

# Write of the Line

SEPTEMBER 2018

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## Trafalgar Night Dinner

Friday 19th October 2018

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 on 21st October 1805.**

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Rear Admiral Michael Gregory OBE, who 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. Much 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. He finished his career as Flag Officer, Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland. On retirement from the Royal Navy he became CEO of two Industry Support Organisations. He is also a brigadier in the Royal Company of Archers; The Queen's Body Guard in Scotland.

*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. This dinner will provide an opportunity for members to support the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. See inside for details.*

## St Andrew's Night

Friday 30th November

7.30 for 8.00pm, £40



**On Friday 30th November the Club will be holding its annual St Andrew's Night Dinner and we will be welcoming Lord Forsyth as our guest speaker.**

Lord Forsyth became a Privy Councillor in 1995, was knighted in 1997 and was raised to the peerage as Baron Forsyth of Drumlean in July 1999. Following his elevation to the Lords, he has held a number of positions. He was a member of the Commission on Strengthening Parliament, the Select Committee on the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England, the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament on Reform of the House of Lords, and the Select Committee on the Barnett Formula. From October 2005 to October 2006 he was chairman of the Conservative Party's Tax Reform Commission. He has served as a member of the House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs. He has also been a member of the Joint

Committee on National Security Strategy and a member of the Select Committee on Soft Power. He was appointed for a second term to the House of Lords' Economic Affairs Committee in 2015 and is currently the chairman following the election in 2017.



*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. To book a place or for more information, please contact Lauren in the Office on 0131 525 6157. (Please note amendment of timings for this dinner)*

## Remembrance Sunday Lunch

Sunday 11th November 2018, 12.30 for 1.00pm, £18 (including a glass of wine)

Come along to the Abercromby Dining Room for a three course lunch and a glass of wine on Remembrance Sunday. We will be holding a short dedication at the Club memorial at 12 noon, followed by lunch. To book a table, please contact Lauren in the Office on 0131 525 6157.





## From the Chairman

### Colonel Clinton Hicks OBE

Speaking to a friend of mine living in Dorset in late July he told me that he had not seen rain for nine weeks and that the local landscape was completely parched and brown.

Shortly afterwards the media was reporting barley fields which were on fire in Hampshire and news of a combine harvester which had gone up in smoke. Sometimes the weather down south is worse than here in Scotland!

As we near the final quarter of our ninety-ninth year, which for a batsman at the crease on ninety-nine runs is a somewhat nervous time but for Club members it is a time of anticipation as the Centenary year approaches. The last newsletter for 2018 will include the arrangements in

place for 2019 to mark this very important milestone. The centenary events will be very popular with members and attendance at some of the events will need to be managed by ballot although others will be on a first come, first served basis.

The intention this year has been to hold an event specific to each of the three Services. In March we held a dinner to mark the centenary of the RAF and in June the Waterloo Dinner was the focus for the Army. Still to come is the Trafalgar Dinner in October. The commemoration of this historic battle is one of the great British military traditions quite unlike any other anniversary. As summer comes to end and the months get colder, we are looking forward to our autumn series of events and hope you can join us for as many as possible.

## Fireside chat with Jim Crumley

Thursday 25th October, 6.30pm, £20

We will be welcoming Jim Crumley as our guest speaker for the fireside chat on the 25th October. Jim is a full-time nature writer and the author of more than thirty books on the wildlife and wild places of Scotland. 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 will be talking about his enthusiasm for the reintroduction of the wolf into 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. *The Last Wolf* also made the case for reintroduction, and blends the story of a fictional "last wolf" with biological reality. The fireside chat will start at 6.30pm, followed by a 2 course supper. We hope to see you there!



## Something you maybe didn't know...



On March 12th 2018, Col John Purves presented the Club with The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) and 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles pipe banner. This is now displayed above the library door.

