



Write of the Line

JUNE 2018

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Beating Retreat and Waterloo Dinner

Friday 15th June 2018

6.00pm for 7.00pm, £40

On Friday 15th June the Club will be hosting a dinner to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

The Battle of Waterloo was a significant event in the distinguished history of the Royal Scots. Our guest speaker, Major General Bob Bruce CBE DSO will describe the strategic significance of the battle and the part played by both the Royal Scots and the other Scottish regiments that took part in the battle.

Major General Bruce was commissioned into the Royal Scots in 1987. His early service was spent in Germany and Scotland and on operations in Northern Ireland and the Gulf. He was the last Commanding Officer of the Royal Scots, having taken over on operations in Iraq. He led the



merger of 1RS and 1KOSB to form 1SCOTS in 2006 and then commanded the new battalion on operations in Iraq in 2007/8. For his leadership on operations, he was awarded the DSO in 2013 and was made CBE in 2016. In June 2017 Major General Bruce assumed the posts of Military Secretary and General Officer Scotland.

The evening will commence with a drinks reception, followed by a Beating Retreat by 1 SCOTS Pipes and Drums outside the Club on Abercromby Place. The Lord Provost will take the salute. Members and guests will then return to the Club for dinner. The Lowland Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland will play during dinner.

The Waterloo Dinner is a black tie event. Mess kit and decorations can be worn where appropriate. To book a place, please contact Lauren in the Office on 0131 525 6157.

Trafalgar Night Dinner

Friday 19th October, 7.00 for 7.30pm, £35

On Friday 19th October the Club will be hosting a dinner to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, which took place in 1805. We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be Rear Admiral Michael Gregory OBE. Rear Admiral Gregory was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire in October 2008. Prior to this he had enjoyed a wide ranging career in the Royal Navy spanning 36 years. Most of his career was spent in the Submarine Service with three submarine commands followed by command of the frigate HMS Cumberland. He was awarded the OBE for the longest continuously submerged patrol in Royal Navy history.

The RSC Trafalgar Night Dinner is a black tie event. Mess kit and decorations can be worn where appropriate. To book a place or for more information, please contact Lauren in the Office on 0131 525 6157.



St Andrew's Night Dinner with Lord Forsyth

Friday 30th November 2018, 7.00 for 7.30pm, £40

We are delighted to announce that the Speaker for our St Andrews Night Dinner will be Lord Michael Forsyth of Drumlean. This is one of the Club's most popular events so we advise booking early. A very special black tie evening which includes a wonderful three course dinner and a whole evening's entertainment. ***Decorations may be worn.***





From the Chairman Colonel Clinton Hicks OBE

A friend once told me there were more horses than people in Berwickshire. This is not difficult to believe. On a farm not far from here lives one of Berwickshire's foremost

horsewomen who keeps at least forty horses. For many years they were all the same, or similar in colour so that, the story goes, her father could never work out quite how many there really were. As I write the Border towns are beginning the tradition of 'riding the bounds' a practice which stems from the turbulent times when the 'riding clans' better known as the Border Reivers, terrorised and pillaged the land on either side of the Anglo Scots border from the late 13th to early 17th century. Today, these colourful events are celebrated in eleven Border towns.

Closer to home the Club will be holding its own series of colourful events in the coming months some of which I will highlight. The Beating Retreat and Waterloo Dinner on Friday 15th June promises to be a truly splendid evening. The Edinburgh Fringe Festival programme in the Club during August this year also includes some marvellous ROSL sponsored performances of classical music. On Friday 19th October the Club will host a Trafalgar Night Dinner for the first time and in November we look forward to welcoming Lord Forsyth as the guest speaker at our St Andrew's Night Dinner. There is of course much more on offer for you than I have room to mention here and which is covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

Garden Party

Saturday 28th July, from 1pm

This wonderful Garden Party is hosted each year by the Central Edinburgh New Town Association and once again the organisers have kindly extended an invitation to all RSC members and their friends and family. The theme this year is the commemoration of the end of the Great War. The Central Edinburgh New Town Association has supported the ABF Soldier's Charity for many years. The party is held in Queen Street Gardens West and entry is at the double gates on Heriot Row. Lauren from the Club will be there with information about membership and our Head Chef will be manning the BBQ.

