Probus Club of Allander

Founded 1982

The History of Probus Club of Allander

Preface

So much has changed in the forty years since the Probus Club of Allander came into existence; and at what a pace. In 1982 we were in deep economic and social crisis; and as I write this, we are still in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic: plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. Or What goes around comes around!

Throughout the maelstrom of change, this friendly Club has continued to thrive, by providing its members with fellowship, conversation (intelligent, more often than not), and stimulating talks and events, even although currently it must do so remotely.

We are deeply grateful to George MB Brady, President 2018-19 for trawling through our photographic and other archives – a herculean task - to put together this account of the Club's first forty years. You will find much to celebrate on this our fortieth anniversary, to which George's chronicle is a worthy testimony. May the next forty years be even better.
On behalf of the Club's Committee, our thanks again to George and, to you our members, happy reading!

John A K Huntley, President 2021-22.
4th July, 2021.

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Introduction

In January1982, "Probus Club of Allander" was formed to bring together retired professional and businessmen of Milngavie and Bearsden.

This document was produced to celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary.

The Club's 20th anniversary in January 2002 was celebrated with a dinner and its 25th anniversary in 2007 coincided with a £3,000 grant from the "National Lottery Awards for All Scotland" scheme. Application for this award was made under the sponsorship of Des McNulty MSP. The award funded the purchase of the club's computer and projection equipment which was a valuable and much needed aid to our speakers.

From its inception in January 1982 the Club has met mainly in Milngavie. Fortnightly meetings were held in the Black Bull Hotel, until the end of 1982 when it closed and a Marks & Spencer's Food Hall was built on the site. From September 1983 Milngavie Lesser Town Hall was the permanent home for the Club. However, due to East Dunbartonshire Council's determination that a district council 'Hub' be sited in Milngavie and the uncertainty of the availability of the Lesser Town Hall for meetings, the Club decided that meetings after summer 2020 be held in Cairns Church of Scotland Hall, Milngavie.

This document gives details of the Club's activities including fortnightly talks, Zoom coffee morning talks and Club outings. There is a complete list of all members with their date of joining. Unfortunately talk details for the four years 1994/95 to 1997/98 were missing from the archives.

The coronavirus pandemic named Covid-19 that started in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan, China and reached Europe by January 2020 had a great effect on all public and private gatherings not only in the UK but throughout the world. Governments banned such gatherings and introduced a rule whereby people had to distance themselves from each other, ie the '2 metre rule'. This had a direct effect on our club and all our meetings and coffee mornings were immediately suspended until further notice.

The most recent photographs of all active members of the Club, active past presidents and the current president, ie 2021-22, are also included in this document.

Section A

The meaning of PROBUS:

In September 1965 some professional and business men from the London area, facing imminent retirement, were thinking of social life during retirement. They consulted with the Rotary Club and came up with the idea of forming a group that could meet regularly and invite speakers to address it on interesting topics. Hence a club was formed and it was decided that the name of the club-should be **PROBUS**.

The name is constructed from the title **PRO**fessional and **BUS**iness men. In Latin 'probus' means good, excellent, honest and upright. The idea has spread to many areas in the UK and abroad. There are now hundreds of clubs throughout the world each having its own distinctive format.

Formation & Constitution:

In January1982, the Probus Club of Allander was formed under the watchful eye of the Rotary Club in Milngavie to bring together retired professional and businessmen of Milngavie and Bearsden.

A Formation Meeting was held in the Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie on Monday 18 January 1982. It was chaired by George Mitchell, the President of the Rotary Club in Milngavie, and attended by 31 other potential members. Proposals of the working party were put forward to the meeting and were agreed unanimously:-

a) The Club would be known as the Probus Club of Allander
b) The Constitution of Queens Park Probus Club would be adopted
c) The Club would meet twice monthly from September to April
d) Meetings would be held in the Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie on afternoons with tea/coffee and biscuits at 50p per head
e) Membership would be limited to 50
f) Entry money would be £1.00 and the subscription would be £1.00 to cover the period to April 1982.

At its meeting on 16 September 1982, David McMurray, governor of Rotary District 123 presented the President's medallion to the Probus Club of Allander's President, Grant Kelly.

Founder Members:

The following 32 members were invited to become Founder Members :

Bill Bennet, Jim Black, Andrew Buchanan, Walter Carlson, Will Cottrell, Fred de Courcy, Andy Dickson, Jim Ferguson, Pat Frost, Jamie Gilchrist, Stan Gillies, Iain Gordon, John Hutchison, Grant Kelly, Bert Lawrie, Bill McAllister, David McAulay, Jack McGowan, Les MacIndoe, George Mitchell, Donald Murray, Bill Pirie, Jim Pollock, Jim Quirk, Bill Robertson, Allan Rodger, Alex Ross, Jim Roy, Bob Smillie, Walter Strang, Jimmy Wharry and Harry Wylie.

