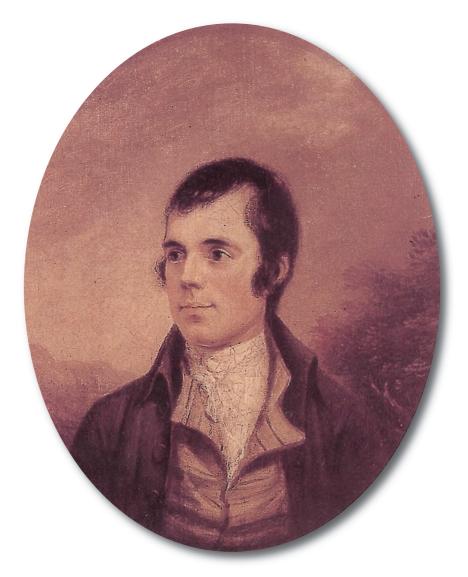
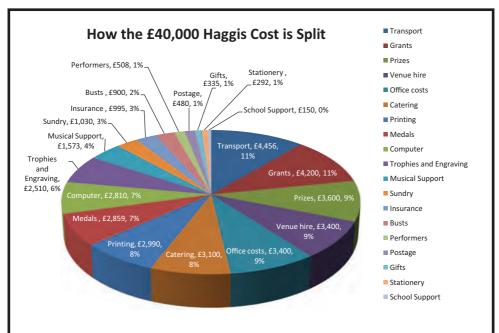
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≈ A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ≪

Dear Members and Guests

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Club's 146th Bridgeton Burns Club Anniversary Dinner. Our Anniversary Dinner is often described as the Biggest and Best Burns Supper in the world and I believe tonight will be no exception.

Since the Club was formed in 1870, the objectives have been very clear, namely:

- To promote the works of Robert Burns amongst pupils in schools in the east end of Glasgow by holding an annual competition.
- To commemorate the birth of the Bard with an Anniversary Dinner each year on the 25th January.

Each year, at our anniversary dinner, we present to you a flavour of the fantastic quality that our competition provides by inviting a selection of kids to perform at our annual dinner. As you appreciate the performance of our prize winners it is also worth remembering that we have significant expenditure to run the club, the vast majority of which goes on the School Competition, Transport, Hall-hire, Medals, Certificates, Musical assistance etc. Your financial support tonight will therefore be much appreciated. Please complete the gift aid form as that is an easy way for us to gain much needed additional income at no extra cost to you.

Please see our fundraising page in tonight's dinner brochure. Corporate or individual sponsorship of any aspect of the Schools Competition will be warmly welcomed. Anyone wishing to explore this avenue further can easily contact me or any of the clubs Past Presidents or Directors.

We are always on the lookout for new members, friends and directors to join the club and I would ask that if you are so minded then please either contact myself or any other director and we will be more than happy to provide you with further information on the work of the club. Please also find enclosed a membership application form. You can also look us up at www.bridgetonburnsclub.org.uk

It is with sadness that I report the passing in December of Past President Professor Sir Roddy MacSween.

Robert Burns set the standard for many things but none more so than the celebration of good, honest, droughty company. Let us maintain that tradition tonight. "And there's a hand, my trusty fiere and gie's a hand o'thine and we'll tak a right guid-willie waught, for Auld Lang Syne.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy tonight's "Ongauns". Sit back, relax, and heartily enjoy your evening.

Yours aye Andrew G. Samuel, President

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THE IMMORTAL MEMORY &



Rod MacCowan

The Speaker	Director Graeme McDonald
Songs O' Burns	Artistes and Company
Our Guests	Director Robert Shaw
Reply on behalf of the Guests	Donald Findlay QC
Vote of Thanks	The Chairman
Our Chairman	Vice President Andrew McArthur

"Auld Lang Syne"

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ROD MACCOWAN, DONALD FINDLAY QC & ROBERT SHAW



ROD MacCOWAN

Rod is married to Pat and they have one son, Neal.

Rod was born in Glencoe but grew up in Glasgow graduating from Glasgow University. After a short teaching career in Irvine, Rod joined the Scottish Prison Service in 1980. He served as Governor of Greenock and Edinburgh Prisons, was Deputy Chief Inspector of Prisons and finished his career as Head of Training and Development for the Scottish Prison Service, retiring in 2012.

He continues to carry out work as an expert prisons adviser for the Council of Europe, and is presently involved in a prison staff training project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Rod is a Past President of Bridgeton Burns Club, and is currently the President of Sandyford Burns Club. He currently serves on the Committee of The Glasgow and District Burns Association. Rod was a well-known after dinner speaker until his retirement, and is a former winner of the Scottish Wit of the Year Award.

In retirement Rod's main pastime is travelling, but he has also been involved with a number of voluntary organisations. His other interests include motorsport, theatre and writing.

Delivering the Immortal Memory, here at the Annual Dinner of Bridgeton Burns Club is undoubtedly the highlight of Rod's speaking career to date.

DONALD FINDLAY QC



The Bridgeton Burns Club gives the warmest welcome back to Donald Findlay, Scotland's leading Criminal Defence Advocate and Queens Counsel. An esteemed member of the Bridgeton Burns Club Roll of Honour (1995) of the gentlemen who have proposed the "Immortal Memory" at our Anniversary Dinner. Twice Rector of the University of St Andrews, ex Glasgow Rangers Football Club Vice Chairman, and now Chairman of Cowdenbeath Football Club. Donald is highly sought after, and is a first class speaker on the after dinner circuit, the club owe a gratitude of service to him for his appearance tonight.