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



Brunch & A Day at the Races

Sunday 30th September, 11.30am, £30

Pop a note in your diary for a tasty brunch here at the Club and a trip to Musselburgh Race Course for the 'Support Your Services Race Day'. Where you will be able to see all the action from a private marquee positioned inside the track with a view of the finishing line. There will be a private bar, Tote desk and a CCTV screen. Brunch will be

served in the Club at 11.30am. Don't worry about transport - a coach will leave the Club at 1.00pm to get you there in plenty of time for the first race at 2.00pm! Exceptional value for only £30.

Dress: Jacket and Tie. Come along and support the Services!



Tattoo Evening with Supper

Thursday 2nd August 2018, £39 for ticket and supper

An amazing evening's entertainment with wonderful performances from around the world. There are two supper sittings, 6.00pm and 7.15pm. Please indicate which you prefer when booking. The performance starts at 9.30pm and the audience is asked to be in their seats by 9.15 pm. There is no transport provided - for advice on any mobility difficulties, please phone the Tattoo Office. There are a limited number of tickets left, snap them up quickly!

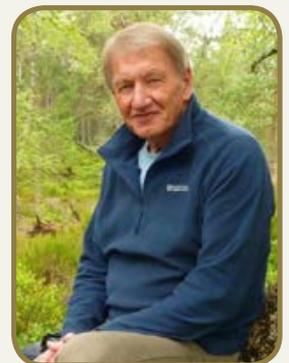


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TATTOO

Fireside chat with Jim Crumley

Thursday 25th October, £20

Jim Crumley is a full-time nature writer and the author of more than thirty books on the wildlife and wild places of Scotland, and the environmental concerns of our age. His current projects are a quartet of books based on the seasons and a series of ten short monographs entitled Encounters in the Wild. Jim Crumley will be talking about his enthusiasm for the reintroduction



of the wolf into wild Scotland. To set the idea in a historical context he will read from and discuss his book, *The Last Wolf*, in which he re-wrote the history of the wolf in Scotland. A long overdue project - the original was written down by the Victorians who were less than democratic when it came to natural predators, and less than accurate when it came to explaining what actually happened. *The Last Wolf* also made the case for reintroduction, and blends the story of a fictional "last wolf" with biological reality.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

The Hepburn Suite

There is a wide variety of shows this August at the Club to suit all tastes.



Week One

Monday 6th August

11.30am - *Love's Labour's Lost*
6.30pm - *Skirt*
8.45pm - *Much Ado About Nothing*

Tuesday 7th August

11.30am - *Love's Labour's Lost*
6.30pm - *Skirt*
8.45pm - *Much Ado About Nothing*

Wednesday 8th August

11.30am - *Love's Labour's Lost*
3pm - *Ciara*
6.30pm - *Skirt*
8.45pm - *Much Ado About Nothing*

Thursday 9th August

11.30am - *Love's Labour's Lost*
1.45pm - *Don't Knock Your Granny*
3pm - *Ciara*
6.30pm - *Skirt*
8.45pm - *Much Ado About Nothing*

Friday 10th August

11.30am - *Love's Labour's Lost*
1.45pm - *Don't Knock Your Granny*
3pm - *Ciara*
6.30pm - *Skirt*
8.45pm - *Much Ado About Nothing*

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6.30pm - *Skirt*
8.45pm - *Much Ado About Nothing*

Week Two

Monday 13th August

6.15pm - *Laugh Out Loud*
8.30pm - *You Remind Me of You*

Tuesday 14th August

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8.30pm - *You Remind Me of You*

