

Welcome, new Chairman

At the AGM held on 26 April, Major General Mark Strudwick was delighted to announce the appointment of Colonel Clinton Hicks OBE as the new Chairman of the Club's Committee. We're sure you'll give Clinton a warm welcome when you see him around the Club.

Garden Party

Saturday 29 July, from 1.00 pm



This wonderful Garden Party is hosted each year by the Central Edinburgh New Town Association and this year the organisers have kindly extended an invitation to all RSC members and their friends and family. Last year saw gazebos, big hats, Prosecco and Pimms, flowers, flags, bunting, Union Jacks, brass bands, pipes and drums. The party is held in Queen Street Gardens West and entry is at the double gates on Heriot Row. Laura from the Club will be there with info about membership and Chef will be manning our own hog roast.

Entry to the Garden Party is only £2.50 per person, we'll see you there!

Beating Retreat with Sunday Lunch

Sunday 11 June 2017, 12.30 pm



We are once again holding our ever popular Lunch and Beating the Retreat in Queen Street Gardens, on Sunday 11 June. A super event with delicious lunch served in the Club followed by Beating the Retreat with The RS Association Pipe Band in the beautiful gardens opposite. Only once have we had to hold it inside due to inclement weather, so fingers crossed!

DATE FOR THE DAIRY

'Support Your Services' Race Day at Musselburgh Racecourse

Sunday 1 October

Doors open at 12.00 midday

A massed pipe and drum band will play in front of the grandstand. Armed forces displays and stands, free fairground rides and children's entertainment make this an excellent family afternoon of flat racing. Come along and support your local services!

Book your tickets at www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk
SAVE £5.00 per adult with the Early Bird offer - valid until 20th Sept 2017 (full price adult ticket £25)

St Andrew's Night Dinner

Friday 24 November

7.00 for 7.30 pm, £40

Book your places for this always very popular, annual Black Tie Dinner, as it is on track to be the usual wonderful evening of dinner and entertainment.

The guest speaker is still to be confirmed. We will be emailing out further information then - make sure we have your email address.



There are a few tickets left for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Thurs 3 August 2017



From the Chairman of Trustees

Colonel Clinton Hicks OBE

Many of you will by now have heard that my predecessor, John Lloyd, passed away on the 17 March after a long illness bravely borne.

John was a dedicated and enthusiastic Chairman who worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Club and its members. He will be much missed by those who were fortunate enough to know him but the legacy of his many achievements will live on.

Those of you who are regular visitors to the Club will have noticed the quiet transformation which has taken place in many of the principal rooms. New furnishings, fittings and carpets have been acquired and these have given the Club a fresh and vibrant look, which has been achieved with the minimum of disruption. At the same time the roof has been repaired and so we can now take comfort from

knowing that the Club is in a good state of decoration and repair. There are also plans in place to improve the Hepburn Suite and we hope to be able to complete the necessary work by the end of the year.

Details of upcoming Members' Events are listed in this newsletter. As always the advice is to book early to avoid disappointment. Work has already begun on the programme for next year and planning has started for events in 2019, which will be our Centenary year. We will of course let you know details and dates as soon as these have been confirmed.

Subscription rates have been set for 2017 - 2018 and whilst small increases are I am afraid unavoidable I hope you will agree that the Club provides outstanding value for money at a fraction of the cost payable for similar facilities elsewhere.

Clinton Hicks

CLUB NEWS

Change to Dress Code

The Trustees and Directors had been asked by the Committee to re-examine the Club's dress code, which was announced at the AGM. Both have now agreed to make minor amendments which were well received by those present. The preference for dress at lunch time Monday - Friday will remain 'jacket and tie' but we will be flexible, and 'business attire' will also be acceptable. At the same time we will relax the dress for the evening to 'smart casual', with the aim of attracting more members and residents. We will also relax the dress code for the Members' Lounge to match the current requirement in the Library (jacket and tie not essential) and stipulate 'business attire' as being acceptable. We will listen carefully to the members and monitor the impact of these changes.