Seven of the original founder members went on to become Presidents of the Club: Andy Dickson, Jamie Gilchrist, Iain Gordon, Grant Kelly, Bert Lawrie, Donald Murray and Harry Wylie.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Club would be in the Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie on 10th February 1982 at 2.30 pm and the first President of the Club would be Grant Kelly. The first complete session, with a membership of 43, started on 8th September 1982.

Officers of the Probus Club of Allander comprise President, Past President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and five committee members. The immediate Past President is the Welfare Officer who keeps in touch with members who are ill, infirm or for any other reason are unable to attend meetings.

In Session 2020-21 the club had 81 members with backgrounds in Education, Engineering, Finance, Law, Medicine, Police and many others. Over the past 40 years there have been more than 320 members of the Club.

The Probus Club of Allander meets every month on the second and fourth Thursday afternoon from September until April with a speakers arranged by the President when he was Vice-President.

The Committee meets every month at the end of the second monthly club meeting and once during the summer break.

Membership:

At the end of the Club's first complete year in April 1983, membership of the Club had risen from the initial 44 to 61. This rise contravened the Club's constitution.

At year ending 1986/87 membership of the Club had become so popular that it had increased to 84 and there was even a substantial waiting list of a further 19 potential members. In the agreed Constitution of the Club, membership was to be limited to 50 members and therefore the Constitution was not being adhered to. The matter was discussed in depth and various options were considered. These were to:

a) do nothing,
b) accept the waiting list, or
c) assist in forming a new Club in the area.

By 1988 membership of the Probus Club of Allander had reached 85 and as there was a considerable waiting list for membership of the club it was realised that there was a need for an additional Probus club in the area. Hence a new club named 'Antonine Probus' was formed in the autumn of 1988 in Bearsden with an initial membership of 35.

Surprisingly the new Antonine Probus Club did not take existing members from the Probus Club of Allander but instead attracted new members. Probus Club of Allander remained at capacity with an increasing waiting list for membership.

Club membership continued to increase and by 1995/96 had reached 90. At its AGM in 1997 it was agreed that that the upper limit for membership be reduced from 90 to 85. This of course would only be reached by natural wastage and increasing the waiting list for membership.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (Covid-19) the government instructed that all social contact be avoided particularly by the elderly and those with an underlying health condition. Obviously our membership was included in those categories and all Club meetings and coffee mornings were cancelled.

Joining Fee and Annual Subscription**:**

Year	Membership	Joining Fee £	Annual Fee £	Tea/coffee pence
1982/83	44	1.00	2.50	25
1985/86	81	1.00	2.50	25
1986/87		2.00	3.50	20
1987/95		2.00	4.00	20
1995/96	90	5.00	10.00	*
2002/03		5.00	12.00	
2007/08		5.00	15.00	
2020/21	81	10.00+	25.00+	

* Coffee/tea charge per meeting abolished and included in annual fee.
+ Agreed increase in joining and annual fees from 2020/21.

Meetings:

At its meeting on 8th September 1982 it was agreed that in future fortnightly meetings and coffee mornings would be held on Thursdays and not Wednesdays.

The format of the afternoon meeting would start with Club business followed by a talk given by either an invited guest or Club member. There would then be an interval for coffee/tea and biscuits followed by a question and answer session. Up until 1994/95 there was a charge for coffee/tea and biscuits but this was abolished by the Club at its 1995/96 AGM following the substantial increase in cost of joining fee and annual subscription in 1995-96.

Initially meetings were held in the Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie but were transferred to Milngavie Community Education Centre. The first meeting there was held on 13th January 1983 and they continued until April 1983 when the venue was transferred to Milngavie Lesser Town Hall where, until 2019 and with a few exceptions, all Thursday meetings were held. On 26th October 1989 and 22nd March 1990, it was unavailable and meetings were held in Kessington Public Hall, Bearsden, the former Glasgow Corporation Tramways Department electricity sub-station. Because of a further unavailability on 22nd February 2018, the Club's meeting was held in Bearsden Hub Lesser Hall. This

venue proved to be unsatisfactory due to the lack of facilities. Otherwise, all afternoon meetings of the Club were held in Milngavie Lesser Town Hall.

East Dunbartonshire Council's plan to establish a HUB in Milngavie, rendered Milngavie Lesser Town Hall unavailable until the Hub's completion, and forced the Club to make alternative arrangements for its meetings. The Committee, at its meeting on 14th November 2019, agreed to book Cairns Church of Scotland Hall, Milngavie for all future Thursday meetings starting September 2020. The Club's last formal meeting of the 2019/20 session was held in Milngavie Lesser Town Hall on 12th March 2020. The final coffee morning of the session was in The Beefeater Restaurant, Milngavie on 19th March 2020.

As already indicated in the 'Introduction', the coronavirus pandemic named Covid-19 that started in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan, China and reached Europe by January 2020 had a great effect on all public and private gatherings throughout the world. Governments banned such gatherings and introduced a rule whereby people had to distance themselves from each other, ie the '2-metre rule'. These restrictions had a direct effect on our club and all our meetings and coffee mornings were immediately suspended.

