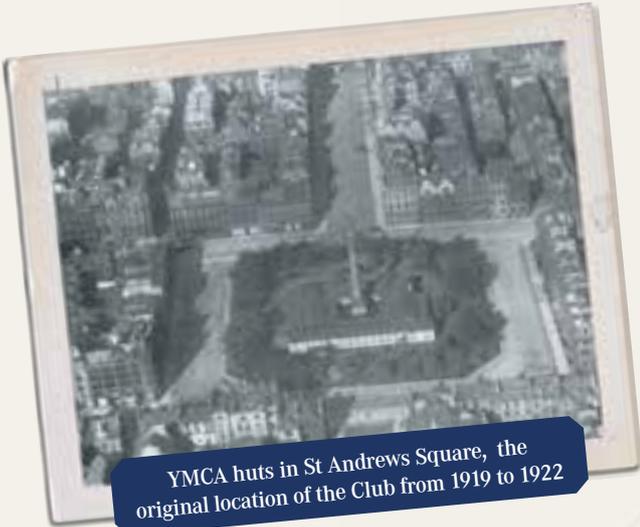


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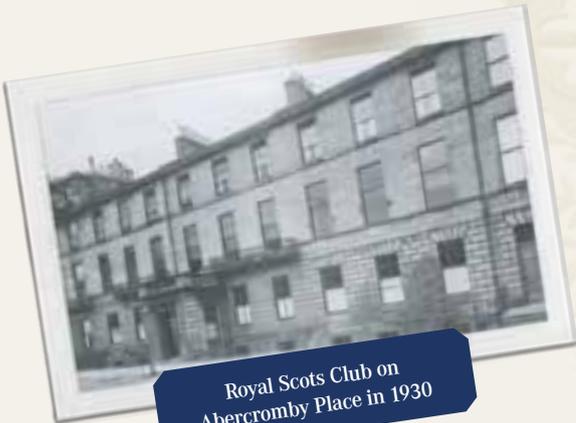
YMCA huts in St Andrews Square, the original location of the Club from 1919 to 1922



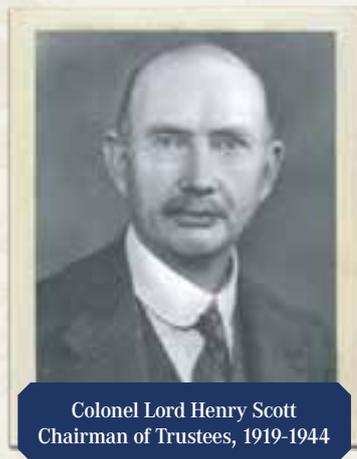
HRH Princess Mary, first Patron of the Club, at the opening of the Club on 10th August 1922

The Royal Scots Club Centenary Year

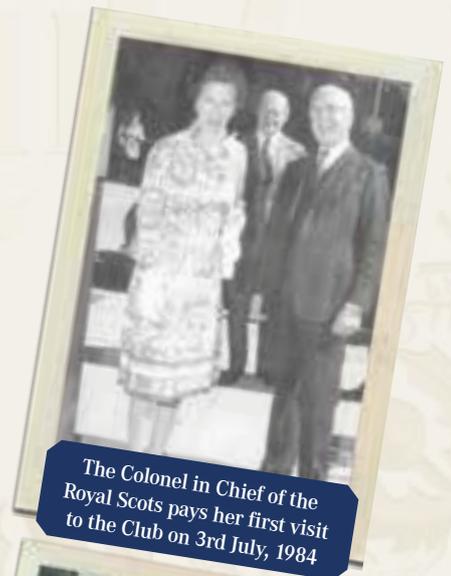
As we approach the New Year we look forward to celebrating a significant anniversary for the Club. One hundred years on from the very first meeting in February 1919 when the decision was made to set up The Royal Scots Club, as a tribute and memorial to those of the Royal Scots who had fallen in the Great War.



