

# Forthcoming Events at the Club

**Bookings can ONLY be taken when payment is made at the same time.**

1. sending in the Booking Form with your payment – cheque or credit card
2. phoning in your booking and paying with a credit card
3. printing off the online booking form at [www.royalscotsclub.com](http://www.royalscotsclub.com) and sending/emailing it in
4. booking and paying in person to Janet in the Club office during office hours

**REFUNDS** For fully booked events, refunds will **ONLY** be made if the places returned can be resold.  
**NO** refunds **FOR ANY EVENT** will be made less than 48 hrs before an event.

 <p>Tues 10 December</p>	<p><b>Members Carol Concert</b> After last year's wonderfully enjoyable Carol Concert with the fabulous voices of the Military Wives Choir from Edinburgh Garrison, they are coming back to give us a repeat performance! Wine &amp; mince pies will be served following the concert for a real festive evening. <b>Concert starts 7.00pm, mince pies 7.45pm £11.00pp</b></p>
 <p>Tues 14 Jan 2014</p>	<p><b>Members Burns Lunch</b> A great lunch with all the right Burns entertainment, but no late night! Come and enjoy haggis and music with members and friends. <b>12 for 12.30pm, £18.50pp</b></p>
 <p>Fri 17 January</p>	<p><b>Members Burns Supper</b> This year we have the extremely popular &amp; entertaining Burns expert, Mr Cammy Goodall giving the Immortal Memory and performing Tam O'Shanter, and we are hoping to have father &amp; daughter, Johnny &amp; Maureen Beattie to give the Toast to the Lassies &amp; The Reply. Do not miss this year's supper! <b>Dress: Lounge suit / Kilt 6.30 for 7.00pm start. £32.50pp</b></p>
 <p>Thurs 6 February</p>	<p><b>Cookery Demonstration with RSC Chefs - Easy Dinners for Entertaining</b> Following the great success of our barbecue demonstration this year, we are holding another in 2014, again in aid of Capability Scotland. Chefs from the Club will give step by step instructions on how to make dishes you always wanted to try – and all shown on large screens so you don't miss a dice or a slice! <b>There will also be a wine tasting and supper. 6.30 for 7.00pm, £30.00pp</b></p>
 <p>Thurs 27 February</p>	<p><b>Fabulous Themed French Dinner - with dancing!</b> This themed evening has it all – sumptuous food, great wine and the chance to dance to an authentic live French band – what else do you need for a fun night out? Come as a couple or come as a group, this is going to be a fabulous night! <b>Dress: Lounge suit/ casual 7 for 7.30pm, £35.00</b></p>
 <p>Wed 5 March</p>	<p><b>Speakers Dinner with Brig David Allfrey MBE</b> Brig Allfrey is Chief Exec &amp; Producer of Edinburgh Military Tattoo, having previously been commander of 51 (Scottish) Brigade in Stirling. He has many hugely amusing stories about his military experiences, and now with his second career in entertainment there are many more humorous tales to tell! <b>3 course dinner and talk, 7 for 7.30pm, £25.00</b></p>
 <p>Fri 28 March</p>	<p><b>Regimental Day Lunch</b> Book a table in the Dining room for lunch with old friends and comrades.</p>
 <p>Sun 30 March</p>	<p><b>Mothers Day Sunday Lunch</b> You don't even need to bring your Mother, just come and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Club! <b>Book a table from 12.30pm, £17.50p</b></p>
 <p>Thurs 3 April</p>	<p><b>Cruising at the Club</b> <i>A very special Speaker &amp; Gourmet Seafood Dinner</i> We are thrilled to have as our guest speaker, Captain Nick Bates, recently retired after 40 years at sea with Cunard Line. He started his Cunard career on the legendary QE2 and went on to sail with many of Cunard's fabulous liners, culminating with his captaincy of the QE2 and then the new QM2. Nick is a hugely popular speaker and is greatly entertaining with his light-hearted look back over some of his interesting and sometimes hilarious experiences at sea. This is an evening not to be missed as we are also serving a special sea food dinner specially prepared by our Club chefs. <b>7.00pm start, £33.00pp</b></p>
<p>Wed 16 April</p>	<p><b>RSC AGM. 7.00pm, The Library</b></p>
 <p>Sun 20 April</p>	<p><b>Easter Sunday Lunch</b> Come and celebrate Easter with a sumptuous Sunday Lunch, and bring friends &amp; family from <b>12.30pm, £17.50</b></p>
 <p>Sun 8 June</p>	<p><b>Sunday Lunch &amp; Beating the Retreat</b> Our ever popular lunch at the Club followed by a superb Beating the Retreat in Queen Street Gardens with The Royal Scots Association Pipes &amp; Drums. Seating available in the gardens, but ladies, please wear flat shoes if you can for the slightly steep entrance/exit. Places limited so book early. <b>Lunch 12.30pm, Retreat 2.30pm, £16.50pp</b></p>