ROBERT SHAW



Bobby was born in the Gorbals, Glasgow. Brought up in Oatlands, Castlemilk and East Kilbride, he attended Glenwood Secondary School, leaving to become an apprentice heating engineer, before joining Strathclyde Police in 1977. He holds an Honours Degree in Sociology and Criminology.

He joined Strathclyde Police in 1977. His career started in the Glasgow Central Division, where he joined the Criminal Investigation Department early in his service. Going through the ranks, he worked in the Serious Crime Squad, Surveillance, and Forensic Support. In his latter years he was head of C.I.D. in Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. He retired 6 years ago as Superintendent at Greenock.

Bobby speaks on the after dinner circuit, and is the President of the Thistle Burns Club, a Director in the Bridgeton Burns Club, and is a member of the World Burns Federation.

He is married and has two sons and is the proud grandfather of his three grandchildren.

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 Reciting "A parcel of rogues in a Nation"
 Winner of Wm Law Trophy



Talia Webb of St Mungo's Academy S3-6
 Singing "O whistle and I'll come tae ye my lad"
 Winner of John Stewart Trophy



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1973	John D. Hamilton	1996	J.B. Webster	
1974	RT. Hon. Willie Ross	1997	Sheriff Irvine. J. Smith	
1975	Chas. Jarvis	1998	Jack M.S. Pirie	
1976	Maurice Lindsay	1999	David. D. Sibbald	
1977	Ian Collie	2000	Bill Samuels	
1978	Prof. David Daiches	2001	Len. C. Murray	
1979	Sheriff Gow	2002	Sam. K. Gaw	
1980	Rev. Dr Murdo Macdonald	2003	Magnus Magnusson K.B.E.	
1981	Geo. Anderson	2004	David McLetchie M.S.P	
1982	Rev. Dr. P.P. Brodie	2005	David D. Sibbald	
1983	Sheriff Francis Middleton	2006	Sir. Robert Smith	
1984	Angus MacVicar	2007	Alex Salmond M.P.	
1985	Jimmy Reid	2008	Tom Johnston	
1986	RT. Hon. David Steel	2009	Angus Middleton	
1987	R. A. Crampsey	2010	Alex Neil M.S.P	
1988	Prof. R.B. Jack	2011	Jack Glenny	
1989	Jimmie McGregor	2012	Alasdair Hutton OBE TD	
1990	James Brodie	2013	Ross Finnie	
1991	Adam McNaughton	2014	Martin Walker	
1992	RT. Hon. Geo. Younger QC	2015	Prof. David Purdie	
1993	Tom Robertson	2016	Rod MacCowan	
1994	John Mercer			

THIS EVENING'S PIPERS &

Pipe Major SPENCER VEITCH

It is with genuine pleasure that we welcome back Pipe Major Spencer Veitch as our Club Piper to pipe-in both our distinguished Top Table and Haggis this evening.

Spencer is no stranger to our Club having carried out these duties for more than twenty seven years. Thank you Spencer.

WILLIAMWOOD PIPE BAND

The Band was formed in 1945, in Clarkston, Glasgow as part of The 128th Glasgow Company, Boys Brigade. There are currently over 60 members in the band covering the age range from eight to mid seventies, with more than 10% female members.

A key tenet of the band's function is the teaching and promotion of Scottish traditional music and culture.

They are a training and competing Band, and compete in both Major Championships and local Highland Games competitions. In addition, they play at Fetes, Dinners, Parades, Concerts, and have played in many countries including Germany, Spain, Denmark, Africa and the USA. At home they are regularly requested by Glasgow City Council to play in George's Square on St. Andrews Day and Hogmanay. The Band is a non-funded organisation. Their income is derived from subscriptions, fundraising, appearance money, prize money, and the occasional sponsorship or donation.





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1905-06	Dr. James Devon	1953-54	Gordon Brown	1993-94	W.E. McH. Marshall
1906-07	Peter White JP	1954-55	Adam Anderson	1994-95	George Moore
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1908-09	George H. Laird	1956-57	William Law	1996-97	James M.B. Slater
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1923-24	Dr. T.M. Fletcher	1968-69	Andrew Laidlaw	2008-09	K.W. Wilson
1924-25	Sir John McDonald	1969-70	James Struthers	2009-10	John R. Steele
1925-26	Robert Cowper	1970-71	Robert Donaldson	2010-11	Ronnie Williamson
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The Adjudicators' Dinner was held on Friday 20th February 2015 within Whitecraigs Golf Club. More than 60 sat down to dinner, consisting of the President Alasdair Ronald, members of the Board of Bridgeton Burns Club, and most importantly a large number of the Adjudicators who had presided over the Schools' Competition in December.

The president started the evening with the a warm welcome and the Address to the Haggis, and following the meal the company were well entertained by Carissa Bovill, who coached the "Trinity High Trio" who sang at the Anniversary Dinner the previous year. She sang, By Yon Castle Wa', Caledonia and her own arrangement of Ae Fond Kiss. Stuart McKinlay recited two works, the Prologue Spoken at the Theatre of Dumfries, and Death and Dr Hornbook – many in the company were reminded of our late President Andy Wilkie, who also performed Hornbook. Stuart is a trainee teacher, and an avid Burnsian.