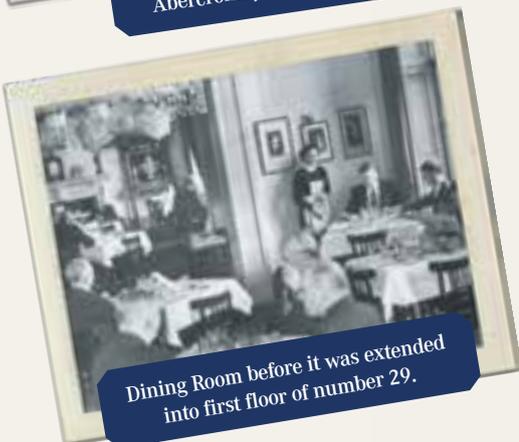
Royal Scots Club on Abercromby Place in 1930



Colonel Lord Henry Scott
Chairman of Trustees, 1919-1944



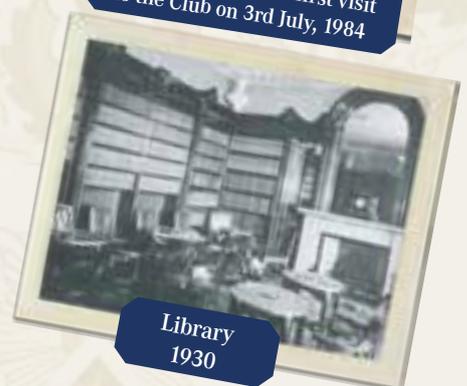
The Colonel in Chief of the Royal Scots pays her first visit to the Club on 3rd July, 1984



Dining Room before it was extended into first floor of number 29.



Entrance Hall
1930



Library
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Centenary Events

'Not for Glory Nor Riches' 100 years of The Royal Scots Club

The Trustees have commissioned the author Roddy Martine to write a book commemorating 100 years of The Royal Scots Club. 'Not for Glory Nor Riches' will be available in March and each member of the Club will receive a free copy (postage payable).

Canongate Kirk

Sunday 10th March 2019, 11am

A commemorative service will be held at the Canongate Kirk at 11am on Sunday 10th March 2019. The Reverend Neil Gardner will conduct the service. All are welcome.

Sunday Lunch

Sunday 10th March 2019, 12.30 for 1pm, £20

Following the commemorative service at the Canongate Kirk, lunch will be available at the Club. The ticket price will include a welcome drink, a three course lunch and a glass of wine. Please note transport from the Kirk is not included.

Founders Day Dinner

Thursday 28th March 2019, 7pm, £45

On Thursday 28th March a Founders Day Dinner will be held at the Club. The guest speaker is The Duke of Buccleuch. This is a black tie event at which mess kit and decorations can be worn where appropriate. Due to limited availability a ballot will allocate tickets for the dinner.

Beating Retreat and Cocktail Party

To celebrate our centenary year, the Club will be holding a Cocktail Party and Beating Retreat in June or July. Dinner will be available in the Club following the Beating Retreat. Further details will be made available once the date is confirmed.

St Andrews Night Dinner

Friday 29th November 2019, 7pm, £45

The St Andrews Night Dinner will be held on Friday 29th November 2019 and will be the last event to celebrate our centenary year. The guest speaker for the evening will be Professor David Purdie.



From the Chairman

Colonel Clinton Hicks OBE

This newsletter rightly leads with a focus on the 2019 Club centenary celebrations planning for which has been in train for the past two years under the direction of the Chairman of Trustees, Maj Gen Mark Strudwick.

The Royal Scots Club had lived through some truly momentous times during the past 100 years and the original concept for the Club which was so clearly articulated by Colonel Lord Henry Scott remains the foundation stone of the Club we know today. At the same time the Club has, when required, adapted successfully to changing circumstances. Our Club membership now includes men and women from all three Services and also the wider civilian community. We can rightly take great pride in those who have gone before and celebrate their immense contribution to so many aspects of life in the City of Edinburgh and beyond.

As we approach Christmas please remember that the Club offers quite excellent value for members wishing to celebrate the festive season in a small way or indeed with a much larger group. Also don't forget to try and get along to my Christmas drinks and canapés on Thursday the 20th December, which will mark the end of another successful year.

The Journey of Union Two Jacks



Two Union Flags are on permanent loan to the Club from Sir Alastair Buchan Hepburn, a direct descendant of Sir John Hepburn, who raised The Royal Scots in 1633. The two flags are situated within the newly refurbished Hepburn Suite.