It was agreed that during the lockdown members should make regular telephone contact with each other. After a few weeks John MacIver, vice-President for 2019/20 and committee member William Ho, were instrumental in setting up a weekly 'Zoom' session whereby members could be in video contact with each other. This in effect replaced the weekly coffee mornings at 10.00 each Thursday. The first session was held on 30th April when 36 members attended. During this meeting it was agreed that members would give a talk on topics of interest. See section on 'Zoom 'sessions on page 35. The first "Covid-19" Bulletin, ie issue number 43 was also distributed to each member by e-mail. The Club held its "Covid-19" 39th AGM on 'Zoom' at 10.00 on 25th June 2020 when John MacIver and John Huntley were elected President and vice-President respectively for 2020/21.

The Club's 40th AGM and second "Covid-19" AGM was also held on 'Zoom' at 10.00 on 10th June 2021 when John Huntley and Rob Littlejohn were elected President and vice-President respectively.

After 11th March 2020 afternoon meetings were held by Zoom and topics as shown on the 2020/21 syllabus. The club's coffee mornings were also held

via Zoom with various members giving interesting talks on various topics. Details of the Zoom topics are listed on pages 35 onwards.

Sadly during the Covid-19 pandemic period we lost the following members:

Alastair Ross (87) in April 2020,
Gerrie Davidson (87) in April 2020,
Jim Aitken (99) in April 2020,
J Haswell "Hassie" Young (105), on 1st January 2021,
Charles Fetherston, (85), on 14 January 2021, President 2008/09,
Tom Wilson, (91), on 8th February 2021,
Gordon Thickett, (90), on 3rd June 2021.

Coffee mornings:

An important part of the Probus Club of Allander from its inception is the Club's coffee morning held every Thursday morning throughout the year except when there is a meeting as scheduled in the published syllabus. Members meet informally for tea, coffee and biscuits at the West Highland Gate Hotel, Milngavie, later named the Beefeater Restaurant, to put the world to rights.

Coffee mornings were initially held in the Black Bull Hotel from 1982 until 29th March 1990 when it was closed and a Marks and Spencer's Food Hall was constructed on the site. The Milngavie Community Education Centre and Gavin's Mill, Milngavie were both unsuccessfully used as coffee morning venues and the Beefeater Restaurant was finally chosen as the venue for all coffee mornings. The Beefeater Restaurant offers great value, ie unlimited cups of tea/coffee and biscuits for £2.00.

Members attending Thursday coffee mornings also hold an annual Christmas Lunch in the Beefeater Restaurant.

Annual General Meetings:

The Club's AGMs have been held at various venues since 1982. These were:

Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie	1982
Milngavie Community Education Centre	1983 & 1984
Milngavie Lesser Town Hall	1985-1991
Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie	1992-1997
Burnbrae Hotel, Milngavie	1998 & 1999
Milngavie Lesser Town Hall	2000
Buchanan Castle Golf Club, Drymen	2001-2004
Glasgow Golf Club, Bearsden	2005-2018
Douglas Park Golf Club, Bearsden	2019-2020 & 2022
'On Zoom'	2021

As can be seen, it was not until 2005 that a fixed venue, ie Glasgow Golf Club's Killermont House, Bearsden, was selected. Unfortunately, due to the catastrophic fire on 21st September 2018 that seriously damaged Killermont House the Club's 2018/19 AGM was transferred to Douglas Park Golf Club. However, it returned to Killermont House in 2022 after the latter's restoration.

Annual Christmas Lunch:

The Club's first Christmas lunch, costing £4.00 per head and attended by 61 members and their wives, was held on 21st December 1982 in the Milngavie Community Education Centre.

The 1998 Christmas lunch was £7 and in 2019 it was £23.

Christmas Lunches were held at Buchanan Castle Golf Club, Drymen in 2000 and at the Buchanan Arms Hotel, Drymen in 2007.

Since Christmas 2008 the venue for the Club's Annual Christmas Lunch, to which guests are invited, has been Douglas Park Golf Club's clubhouse. Each year the President of Antonine Probus is invited as Guest Speaker and this is reciprocated by Antonine Probus.

Annual Burns Lunch:

The Club held its first Burns Lunch in January 2013 in Milngavie Lesser Town Hall. These were held there each year until January 2020, after which Covid-19 intervened.

The Burns lunches are privately catered for with "haggis and neeps", steak pie and biscuits and cheese and, of course, a "dram" to toast the 'Bard'. The haggis is piped in and toasted and after the lunch and speeches the members are entertained by guest musicians playing keyboard and violin. For a number of years our very own Douglas Orr has entertained us with his keyboard.

The Club's 2021 and 2022 Burns Lunches were held via Zoom with haggis pies being provided by the Club to each member.

Bowling tournaments:

The first bowling tournament took place at Bearsden Bowling Club on 14 July 2018 and was won by the team of George Broomfield, Jim Rennie Terry Rawson and Douglas Orr. There followed a second tournament on 13 July 2019 at the same venue. The winning team was Ian Cooper, Ian Bowie, Bert Chrystie and John AK Huntley.

