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June 2015

Benefits for all: The 200 Club gets a revamp

It's that time of year again and the Membership Secretary is targeting 10% of you.

For some years, the 200 Club has provided useful extra money for our Development Fund as well as offering participants the possibility of a generous bonus win at the end of the year. We have decided to revamp the scheme and encourage many more people (might we get 200?) to take part.

Here is how it works:

There will now be 200 slots available at just £10 each. If you buy in to this you will be making a valuable and useful donation and have the chance to benefit from the annual draw. Fifty per cent of the takings go

directly to the Development Fund and the remainder makes up three prizes; a first, second and third.

This means that if we can get 200 participants at £10, immediately £1,000 goes to the Fund and draw prizes of 1st £500, 2nd £300 and 3rd £200 can be offered.

Just work out the odds; you can see that it makes sense to take part! So, why not try your luck and enter for £10 a lot - or more? There is no limit to the number of lots you can purchase.

The 200 Club is drawn at the April AGM, so remember to enter when completing your renewal or donation notice.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your 2015/16 Membership Renewal payment is due on 1st July, and you will receive your Renewal or Donation Notice in June. We would ask you to return this promptly, and if you do not already pay by Direct Debit, we would urge you to start this year. Please complete the DD mandate and return with your renewal notice. Thank you!

Waterloo 200 Anniversary Dinner

Friday 19th June 2015

There are still a few places left for this historic dinner being held at the Club on Friday 19th June.

Special VIP guests are renowned war historian **Trevor Royle** and **French Consul General Pierre-Alain Coffinier**, who will both be speaking about Waterloo, and perhaps giving their own interpretation of this famous battle.

There will also be various significant Waterloo artefacts on display at the dinner which will certainly add to the ambience of this important anniversary evening.

Fri 19 June,
7 for 7.30 dinner,
£36.00pp (not incl drinks)
Dress code:
Black tie and
decorations



Trevor Royle



Consul Gen Coffinier

Palace of Holyroodhouse

Private Guided Tour Evening

The Club has booked a private tour of The Palace of Holyroodhouse on the evening of Wednesday 15th July.

This is a full tour of the Palace and includes the West Drawing Room, not normally open to the public. Following the tour, you will be offered a glass of Champagne and 20% discount on merchandise purchased from the Palace shop.

Places for this tour are very limited so don't miss out, please book immediately.

The price of the private evening tour is **£30pp**, starting at 6.30pm at the Palace and lasting approximately two hours.

Please book through the Booking Form or phone Janet



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RSC St Andrew's Night Dinner - special guest speaker is to be **Rev Professor Norman Drummond CBE FRSE**, of Drummond International. Former paratrooper, chaplain, businessman, international speaker & author and leading entrepreneur. Described as one of the most inspiring and talented Scots of his generation, Prof Drummond is sure to give a wonderful after-dinner talk. **Fri 20th Nov, 7 for 7.30pm, £37.00pp. BLACK TIE**

From the Chairman

A year in office has flown by and I have greatly enjoyed serving you and the Club as chairman. It is occasionally a busy job, but always made easier by our excellent staff and top-rate committee members. I was pleased to make my first report to members at the AGM in April and this is available to read either on our website or in the Club itself; just ask for a copy in the office.

We have just taken on a recent graduate from Edinburgh Napier University as an intern to work with us on our internal and external communications. Richard Jones will be looking at our website as well as working with staff on our social media, twitter and Facebook. He will also manage our media work as we continue to tell our story to the world. He may approach you to be part of the story and if you have any suggestions about our communications generally do contact him at:

communications@royalscotsclub.com

Some of you will soon be receiving an invitation by email to take part in a survey about the Club and your relationship with it. When this was last done a few years ago, it proved a valuable tool to help with our planning. We have many new ideas and these will continue to come on stream throughout the year. Of particular note is our Members' Benefits Scheme that will offer many special offers and discounts from local businesses, companies and services. This will be launched very soon and you will receive a card listing all who are taking part.

We continue to plan an exciting programme of events, lunches and dinners for your delight. Do look at the list of things to do and book as soon as you can. And if you have any suggestions...

John Lloyd

Following the AGM the chairman's report can be found in the members' area of our website

www.royalscotsclub.com/page/chairmans-report

Grateful thanks were offered for the service of those retiring from the committee and five new members welcomed. Please give the committee members your support and do talk to them if you have concerns or comments.