Wednesday 15th August

3pm - *Ciara*
6.15pm - *Laugh Out Loud*
8.30pm - *You Remind Me of You*

Thursday 16th August

3pm - *Ciara*
6.15pm - *Laugh Out Loud*
8.30pm - *You Remind Me of You*

Friday 17th August

3pm - *Ciara*
6.15pm - *Laugh Out Loud*
8.30pm - *You Remind Me of You*

Saturday 18th August

3pm - *Ciara*
6.15pm - *Laugh Out Loud*
8.30pm - *You Remind Me of You*

Week Three

Monday 20th August

7.30pm - *Plaza Suite*

Tuesday 21st August

1.30pm - *Yer Aul Da*
7.30pm - *Plaza Suite*

Wednesday 22nd August

1.30pm - *Yer Aul Da*
7.30pm - *Plaza Suite*

Thursday 23rd August

1.30pm - *Yer Aul Da*
7.30pm - *Plaza Suite*

Friday 24th August

1.30pm - *Yer Aul Da*
7.30pm - *Plaza Suite*

Saturday 25 August

1.30pm - *Yer Aul Da*
7.30pm - *Plaza Suite*

ROSL Edinburgh Fringe Series

The Princess Royal Suite

The Royal Overseas League are hosting a musical Edinburgh Fringe Series here at The Royal Scots Club. ROSL finds and nurtures the finest international classical talent. Whether experienced or not in classical concerts, this is the best way to enjoy a break from busy Edinburgh and immerse yourself in amazing music.



Tickets include tea/coffee and biscuits!

Tickets are available through the fringe office, www.edfringe.com or can be reserved at the Club, general admission £15 and concessions £12.

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Monday 6th August

9.30am - *Bach for Breakfast*
2.00pm - *Chopin after Lunch*
4.00pm - *Mozart at Teatime*

Tuesday 7th August

9.30am - *Beethoven for Breakfast*
2.00pm - *Rachmaninov after lunch*
4.00pm - *Debussy at Teatime*

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Speaker's Lunches

These lunches are held on the third Monday of the month and are fantastic value at just £18. For that you can enjoy a glass of fizz on arrival, a delicious two course lunch, good company and an interesting talk. This autumn we are focussing on the 'Life as an Edinburgh Consul'.

Monday 24th September 2018

Mr Harry Nimmo - Consul of Finland

Harry Nimmo has been Honorary Consul for Finland in Edinburgh since 2013 where he provides consular services to Finns and those connected with Finland as well as promoting economic, political, academic and cultural relations between Finland and Scotland. Honorary Consulates in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen were merged in 2017 and as a result of unifying the jurisdictions within Scotland it has allowed Mr Nimmo to strengthen and streamline his support allowing an effective and uniform service throughout Scotland.



which he joined the Military service in the Czech army Medical Corps. Paul initiated, and chaired, the charity called Czech Memorial, which built a memorial to Czech members of the Special Operations Executive, in Arisaig, where most of the foreign recruits of the SOE received their training. Up until his retirement, Paul worked for the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux before he became the Honorary Consul-General of the Czech Republic. Join Dr Paul Millar in October to find out what is involved within his role as Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic.



Monday 19th November 2018

Mr Peter Hillier - Consul of Luxembourg

Peter Hillier joined Cazenove Capital as a Portfolio Director in 2010 following the acquisition of Thornhill Investment Management. In 1993 Peter joined Martin Currie to set up and manage the private client business. Peter was a member of the APCIMS Investment Management Firms Committee, past Chairman of Thornhill Premium Fund and is a Trustee of a number of public and private charitable trusts. Peter is currently in a diplomatic position as Consul of Luxembourg, based here in Edinburgh. Come along in November to hear Peter's take on 'Life as an Edinburgh Consul'.