After the second tournament, a cup was kindly donated by John AK Huntley. The tournament would be, in future, played at other Bowling Clubs in the district on a rotational basis.

Golf tournaments:

The golf tournament has been contested since 1988-2008, but was missing in 2009, and from 2011 to 2015. The most popular courses for the competition have been Balfron, Balmore, Buchanan Castle and Glasgow Golf Club at Killermont.

A handsome trophy crafted by the members is presented to the winner by the President.

The winners were:

JMR Benson	1988	Alex Pairman	1989
AM Cowan	1990	Robin Climie	1991
AD Marshall	1992	EW Drummond	1993
Ian Newton	1994	Iain Cameron	1995
Robert Chrystie	1996	Matt Orr & Robin Climie	1997
Iain Cameron	1998	Matt Orr	1999
Jim Wilson	2000	MT Hayes	2001
Frank Greig	2002	Roy Burdon	2003
Charles Featherston	2004	Robin Climie	2005
Jim Williamson & Frank Greig	2006	Roy Burdon	2007
Ken Wallace	2008	Eric Anderson	2010
Ken Wallace	2016	Ken Wallace	2017
Ken Wallace	2018	Rob Littlejohn	2019
John Perkins	2020	Jim Allan	2021

Investment Group:

The Club formed an "Investment Group" with its first meeting being held in December 1999. The membership comprised Alex Frew (Chairman), Basil Shearer (Secretary), Douglas Allsop (Treasurer), Crawford Allen, Robert Chrystie, Morton Fyfe, Michael Hayes, John Shaw, Colin Smith and John Summers.

The group was formed when the stock market was at an all-time high before the fall that lasted three years. In August 2004 it was decided, by a majority of 11 to 1, to disband the group.

Computer Group:

The Club also formed a computer group and meetings were held in Brookwood Library, Bearsden. The aim was to introduce members to the use of computers and also to solve problems and answer questions for those who might have more equipment than experience.

Bulletin:

The first Bulletin was instigated and edited by Roy Burdon in the Autumn of 2004 when Morton Fyfe was President.

Roy was Editor for 4 years. Jimmy Collins became Editor in 2008 for the 13th Bulletin with Douglas Orr assisting in its compilation. When Jimmy's eyesight started to fail Douglas Orr took over production on 2014 till the present day. Frank Cruickshank was editor, along with Jimmy Collins, from 2011 to 2014 when Frank became both Secretary and President on the death of Alex Frew.

Alex was a very well respected member and had injected considerable enthusiasm into the Club during his reign as Secretary (2002-2014). A collection from members raised a substantial sum and his widow, Norma, was presented with a gold necklace and bracelet of her choice at the Christmas Lunch 2014.

To date (Spring 2021), 47 issues of the eagerly-sought-after publication have been produced.

The Bulletin is issued three times per year, in Spring, Autumn and Winter. Over the years it has been very useful to look back at some of the articles and it also helps to keep track of talks, outings, new members and Presidents, etc. The current editor holds a complete set of all Bulletins. The Spring issue of the Bulletin, ie number 43 was e-mailed to members rather than the usual printed version because of Covid-19 restrictions

Club Group Photographs:

Club group photographs are now taken on a regular basis. Initially only photographs of past presidents were taken. Between 1985 and 2003 club photographs were taken irregularly, i.e., 1985/86, 1989/90, 1990/91, 1993/94, 1996/97, 1998/99 and 2002/03. Since then group photographs have been taken every three years, ie 2012/13, 2015/16 and 2018/19. The next club photograph was scheduled to be taken during 2021/22, but postponed because of Covid.

Probus Club of Allander Past Presidents:

1982-83	Grant C. Kelly	2003-04	Gerrie Davidson
1983-84	Donald Murray	2004-05	Morton Fyfe
1984-85	James Gilchrist	2005-06	Walter Carswell
1985 *	Gilbert Lawrie	2006-07	James Sim
1985-86	Andrew Dickson	2007-08	Kenneth Wallace
1986-87	Iain Gordon	2008-09	Charles Featherston
1987-88	James Holmes	2009-10	John Williamson
1988-89	Harry Wylie	2010-11	Roy McGowan
1989-90	Eric Evans	2011-12	Gil Harrison
1990-91	Jas W. Elder	2012-13	Douglas Orr
1991-92	Alex Pairman	2013-14	E.G. Anderson
1992-93	David G. Gardner	2014-15	Frank Cruickshank*
1993-94	Colin Smith	2015-16	Fred Lee
1994-95	Bill Hamilton	2016-17	Colin Gemmill
1995-96	E. W. Drummond	2017-18	Stephen Rodger
1996-97	Henry U'ren	2018-19	George MB Brady
1997-98	Michael Hayes	2019-20	Ian Marshall
1998-99	Andrew McIntosh	2020-21	John MacIver
1999-98	Alex Frew	2021-22	John AK Huntley
2000-01	Alistair H. Ross		
2001-02	Alistair McLundie		
2002-03	Basil Shearer		

- Note: Gilbert Lawrie was elected President in 1985 but stepped down in September.