Winners of 200 Club draw

Congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club Draw this year, who were announced at the AGM in April. First prize was a very respectable £280, won by former Chairman Craig Duncan. We promise it wasn't a fix! Second prize went to Doreen Copland and third prize went to Maggie Paterson. Four fourth place prizes went to Ian Harper, Daniele Fayolle, Crawford Langley and Anne Ewing.

You can buy lots for the 200 Club at any time of the year, just contact the membership office and next year it could be you.

Ladies Lyceum Club

For any lady Club members who would like to meet new people, the Ladies Lyceum Club meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Club between October and April. Join them for lunch followed by a speaker, or for bridge during the winter months. If you would like to find out more about the Ladies Lyceum, please contact Margaret on 0131 336 4713

John Lloyd

We are very sad to report the death of Chairman John Lloyd on 17 March 2017.

John served on the Members' Committee for 2 years, before being appointed Chairman in April 2014. Many of you will know that John split his time between his homes in Wiltshire and Edinburgh. His memorial service was held in St Andrews Church in Chippenham, Wiltshire on 27 April. There is a working party of John's friends kindly arranging an opportunity in Edinburgh to remember and



celebrate John, and details will be passed on when confirmed.

John Harvey and Chris Gibson

Member John Harvey sadly passed away on his 97th birthday on 10 April. John could be seen in the Club every Tuesday for lunch when he met up with his friends from the 8th Bn RS who served with him in the Second World War. He was one of the longest serving members of the Club and would make the trip to the Club each Tuesday by bus from his home in Haddington right up to his 95th year.

Mrs Chris Gibson will also be sorely missed after passing away earlier in the year at the grand age of 102. Chris had been a member of the Club for many years. Chris is pictured here in the middle on the right hand side at the Club's 90th birthday celebrations, with John on the same side at the forefront



Tattoo Evening with Supper

Thursday 3 August 2017, £38 for ticket and supper



A great evening's entertainment with wonderful performances from around the world. There are two supper sittings, 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm. Please indicate which you prefer when

booking. The performance starts at 9.30 pm and the audience is asked to be in their seats by 9.15pm. There is no transport provided - for advice on any mobility difficulties, please phone the Tattoo Office.

Speaker's Lunches

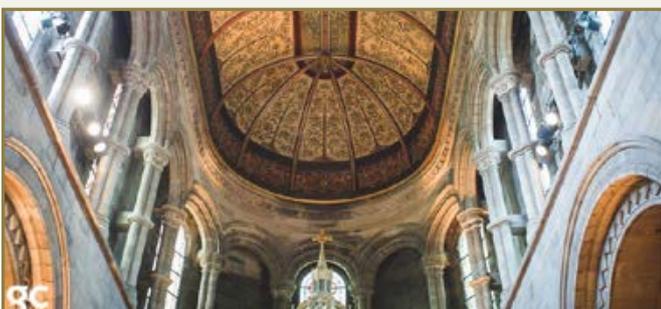
These lunches are held on the third Monday of the month and are fantastic value at just £15. For that you can enjoy a delicious two course lunch, good company and an interesting talk. Most people arrive at 12.00 to have a drink at the bar, and then lunch is served at 12.30 pm. This spring we are focussing on some of Edinburgh's amazing architecture.



Monday 18 September 2017

Ms Rosemary Mann,
Secretary of The Mansfield Traquair Trust

The Mansfield Traquair Trust was formed in 1993 in response to public concern about the deterioration of the condition of the former Catholic Apostolic Church in Mansfield Place, Edinburgh. There had been significant damage to the murals by Phoebe Anna Traquair and at the time there was no viable use for the building. The aims of the Mansfield Traquair Trust are to seek a sustainable long-term future for the building and to ensure that the fabric and the murals are repaired and conserved for the benefit of the public at large. All income and expenditure is dedicated to achieving these aims. There is now a Board of Trustees who bring a wealth of experience in fields of art, architecture, history of art and architecture, fund-raising, the conservation and reuse of historic buildings, project and building management. Join Rosemary in September to hear about the fascinating history of this building.