In 1916, Lieutenant John Buchan Hepburn was part of The Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps, which went ashore at Gallipoli. During the withdrawal from an unsuccessful action, Buchan Hepburn realised the Union Flag had been left behind and bravely dived from the boat into the water to retrieve it despite being shot at by Turkish forces. Wounded, he returned back to his ship a hero with the flag wrapped around him. A recommendation that he be given an award for gallantry was overruled as he had broken Kings Regulations by jumping overboard without being ordered to do so. He was however, allowed to keep the Union Flag as a symbol of his bravery. The second flag was a gift to Lieutenant John Buchan Hepburn from Lord Louis Mountbatten. Buchan Hepburn owned a

rubber plantation in Atale, Ceylon which was located near Mountbatten's headquarters in Kandy. Whilst in Kandy, Buchan Hepburn met Mountbatten and offered his estate as a retreat if needed. On Mountbatten's final stay at the estate, he gifted Buchan Hepburn his own Union Flag as a generous thank you and farewell.

The Royal Scots Regimental Trust marks WWI centenary with unique website feature

The Royal Scots Regimental Trust is marking the centenary of the end of the First World War with a new and unique online facility covering all Royal Scots who died in WWI. Descendants of those men and other researchers will be able to access the list, which is believed to be the first to be compiled on a regimental basis, via the Trust's website, www.theroyalscots.co.uk

The Regiment served in most of the campaigns of the First World War, from the Western Front to Bulgaria. The Regiment also saw active service into 1919 against the Bolsheviks in Russia. Over 100,000 men served with the Regiment, and with some 40,000 being wounded. Six VCs were awarded to members of the Regiment - amazingly, four of the recipients survived the war. (The Club has commissioned six individually engraved paving stones which will be placed at the entrance to the Club to commemorate the VCs won by Royal Scots during the Great War)

Club News

A New Face Joins the Team

Welcome to Beth Reid, our new Conference Porter. Beth is a recent graduate from Stirling University where she studied Criminology and Sociology. Beth likes to travel and tries to see as much of the world as possible and she also likes to keep fit. Next time you're at the Club, please do introduce yourself to Beth.



Update on Reciprocal Clubs

The RAF Club in London has informed us the terms of our reciprocal arrangement have changed and members of the Royal Scots Club will only be able to use the RAF Club facilities if they are staying in the Club.

May we remind all Club members that a letter of introduction must be requested from the RSC Membership Secretary for every reciprocal visit. It needs to state your membership number, the date and purpose of your visit.

Members' Benefit

Our Members' Benefit scheme is being relaunched. Local members will receive a copy of the new scheme with this newsletter, but we are happy to post or email one out to any member who may be interested. Alternatively, full details are available on our website.

200 Club Draw

Lots for the 200 Club can be bought all year round and are only £10 each. The draw will be taken at the AGM next April. Of the money collected, 30% goes to the development fund and 70% is for prize money, the winnings will be substantial.

As we are coming into our centenary year, Lt Col Jock Wilson-Smith has kindly donated the prize for the last ticket drawn. The prize is a bottle of First Choice Blended Scotch Whisky. Made in 1983 to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the raising of The Royal Scots. It is distilled, blended and bottled by Whyte & Mackay distillers of Glasgow, please contact Lauren on 0131 525 6157.



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A TIME FOR FESTIVE CHEER

Christmas meals at the Club

Have you booked your Christmas lunch or dinner for the office or with your friends yet?

The Club is offering its usual excellent Christmas lunches and dinners in the dining room, or in a private room. In the dining room, lunches start from £24.00 and dinner from £30.00. Bookings are already coming in, so please contact Ayesha in our events office soon on 0131 525 6156 or events@royalscotsclub.com

Christmas Opening Hours

The Club will close after breakfast on **Sunday 23rd December** and will reopen for lunch on **Friday 28th December**.

Sunday 23rd December
Closed

Monday 24th December
Closed

Tuesday 25th December
Closed

Wednesday 26th December
Closed

Thursday 27th December
Closed

Friday 28th December
Open 12.00-2.00 pm and 6.00 - 9.00 pm, Betwixt Menu

Saturday 29th December
Open 12.00-2.00 pm and 6.00 - 9.00 pm, Betwixt Menu

Sunday 30th December
Closed for lunch. Open 6.00 - 9.00pm, Betwixt Menu

Monday 31st December
Open 12.00-2.00 pm and 6.00 - 9.00 pm, Betwixt Menu

Tuesday 1st January
Closed for lunch and Open 6.00 - 8.00pm, Betwixt Menu

Wednesday 2nd January
Closed

Thursday 3rd January
Open as usual

Members' Christmas Lunch

Saturday 8th December 2018, 1.00 for 1.30pm, £24

A Christmas extravaganza this year. Included in your afternoon of festive fun will be a welcome drink, a festive three course meal with a glass of wine and a carol concert from the Military Wives Choir. In addition to all that we will be holding our ever popular raffle so don't forget to buy your tickets on the day.