The association between The Royal Scots and the 10th Gurkha Rifles dates back to when the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots and the then 10th Regiment (1st Burma Gurkha Rifles) Madras Infantry served together in Burma from 1895 to 1899. During this period, the 10th were establishing a pipe band and the Gurkha embryo pipers were sent to The Royal Scots for training. They returned wearing Hunting Stewart plaids donated by The Royal Scots which became the order of dress for pipers in the 10th Gurkha Rifles which became officially sanctioned by the War Office in 1924.

The Royal Scots and the 10th Gurkha Rifles were formally affiliated in 1950 when King George VI, in recognition of the services of all four battalions of the 10th Gurkhas in World War II, conferred on the 10th the honour of permitting it to bear the name of his sister, Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Scots. The affiliation still lives on between the successor regiments.

## Young Musicians Concert

Monday 29th October, 6.00pm - 9.00pm, £10

Enjoy a glass of fizz in the library before you listen to all four of our young musicians supported by their mentors play a number of specially selected pieces at their annual concert. Drinks will be served from 6.00pm and the concert will begin at 7.00pm. There will be a short interval half way through with tea and coffee.



## Speaker's Lunches

These lunches are held on a Monday and are fantastic value at just £18. For that you can enjoy a welcome drink 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, 12 noon for 12.30pm**

### 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.



**Monday 15th October 2018, 12 noon for 12.30pm**

### 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 which he joined 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.



**Monday 19th November 2018, 12 noon for 12.30pm**

### 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 the Consul of Luxembourg in Edinburgh. Come along in November to hear Peter's take on 'Life as an Edinburgh Consul'.



## Evening Lectures at the RSC

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

**Monday 3rd September 2018**

### 'Military Leadership' with Dr Harry Trummer

Dr Harry Trummer is Professor and Chief Executive Officer of Goethe Finance Association (GFA) at Goethe University Frankfurt House of Finance, and Honorary Lecturer at the University of St Andrews. Harry is an authority on leadership and his primary research interests and topics are 'efficient strategic leadership approaches for international companies', especially leading change, negotiation, decision making and digital leadership. Come and listen to Dr Harry Trummer and find out more on how we can learn more about leadership. *For more information, please contact Lauren in the Office on 0131 556 4270.*



**Monday 8th October 2018**

### 'Telling Lies during War-time' with Mr Ian Garden

Telling Lies during Wartime is based on Ian Garden's research for his latest book, 'Battling with the Truth'. This illustrated talk provides an overview of the deception used by both sides concerning events during WW2 - including the Dambusters' Raid, the Artic Convoys and Stalingrad - and concludes with a screening of comparative newsreel by both sides about the Allied raid on Dieppe in 1942. It shows the extent to which both sides tried to make propaganda out of the same event and gives members of the audience the opportunity to judge for themselves who was being more honest before the truth is revealed.



**Monday 5th November 2018**

### 'Public Health In The War' with Dr Beverly Bergman

Dr Beverly Bergman is a former Army GP. She qualified in medicine in 1976 at the University of Birmingham, and her early years were spent in general practice, working in Germany, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong, Cyprus and Belize. She then trained in public health, becoming a consultant in 2000 whilst working in the Army Medical Directorate. In 2007, she was appointed Army Parkes Professor of Preventive Medicine, a position she held until her retirement from the Army in 2012 after a full career in the RAMC, finishing in the rank of colonel. Her last military appointment was as Military Medical Liaison Officer to the Scottish Government. Dr Bergman is now an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow where she carries out research into the health of military veterans. She has a long-standing interest in the history of medicine, and especially in the history of military public health.