**Club Chairman Craig Duncan and his wife Jean would like to wish all the Club Members a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.**

### Past Club Events

## Charity Fashion show in aid of Poppy Scotland

What a night we ladies had! L K Bennett put on a marvellous show, highlighting their beautiful outfits, shoes and handbags, and showcasing the hats of Hannah Young, of Rose Young. Several dashing young soldiers from 1SCOTS escorted the models down the catwalk which certainly added a frisson to this splendid evening. The show was followed by dinner and a charity raffle, with the event raising over £1000.00 for Poppy Scotland. Many thanks to all who supported this splendid evening!



Fashion models & model with 1SCOTS escort



## Remembrance Day Lunch

On Sunday 10th November, Club members, guests and several 1SCOTS families met at the Club for lunch, when 3 wreaths were laid at the Club Memorials by Maj Gen Mark Strudwick CBE, Trustee of the Club, Mr Eric Milligan of Edinburgh City Council and Lt Col Matt Munro Commanding Officer 1SCOTS.

## St Andrews Night Dinner

This year, our special guest speaker at the St Andrews Night Dinner was The Rt Rev Dr John Armes, The Bishop of Edinburgh, and there was not an empty seat to be had! 150 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner followed by excellent performances. Dr Armes gave a highly entertaining and thought provoking St Andrews Night talk which kept the audience enthralled, and along with Piper Major Mike Pretsell, the wonderfully versatile Shetland Fiddlers and fabulous acapella folk trio The Silver Darlings, it has to be one of the best Dinners held at the Club. A very big thank you to all who took part in the evening.



Performers at The St Andrews Night Dinner

### Winter Warmer Dining Vouchers

It's time again for the Winter dining room vouchers. Two, 2 course dinners for £24.00 Mon - Thurs, and £28.00 on Fri & Saturday

Your book of 5 vouchers is enclosed, valid from Fri 3rd Jan to Fri 28th Feb 2014.

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Invites you to

**A Burns Supper**  
at The Royal Scots Club  
on Sat 25th Jan 2014

7.00 for 7.30pm

Dress: Black Tie / Highland / Lounge Suit

Tickets only £35.00

Tickets available from  
The Daisy Chain Trust

0131 339 5892

or Janet at The Royal Scots Club

0131 556 4270

**All proceeds to  
the daisy chain trust**

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December 2013



**Merry Christmas to all our Members!**



## Club Wins at Prestigious Awards

In September, the Club was thrilled to be presented with 'The Best Small Venue' award at a glitzy Scottish Event Awards Ceremony held at the Crowne Plaza in Glasgow. General Manager Adrian Hayes, Events Co-ordinator Ayesha Longley and Senior Assistant Manager Derek Young were absolutely delighted when the Club name was called out and they accepted the award in front of an audience of over 400 guests.

'This award is for all the staff at the Club', said Adrian Hayes after the presentation, 'We are immensely proud of their hard work and dedication, which has made this award possible.'

Ayesha was especially pleased, as she has only been with the Club since January, and was the person who entered the Club for the award. As she said the following day, 'I really didn't think we would win the first year we were nominated, so this is the icing on the cake of an extremely busy and successful events year'. Well done everyone!



Adrian, Ayesha & Derek accepting 'The Best Small Venue Award'

### Don't forget...

The Edinburgh Garrison's Military Wives Choir is once again performing at our Carol Concert on Tues 10th December at 7.00pm. Book your places now! £11.00pp with wine & warm mince pies served after the concert.