Chairman's Cocktails and Canapés

Thursday 20th December 2018, 6.00 - 8.00pm

The Chairman is pleased to invite you to Christmas Cocktails and Canapes on Thursday 20th December. The first 100 places are complimentary, limited to two tickets per member. Additional tickets are £16 per person. Book soon to avoid disappointment.



Christmas Cards

As Christmas is fast approaching, we have redesigned our Christmas Cards. They are of a very high quality and are £2.50 each or £12.00 for a pack of 6. If you're a local member you can pop in and buy from Reception, or drop us an email and we can post items out to you.

2019 EVENTS

Burns Supper Friday 18th January 2019, 7.00 for 7.30pm £40



The popular Burns Supper always books up quickly. In 2019, we look forward to welcoming the Rev Alec Shuttleworth to deliver the Immortal Memory. Rev Alec Shuttleworth is the Church of Scotland Minister of the Ayrshire Parish of Tarbolton and Annbank, a parish in which Robert Burns lived and where he attended church. Before becoming a minister 7 years ago Alec was an award winning broadcaster. His love affair with the works of Burns goes back to his days growing up in Dumfriesshire and with his close connection to the history and works of Burns. It is no surprise that Alec has spoken, recited or sung at Burns Suppers all over the UK. He has even delivered the Immortal Memory at the legendary Bachelors

Club in Tarbolton, a debating society founded by Robert Burns. In addition to the Immortal Memory and toasts, we will also have musical entertainment to make it an evening to remember. Dress: Lounge Suit or kilt/trews. To book a place, please contact Lauren on 0131 525 6157.

Burns Lunch Tuesday 22nd January 2019, 12.30 pm £22

If you fancy some haggis but aren't up for a late night then why not come along to the Burns Lunch. It's a great way to celebrate the Bard, with delicious Scottish fare and a selection of entertainment. We will be welcoming back John Rae on the pipes and Ken Hastings will be performing the 'Address to the Haggis' and will also be singing.

Speaker's Lunches

These lunches are held on a Monday and are fantastic value at just £20. For that you can enjoy a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, a two course lunch, good company and an interesting talk. Arrive at 12 noon for a welcome drink in the library, then lunch is served at 12.30pm. This spring we are turning our attention to Edinburgh's Museums and Art Galleries.



Monday 25th February 2019, £20

Dr Patrick Watt, 'Modern History and military collections at National Museums Scotland'

Dr Patrick Watt is the curator of Modern History and Military Collections at National Museums Scotland. He has a long-standing interest in Scottish military tradition and has published works on the experiences of Scottish units in the Great War, the formation of Scottish-themed militia battalions across the Empire, and much more. He is currently working on a forthcoming exhibition at National Museums Scotland which examines the development of the romantic image of the Scottish highlands in the period from 1746-1900.



Monday 18th March 2019, £20

Mr David Patterson, 'From Castle to Palace, Artists and The Royal Mile'

David Patterson is Curatorial and Conservation Manager with Edinburgh Museums and Galleries. For many years he was curator of the City's Fine Art Collection. He is currently responsible for managing the City Art Centre as well as overseeing the Travelling Gallery service, the documentation and conservation of the City's museum collections, and the care of the City's monuments estate. David Patterson's talk will take you on a journey down the Royal Mile looking at some of the places and characters that have played such an important role in the history of the City. His talk is divided into a number of sub themes and interspersed by a wide range of images of artists and photographers with quotes from history and literature.



Monday 22nd April 2019, £20

Ms Imogen Gibbon, Chief Curator and Deputy Director at Scottish National Portrait Gallery

From 1997 until 2002 Imogen Gibbon was Curator of Historic Photographs and Ship Plans at the National Maritime Museum Greenwich. In 2002 she began her career at the National Galleries of Scotland as Senior Curator of the Reference Section at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. In 2013 Imogen was appointed to her current role, Chief Curator and Deputy Director of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. She has curated a number of exhibitions at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery - the most recent being the co-curation of the touring exhibition Facing the World: Self-Portraits Rembrandt to Ai Weiwei, a partnership with the Staatliche Kunsthalle, Karlsruhe and the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon.