The Toast to the Lasses was proposed by Director Glenn Stuart, and the reply (putting Glenn, and indeed all of the gentlemen present in their place) was by Taylor Logan. It was agreed that both had presented witty and entertaining toasts, well received by the company.

Past President Ronnie Williamson led the company in some communal singing, which was enjoyed by all.

The whole proceedings were overseen by our very own Hon. Jun. Vice-President, Ian Macpherson, who was Soutar for the evening, whose contribution was no small part to the enjoyment of the evening.

After the singing of the Star o' Rabbie Burns, the Vice-President Andrew Samuel proposed a hearty vote of thanks, and all united in Auld Lang Syne. It was once again an enjoyable evening, and we thank the Adjudicators for all that they do for us, the Competition could not happen without them.

Iain W. Glennie Convenor

→ HALLOWE'EN SUPPER →

The Hallowe'en Supper was held in The Merchants House of Glasgow on Friday 30th October 2015. Past Presidents, Directors, club members and guests had a very enjoyable evening with good food, highly entertaining speakers and fantastic entertainment.

Under the excellent Chairmanship of President Andrew Samuel the supper stuck to the busy programme concluding on schedule at 11pm. There were two external speakers at this year's supper, Bert Thomson and Tommy Wilson who kept the diners thoroughly entertained. Past President Alasdair Ronald's mortification board talk was extremely interesting and informative and was particularly well received. As always, Hon. Jnr. Vice President Ian Macpherson enthralled the hall with his fantastic rendition of Tam O' Shanter. The club extends a gratitude and thanks to all the speakers, and the President is complimented on his selection.

The musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Piggery Brae, who very generously waived their fee for the evening's performance. As always, Piggery Brae provided outstanding entertainment and their repertoire was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the band for their continued support.

This year's programme included "heads and tails", a raffle and an auction. Director Robert Shaw ran the auction for a portrait of the Bard which raised a significant sum of money for the club on the night. Due to the generosity of a guest, the portrait was paid for then donated back to the club. The Hallowe'en Supper is an enjoyable and informal evening for Club Members and Guests. This years Hallowe'en Supper 2016 details, will soon be available, one to look forward to and open to all members.

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Scots, Wha Hae

Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled, Scots, wham Bruce has aften led, Welcome to your gory bed Or to Victorie!

Now's the day, and now's the hour See the front o' battle lour, See approach proud Edward's power— Chains and slaverie

Wha will be a traitor knave? Wha can fill a coward's grave? Wha sae base as be a slave? Let him turn and flee!

Wha for Scotland's king and law Freedom's sword will strongly draw, Freeman stand or freeman fa', Let him follow me!

By Oppression's woes and pains, By your sons in servile chains, We will drain our dearest veins But they shall be free!

Lay the proud usurpers low! Tyrants fall in every foe! Liberty's in every blow!— Let us do, or die!



Rantin Robin

There was a lad was born in Kyle But whatna day o' whatna style, I doubt it's hardly worth the while To be sae nice wi' Robin.

Chorus

Robin was a rovin boy, Rantin, rovin, rantin, rovin, Robin was a rovin boy, Rantin rovin, Robin! Our monarch's hindmost year but ane Was five and twenty days begun. 'Twas then a blast o' Janwar win' Blew hansel in on Robin.

The gossip keekit in his loof, Quo' Scho' wha lives will see the proof, This waly boy will be nae coof; I think we'll ca' him Robin.

He'll hae misfortunes great an' sma' But ay a heart aboon them a'; He'll be a credit till us a'; We'll a' be proud o' Robin.

'But sure as three times three mak nine, I see by ilka score and line, This chap will dearly like our kin' So leeze me on thee, Robin.'



Lass O' Ballochmyle

Fair is the morn in flowery May, And sweet is night in autumn mild, When rovin thro' the garden gay, Or wand'ring in the lonely wild, But woman, Nature's darling child There all her charms she does compile; Even there her other works are foil'd By the bonnie lass o, Ballochmyle.

O, had she been a country maid, And I the happy country swain, Tho' shelter'd in the lowest shed That ever rose on Scotia's plain, Thro' weary winter's wind and rain With joy, with rapure, I would toil, And nightly to my bosom strain The bonnie lass o' Ballochmyle!



My Luve Is Like A Red, Red Rose

My luve is like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June: My luve is like a melodie, That's sweetly played in tune. As fair art thou, my bonnie lass, So deep in luve am I, And I will luve thee still, my dear, Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear, And the rocks melt wi' the sun And I will luve thee still, my dear While the sands o' life shall run. And fare-thee-weel, my only luve, And fare-thee-weel, a while! And I will come again, my luve. Tho' it were ten thousand mile.



Ae Fond Kiss

Ae fond kiss, and then we sever! Ae farewell, and then for ever! Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee, Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee.

Had we never lov'd sae kindly Had we never lov'd sae blindly, Never met – or never parted – We had ne'er been broken-hearted.

I'll ne'er blame my partial fancy— Naething could resist my Nancy! But to see her was to love her, Love but her, and love forever.