Monday 16 October 2017

Professor Cliff Hague,
Chairman of The Cockburn Association

The Cockburn Association is a 140 year old Scottish Charity which works to promote the conservation and enhancement of Edinburgh's landscape and historic and architectural heritage. They also encourage that buildings are designed in a way that blends with and enhances their surroundings. Cliff is a freelance consultant, researcher, author and trainer. He is Professor Emeritus of Planning and Spatial Development at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute and of the Commonwealth Association of Planners and past Chair of Built Environment Forum Scotland. He will be telling us all about the Cockburn Association in October.



Monday 20 November 2017

Mr Adam Wilkinson,
Director of Edinburgh World Heritage

Edinburgh World Heritage was created in 1999 through a merger of the Old Town Renewal Trust and the New Town Conservation Committee. They represent the World Heritage Site and monitor its state of conservation as required by UNESCO. Adam was appointed Director in April 2008 and is responsible for providing executive leadership and overall management of EWH, its staff and other organisational and financial resources. He holds an MA in Medieval History and Russian Language, and an MSc in Historic Conservation, and has a broad knowledge of UK conservation policy and architectural history. Come and hear about this important organisation to round off this series of lunches.



Evening Lectures at the RSC

Lectures start at 7.00 pm 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 Dining Room and make a night of it?

Monday 2 October 2017

'Medical Expertise and the Criminal Courts' with Professor Tony Busuttill

Tony Busuttill is Regius Professor of Forensic Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and Professor of Applied Pathology, Emeritus at the Royal College of Surgeons. Tony will give us a fascinating insight into how his work has helped some very high profile cases.

Monday 6 November 2017

'In the Footsteps of Allenby - The Palestine Campaign 1917-18' with Colonel AK Miller

Col. Miller will be marking the 100th anniversary of The Palestine Campaign. His talk will principally focus on the exploits of the 52nd Lowland Division in which the Royal Scots played a significant role along with the other Lowland Regiments.





Spooky Supper Fireside Chat with John Baxter

Tuesday 31 October, 6.30 pm, £18

Whilst we don't want to wish away the summer, those longer nights are never too far away. If you're brave enough, venture into the Club on All Hallow's Eve to meet John Baxter - one of Scotland's leading historians on the Burke and Hare murders. He has been featured on ITV and BBC discussing bodysnatching and the West Port Murders. John will chat to us about various spooky goings on in the streets of Edinburgh from years gone by. We'll serve a comforting supper afterwards to sooth the nerves!



Edinburgh Fringe Festival

A fantastic variety of productions will once again return to the Club in August.

In the mornings of 7 - 12 of August we welcome back Michelle van Rensburg and the Little Shakespeare group from East Lothian. They will once again have a mixture of music and fun for youngsters to introduce them to the magical world of Shakespeare.

In the evenings we welcome back the Edinburgh Grads with two plays - Ben Johnson's 'Volpone', a classic farce and comedy for all ages, and Claire Woods' 'Beauty' which tells the story of a top controversial photographer.

From 14 - 19 August, Arkle Theatre Company will stage two plays. 'The Fair Intellectual Club' by Lucy Porter is a daft comedy suitable for all ages which tells the true story of three young Edinburgh ladies tired of not being allowed to study the classics or sciences over two hundred years ago. They form their own secret study group with much witty banter and modern references, great fun.

Every week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Debbie Cannon will bring a bit more fantasy to the venue with her one-woman show 'Green Knight' which tells of the court of King Arthur and an unwinnable challenge that is issued. A tale of love, chivalry and magical times.

On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week we have an American company from Portland, Oregon under the direction of William Gebo. Their piece 'The Alien Chicken Remembers Galatea' is a story of monsters in Diana's woods in ancient times although brought up to date to show the effects of gods and monsters especially on young women, strong emotional drama.