### STOP PRESS

## Johnnie & Maureen Beattie to give Toasts at the Club Burns Supper in January!

We are thrilled to announce that well known Scottish actor and comedian, **Johnnie Beattie MBE**, has agreed to attend the Club Burns Supper and give **The Toast to the Lassies**. In a career spanning six decades, Johnny has topped the bill in pantomime and variety seasons in all the major theatres in Scotland. He has also been a major player in the protection and conservation of some of our most iconic theatre buildings. He has starred in many television series.

Most recently Johnny returned to his acting roots to play Malcolm Hamilton in BBC Scotland's ongoing drama series *River City*, a role he has played for the past 10 years. We are also hoping that his daughter, **Maureen Beattie**, is also known in her own right as an actress of stage, screen and radio, will be able to give the **Reply for the Lassies**, subject to professional commitments. She trained at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire, from which she graduated with the James Bridie Gold

Medal. Her recent work in Scotland includes her one-woman show *The List*, for Stellar Quines at the Edinburgh Festival, and the lead role in Ian Rankin's first play *Dark Road*, at the Royal Lyceum. On television she is probably best known for her roles in *Casualty*, *Bramwell* and *The Bill*. **The Immortal Memory** is being given this year by the best Burns expert and performer in Edinburgh, **Cameron Goodall**, who will also be performing **Tam O'Shanter**, so the evening is going to be exceptional.



**£32.50pp, starting 6.30 for 7.00pm, Dress Code: Kilt or Lounge suit.**

Please note that Johnny and Maureen's attendance is, necessarily, subject to their professional engagements and commitments.



## Up-coming Club Events

We have some fabulous events organised for 2014, starting with:

### **A delectable French Dinner with Dancing**

**Thurs 27 February 2014**

Forget over-rated & out-dated Valentines Day – bring your loved one to a night of fabulous food and dancing with authentic French Accordion Band, Les Trois Blondes!



This is going to be a really fun night, so come and be transported over the channel to La Belle France.

Book a table and bring your friends for food, wine, dancing and romance – the latter not being compulsory! Or book a cosy table for two where l'amour is essential!

**Aperitifs served from 7.00pm, dinner at 7.30pm, £35.00, Dancing from 8.30pm.**

### **Cookery Demonstration with RSC Chefs in aid of Capability Scotland**

### **Easy Dinners for Entertaining**

**Thurs 6 February 2014**

Following the great success of our barbecue demonstration this year, we are holding another one in 2014, again in aid of well deserving charity, Capability Scotland.

Chefs from the Club will give step by step instructions on how to make dishes you always wanted to try – and all shown on large screens so you don't miss a dice or a slice!

Make entertaining friends at home a joy rather than a chore – and astound them with your culinary skills!

The evening will also include a wine tasting with Great Grog and a delicious supper - tasting the dishes that have been demonstrated.

**6.30 for 7.00pm, £30.00pp**



Cookery demo at the Club

### **Spring Speakers Dinners**

**Wed 5th March 2014**

### **Brig David Allfrey MBE**

Chief Executive & Producer of Edinburgh Military Tattoo Brig Allfrey was appointed Chief Exec & Producer of Edinburgh Military Tattoo in the Spring of 2011, having previously been commander of 51 (Scottish) Brigade in Stirling.

He has had an extremely distinguished military career which began when he was commissioned into the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards in 1979, going on to command the Regiment from 2000 to 2002.

Brig Allfrey has many hugely amusing stories about his military experiences, and now with his second career in entertainment there are many more humorous tales to tell!

A great evening with dinner and an excellent speaker

**7.00 for 7.30pm, £25.00**



Brig David Allfrey MBE

**Thurs 3 April 2014**

### **Captain Nick Bates, Cunard Captain *'A Laugh on the Ocean Waves'***

We are very excited to have Captain Bates as a guest at the Club. He is an extremely popular speaker whose hilarious and light hearted talk recounts fascinating people and experiences from a lifetime at sea.

Brought up in the small fishing village of Ardglass in Northern Ireland, Nick got his first command at the tender age 11 when he purchased a 10 foot rowing boat.

He obtained his Masters "Ticket" in the winter of 1975 and shortly after was offered a position onboard the famous Queen Elizabeth 2. This short term contract soon turned out to be almost a lifetime commitment as he remained with Cunard Line for over 35 years, latterly sailing in command of the Cunard Princess, The Caronia, Sea Goddess 2, the Legendary QE2, and finally being offered captaincy of The Queen Mary 2, the largest liner ever built. Nick retired from Cunard in 2010.