Fare-thee-well, thou first and fairest! Fare-thee-weel, thou best and dearest Thine be ilka joy and treasure, Peace, Enjoyment, Love and Pleasure!



Afton Water

Flow gently, sweet Afton, among thy green braes,

Flow gently, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream. Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream! Thou stock-dove whose echo resounds thro the glen'

Ye wild whistling blackbirds in yon thorny den, Thou green-crested lapwing, thy screaming forbear.

I charge you, disturb not my slumbering fair.

Thy chrystal stream, Afton, how lovely it glides, And winds by the cot where my Mary resides; How wanton thy waters her snowy feet lave, As, gathering sweet flowers, she stems thy clear wave.

Flow gently, sweet Afton, among thy green braes,

Flow gently, sweet river, the theme of my lays; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream. Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream.



A Man's A Man

Is there for honest poverty
That hings his head, an' a' that?
the coward slave, we pass him by –
We dare be poor for a' that!
For a' that, an' a' that,
Our toils obscure, an' a' that,
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that.

Ye see yon birkie ca'd 'a lord,' Wha struts an' stares, an' a' that? Tho' hundreds worship at his word, He's but a coof for a' that. For a' that, an' a' that, His ribband, star, an' a' that, The man o' independent mind, he looks an' laughs at a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may (As come it will for a' that)
That sense and Worth o'er a' the earth
Shall bear the gree an' that!
For a' that, an' a' that,
It's comin yet for a' that, That man tae man the world o'er
Shall brithers be for a' that.



The Banks O' Doon

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon, How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair? How can ye chant, ye little birds, And I sae weary fu' o' care!

Thou'll break my heart, thou warbling bird, That wantons thro' the flowering thorn: Thou minds me o' departed joys, Departed never to return.

Aft hae I rov'd by Bonnie Doon, To see the rose and woodbine twine: And ilka bird sang o' its Luve, And fondly sae did I o' mine;

Wi' lightsome heart I pu'd a rose, Fu' sweet upon its thorny tree! But my fause Luver stole my rose, And ah! he left the thorn wi' me.



My Love, She's But A Lassie Yet

My love, she's but a lassie yet, My love, she's but a lassie yet, We'll let her stand a year or twa, She'll no be hauf sae saucy yet;

I rue the day I sought her, O I rue the day I sought her, O Wha gets her need na say he's woo'd, But he may say he has bought her, O.

Come, draw a drap o' the best o't yet; Come, draw a drap o' the best o't yet; Gae seek for pleasure whar you will' But here I never miss'd it yet,

We're a' dry wi' drinkin' o't; We're a' dry wi' drinkin' o't; The minister kiss't the fiddler's wife; He could na preach for thinkin' o't.



Mary Morison

O Mary, at thy window be! It is the wish'd, thy trysted hour. Those smiles and glances let me see, That made the miser's treasure poor. How blythely wad I bide the stoure, A weary slave frae sun to sun, Could I the rich reward secure -The lovely Mary Morison!

Yestreen, when to the trembling string, the dance gaed thro' the lighted ha', To thee my fancy took its wing, I sat, but neither heard or saw: Tho' this was fair, and that was braw, And yon the toast of a' the town, I sigh'd, and said amang them a':-'Ye are na Mary Morison!'

O Mary, canst thou wreck his peace, Wha for thy sake wad gladly die? Or canst thou break that heart of his, Whase only faut is loving thee? If love for love thou wilt na gie, At least be pity to me shown: A thought ungentle canna be The thought o' Mary Morison.



The Braes of Killiecrankie

Where hae ye been sae braw, lad? Where hae ye been sae brankie-o? Where hae ye been sae braw, lad? Cam' ye by Killiecrankie-o?

> An' ye had been where I hae been Ye wadna been sae cantie-o An' ye had seen where I hae seen On the braes o' Killiecrankie-o

I fought at land, I fought at sea At home I fought my auntie-o But I met the Devil and Dundee On the braes o' Killiecrankie-o

The bauld pitcur fell in a furr And Clavers gat a clankie-o Or I had fed an Athol gled On the braes o' Killiecrankie-o



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES &

Loch Lomond Cruise

The Clubs annual outing got off to a good start when the Burns Club appeared on the electronic departures board at Buchanan Street Bus station. Our name up in lights at last. The itinerary this year was the trail of the Bard via Dumbarton, up Loch Lomondside to Tarbet where he turned left for Inverary, and we turned right for our boat charter from Tarbet pier.

Burns made his journey on his faithful grey mare Jenny Geddes, we made it on a faithful Silver Fox coach. En route, we were treated to a very well informed commentary by Graham Hill, Past President of Helensburgh Burns Club, Dumbarton Burns Club and now a Director of Bridgeton Burns Club. The excellent turn-out of forty-seven members and friends filled the coach to capacity. It was also an exact fit for the saloon of the Lomond Prince on board, which we were served an excellent lunch of haggis, neaps and tatties.

The haggis was addressed spontaneously by Past President Alan McLennan and equally it became a choral speaking event. After our twohour cruise, we adjourned to the Drovers at Inverarnan, one of Scotland's oldest operating Inn, where a one-hour ceilidh was led by the inimitable Hon Junior Vice President Ian Macpherson.

On his return journey, the Bard fell off his horse when racing a kilted hielander down the Loch side. No member of the Club fell off the bus, but we did stop in Dumbarton to observe the Burns memorial plaque, where he was made a Freeman of the town.