Probus Club of Allander Secretaries and Treasurers:

	Secretaries:		**Treasurers:**
1984-1990	Bill Wylie	1990-1991	Bill Wylie/Bert Lawrie
1984-1994	Stan Gillies	1991-1995	? No record
1994-1995	Bill Wyllie	1995-1996	Eric Biggar
1995-1999	Robin Climie	1996-2005	Frank Greig
1999-2002	Stan Wyllie	2005-2009	Douglas Fordyce
2002-2014	Alex Frew	2009-2014	Walter Carswell
2014-	Frank Cruickshank*	2014-	Gil Harrison

* Note: On the death of Alex Frew, Frank Cruickshank adopted the role of joint President and Secretary.

Section B

Formal Talks:

Occasionally, a programmed talk did not take place, and some were rescheduled in subsequent years.

1982-83: President - Grant C Kelly

"The Challenge of Strathclyde" - Ruth Storie , SRC,
"Mayday" - Alex Biggar,
"The Star Spangled Manner" - Jimmy McGill,
"The Guinea Pig Club and East Grinstead" - Ian Craig,
"Antiques" - James Mullen,
"Local Crime and Home Security" - Sergeant Weir, Strathclyde Police,
"The Quest for Oil in Alaska and the North Sea" - Brian Deans BP Ltd,
"Weights & Measures - experiences of a Customer Complaints Officer" - AR Anderson, SRC,
"Children's Panels & Hearings in Strathclyde Region" - Cathie Russell, SRC,
"Amnesty International" - Dr Jim Grant,
"Taxidermy at Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum" - Mr R Hendry,
"Problems of being a TV Presenter" - Pat Trevor, Public Relations Dept., STV.

1983-84: President - Donald Murray

"Physiotherapy" - Iain Gordon (Club Member),
"Travel in South Africa" - Alisdair MacDiarmid, Scotia Travel ,
"National Trust for Scotland" - Sir Robert MacLellan (Deputy Chairman),
"Question Time" - Club Members,
"Journey around Nova Scotia" - Prof. Harry Bell,
"Bee Keeping" - Alasdair MacIver,
"The Lighthouse Service" - John MacRae,
"Small Fruit Gardens" - John Kirkwood, Glasgow City Parks,
"Robert Burns" - Bob Kennedy,
"Bearsden & Milngavie Technical Services" - Bill Dudgeon, Director of Technical Services,
"Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme" - John Hamilton.

1984-85: President - James Gilchrist

"Origin of Probus" - Grant C Kelly (Member),
"Drug Addiction" - Insp. Julian Howitt, (Strathclyde Police),
"Roads in Strathclyde Region" - Ruth Storrie, SRC,
"Mugdock Country Park" - Steve Roderick, Ranger,
"Humour in Court" - William Linn,
"Discussion on Vandalism" - Club Discussion,
"Summer in a Tin Box" - Prof. John Hawthorn,
"John Logie Baird" - Peter Waddell,
"Marks & Spencers" - John Gaffney,
"St. Kilda and the Forgotten Isles" - GB Thomson, Bank of Scotland,
"Dr. Andrew Herron's early life anecdotes",
"Great Scots" - Prof. WW Fletcher,
"Occupational Diseases" - Dr Iain Symington.

1985-86: President - Andrew Dickson

"Mountaineering at Home and Abroad" - David Gardner Jr.,
"Role of a Councillor" - John Santos,
"The West Highland Way" - Gordon Holman,
"Year as Church of Scotland Moderator" - Very Rev. John M Paterson,
"Life of Romans in Bearsden Fort" - Camilla Dickson,
"The History of Magic" - Wilf Cottrell,
"Industrial Heritage" - John R Hume,
"Bangkok & Singapore" - Miss Newton,
"Dentistry in Papua New Guinea" - Innes Grant,
"Clocks & Watches" - John Wilson,
"Kilmardinny House" - Harry Wylie,
"Difficulties in getting a book published" - Jim Roy,
"Poster Design" - Alex Mitchell,
"Munn & Dunning (Education)"
- John Halliday (Rector of Douglas Academy),
"Policing" - Ch. Supt. David Allen.

1986-87: President - Iain Gordon

"Vintage Cars" - David Hall,
"Fire Service" - Divisional Commander Ian Miller,
"History of Banking" - Iain Inglis,
"Gardening" - Ian Wells,
"Experiences of a Lay Magistrate" - Jack Ritchie (Member),
"Bagpiping" - Insp. John Wilson, Strathclyde Police,
"History of the Red Cross - Morag Strang,
"The Old Bearsden and Milngavie District" - Bert Morris,
"Does Local Government Matter?"
- Sir Robert Calderwood, Chief Executive, Strathclyde Regional Council,
"Glasgow's Water Supply" - Gerry Waters & Donald Davidson,
"Details of a Police Incident" - Alan McKinlay (Member),
"'Take Tent' - Organisation to cater for cancer sufferers" - Janette Weir,
"Life of a Press Photographer" - Bob Nicholson.