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Newly elected RSC Club Committee Members

Mr Gair Brisbane

Gair was commissioned into the Royal Air Force as an Intelligence Officer and served for six years based in Germany, Northern Ireland, Iraq, Afghanistan and the UK. Immediately on leaving the RAF he was appointed as the Scotland and Northern Ireland Director for the Royal Air Forces Association, one of the two main charities of the RAF, a role which he held for three years before moving into financial services and qualifying as an investment manager. Gair now works for Brown Shipley, a small, traditional private bank, where he manages investment portfolios on behalf of charity and private clients. Hobbies include skiing, hillwalking, photography and fly fishing.



she enjoys reading, dancing and playing tennis. Since early 2014 Anna has represented the Club on the committee of the Scottish Clubs Group which is run by young club members in Edinburgh and Glasgow, to promote and enhance club membership to under 40s.

Mr Iain McIntyre-Younger of Culmullin

Iain has worked as a director of a number of UK and international companies and has been actively engaged as a non-executive director of such diverse organisations as Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and The Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector. Married to Caroline with two grown sons, Iain's interests include travel, politics, history, literature and painting.



PhD) and Hull (MBA), he writes widely on Asian history, the Scots abroad and current affairs. He currently teaches four courses at Edinburgh University's Office of Lifelong Learning.

He has served in a voluntary capacity in many organisations. He has been married more than forty years to wife Margaret, and has two grown up daughters. He walks his spaniel Pixie on the Braids and Pentlands. His other interests include travel, the theatre and wine (not in any particular order!).

Mr David Young

David lives in Edinburgh with his partner Aline and has been a member of the Club for 15 years. He is now retired after a career in banking with Lloyds TSB, managing branches in Dundee. He also served on the Bank's National Negotiating Committee and was a member of the National Job Evaluation Panel. He now chairs Lloyds TSB Retired Staff Association, Tayside and Central Scotland.



He was awarded a Life Membership of the Scottish Football Association for service to youth football.

Ms Anna Fluegge

Anna is originally from Germany and moved to Edinburgh in 2006 to study at Heriot Watt with a firm plan to remain in the city afterwards. Since she graduated, she has been working mostly in banking and finance and is currently at Lloyds Banking Group in Edinburgh. In her spare time



Dr Ian Wotherspoon

Ian has spent most of his life in Asia and the Pacific where he held a number of managerial appointments and travelled widely. Educated at the Universities of Edinburgh (MA,



RSC members who remain on the committee

John Lloyd,

Chairman of the Committee
Chairman of the Club for the past year, John is a retired writer and journalist with homes in Edinburgh and Chippenham, Wiltshire (near to where his three sons, their wives and six grandchildren also live). His late wife, Cilla was an artist-printmaker who illustrated two books. Living with leukaemia, he says that he has 'nothing better to do than live' and this he does with gusto!



Ross is currently the Plans officer in Headquarters 51 Infantry Brigade, based in Stirling. He became a member of the Club committee in 2014, in order to foster Regimental ties and promote heritage within the Club, specifically with the Club members. He is married to Clair and they have two small children which occupy almost all of their time, even when they should be sleeping!

London, where she met her husband, David, also a Club member and now a retired medical doctor.



They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Having retired from nursing, her last post was as deputy matron at Merchiston Castle School. She maintains her interest and expertise in the nursing field working with students and staff at both Edinburgh and Napier Universities.

Ms Aline Ewan

A member of the Club since February 2000, Aline lives in Edinburgh with her partner David Young who is now also a Club Committee member. She is vice-chair of the Development Board of the Women's Fund for Scotland. Most of her working life has been spent within banking (latterly managing a portfolio of private clients) and the third sector. Her last post within banking allowed her to combine both by managing the Charity of the Year Relationship for Scotland.



Sqn Ldr Graeme Lyall

A Club member for 13 years Graeme lives with his wife, Linda in Edinburgh. His day job is as Senior Safety Consultant with Accenture PLC and in his part-time job he serves with the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. He retired, in the rank of Squadron Leader, as CO of No 602 (City of Glasgow) Squadron in 2012. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Leadership and Management, a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, a Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology and a Member of the City and Guilds of London.



Maj Ross Brookfield

Major Ross Brookfield was commissioned in to the 1st Battalion the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) in 2001 and completed junior appointments and operational tours in Northern Ireland, the former Yugoslavia and Iraq. Following the Royal Regiment of Scotland merger in 2006 he was appointed an instructor at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, was then promoted to Major and Commanded a Company with 4 SCOTS in Afghanistan in 2013.