A special thanks goes to Past President Eric Thomson for his excellent organisation of a thoroughly entertaining day.







Tatties and Herring Supper

On Friday 27 November 2015, the AGM of the Thistle Burns Club took place within the Wellcroft Bowling Club, Queens Park, Glasgow, and thereafter Director Bobby Shaw was invested as President. After the meeting traditional "Tatties and Herring" was served to the members. This traditional fayre has been an ongoing feature of the club since it was instituted in 1882.

A Burns harmony followed with the president commencing proceedings with a verse reading from the Epistle to Mrs Scott "The guidwife of Wauchope Roxburghshire" referring to the Thistle, the national flower of Scotland.

Ev'n then a wish I mind it's powr a wish that to my latest hour shall strongly heave my breast that I for poor auld Scotland's sake some useful plan or beuk could make or sing a sang at least

The rough burr thistle spreading wide amang the beared bear I turned the weeding heuk aside an spar'd the symbol dear no nation, no station my envy e'er could raise a scot still, but blot still

I knew nae higher praise

The guest speaker of the evening was Secretary Iain Gordon who provided the members with an excellent and humorous speech. Poems and songs were performed by Bridgeton Burns Club member John Hutcheson before the harmony was opened to all. A great night of friendship and camaraderie in the spirit of Burns was had by the members. The club has three social events and a Burns Supper every year. One of the outstanding features of the club, is the denotations made to Erskine Hospital which is now over £17,000 since 1999.

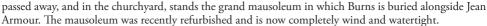
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES &

On the Bard Slot - Burns and Churches

This popular part of the Bridgeton Burns Club meeting in November 2015, featured a short presentation to the Board by Douglas R. Keith a retired Lecturer of distinction of the Reid Kerr College in Paisley.

In his extremely interesting lecture Douglas spoke of the various buildings and churches he has visited throughout Scotland that have a strong connection with Burns. As one would expect, many of these were focused in Dumfriesshire and Ayrshire.

One building in particular was St Michael's Kirk in Dumfries which Burns attended. The Kirk is located a short distance from the house where Burns



Douglas also spoke of Mauchline Parish Church which Burns lived right next to when he started married life with Jean. The church you see today, is very different to the one in Burns' day. However, dotted around the churchyard are the graves of various contemporaries of Burns including Gavin Hamilton, Daddy Auld and Willie Fisher, who of course was Holy Willie.

A wealth of interesting facts relative to the following churches were then disclosed, like Alloway Church where the Bards father William Burness is buried, and the ruin church in Kirkoswald where his old pal "Soutar Johnnie", "Kirkton Jean" and Douglas Graham were laid to rest.

Douglas spoke of the design and architecture of many of the old churches at that time, informing the Board of the existence of a ruin church in Cathcart, where three Polmadie Martyrs and Covenanters are buried, with just the tower standing, was exactly the same design as the Mauchline Parish church. Churches in Kilmarnock and Prestwick were also highlighted with connections to the Bard. A special thanks to Director Graham Hill for arranging a thoroughly interesting speaker.

On the Bard Slot – Atlanta Burns Club

The month of October 2015, "On the Bard Slot" was delivered by Graham Hill, new Director of the Bridgeton Burns Club, his topic, the Atlanta Burns Club, Georgia.

A fascinating and extensive history of the Burns Club was explained in detail from our very knowledgeable Burnsian. It commenced with the foundation of the club on 25 January 1896, to how it's members constructed a replica building of the Alloway Cottage, the original birthplace of Burns, being built to the exact measurements.

The club holds regular monthly meetings in the cottage, featuring Burns readings, and various lectures from visiting scholars. Similar to Burns clubs of Scotland companionship, conviviality and relaxed discussions, are the order of the day, concluding with the customary singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

The cottage is very much considered a hallowed place, with prestigious guests such as Sir Harry Lauder, Margaret Mitchell of "Gone with the Wind" fame, and many others visiting the building.

Links between Burns and Freemasonry were also evident, by the commemoration of a plaque relating to the cornerstone of the building being laid on 5 November 1910, by Mr George M. Napier, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In tribute to "The Memory of Our Great Scottish Brother".

The display of Scottish heritage and culture throughout the cottage, of clan banners and wall plaques exuded the patriotism and spirit of Burns. A special thanks to Director Graham Hill for his excellent presentation.



> SOCIAL ACTIVITIES \$

Award of Excellence

Molly Forrester is 15 years of age attending the East Glasgow Music School. She entered the Bridgeton Burns Schools competition in December 2014, as an S3 pupil and won first place along with the invitation to sing at the Anniversary Dinner on the 25th January the following year.

Past President Bob McDonald Convenor of the Trades House of Glasgow Robert Burns Festival was delighted, when she entered the festival event in January last year, as an S3 solo singer from the East Glasgow Music School. This event is open to all Glasgow schools. She won first place and performed at the concert in the Trades House in February 2015 for all the winners.



These winners were invited to take part in the national Robert Burns World Federation School Competition in April 2015, which was held in Hutcheson's Grammar School. All the entrants in this competition are winners of Burns Clubs competitions throughout Scotland.