1987-88: President - James Holmes

"BBC Symphony Orchestra" - Patrick Garvey,
"Llonda Comes Home" - Don McLachlan,
"Prehistoric Tombs of Scotland" - Dr Alex Morrison,
"River Purification Board in West Central Scotland" - Ian Corner,
"A visit to China" - Rev. David Orr,
"Meteorology Services" - Jim Allardyce,
"Work carried out at Calderpark Zoo, Glasgow" - Stephen Bostock,
"Travel Bureau" - George Stewart,
"Stock Exchange - Glasgow & London" - Ian Philip,
"A trip up the River Rhine" - David Gardiner,
"Work at PDSA, Glasgow" - Tom McInnes,
"Glasgow West Health Council" - Danny Crawford, Secy. GWHC,
"Work of the 'Samaritans'" - 'Stewart' of the 'Samaritans'.

1988-89: President - Harry Wylie

"Lillie Art Gallery, Milngavie" - Elizabeth Dent,
"Ancient Times to the Present" - Jim Roy,
"SNOs Tour of USA in 1976 & 1980" - Gordon Holman,
"Church Architecture - Past and Present" - Robert Rogerson,

"Authorities wielded by the SSEB and the NS & HEB" - Roger Booth,
"A visit to Singapore and Australia" - Bill McFarlane (Member),
"Slides of Scottish Islands and the Mainland" - Neil MacDonald,
"Tour of Israel" - Rev. Roy Paterson,
"History from 'Tradings Standards' to 'Consumer & Trading Standards'"
- Catherine Connolly, CTS, SRC,
"Retinitis Pigmentosa" - James Risk,
"Model Making" - David Martin,
"Gardens throughout the World" - Alex Mair,
"Fraud Squad Experiences" - Det. Supt. Hugh Phillans.

1989-1990: President - Eric Evans

"Work taken by the Dog and Cat Home" - Rebecca Ford,
"Rentokil Home Protection" - Craig Walters,
"Forth and Clyde Canal" - Jim Clark, Countryside Ranger,
"Hill, Samuels - Tax" - Nigel Hunter & Andrew Forbes, HS,
"Castles in Scotland" - David Gardner,
"Oil Wellhead Equipment" - Neil MacDonald,
"History of the West Highland Railway" - Harold Sinclair,
"Old Milngavie" - Bert Morris,
"BP Exploration" - John Pack, BP,
"The Antique Business" - Joe Mullen,
"Holiday Resorts" - Alastair McDiarmid, Scotia Travel,
"Gardening" - Ian Walls, Parks Dept.,
"Glasgow Garden Festival" - Miss Murray.

1990-91: President - Jas W Elder

"Flora of Papua New Guinea" - Ewan Donaldson,
"History of the blending of Bell's 'Islander' whisky"
- Ian Grieve, Master Blender,
"Work of the Medical Staff of HM Prison 'Barlinnie'" - Dr Duncan Neil, MO,
"Foundation of the National Trust for Scotland" - Anne Hamilton,
"Facts and Statistics relating to the 'Citizen Advice Bureaux'"
- Vincent Chudy,
"Experiences in China" - Prof. Henry Wong,
"Foundation of the 'Corps of Commissionaires'" - Major Jeremy Philps,
"James Finlay Financial Services" - Philip Smith & Ken McKenzie,

"The Himalayas" - Derek Ferrier,
"History of Glasgow Cathedral" - Miss Cassels,
"Development of Glasgow Airport" - Sandy Farrar,
"The Universe and the infinitesimal part the Earth has in it"
- Prof. Archie Roy,
"Strathclyde Police Underwater Search Unit" - Constable Dr. Jim Kerr.

1991-92: President - Alex Pairman

"Malt Whisky" - Douglas McKay, Single Malt Association,
"Dentistry in Forensic Medicine" - Prof. Gordon Macdonald,
"Prince & Princess of Wales' Hospice, Glasgow" - Dr Anne Gilmore,
"Bygone Scotland" - Alastair Paton,
"The River Nile" - Dr James Allan,
"The Brewing of Beer" - Michael Partridge,
"The P.S. 'Waverley' and the steam era on the River Clyde" - Peter Reid,
"Production of Milngavie & Bearsden Herald" - Alastair Blyth,
"Dogs for the Blind" - Margaret Arthur,
"History & difficulties associated with amateur radio
enthusiasts" - Bob Smith,
"A visit to Russia" - Bill Macfarlane,
"Glasgow Herald and newspapers in general" - Murray Ritchie,
"Medical Engineering" - Prof. RM Kennedy (Member).

1992-93: President - David G Gardner

"Schooner Sir Winston Churchill & voyage from Santander to
Liverpool" - Jim Woodward,
"Nuclear Power" - Angus Pinkerton, Scottish Nuclear Ltd,
"Social Services" - Anne Hunter,
"Milngavie in 'olden times'" - Iain Gordon (Member),
"Tales of the Church" - Rev. Moses Donaldson,
"Two journeys on two rivers in China" - Capt. Henley,
"Antarctic Expeditions of the Scotia in 1902 and 1904" - Roger Watts,
"West Highland Steamers" - Alastair Aitken,
"Work of the RNLI" - Archie MacKenzie,
"24 Hour Care Service" - Norman Shepherd,
"Loganair Ambulance Service" - Capt. Andrew Farringdon,
"Pharmacy and Drugs" - Dr. Walter Sneader.