Autumn Speakers Dinner

Captain Simon R Petitt,
of *HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH*
Wed 14 Oct



To continue with our 'Naval' theme from the two Autumn lectures, we are thrilled to have as our guest speaker in October,

Captain Simon R Petitt, of HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH.

Currently being built and fitted out in Rosyth, HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH will be the biggest and most powerful aircraft carrier ever constructed for the Royal Navy. Immediately attracting a huge amount of attention this new warship is already doing part of the job it was commissioned to do: to be a conspicuous presence – a key feature of being a deterrent.

The Club is extremely grateful to Capt Petitt for accepting our invitation as he must be a very busy man, and we hope members will come along for what will be a fascinating insight into today's navy.

Wed 14th October, Dinner 7 for 7.30pm, £25.00pp

RSC COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

in aid of

Alzheimer Scotland
Action on Dementia



Whether you aspire to be Heston or Delia or beans on toast is your speciality, come along to our Charity Cookery demonstration on 4th November.

Club head chef Bremner MacDonald will show us how to make easy but delicious comfort food suitable for a lunch or supper, and with flavours and presentations that will more than impress your friends and family.

Perfect for these long winter evenings!

Come with a group for a fun night out, sample some of the dishes as they are made and support this excellent charity. What's not to like?

Date is Wed 4th November, so book and put in your diary now. £30.00pp

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The Western Club, Glasgow

32 Royal Exchange Square, G1 3AB
www.westernclub.co.uk

The Western Club now offers contemporary fine dining in their recently refurbished Club Dining Room on the first floor. It has been transformed into a stylish restaurant which is being run by Alan Tomkins and is open to the public.

As well as a lunch and early dinner market menu, the restaurant offers a full a la carte. Local sourcing is to the fore and the menus are based on tried and tested British and European classics with a contemporary flourish

The restaurant is open from Monday – Saturday 12pm – 3pm / 5pm – Midnight, Sunday 12.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Pre-booking is advised. Tel: 0141 248 2214 Email: info@theclubrestaurant.co.uk



Western Club new restaurant

The Farmers Club, London

The Farmers Club offers a wide range of comfortable and stylish bedrooms right in the centre of London, and throughout August these will be available for all Reciprocal Members, Mon – Sunday.



Farmers Club bedroom

Or why not just visit for a break from the constant hubbub, and enjoy lunch, dinner or a relaxing drink on the terrace. On a Saturday full afternoon tea is also served from 2.00 – 4.30pm when booked in advance. During the Summer months the dress code is being relaxed to smart/casual

Tel: 020 7930 3557 ext. 210

Email: generaloffice@thefarmersclub.com

RSC Military Tattoo Evening with Supper

There are still some tickets available for our annual Edinburgh Military Tattoo Supper Evening, this year on **Thursday 6th August**. This is a super evening with supper at the Club followed by the Tattoo at the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.

Tickets and supper are only £36.00pp, book your tickets now.



Evening Lectures at the RSC

Autumn Series 2015, Sept - November

There are again some fascinating lectures this season, so come and spend the first Monday evening of each month with us. There is no December lecture. Lectures start at 7.00pm and last for approximately one 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.

**Additional lecture to
the Autumn Series**

Monday 14th September

The Hawick Callants Club

will give a presentation on

The KOSB at Gallipoli

There are several centenary commemorations this year, one of them being the ill-fated Campaign at Gallipoli, where so many KOSB soldiers lost their lives.

The Hawick Callants Club lays wreaths annually at the War Memorial on 12th July in memory of the 60 or so Hawick men killed on that day in 1915.

Members of this historic club will be giving a talk and presentation on the background to the action, details of the battle on 12 July and their continued remembrance of the fallen up to the present day, including their visit to Gallipoli for 12 July this year. We do hope our members can attend this lecture.

*Our October & November evening lectures, as well as being part of our **WW1 season**, also have a **Naval theme**, as does the **Speakers Dinner in October**.*

Never let it be said the Club is not 'all inclusive'.