The highest standard of performance is given by all the competitors in this prestigious competition. It was of great delight to Past President Bob McDonald, when Molly was awarded first place in her class. A fantastic achievement by Molly to win this National award. She is a highly talented girl a potential star of the future. A sincere thanks to Bob for providing the information on Molly's great success.

Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Howff Burns Club Kilmarnock celebrated the Anniversary of the publication in Kilmarnock of Robert Burns "Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect". A Wreath Laying Service was held at the statue of Robert Burns and John Wilson at Kilmarnock Cross on Sunday the 26th of July 2015.

Rain on the day was no deterrent and the proceedings were led by The Howff Burns Club President Anne McNair. Anne welcomed all and delivered a short address thanking all who attended and of spoke the



Kilmarnock Edition which John Wilson produced. To a Piper playing a medley of Burns songs the Wreath Laying began. Present to Lay Wreaths were, Robert Burns World Federation President Jim Thomson, Ayrshire Association of Burns Club President Alastair Sim, The Howff Burns Club Kilmarnock President Anne McNair, Alloway Burns Club President Malcolm Ferguson, Ayr Burns Club President Bryce Weir, East Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs Fiona Lees, Irvine Burns Club President Derek Murdoch, Irvine Ladies Burns Club President Cynthia Leitch and Rotary Club of Kilmarnock President Elizabeth Muir. Representing the Bridgeton Burns Club was the Vice-President Andy McArthur who attended the service.

The service was followed by harmony in the Fanny by Gaslight Public House in West George Street, Kilmarnock. A warm welcome was given to all by Anne McNair. A recital of Burns poem "To A Mouse" was warmly received. Bridgeton Burns Club Vice-President Andy McArthur extended fraternal greetings on behalf of the President and Members of the Bridgeton Burns Club wishing all well. The afternoon closed with a fond farewell to all.

> SOCIAL ACTIVITIES \$

Currying Flavour with Burns

Burns certainly enjoyed many a good night with his cronies at the Bachelor's Club in Tarbolton and with this in mind, Honorary Junior Vice-President Ian Macpherson, who apparently was the year below Burns at school, formed the Far East Bachelor's Club at his local Indian restaurant in East Kilbride.

Ian, along with Director and Club Secretary Iain Gordon and Director Bobby Shaw, host a Burns Supper on a Monday night in March which begins with the 'Address to the Pakora', followed by an excellent Indian meal, mirth, merriment, music and one or two refreshments. Tickets are



as hot as a vindaloo curry with hardly any room to swing a Nan bread.

Everyone who attends receives a magnificent scroll as a memento of Bachelor's Club'.

scroll as a memento of membership of the 'Far East

Promoting the work of the Bard knows no bounds, where else the Board members of Bridgeton Burns Club turn up this year is anyone's guess!



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₹ FUND FOR THE ARTS

The Fund for the Arts, the brainchild of our late Honorary President Walter O. Hibberd, was created in 1993 and continues to support young students from the background of schools that have participated in the Bridgeton Burns Club Schools' Competition, to encourage them in their studies in Music, Drama or Art.

Now an integral part of the Bridgeton Burns Club, the Fund is currently supporting students who are participating in a variety of courses at University, College or Conservatoire. In many cases their participation would not be possible without our financial support. We receive regular reports from the students as to their progress and it is rewarding to read of the benefits which have ensued.

We have a limited amount of funding, and depend on individuals or companies who feel that they can provide a degree of sponsorship or support to allow the good work to continue. If you or your company can offer help please contact our Office Mobile No 07534 403395 or any member of the Board.

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> SCHOOLS COMPETITION \$

The Bridgeton Burns Club was formed in 1870, and the inaugural Schools Competition was two years later in 1872. The Clubs two constitutional objectives are;

- 1. To celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns.
- 2. To encourage and cultivate a knowledge of Scotland's National Bard and also of Scottish history and literature in general, by means of a schools competition within the schools of the East End of Glasgow. The Club has been holding an annual schools competition on the first Friday of December for an amazing 145 years. The Club award appropriate prizes for each of the 32 different categories of the competition at a concert for prize winners. The Concert and Prize-Giving will take place in the Woodside Halls on 1st February when 20 trophies will be presented along with 8 silver medals for exceptional performances and £3000 of gift vouchers and cheques.

The 2015 Schools Competition was held on Friday 4th December in St Mungo's Academy where the Club again enjoyed superb support from Head teacher Angela Milton, and Marie Birchard our dedicated liaison teacher, who, along with 30 senior pupils who really helped the events run smoothly on the night.

The Bridgeton Burns Club had over 560 performers at the December schools competition, with over an additional 600 Art & Newsdesk competitors, giving us a grand total of nearly 1,200 entrants from more than 20 East End Glasgow primary and secondary schools.

Every participant received a medal on the night for taking part, and it was heartening to see so many happy young faces after the Competition, having performed so well, and enjoyed doing so; and to know that, with the support garnered from your donations at our Dinner this evening, we can make half a thousand and more youngsters happy this year too.

This year the running costs of the Bridgeton Burns Club, including the competition and concert, will cost well over £35,000, increasing every year, and all of which goes on external services e.g. bus transport, hall & school hire, prizes, catering for participants accompanists and adjudicators, and administration. This is a lot of money and can only be raised by the generosity of the people who are here this evening. You are our only source of income so I would most sincerely request that you dig deep in your pockets and support the children and schools of the east end. Every penny you can spare is needed!