After that in the later show we have 'Outside Mullingar' by Oscar winning author John Patrick Shanley. Two families divided by a disputed strip of land in rural Ireland also have a son and daughter that love each other albeit unable to say the words. Funny and bittersweet this is a superb play.

From 21 - 26 August, the Makars Group will stage Alan Ayckbourn's great comedy 'Neighbourhood Watch'. With all the usual Ayckbourn ingredients a local street takes on many mistakes and nonsense with hilarious results.

Full timings and details of all these shows and perhaps even more yet to come will be in the Fringe Programme which launches in early June and online at www.edfringe.com

Lieutenant Walter Lyon

The first Scottish advocate killed in action in the First World War has been revealed to be a poet who composed his works in the trenches. The story of Lieutenant Walter Lyon of the Royal Scots who lost his life at Ypres on 8 May 1915, aged 29, was uncovered by solicitor and Club member Alastair Shepherd who researched the stories of the advocates listed on the War Memorial of the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh. Lyon's best-known poem "I Tracked A Dead Man Down A Trench" published posthumously in 1916 in his book *Easter At Ypres 1915*. Shepherd, a solicitor with Coulters in Edinburgh, spent nine months carrying out the research using resources such as war diaries for battalions, questionnaires sent to families and newspaper archives. Of the 400 advocates in Scotland in 1914, 163 served in the armed services, with a death rate of 16 per cent.

Article taken from The Scotsman, 6 August 2016. Alastair's book 'The Haddington War Memorial 1914 - 1919' is on sale from the Club. Please contact Reception if you wish to purchase a copy.



Reciprocal Club News

A request from our reciprocal clubs in London

When visiting a reciprocal Club, please don't forget to request your letter of introduction. They are only valid for the date of your visit, so a new one needs to be issued every time. You can do this from the Member's Area of the website, or email membership@royalscotscub.com and Laura will drop the Club an email. The London clubs are particularly strict, and will not allow you or your guests access unless you able to present your letter of introduction and a valid membership card. The National Liberal Club will now only allow RSC members to visit once a year. We are very fortunate to have these arrangements with other clubs so please remember that they are for occasional use only and are not to be treated as your main club.

A special offer from The Leander Club

The Leander Club would like to extend an invitation to RSC members for their Henley Royal Regatta. Members can attend on either Wednesday 28 June or Sunday 2 July 2017 and the package includes entry tickets to the historic Leander Club, a traditional luncheon in the members' marquee, afternoon tea and exclusive enclosure tickets to watch the races and soak up the unique atmosphere. Tickets are priced at £170 (including VAT) per person and you can email regatta@leander.co.uk for more info.



NEW SEASON, NEW MENU

We hope you like the new carpet in the Cocktail Bar! We are also excited to reveal our tasty new bar menu - come on in and try it out. We're especially looking forward to the Mezzaluna - a classic Italian folded bread, filled, toasted & served with salad and coleslaw. Here's a few of the new additions:

A pot of Chef's pâté of the day served with coleslaw, salad & crusty bread

Plum tomato, basil pesto & mozzarella mezzaluna

Scottish smoked salmon salad

Croque Monsieur - the toasted cheese & ham sandwich of café society fame

There will also be a new menu served upstairs for dinner between 5.30 and 9.30 pm, combining the usual high tea favourites and some exciting new dishes.

STAFF PROFILE

Georgia Howaniec

Food and Beverage Assistant

Georgia started working at the Club last August and you will have seen her working away behind the bar and also serving tasty meals at various events - sometimes doing both at once! You might expect from her surname that Georgia would have a Polish accent but her family has lived in Edinburgh for many years. Before she joined us here she worked at Liberton Golf Club. Georgia loves chatting to all the different people that come through the Club, but everyone needs the occasional break so she is off to Greece this month for a well-deserved holiday



Photo Gallery

Right: **Lieutenant Colonel & Mrs Willow of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) beside the Totem Pole in The Royal Scots Club.**



Below: **Canadian Scottish, Royal Scots, Royal Regiment of Scotland and Royal Scots Club Members celebrate the Alliance**



The Club was delighted to be presented with a framed Regimental cap badge from the Tatton family in April. The badge was displayed in the personal office of Henry Tatton in the Rose Street shop and workshop of Henry Tatton & Son up to the closure of the business in the early 1970's. Henry Tatton (1868 - 1953) was an established figure in retail and manufacturing jewellery and took a personal interest in the manufacture of sporrans, dirks, officers cap badges and plaid brooches etc.