Evening Lectures

Lectures start at 7.00pm and last for approximately one hour. All lectures are free to attend for members and their guests. Why not also have something to eat in the Abercromby Dining Room and make a night of it?



Monday 28th January 2019

Lieutenant General Robert Baxter, 'Mayhem, Muddle and Making a Difference'

Lieutenant General Robert Baxter was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Signals and early service included: military assistance in Africa; special communications; and, operational service in Northern Ireland, West Africa, the Gulf and the Balkans. He has delivered communications and information systems, signals intelligence and electronic warfare support at most levels of command and across the spectrum of conflict from counter terrorism, through peace enforcement to major combat operations. Currently he is the director of a charitable trust and has just retired as Master of Signals, an honorary post that has its origins in the Tudor Master of the Posts. He is also President of Veterans Scotland and a director of An Fiosaiche (Gaelic for Wise Man or Seer) Consulting Ltd working in the defence, security and healthcare fields. He has also recently become a director of Environmental Fuel Technology Solutions.



Monday 11th February 2019

Brigadier Charles Grant, 'The Road to St. Valéry'

Charles Grant was commissioned into the Queen's Own Highlanders in 1968. He commanded the 51st Highland Brigade in Perth and his last appointment was as Director of Land Warfare. He retired from the Army in June 2002 to take up the appointment of Chief Executive of the Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association. He is a Trustee of the Army Museums Ogilby Trust and is the historian for the 51st Highland Division website. The Road to St. Valéry tells the story of those events which ultimately led to the surrender of the 51st Highland Division at St. Valéry-en-Caux on 12 June 1940.

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 16th May 2019, 2.00 for 2.30pm, £30



Ian Pelham-Turner, 'Royal Etiquette'

Ian Pelham-Turner has enjoyed fifty years in journalism, and has worked with national and international newspapers and magazines. Ian is a commissioned

Royal photographer working with five generations of the Royal Family. He was also a photographer for Prime Minister John Major and his cabinet. He has been a consultant promoting many leading tourist authorities worldwide. Ian Pelham-Turner has used his experience to compile a scintillating talk on 'Royal Etiquette'.

To book a place, please contact Lauren on 0131 525 6157.

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Been and Gone

Trafalgar Night Dinner, Friday 19th October 2018.

On Friday 19th October, The Royal Scots Club hosted a dinner to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Our guest speaker was Rear Admiral Michael Gregory. The evening commenced with a reception in the Hepburn Suite, followed by dinner served in the Princess Royal Suite. The Lowland Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland played during dinner. This event raised £1740 for The Royal Navy and Marine Charity. A superb evening.



Events Calendar

You can now book your events online. Just head to the Club website and click on Members Events. You can also book over the phone or send in a cheque with the booking form.

Please note that cancellations can only be refunded more than 48 hours in advance.



Saturday 8th December 2018,
1.00 for 1.30pm, £24
CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CAROLS

Thursday 20th December 2018,
6.00 till 8.00pm
**CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS
COCKTAILS AND CANAPÉS**

Friday 18th January 2019,
7.00 for 7.30pm, £40
**BURNS NIGHT WITH
REVEREND ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH**

Tuesday 22nd January 2019,
12 noon for 12.30pm, £22
BURNS LUNCH

Monday 28th January 2019, 7.00pm
**EVENING LECTURE WITH
LIEUTENANT GENERAL
ROBERT BAXTER**

Monday 11th February 2019, 7.00pm
**EVENING LECTURE WITH
BRIGADIER CHARLES GRANT**

Monday 25th February 2019,
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**SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH
DR PATRICK WATT**

Sunday 10th March, 11am
CANONGATE KIRK SERVICE

Sunday 10th March, £20
**SUNDAY LUNCH FOLLOWING THE
CANONGATE KIRK SERVICE**

Monday 18th March 2019,
12 noon for 12.30pm, £20
**SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH
MR DAVID PATERSON**

Thursday 28th March 2019,
7.00 for 7.30pm, £45
**FOUNDERS DAY DINNER WITH
THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH**

Sunday 31st March 2019,
12 noon for 12.30pm
MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY LUNCH

Wednesday 17th April 2019,
6.30 for 7.00pm
RSC AGM AND WINE TASTING

Monday 22nd April 2019,
12 noon for 12.30pm, £20
**SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH
MS IMOGEN GIBBON**

Thursday 16th May 2019,
2.00 for 2.30pm, £30
**AFTERNOON TEA WITH
IAN PELHAM-TURNER**



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