The Bridgeton Burns Club is hugely indebted to the 150 people who voluntarily support the Schools Competition, without which we would simply not be able to stage the competition. These volunteers are drawn from the directors, past-presidents, friends of the club, from the teaching staff and helpers of the participating schools, from the accompanists and adjudicators. These, along with the aforementioned staff and pupils at St Mungo's Academy, are the unsung heroes and heroines on whose efforts the Competition depends.

A special note of thanks this year goes to the great people at Thomas Tunnock Ltd., a family business, who generously detonated over 600 Tunnock's Caramel Wafers to include in snack packs for participants. Warmly received and enjoyed by everyone, as I am sure you can imagine!

We have the honour and privilege of presenting our prize winners appearing here tonight to entertain you, our directors, past presidents, members and guests. Please give them a huge warm welcome and enjoy the wonderful quality of their performances.

The Bridgeton Burns Club's founding fathers would be so proud that the Schools competition is still going strong after 143 years. So please help us to keep this fantastic competition vibrant, to develop more young talent to come along and entertain us all at next year's dinner, and most importantly, to send another half a thousand and more youngsters home with big smiles on their faces in December!

Glenn Stuart

Schools Competition Convener

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> SCHOOLS COMPETITION RESULTS

MUSIC - CHOIRS

PRIMARY - P5 AND UNDER John Street Secondary School Memorial Rosebowl

1st CAIRNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Winner of The John Street Secondary School Memorial Rosebowl)

2nd CARNTYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

3rd JOHN PAUL II PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY - P7 AND UNDER The Adam C. Hay Cup

1st CALDERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Winner of The Adam C. Hay Cup)

2nd LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

3rd CAIRNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SECONDARY S1 - S6 Club Shield (Senior Choirs)

1st EAST GLASGOW MUSIC SCHOOL (Winner of The Senior Club Shield)

2nd EASTBANK ACADEMY

Overall Winner Of The Open Club Shield (for best choir overall) EAST GLASGOW MUSIC SCHOOL

SOLO SINGING The Dick Memorial Trophy

PRIMARY - P5 AND UNDER

1st MIA McMASTER - Calderwood Primary School 2nd MYA WILSON - Calderwood Primary School 3rd DOROTHY GAY - East Glasgow Music School

PRIMARY - P6 & 7

1st JEMMA SUTHERLAND - John Paul II Primary School (Winner of The Dick Memorial Trophy)

2nd ERIN RICHFORD - John Paul II Primary School 3rd HANNAH McLAUGHLIN - Cairns Primary School

SECONDARY GIRLS FORMS 1 & 2 The Elizabeth S. Main Trophy

1st ABBIE MOCHRIE - East Glasgow Music School (Winner of The Elizabeth S. Main Trophy)

2nd GINA McNULTY - Smithycroft Secondary School 3rd NICOLA McANENA - East Glasgow Music School

SECONDARY GIRLS FORMS 3 - 6 The John Stewart Trophy

1st TALIA WEBB - St Mungo's Academy

(Winner of The John Stewart Trophy)

2nd MIRYAN GALLOWAY - East Glasgow Music School 3rd CARYS McMONAGLE - East Glasgow Music School

BOYS SOLO SINGING *The William A. Anderson Memorial Trophy* BOYS UNBROKEN VOICE

1st CONNOR McAULEY - John Paul II Primary School (Winner of The William A. Anderson Memorial Trophy)

2nd JAMIE SULLIVAN - Cairns Primary School 3rd LEWIS STEVENSON - Calderwood Primary School

BOYS BROKEN VOICE

1st BRIAN MAIR - St. Mungo's Academy

2nd ALISTAIR MACDONALD - Smithycroft Secondary School

SOLO INSTRUMENTAL The Willie Telfer Salver PRIMARY

1st LEWIS STEVENSON - Calderwood Primary School 2nd BEN MACKAY - Calderwood Primary School

SECONDARY

1st MIRYAN GALLOWAY - East Glasgow Music School

(Winner of The Willie Telfer Salver)

2nd AMY DENNETT - Bannerman High School

OTHER MUSICAL ITEMS The Scottish Transport Board Group Trophy DUETS: SECONDARY

1st NICOLE TIBBS & SARAH YOUD - Smithcroft Secondary School

2nd ALEX WISEMAN & GINA McNULTY - Smithcroft Secondary School

SINGERS & PLAYERS: PRIMARY

1st CAIRNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Winner of The Scottish Transport Board Group Trophy)

2nd CALDERWOOD PRIMARY

VERSE SPEAKING

PRIMARY FORM 1 The Joann Gilmartin Trophy

1st BAILEY McLAUGHLIN - John Paul II Primary School

(Winner of The Joann Gilmartin Trophy)

2nd OLIVIA BELL - Cairns Primary School

3rd MIMI AKINKUGBE - John Paul II Primary School

PRIMARY FORMS 2 & 3 The Barbara G. Ogston Memorial Rosebowl

Medal 1st MIRREN BOYLE - Cairns Primary School

(Winner of The Barbara G. Ogston Memorial Trophy)

2nd EVE FISHER - Calderwood Primary School

3rd LUCY MEIKLE - Cairns Primary School

PRIMARY FORMS 4 & 5 The Andy Wilkie Memorial Trophy

1st SHANNON MARIE GERARD - James Aiton Primary School (Winner of The Andy Wilkie Memorial Trophy)