### ROSL Events

The Royal Overseas League have an interesting list of events this autumn which Royal Scots Club members are invited to attend. *For more information, please visit our website or contact the Office on 0131 525 6157.*



  
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**ROYAL SCOTS CLUB**  
 A TIME FOR FESTIVE CHEER

*Have you booked your Christmas lunch or dinner for the office or with your friends yet? The Club is offering its usual excellent Christmas lunches and dinners in the dining room, or in a private room.*

In the dining room, lunches start from £24.00 and dinner from £30.00. Bookings are already coming in, so please contact Ayesha in our events office soon on 0131 525 6156 or [events@royalscotsclub.com](mailto:events@royalscotsclub.com)

**Christmas Members Events**  
**Christmas Lunch and Carols**  
**Saturday 8th December, 1.00 for 1.30pm, £24**

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

**Chairman's Christmas Cocktails and Canapés**  
**Thursday 20th December, 6.00 – 8.00pm**

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

*Book soon to avoid disappointment.*

## CLUB NEWS

### A New Face Joins the Team!

Welcome to Natalia Kalinska, our new receptionist. Natalia has joined us from the Village Hotel in Edinburgh and is originally from Poland. She moved to the UK in October 2016 after studying English at university. Natalia has a real passion for photography and tries to travel and see as much of the world as possible. Do introduce yourself next time you visit!



### Christmas isn't too far away!

Santa might not be polishing his sleigh just yet but don't forget we have some great stocking fillers available to buy. It's easy to order online for Royal Scots gifts such as ties, prints, ladies and gents socks, and cufflinks or for a real treat, our beautiful Club slippers. If you're a local member you can pop in and buy from reception, or drop us an email and we can post items out to you.

## Update on Reciprocal Clubs

Unfortunately we have to announce that The Royal Scots Club is no longer reciprocated with the London Capital Club, which has closed. For more information on our reciprocal clubs in London, please visit our website.



### Welcome to House 17!

Meet the newest addition to our list of reciprocal clubs. House 17 is a Private Members Club which is located in the old town of Luxembourg. The Club enjoys views over the Kirchberg business district and the old fortifications of Vauban. If a member is planning a visit to Luxembourg, 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. 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.*

## Trafalgar Night Dinner Silent Auction



There are two auction prizes, which members and guests can bid for at the Trafalgar Night

Dinner. The proceeds, including any donations are in aid of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity.

The first prize is an escorted visit to HMS Prince of Wales alongside in Rosyth Dockyard for four people. HMS Prince of Wales departs for sea trials in September 2019 and this visit

will be programmed at a mutually convenient date organised between the auction prize winner and HMS Prince of Wales. Unfortunately, children cannot take part in this visit due to health and safety reasons and the visit will involve ladders and steps.

The second prize on offer is a bottle of limited edition Fine Trinidad Rum, Caroni 1997. This particular batch was bottled to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Royal Marines in 2014. The distillery, which produced this rum, has since closed.

*Members who are unable to attend the Trafalgar Night Dinner on Friday 19th October, but would like to bid on the Silent Auction prizes may do so by contacting Lauren in the Office on 0131 525 6157.*



## Been and Gone Beating Retreat and Waterloo Dinner

On Friday 15th June The Royal Scots Club hosted a dinner to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Our guest speaker was Major General Bob Bruce CBE DSO. The evening commenced with a reception, followed by a Beating Retreat by 1SCOTS Pipes and Drums outside the Club on Abercromby Place, where The Lord Provost Frank Ross took the salute. The Lowland Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland played during dinner. A superb evening!



## 2019 EVENTS

### Speaker's Lunches

**Monday 25th February 2019,  
12 noon for 12.30pm, £18**

**'Modern History and military collections at National Museums Scotland' with Dr Patrick Watt.**

Dr Patrick Watt is the curator of modern history and military collections at National Museums Scotland. He has a long-standing interest in Scottish military tradition and has published works on the experiences of Scottish units in the Great War, the formation of Scottish-themed militia battalions across the Empire, and much more! He is currently working on a forthcoming exhibition at National Museums Scotland which examines

the development of the romantic image of the Scottish highlands in the period from 1746-1900.

