scottish ceilidh dance classes to re commence on Tuesday 4th October in the Great Houghton community village hall.

Start time 2.00pm concluding at 4.00pm

Our teacher as usual is Elizabeth Walker with the possibility of a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Good music, good company and good fun, so get those dancing shoes looked out, come along and enjoy!

There is no fee just a wee donation towards the tea bags!!!!

SUGGESTIONS

In our previous newsletter, we highlighted the need for member suggestions or "excuses" to bring our membership together, verbally or by e mail. Unfortunately no such responses were received, however during our Summer break, May to September, we were pleased to meet so many of our members at the following traditional annual events, thanks to all who came along and joined the fun!

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA SATURDAY 16TH JULY

In the beautiful surroundings of Margaret Jones' garden, what a scorching, memorable Saturday afternoon it turned out to be!! Probably the hottest and best supported gathering of Scots members we have ever had attending a Strawberry Tea event. At times it was thought that Margaret's delicious scones had attracted interest from farther afield!

Margaret's team of helpers served around forty people, who shielded from the sun under garden parasols and a couple of gazebos. Margaret was anxious to say she was "most grateful for all the help received from Association and Council members e.g. putting up gazebos, transporting tables from church, serving the guests, washing up etc."

And our "Bring and Buy" stall is always so successful and profitable with our 101-year-old Betty looking after it.

We were just sorry that we were so busy we forgot to take photos of the very enjoyable afternoon. We'll try and do better next time! Thanks to all who attended and made the day so unforgettable

Why do we say that?

Ship-shape and Bristol fashion

in the 15th century, Bristol was one of England's most important ports. its biggest claim to sea faring fame is that John Cabot and his three sons set off from Bristol in the reign of Henry vii to discover Newfoundland.

Survival on such perilous journeys in those days meant that the ships and equipment had to be in perfect working order. The men spent many hours making sure this was so. Anything that was well prepared, neat, tidy and efficient therefore, came to be known as all ship-shape and Bristol fashion.

Margaret Jones

Annual Bowling Competition.

Sunday 21st August

please see an extract from the report reflecting the day, organised by Donald and Angela Morrison to whom the Executive Council extend their thanks and appreciation for a job well done!

*Northampton Town and County Scottish Society Annual Bowls Competition
21st August 2022*

It was with great interest that the Scottish Society Bowling competition was held in Abington Park bowling green on Sunday 21st August 2022 which was the first time that we were able to hold this annual competition for 3 years.

Fifteen people turned up to play with also a few to watch our event and provide a background to encourage people who generally do not play bowls outdoor very often.

Betty Sheppard was not able to come to present her cup to the winners but at an age of 101 years we can wholly understand and hope that some photos of the event will help her to get the enjoyment again.

The conclusion was that team 1 scored the highest with 6 points total.

This team consisted of:

Ann McEvoy, John McEvoy, Alan McIlravie, Janice McIlravie and Angela Morrison.

We then presented them the Sheppard cup and then made our way across the park to the cafe to enjoy our individual liquid to recover our own state after the exhaustion of our activity.

We wound up the afternoon not too late and all made our way to complete a most successful and enjoyable event with a tremendous group of people which hopefully can be repeated again next year.

Donald Morrison

Annual Quiz

Thursday September 8th

*held for the first time during daylight hours at the Abbey Centre
Hunsbury.*

*We had a pleasing response resulting in thirty people making up six
teams. Our able Quiz Master, Charles, soon settled everyone into
jiggling their little grey cells to answer 8 rounds of 10 questions each on
varied items such as "Election Fever", "Around USA", "Food & Drink",
"Who's Who from History", "Things Scottish" etc. etc.*

*Following a half-time interval where we all enjoyed tea or coffee and
scrummy cakes, we continued until our scorers, Robert and Dave,
announced the worthy winners. The scores were close but the team
"Living Badly", captained by Pat Schofield won the day!*

*Everyone enjoyed the afternoon with members and friends. For those of
you who didn't attend this time don't forget to watch out for our next
quiz event and why not come along and join in the fun?*

Lamport Hall July/August

*As there was only one member response (Marlene Chenery) to the
proposed visit to historic Lamport Hall and gardens, it was decided to
forego this visit until next year. One for the future !!*

Six little stories with lots of meanings

- 1 *Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. on the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. that is faith.*
- 2 *When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. that is trust.*
- 3 *Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. that is hope.*
- 4 *We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. that is confidence.*
- 5 *We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. that is love*
- 6 *On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "i am not 80 years old; i am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." that is attitude.*

have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - good friends are rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Margaret Jones

NT&CSA Website

We are beholdng to Simon Hoggarth for maintaining and constantly updating our website with photos and news. We encourage our members to browse and feedback with comments or articles/photos for inclusion. Holiday snaps especially welcome!!

And finally, Mary had the honour of representing our Association at the most recent Service of Prayer and Remembrance on Sunday 18th September at All Saints Northampton, here is Mary's account of her experience on the day.

The Northampton Town and County Scottish Association was represented by Mary Roach at 'A Service of Prayer and Remembrance' in thanksgiving for the life of Her late Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The service was held on Sunday 18th September at 11.00am in the town's civic church, All Saints, Northampton and in the presence of His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire
The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire

The Worshipful, Deputy Mayor of Northamptonshire Town Council

The Venerable Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton conducted the service and the Right Reverend Andrew Proud, Assistant Bishop of Peterborough preached the sermon. The Director of Music was Jem Lowther and the service was sung by members of The Choirs of All Saints'. The organist was Laurence Caldecote.

The service was formed of familiar prayers and music and designed to help a grateful nation pay their respects. The Readings and Hymns focused on the meaning of Christian life, and the hope that exists for all of us in death, for there shall we truly find God.

Tributes were offered from the Faith Leaders of Northamptonshire.

The final blessing was given by the Assistant Bishop of Peterborough followed by THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

A sad and moving occasion.

Mary Roach

Well done Mary!

that's all folks

on behalf of the Executive Council members, "fuirich sa' bhailte" /stay safe and don't forget to "keep in touch"

*ROBERT, MARY, MARGARET, VAL AND BILL
Executive Council*