2nd FRASER STEWART - James Aiton Primary School 3rd DEAN McPHERSON - Quarrybrae Primary School

PRIMARY FORMS 6 & 7 The William Law Memorial Trophy

Medal 1st CAITLIN SCOLLIN - St Columbkille's Primary School (Winner of The William Law Memorial Trophy)

2nd HANNAH McLAUGHLIN - Cairns Primary School 3rd ERIN REILLY - Cairns Primary School

SECONDARY FORMS 1 & 2 The Past Presidents' Trophy

Medal 1st TRUDI LOGAN - St. Mungo's Academy

2nd KIP LOGAN - St. Mungo's Academy 3rd JOE BLAKE - St. Mungo's Academy

SECONDARY FORMS 3 - 6 The Past Presidents' Trophy

Medal 1st SEAN P. MACNAMMARRA - St. Mungo's Academy
(Winner of The Past Presidents' Trophy)

2nd CALLUM BONNAR - Lochend High School

CHORAL SPEAKING The Winning Webster Trophy

PRIMARY 1 - 4

1st ST. COLUMBKILLE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd CAIRNS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1

3rd CALDERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 - 7

1st ST. COLUMBKILLE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Winner of The Winning Webster Trophy)

2nd CALDERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Joint 3rd LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAIRNS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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ART COMPETITION &



Winner Stephani Ibigbemi

Primary 1 & 2

1. Stephani Ibigbemi

2. Madeleine Whyte

3. Andrew Finlayson

Avenue End Primary West Coats Primary

Carntyne Primary

Winner Sophie Thomson

Primary 3,4 & 5

- 1. Sophie Thomson
- 2. Casi Caven
- 3. Ella Fitzpatrick

Quarry Brae Primary Cairns Primary Calderwood Primary





Winner Spencer McLaughlan

Primary 6 & 7

- 1. Spencer McLaughlan Calderwood Primary
- 2. Amie Sanders

Cairns Primary

3. Declan Duffy

Quarry Brae Primary



♦ ART COMPETITION **♦**



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- 2. Melissa Robertson Lochend Community High
- 3. Gemma Mackenzie Whitehill Secondary

Winner Maya Hemphill

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P6 - Amie Sanders



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S3 - Melisa Robertson

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PRIMARY P6 & 7

1st TAYLER MARTIN - Quarry Brae Primary
2nd MORGAN TOAL - Quarry Brae Primary
3rd ERIN WOODS - John Paul II Primary

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First of all, I want to thank you all for attending tonight's dinner and to thank you in advance for your support at the Collection after the youngsters have performed.

I also want to acknowledge the continuing financial support of our Board of Patrons – AHR Architects, Brewin Dolphin, Caledonian Plywood, CRGP and Hymans Robertson.

As a Club, we are grateful to Angela Milton, Head teacher, and Marie Birchard, the Club's Liaison Teacher, of St Mungo's Academy and all the schools teachers and adjudicators without whose enthusiastic support it would be nearly impossible to stage our Schools Competition.

I would also like to thank The Glasgow Marriott Hotel, in particular Angela Kerr, Corporate Events Manager, for her personal attention throughout the year, and to Executive Chef Anthony Leck who has designed tonight's menu especially for us. The Club also enjoys the Marriott's excellent service for its monthly Board meetings. Tonight is the 31st year that this Dinner has been held in the Marriott and standards have been maintained at a very high level throughout.

We also appreciate the support of The Edrington Group for kindly donating 24 bottles of Highland Park whisky for the delectation of members and guests at tonight's dinner.

I would also like to thank all our advertisers for their contribution to this souvenir brochure without which the brochure would not be economically viable. In addition, thanks go to Craig McCormick, Director of McCormick Print and Promotion for the production of this excellent brochure.

I want to thank the Williamwood Pipe band under Pipe Major Andy Letham for playing tonight, and thanks also to Pipe Major Spencer Veitch for piping in the top table and the haggis, and also Mathew Hynes as our pianist.

Finally, thanks to all those who have made very generous donations to the Club but have specifically indicated that they wish to remain anonymous.

Have a great evening.

Yours aye

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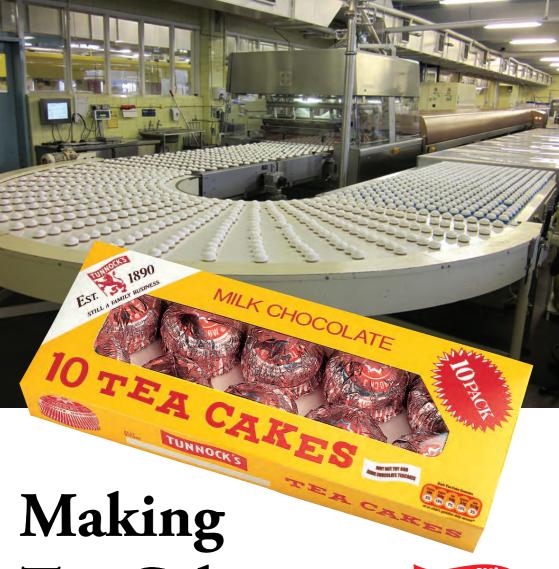
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