**Monday 4th March 2019, 12 noon for 12.30pm, £18**

**'From Castle to Palace, Artists and the Royal Mile' with David Paterson**

Join David Paterson for a journey down the Royal Mile looking at some of the places and characters that have played such an important role in the history of the City. David is the Curatorial and Conservation Manager of the Museum's Collection Centre, including the Museum of Childhood, museum of Edinburgh and the Nelson Monument. The talk is divided

into a number of sub themes including, 'Crime and Punishment', 'High Living/Low Living', 'Pomp and Ceremony', 'Earning a Living' and 'A Place to Live / A Place to Visit'. It will be interspersed by wide range of images of artists and photographers with quotes from history and literature.

**Monday 1st April 2019,  
12 noon for 12.30pm, £18**

**'National Galleries of Scotland' with Imogen Gibbon**

Imogen Gibbon, Chief Curator and Deputy Director at the National Portrait Gallery has compiled a scintillating talk for members of the Club on the National Galleries of Scotland and her work there.

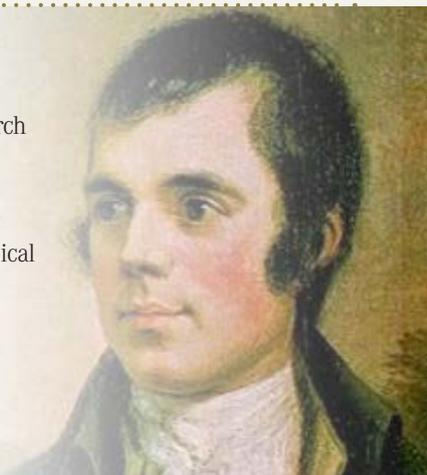
### Burns Supper Friday 18th January 2019, 7.00 for 7.30pm £40



Our hugely popular Burns Supper always books up quickly. We look forward to welcoming Reverend Alec Shuttleworth to deliver the Immortal Memory. Rev Shuttleworth is the Church of Scotland Minister of the Ayrshire Parish of Tarbolton and Annbank, a parish in which Robert Burns lived and where he attended church. His love affair with the works of Burns goes back to his days growing up in Dumfriesshire with his close connection to the history and works of Burns. In addition to the Immortal Memory and toasts, we will also have musical entertainment to make it an evening to remember. Dress: Lounge Suit, something tartan.

### Burns Lunch Tuesday 22nd January 2019, 12 noon for 12.30 pm £22

A great way to celebrate the Bard with all the usual food and entertainment but without the late night. Dress: Lounge Suit, something tartan.



# 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.



Monday 3rd September 2018,  
7.00pm, free

**EVENING LECTURE  
WITH DR HARRY TRUMMER**

Monday 24th September 2018,  
12.00 noon, £18

**SPEAKER'S LUNCH  
WITH MR HARRY NIMMO**

Monday 8th October 2018,  
7.00pm, free

**EVENING LECTURE  
WITH IAN GARDEN**

Monday 15th October 2018,  
12.00 noon, £18

**SPEAKER'S LUNCH  
WITH DR PAUL MILLAR**

Friday 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**

Monday 29th October 2018,  
6.00pm, £10

**YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT**

Monday 5th November 2018,  
7.00pm, free

**EVENING LECTURE  
WITH DR BEVERLY BERGMAN**

Sunday 11th November 2018,  
from 12.30 for 1.00pm, £18

**REMEMBRANCE DAY  
SUNDAY LUNCH**

Monday 19th November 2018,  
12.00pm, £18

**SPEAKER'S LUNCH  
WITH PETER HILLIER**

Friday 30th November 2018,  
7.30 for 8.00pm, £40

**ST ANDREW'S NIGHT DINNER  
WITH LORD FORSYTH**

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

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CAROLS**

Thursday 20th December 2018,  
6.00 till 8.00pm

**CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS  
COCKTAILS AND CANAPÉS**

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

**BURNS NIGHT WITH  
REVEREND ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH**

Tuesday 22nd January 2019,  
12 noon 12.30pm £22

**BURNS LUNCH**



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