A special gourmet seafood dinner will also be served on the night. This evening is likely to be a sell-out so book quickly!

**7.00pm drinks reception, starts 7.30pm, £33.00**



Capt Nick Bates



# Christmas & New Year 2013/14



## Club Opening Times for Members

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 DEC OPEN	22 DEC CLOSED	23 DEC CLOSED <i>after Lunch</i>	24 DEC Christmas Eve CLOSED	25 DEC Christmas Day CLOSED	26 DEC Boxing Day CLOSED	27 DEC OPEN FROM NOON <i>For betwixt Lunch &amp; Dinner</i>
28 DEC OPEN <i>For betwixt Lunch &amp; Dinner</i>	29 DEC CLOSED	30 DEC OPEN <i>For betwixt Lunch &amp; Dinner</i>	31 DEC OPEN <i>For betwixt Lunch &amp; Dinner</i>	1 JAN CLOSED	2 JAN CLOSED	3 JAN RE-OPEN Normal Hours

### Dining at the Club betwixt Christmas

On **Friday 27th, Saturday 28th, Monday 30th & Hogmanay Night**, we are offering a menu of traditional Scottish fayre for both lunch (12-2pm) and dinner (6-9pm).

Bring along your family and friends for a change from the turkey leftovers.

#### STARTERS

- Homemade lentil broth with croutons
- Cullen Skink
- Homemade pate with toasted fingers of foccacia
- Orkney herring fillet in Madeira
- Leek & blue cheese tart
- Smoked Rannoch chicken with avocado salad

#### MAINS

- Slow roasted shoulder of lamb, flavoured with cumin and coriander
- Musselburgh beef & oyster pie
- Haddock & chips, served with tartar sauce
- Chicken tikka masala, pilau rice and poppadoms
- Ham & eggs with chips
- Creamy fish pie, topped with mash
- Braised oxtail in a rich gravy
- Grilled sirloin steak, black pepper sauce (£5 supplement)
- Roast winter vegetables in puff pastry, topped with Morangie brie

#### DESSERTS

- Marmalade bread & butter pudding
- Chocolate tart with whisky sauce
- Sticky toffee pudding & toffee sauce
- Spiced winter fruit and homemade ice cream
- Cheese & biscuits

Lunch - £11.00 for two courses, £13.00 for three courses (includes coffee)

Dinner £14.00 for two courses £17.00 for three courses (includes coffee)

**Relaxed dress code and NO supplement for non-members - High tea will not be served on these 4 betwixt evenings**

Booking preferred but not essential, but do remember we are closed 23rd to 27th December.

### Christmas at the Club!

*It's nearly here!*

If you haven't already, book your Christmas lunch or dinner at the Club.

We are serving Christmas Lunches,  
Mon - Sat from 2nd December,  
between 12 noon and 5.00pm, and dinner from 7pm to 9pm  
- great fun and festive food!

Lunch, £19.00pp, dinner £30.00pp,  
both with choice menus & crackers

Phone Ayesha for details & availability on 0131 525 6156



*And still plenty of our fun  
RSC Christmas Cards,  
only £6.00 for 10 cards.*



### Christmas Staff Fund

At this time of year, many of our members ask about donating to the staff fund.

There are several ways you can do this:

- At renewal time in June/July, donate to the Staff and Development Funds with your renewal subs.
- If you would prefer, you can send in your donations at Christmas.
- Many members prefer to tip the staff when they in the Club on a regular basis

The donations sent in with the annual subscriptions and at Christmas, are divided up amongst ALL the staff, including those behind the scenes, and paid out in December.

### Ursula joins the Team

We are delighted to introduce our new Duty Manager, Ursula Giltenane, who joined our staff team in September. Originally from Co. Limerick, she has worked in hospitality in Ireland and Edinburgh and is at present also studying for a Masters in HR.

In 2012 she was awarded Rising Star of the Year at the Scottish Hotel Awards, and we are sure she will be a great asset to the Club in her roles as duty manager and staff trainer.



## Evening Lectures at the RSC – Winter/Spring Series 2013

**Free to Attend** There are some fascinating lectures this Winter/Spring session, so come and spend the first Monday evening of each month with us. Lectures start at 7.00pm and last for approximately 1 hour. All lectures are free to attend for Members and their guests. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so that we can estimate numbers.