Monday 5th October

'Sailors in the Trenches'

Lt Cmdr Alex Manning MA Royal Navy (Rtd)

Few people may know that in addition to its primary role at sea during WW1, the Royal Navy also contributed a whole division to the fighting on land. The Royal Naval Division was blooded at Antwerp in 1914 and then fought at Gallipoli, the Somme (where it

fought alongside the 51st Highland Division), Arras and Ypres. And after helping stem the German Spring Offensive of 1918 it ended the war as the nearest Allied formation



to the soil of Germany. Although it only comprised 5% of the Naval Service's total manpower the RND incurred over 40% of its casualties.

Lieutenant Commander Alex Manning will be telling us its little-known story in an illustrated lecture he has specially prepared for the Club.

Mon 2nd November

***Balloons, Bombers &
Brave Men - a flight to the
dawn of military aviation***

ex Royal Marine, Brigadier Ian R Gardiner

The first strategic bombing raids in history were conducted deep into Germany by the Royal Naval Air Service in 1914 and the first aircraft carrier strikes took place the same year. Churchill's fingerprints are all over this story and yet these feats have been largely obscured by what has happened since.

In this talk based on his book *The Flatpack Bombers*, Ian Gardiner will take us on a journey into the long grass of history where we will discover some of the most interesting and important moments of early aviation, some of which have implications for our own time; and where we can marvel at the ingenuity and courage of the early aviators.



Ian Gardiner was educated at Fettes and commissioned into the Royal Marines in 1968. He fought in the Dhofar War in Oman, commanded rifle company 45 Commando Royal Marines in the

Falklands War, was appointed Commandant of The Royal Marines School of Music at Deal after it was bombed by the IRA in 1989 and had four operational tours in Northern Ireland. He left the Royal Marines in 2001 a brigadier and is now a keynote speaker on leadership, and an author of military history

Speakers Lunches,

Sept – November 2015

Scottish Speaker Lunches

We will be hosting a new season of these popular Speaker Lunches in the Autumn held on the third Monday of the month.

These new lectures have become very popular, so why not treat yourself to a delicious two course lunch, good company and an interesting talk – what else would you be doing on a Monday lunchtime?

Monday 21 September

Michael Martin -

***Project Director: Forth Crossing
Bridge Constructors***

Due to open on time in 2016, the new Forth bridge - The Queensferry Crossing - has an estimated scheme outturn cost of £1.35 billion



to £1.4 billion. Michael Martin is in charge and will be telling of the problems and delights of his job.

Monday 19 October

***Ericka Duffy &
Catherine O'Shea***

Ericka describes herself as a 'scent technician' and Catherine is Scottish Barista Champion 2013 & 2015 and a coffee roaster for the award winning coffee roastery, Artisan Roast. Both have been working in the coffee industry for some years and spent time as professional coffee tasters. The coffee course will be offered after the meal as usual, but this time we will be talked through a special array of



coffees by these young experts. (Tea will be provided as usual, but on this occasion 'on sufferance'!).

Monday 16 November

Professor Anne Glover

Anne Glover is a biologist and Professor of Molecular biology and Cell biology at the University of Aberdeen. She was the first ever Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, where her role was to further enhance Scotland's reputation as a science nation. From 2012 to 2014 she was Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission providing independent expert



advice on any aspect of science, technology and innovation as requested by the president.

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.royalscotscsclub.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.