Monday 15th October 2018

Dr Paul Millar- Honorary Consul General of Czech Republic

Dr Paul Millar, born in Brno, Czech Republic, is the Honorary Consul-General of the Czech Republic based here in Edinburgh. Paul is a graduate of the Mendel University in Brno, following

Events been and gone

RAF Dinner



In March we were delighted to welcome Air Marshal Stuart Atha, CB DSO ADC, and Deputy Commander Operations Royal Air Force. We hosted a fund raising dinner to mark the Centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, which raised £1,750 for the RAF Benevolent Fund. After dinner, Air Marshal Atha spoke about

the extraordinary changes and challenges that have influenced the RAF. A fantastic evening!

Plaque unveiling for Dame Sarah Elizabeth Siddons Mair



In March it was a privilege to celebrate International Women's day by sharing with Alex Hems, Head at St George's School for Girls, the unveiling of a plaque here at the Club. The plaque marks the birthplace of Dame Sarah Elizabeth Siddons Mair, who was a remarkable woman and campaigner for women's suffrage and women's education. The event was arranged by the Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust, and their representatives joined us for the ceremony. Sarah Siddons Mair drew on extraordinary reserves of patience, resourcefulness and determination in order to overcome the obstacles at a time when education and equality for women were considered not only irrelevant by many but also absurd and dangerous ideas.

Farewell from Jack

We are all sad having said farewell to Jack our Hall Porter who retired at the end of March after over a decade at the Club. Jack would like to thank all members and staff for the kind donations and well wishes on his retirement. Unfortunately there are too many of you to thank individually, so Jack would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone. Jack would also like to thank the Club for being a wonderful place to work with exceptional colleagues and members.



CLUB NEWS



Refurbishment

We have recently finished redecorating the Hepburn Suite, built in 1929 with lovely Georgian features. If you haven't already done so, please feel free to pop in and have a look. We hope you like the new décor!

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 respectable £100, won by Sir Moir Lockhead, which was donated to The National Trust of Scotland. Second prize went to Clinton Hicks. We promise it wasn't a fix! Third prize went to John Kinniburgh, and the four fourth place prizes went to John Goodsir, Shields Henderson, Elizabeth Marshall and David Birch.

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

The Ladies Lyceum Club meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Club between October and April. Ladies (of any age), who enjoying meeting new people should join them for lunch followed by a speaker. If you would like to find out more, or are interested in joining the International Association of Lyceum Clubs, please contact Margaret Thomson on 0131 336 4713.

Young Musicians



There will be a Young Musicians concert in October and a Masterclass with Ciorstaidh and Angus towards the end of this year. Final dates for the Concert and Masterclass are still to be scheduled and will be advised in due course.

Update on Reciprocal Clubs



We are delighted to announce that the Boulevard Club in Toronto, Canada have joined our list of reciprocal clubs. The Boulevard Club first opened its door in 1905. If any members are planning a trip to Toronto, this is a must!

May we remind all Club members that a letter of introduction must be requested from the RSC Membership Secretary for every reciprocal visit. The letter needs to state your membership number, the date and purpose of your visit. We are very fortunate to have these arrangements with reciprocal clubs and remind all members that they are for occasional use only. They are not to be treated as your regular 'home' club.

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.



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QUEEN STREET GARDENS WEST GARDEN PARTY

Thursday 2nd August 2018, 6.00pm or 7.15 pm, £39

SUPPER FOLLOWED BY EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

Monday 24th September 2018, 12 noon, £18

SPEAKERS LUNCH WITH HARRY NIMMO

Sunday 30th September 2018, 11.30am, £30

BREAKFAST AND MUSSELBURGH RACES

Monday 15th October 2018, 12.00 noon, £18

SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH DR PAUL MILLAR

Saturday 19th October 2018, 7.00 for 7.30pm, £35

TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER WITH ADMIRAL MIKE GREGORY

Thursday 25th October 2018, 6.30pm, £20

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH JIM CRUMLEY

Sunday 11th November 2018, from 12 noon, £18 (including a glass of wine)

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY LUNCH

Monday 19th November 2018, 12.00pm, £18

SPEAKER'S LUNCH WITH PETER HILLIER

Friday 30th November 2018, 7.00 for 7.30pm, £40

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT DINNER WITH LORD FORSYTH



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