It is not known within the Tatton family what the occasion was in November 1939 when Captain Clark presented the badge to Henry Tatton. The date of the original carving of the badge - 1882, is also the date of the original founding of Henry Tatton's jewellery business. However what is known, is that at some point the Tatton's business supplied a 'Master/Slave'

clock system to the Royal Scots Club. The original Master clock case with highlights Henry Tatton's name is now displayed within the Club. The Master clock case now has a more recent replacement movement in place of the original 30 second pulse movement which would have controlled a large number of 'slave' clocks spread widely over the Club. The badge was carved from stone in 1882 and the gold colour remains very fresh after years of exposure to sunlight. It is therefore very likely that the gold colour is in fact gold leaf.

Club General Manager Adrian Hayes and Hugh Tatton



Members' Afternoon Tea

It was wonderful to meet Clare Blatherwick in March, who was the Head of the Jewellery and Silver Department in Scotland for Bonhams Auctioneers. She included some dazzling images in her talk and then there was a feast of sandwiches and scones served afterwards.



Speaker's Lunch

*with Gordon Dewar,
CEO of Edinburgh Airport*

We were delighted to welcome Gordon to our speaker's lunch in February. A well-attended and very interesting talk which provided an excellent insight to the daily goings on at Edinburgh Airport.



Literary Supper

Something a bit different for a Thursday back in February - we very much appreciated crime writers Lin Anderson, Alex Gray and Alanna Knight giving up their time to talk about their **well known** fictional characters. An Italian inspired supper rounded off the evening.

Events Calendar

You can now book your events online. Just head to the Club website and click on Members Events, you don't need to log in anywhere first. You can also book over the phone or send in a cheque with a booking form.

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



Sunday 11 June 2017, 12.30 pm, £17.50
SUNDAY LUNCH AND BEATING RETREAT

Thursday 29 June 2017, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, £35
WRNS CENTENARY DINNER

With Commodore Inga J Kennedy QHNS QARNNS

Saturday 29 July 2017
QUEEN STREET GARDENS WEST
GARDEN PARTY

Thursday 3 August 2017, 6.00 pm or 7.15 pm, £38
SUPPER FOLLOWED BY EDINBURGH
MILITARY TATTOO

Monday 18 September 2017, 12.00 pm, £15
SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH ROSEMARY MANN

Monday 2 October, 7.00 pm, FREE
EVENING LECTURE WITH TONY BUSUTTI

Tuesday 31 October, 6.30 pm
SPOOKY FIRESIDE CHAT WITH JOHN BAXTER

Monday 16 October 2017, 12.00 pm, £15
SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH CLIFF HAGUE

Monday 6 November 2017, 7.00 pm, free
EVENING LECTURE WITH COLAK MILLER

Saturday 12 November 2017, from 12.00pm
REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY LUNCH

Monday 20 November 2017, 12.00 pm, £15
SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH ADAM WILKINSON

Friday 24 November 2017, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, £38
ST ANDREW'S NIGHT DINNER

Special anniversary or birthday coming up?



The Club is an ideal spot to mark a special occasion. Close to train, bus and tram stations for friends and family visiting, a newly refurbished bar area and a variety of function rooms and menus means we are able to cater for all celebrations. It's not as costly as you might think to arrange private dining or a drinks reception.

Contact Ayesha our Events Coordinator who would be happy to show you round or provide more information events@royalscotclub.com



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