1993-94: President - Colin Smith

"Photographs of Old Glasgow" - Douglas Annan,
"Nepal and Everest"- Allan Ingram,
"Bearsden & Milngavie District versus Absorption into Glasgow District" - Bill Hamilton,
"Kilpatricks Project" - George McQuarrie,
"Public Library Service in Bearsden & Milngavie" - Sheena Peters,
"Fishing as a Sport" - Bill Wilkinson,
"The World of Advertising" - David Finlay,
"Glasgow Royal Infirmary History and Medicine Past & Present" - Dr. Betty Bradford,
"Urban Regeneration" - Prof. Gwyn Kennedy,
"Kuwait and neighbouring countries" - Dr. McReadie,
"40 Years banking with the Bank of Scotland" - Norman Reid, BoS,
"Wood Carving" - David Brough
"Mountaineering in Scotland" - Donald Bennet.

1994-95: President - Bill Hamilton
Talk details missing from archives

1995-96: President - E W Drummond
Talk details missing from archives

1996-97: President - Henry U'ren
Talk details missing from archives

1997-98: President - Michael Hayes
Talk details missing from archives

1998-99: President - Andrew McIntosh

"Diamonds and Precious Stones" - Ian Mundie,
"The Fire Brigade and Safety in the Home" - CFF Edward Laughlin,
"Privatised Railways - The Passengers' Viewpoint" - William Ure, MBA,
"Outing - Guided Tour of the Botanic Gardens",

"Milngavie - Its Origins and Growth" - Nigel Orr,
"Road Steam Engines" - Trevor Rees,
"Lord Lieutenancy" - Archie MacKenzie, Vice LL of Dunbartonshire,
"Relationships" - Rev. Ramsay Shields, BA, BD,
"Local Studies in East Dunbartonshire" - Don Martin, FLA,
"Biomedical Engineering" - Prof. RM Kennedi (Member),
"Local Government and Change" - Con Mallon, BA, DPA,
"Scotland before Man" - Prof. AC Kennedy, CBE,
"The Tenement House" - Volunteer Speaker, National Trust for Scotland,
"34 Years at Sea with Scottish Fishery Protection Agency"
- Capt. David L Rattray, OBE.

1999-2000: President - Alex Frew

"Para Handy" - Ronnie Armstrong & Brian Osbourne,
"History of the Victoria Cross" - Col. David McDougal (Rtd),
"Transatlantic Liners" - Colin Castle,
"Grains of Truth - A Journalist Remembers" - Jack Webster,
"An Introduction to Family History Research" - Mary Buchanan,
"Sunday Painting" - Robert Begg,
"The Scottish Prison Service" - Roger Houchin,
"The Millennium - Hopes and Fears" - Rev Fergus Buchanan,
"The Stock Market" - David McGibbon,
"The Development and Growth of Scottish Power" - John Menzies,
"East Dunbartonshire Police" - Chief Insp. Colin McMinn,
"400 Years of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow"
- Gavin Shaw FRCP.

2000-01: President - Alistair H Ross

"Your caird's fell down behind the radiator"
- Dr John Williamson (Member),
"Scottish Gas" - Alf Orriell,
"Transatlantic Liners" - Colin Castle,
"The 'Samaritans'" - a member of the 'Samaritans'.
"Medical Experiences" - Dr W Thomson,
"Iceland" - Miss EM McArthur,
"Glasgow Airport" - Sandy Ferrar,
"West of Scotland Water" - Paul Maxwell,

“Erchie” - Ronnie Armstrong & Brian Osbourne,
“Fine Wines” - Toby Owen of Oddbins,
“The Strange Story of False Teeth” - Sir David Mason,
“Journalism” - John Beattie,
“One of our Own” - Hugh Sutherland (Member).

2001-02: President - Alistair McLundie

“Saving Gavin’s Mill, Milngavie” - HS Morris,
“Scotland’s Railways” - Sam Thomson,
“Scotland’s First National Park” - Bill Dalrymple,
“The Burrell Collection” - Dr Winifred Finlay,
“The Hubble Telescope” - John Craig,
“Charles Rennie Mackintosh” - Edward Simpson,
“Bomb Disposal” - Lt. Col. Geof. Ward,
“Local Newspapers” - Alistair Blythe,
“The Silk Road” - Miss E McArthur,
“Travels in KwaZulu-Natal” - Mrs A Russell,
“The Life of an Auctioneer” - Campbell Armour,
“The Forth and Clyde Canal” - Guthrie Hutton,
“One of Our Own” - (Member).