Fri 19 June 	A 200th Anniversary Waterloo Dinner What better way to celebrate this momentous victory! Dress code is Black Tie and Decorations.	7 for 7.30pm, £36.00
Thurs 6 Aug 	RSC Supper & Tattoo Evening Join us for our annual outing to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, starting with supper at the Club. Please specify which sitting you would prefer on Booking Form.	£36.00pp for supper and Tattoo ticket
Mon 14 Sept 	WW1 SERIES: Evening Lecture, The Hawick Callants Club <i>'The KSOB at Gallipoli'</i>	7.00pm start, no charge
Mon 21 Sept 	Speaker Lunch Michael Martin - Project Director : Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors	12 for 12.30pm, £15.00pp
Sun 27 Sept 	Musselburgh Races We will be offering special entry tickets as in previous years, please get in touch in July for details	Afternoon Meeting
Wed 14 Oct 	Speaker Dinner Special guest speaker Capt Simon Petitt of HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH will talk on the Navy today, after a 3 course dinner	7 for 7.30pm, £25.00
Mon 19 Oct 	Speaker Lunch Ericka Duffy & Catherine O'Shea , coffee experts	12 for 12.30pm, £15.00pp
Wed 4 Nov 	Charity Cookery Demonstration in aid of Alheimers Scotland Head chef Bremner will demonstrate how to cook some easy but delicious winter suppers, and reveal a few tricks of the trade.	6.30 for 7.00pm start, £30.00pp
Sun 8 Nov 	Remembrance Day Sunday Lunch Come and join us for lunch, after a short dedication at the Club Memorials	Lunch from 12.30pm, £18.50
Mon 16 Nov 	Speaker Lunch Professor Anne Glover , Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Aberdeen, and first ever Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland	12 for 12.30pm, £15.00pp
Fri 20 Nov 	RSC St Andrew's Night Dinner Guest speaker is Prof Norman Drummond CBE FRSE, international speaker & author and leading entrepreneur. Prof Drummond is sure to give a wonderful after dinner talk.	Black Tie, 7 for 7.30pm, £37.00
Wed 9 Dec 	Members' Christmas Lunch Another fun-filled festive lunch, with turkey, raffle, carols - and mistletoe! Come and jingle your bells with us to start off the season. If you haven't attended before, why not come along for your first turkey of the season!	12.00 for 12.30pm £20.00
Tues 15 Dec 	Christmas Carol Concert A lovely candle-lit event with carols and readings, and the Edinburgh Military Wives Choir will be joining us again. Rev Neil Gardner from Canongate Kirk will be in charge of proceedings and wine and warm mince pies will be served after the concert when you can meet the choir.	7pm, £12.00

Staff Profile

Senior Duty Manager, Kuntal Mukherjee



Kuntal started work at the Club in December of last year, having previously worked at the Apex in Dundee.

Born in Asansol, near Kolkata, he studied at Kolkata University before coming to Scotland to finish his Hospitality Management degree at Queen Margaret University.

After graduating and finding work, his wife, Bishakha, joined him in Scotland, and they now have a two year old son Mayukh. During his free time Kuntal loves cricket, and plays for Tranent Cricket Club. He also enjoys going to the cinema, eating out and spending time (and money – his words!) with his family.

Forward to the Fringe! Monday 10th – Sat 22nd August 2015

For two weeks in August the Hepburn Suite at the Club will once again be home to Venue 241 at the Edinburgh Fringe.
As with last year there is a wide variety of shows being presented.

WEEK ONE

Monday 10th to Saturday 15th August

Michelle Van Rensburg

Bottoms Up! For children. Titania and Bottom tell the whole story of the classic Shakespeare tale *'Midsummer Nights Dream'*, whilst interacting with the young people in the audience; great fun for the family brought to you by Michelle Van Rensburg.

Mon 10th – Sat 15th Aug, 11.15am, 1 hr 15 mins, 6 yrs+, £12.00, child £6.00, family tickets avail

Edinburgh Graduate Theatre Group

'The Witch of Edmonton', a multi award-winning and rarely performed Jacobean play.

Mon 10th – Sat 15th Aug, 6.30pm, 1 hr 45 mins, 12 yrs+, £10.00,

'Death and the Maiden'. 'Forgive, yes. Forget, no. But forgive so we can start again'. Truth, memories and the thirst for justice collide in Ariel Dorfman's superb classic play.

Mon 10th – Sat 15th Aug, 9.00pm, 1 hr 45 mins, 14 yrs+, £10.00

WEEK TWO

Monday 17th to Saturday 22nd August

Mrs Mash

Each morning **Mrs Mash** will be telling food related stories for youngsters in a fun hour; again a super show for all the family.

Mon 17th – Sat 22nd Aug, 11.00am, 45 mins, 3yrs +, £6.00

Arkle Theatre Company

'Much Ado About Nothing' Wit and will do battle amid fears of inconstancy and dastardly deeds of deception. Award-winning Arkle Theatre Company gives Shakespeare's... masterly comedy a simple gender twist.

Mon 17th – Sat 22nd Aug, 6.15pm, 1 hr 30 mins, all ages, £12.00, RSC members £10.00

'Bakersfield Mist' Unemployed bartender Maude is convinced she's bought a Jackson Pollock for \$3 in a junk shop. Eminent art expert Lionel comes to evaluate its authenticity. Cue a hilarious and thought-provoking... battle of wits over art, truth and identity.

Mon 17th – Sat 22nd Aug, 8.30pm, 1 hr 30 mins, 16yrs +, £12.00, RSC members £10.00

Larry McCluskey

'Awhile with Seamus Heaney' is Larry McCluskey's affectionate tribute to one of Ireland's greatest literary figures. Music and words for all to enjoy.