**Why not book a table for high tea or dinner and make a night of it -high tea is served from 5pm on the Monday lecture evening.**

**Monday 13 January 2014**

**Mr Brian Adair, an Old Master of The Merchant Company of the City of Edinburgh**  
*'The Merchant Company'*

The Merchant Company Schools help to shape future generations of business and professional people for Edinburgh, Scotland and the wider world. The schools have evolved from hospitals for orphans and destitute children into predominantly day schools which provide high quality education for boys and girls in Edinburgh.



The relief of the poor, the provision of education and support for the elderly have also been, and are still, major concerns of The Merchant Company. Brian Adair (*Left*) will explain the history of this famous Edinburgh Company and how it started, and will discuss what it stands for and its relevance in today's world.

**Monday 3 February 2014**

**Mr David McClay, Archive Curator, National Library of Scotland**  
*'Picturing Africa: Illustrating Livingstone's Travels'*



The missionary explorer David Livingstone (*Left*) became a national hero because of his travels in Africa. His bestselling books caused a sensation due to their lavish illustrations of natural wonders and discoveries, as well as depicting dangers and exposing the cruelty of the slave trade. Join curator David McClay and discover the story behind the pictures of Africa which illustrated Livingstone's travels, a tale of artists, photographers, engravers and publishers, as well as intrepid heroes.

**Monday 3 March 2014**

**Mr Bill Stevenson**  
*'The Boys Brigade, the Challenge for today's Young People'*



The Boys' Brigade is the oldest of the voluntary uniformed youth organisations and is celebrating its 130th anniversary having been founded in Glasgow by Sir William Alexander Smith in 1883. Come along to hear how the organisation grew into a leading worldwide youth organisation and what they have planned for today's young people.

## Scottish Arts Leaders Lunchtime Lectures January – March 2014

We have an amazing new list of speakers for our Winter lunchtime lectures, so why not treat yourself to a delicious 2 course lunch, good company and an exceptionally interesting talk – what else would you be doing on a Monday lunchtime? Held on the third Monday of each month.

**2 course lunch and talk, £15.00pp, or book all three lectures at one time and save £3.00, 3 Lunch Lectures for £42.00pp**

**Monday 20 January, 2014**

**Michael Elliott**  
**Chief Executive of The Royal National Scottish Orchestra**



The RSNNO is Scotland's national symphony orchestra. Based in Glasgow, the 89-member professional orchestra regularly performs throughout Scotland and abroad. Along with the RNSO Chorus, the company has an extensive list of major recordings to its name.



After a full professional life in the Arts, education and senior management, Michael (Above) was the Director of Culture at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport until 2011 when he took up

the post of Chief Executive of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Michael was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of the University by Sheffield Hallam University in November 2011.

**Monday 17 February**

**Alex Reedijk**  
**General Director of Scottish Opera**



Scottish Opera is the country's national opera company and its largest performing arts organisation. It performs throughout Scotland and the UK and offers the proud boast that each year 95% of the people of Scotland are within half an hour's travelling distance of one of their operas. The company also operates an extensive programme of outreach and education work. Alex (Below) joined Scottish Opera as General Director in February 2006, following four years at the helm of the NZO. Prior to this post he was Executive Director of the New Zealand International



Festival of the Arts. His career includes extensive experience in production management for theatre, ballet festivals and opera. Alex was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in November 2011.

**Monday 17 March**

**Christopher Hampson**  
**Artistic Director of Scottish Ballet**



Scottish Ballet is the country's national dance company, employing 36 professional dancers, 41 staff and a part-time freelance orchestra of up to 70

musicians. Its primary aim is to provide programmes of world-class dance performance and educational activity at all scales. The company Ballet presents a wide range of high-quality dance to audiences across Scotland, the UK and abroad.



Christopher, who joined Scottish Ballet as Artistic Director in August 2012, trained at the Royal Ballet Schools. His choreographic work began there and continued at English National Ballet, where he danced until 1999 and for whom he subsequently created many award-winning works; an achievement he continued in places as far afield as New Zealand, Europe and the USA. Christopher's work now forms part of the Solo Seal Award for the Royal Academy of Dance.