Tues 18th – Sat 22nd Aug, 1.30pm, 1 hr 10 mins, 14yrs +, £8 (£6 concs.)

Please check full details of all performances in the Fringe Programme published in early June and online at www.edfringe.com

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Club Dining Room

There may be some disruption in the dining room at the end of May as we are re-decorating and refurbishing the Dining Room, Douglas Room and Scott Room.

We know members will understand this is a necessary undertaking and we will try to make it as trouble-free as possible. Thank you in advance for your patience – it will be worth it!

Payment Charges & Amex

From 1st June, we are having to charge an additional 2% to all payments made by credit card to the Club. We have previously absorbed the credit card charges but the amount is now excessive. There will be no charges on debit card payments.

Also from 1st June, the Club will not be accepting payment by American Express card. Unfortunately the rate that Amex now charges us is too prohibitive for an establishment our size. We will be accepting all other card payments as usual.

Dining Room restarted Club Table

We have started a Communal Club Table, where members who are dining by themselves or with a friend, can join other members for lunch or high tea.

This will now be available on **Mondays and Tuesdays**, so if you would like to meet other members and have a bite to eat, come along on those days and make new friends.

Royal Invitation

Club members Mr Brian Adair and Major General Mark Strudwick were received by Club Patron, Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, at Buckingham Palace in April. This private meeting was upon Brian relinquishing his appointment as Chairman of the Trustees at the Club after 27 years, and upon Mark assuming the appointment.

Congratulations to the RS Museum

We are pleased to announce that continuing Four Star status has been awarded to the RS Museum following an unannounced inspection by a Visit Scotland inspector. Although the certificate refers specifically to the RS Museum, we have been told that the SCOTS display also impressed the inspector. The combination is well worth a visit. Old Royals and others with RS connections are always welcome to visit, whether for the first time or the umpteenth time – but please contact them in advance so that they can arrange access: **0131 310 5016 / jim.blythe769@mod.uk**

Club Silver Cleaning

A group of members have been beavering away, under committee member Ross Brookfield, to sort, clean and record all of the silver within the Club. This necessary task will ensure that we continue to have a proper record of what we own (or have on loan from others) and will enable it to be displayed to good effect and used more often to grace our tables.



Silver Cleaning

Club Library

Soon you will be noticing changes in the library. Committee member Graeme Lyall and others are sorting out the books and new and more inviting volumes will take the place of those that can be sold on or given to charity.

Happy Birthday!

It bodes well if you are a member of the club, as we have many members who celebrate extremely significant birthdays, and who are fit, healthy and very independent.

In February, long-serving member and past committee member, Mrs Chris Gibson (Right), celebrated her 100th birthday with a party and cake. Chris doesn't get to lunch at the Club as much as she would like but always enjoys the Members' Christmas Lunch in December.



And in April, regular luncher John Harvey celebrated his 95th birthday at the Club with family and friends. John not only still lives by himself but brings in rhubarb from his garden for the kitchen to put on the menu!



John and Chris both enjoying their birthday parties.

Military Cross Awarded

We are extremely proud to report that the grandson of Club member, Sgt Jack Hall, has been awarded the Military Cross in the March Honours and Awards for Operations in Afghanistan.

Captain William Andrew Hall, 16th Royal Regiment of Artillery, crawled through intense Taliban fire to try and save a comrade. Crawling 20 metres along the top of a ditch to the fallen soldier, he gave emergency aid in full view of the enemy before pulling the wounded soldier into cover. He then turned his attention to the enemy guns and despite the reflection on his binocular lenses causing insurgent fire to be refocused on him for a third time, Captain Hall undeterred continued to call for fire until ordered to withdraw. Veterans proudly recall Jack's own exemplary courage, when only 18, the Buffalo vehicle in which he was advancing was blown-up by a mine when investigating an enemy pillbox. Six men were tragically killed. Jack suffered during the explosion which threw him into deep flood water, but re-surfacing, he immediately began diving to assist in the rescue of his comrades. We share in the pride of Jack in the award of the Military Cross to his grandson and we warmly congratulate Capt William Hall MC, 16th Royal Regiment of Artillery.



Sgt Jack Hall, Jack's grandsons James Hall and Capt William Hall, and son, Tim Hall.