2002-03: President - Basil Shearer

“The Trades House of Glasgow “ - Dr Morton Fyfe (Member),
“Genes Under Siege” - Prof. Roy Burdon,
“Battle of Loos, 1915” - Willie Couper,
“Firearms” - Bill Smith,
“Blacks in America - A Hard Won Freedom” - Rev. David Keddie,
“The Chance of a Lifetime” - Grant Finlay,
“Around the World in 80 Days” - Peter & Ann Hunt,
“Islamabad to China” - Bill Henley,
“A Passage to India” - Dr Andrew Barr,
“Mountains have their memories” - Dr FS Drew,
“Riding for the Disabled” - Carolyne Russell,
“Scottish Parliament” - Des McNulty MSP.

2003-04: President - Gerrie Davidson

"An afternoon with John and Peter" - John & Peter Douglas,
"Nearly the Last of the Summer Wine" - Alan McKinlay & Robert Paton,
"Engineering - The Key to Civilisation" - AE McCunn OBE,
"Heraldry - An Introduction to the Science" - Thomas Dewar,
"Business and Pleasure in China" - William Law,
"The Early History of the United States of America" - Norman Lyttle,
"Robert Burns" - Len Murray (Member),
"Over My Shoulder" - Bob Kutner,
"North to Alaska" - Alan Menzies,
"Still Seeing Red" - Robert Bell,
"The Falkirk Tryst" - Ian Scott,
"The Life of a Librarian" - Andrew Miller.

2004-05: President - Morton Fyfe

"Israel/Palestine - An Insoluble Problem" - Prof. R Davidson,
"The Molendinar" - Murray Blair,
"A Surgeon in Africa" - Noel Blockey,
"Transports of Delight" - Dr GB Horspool,
"Doctors and Magic" - Dr GD Parbrook,
"P…P…P…Picture a Penguin" - Dr A Bain,
"Travel Medicine - A Personal Perspective" - Dr J Cossar,
"The West Highland Way" - R Hamilton,
"Life with the Lions" - The British & Irish Rugby Team - I Stark,
"From the Bloody Heart" - O Thomson,
"Life in the Fast Lane" - C Roy,
"The History of Clydebank" D Carson,
"A Sojourn in Africa" - Fred Lee (Member).

2005-06: President - Walter Carswell

"Titanic after the Collision" - John Gallacher,
"An Afternoon with the 'Vital Spark'" - David Hammond,
"Cops & Dogs" - Strathclyde Police,
"The Story of New Lanark" - Rachael Love,
"The Foundations of Freemasonry" - John Mann (Member),

"The Evolution of the Hand Gun" - Walter Carswell (Member),
"The Scottish Parliament "- Des McNulty MSP,
"Scottish Island Hopping" - Robert Hamilton,
"A quick 'dekko' at Art Deco" - Robert McSkimming,
"Mugdock Country Park, then, now and the future" - Ian Arnott,
" Diaporama, Sound, Light and Film Presentation",
"Army in Scotland" - Allan L Carswell.

2006-07: President - James Sim

"Milngavie Water Treatment Plant" - Kenny Naylor,
"Scottish Engineering - The Greatest Job in the World" - Dr Peter Hughes,
"The rights and wrongs of Rights of Way" - Alistair Lawson,
'Ospreys" - Joanne McFarlane,
"Journey with a Telescope" - David Clarke,
"Digital Photography" - Andrew Williams,
"The Interrogator" - Andrew Williams,
"Blue footed boobies and other birds" - Eric Anderson (Member),
"The icing on the cake" - Evelyn Hogarth,
"Along the Duouro - North Portugal" - Eleanor McArthur,
"The Broch - A Scottish Phenomenon" - Irwin Campbell,
"Kyaking around Skye, Eigg, Muck & Canna" - Hugh Kerr
& Robert Douglas,
"Swords & Sabres" - Walter Carswell (Member)
"Lord Kelvin" - Dr Ivan S Ruddock.

2007-08: President - Kenneth Wallace

"Panama" - Malcolm Boyd,
Chairman, University of Highlands & Islands, Colin Mackay,
"An Introduction to the Scottish Parliament" - Paul Anderson,
"Preaching God's Kingdom in an unjust world" - Rev John Harris,
"The Pathology of Superiority" - Prof Peter O'Behan,
"Driving Standards - 'Arrive Safely' - For the benefit of the older driver",
"Magic" - Jim Cuthbert,
"In the Commentator's Box - Water, Water Everywhere" - David Begg,
"The Sporting Life" - Arthur Montford,
"Science meets Art/ Art meets Science" - Roy Burdon,
"Life as a 'Whistler'" - Rev Andrew Lees,

“Antanas Gecass - War Criminal“ - Len Murray,
“Policing Abroad” - David Allen.

2008-09: President - Charles Featherston

“From the Commentator’s Bag” - David Begg,
“Fund Raising for Erskine” - Lynda O’Malley,
“The Panopticon Music Hall, Glasgow” - Judith Bowers,
“Alfred Nobel and his invention of Dynamite” - Frank Murray,
“A Rugby Referee” - Andy Clift,
“RNLI Scotland” - Roberta Young,
“Iona and the Abbey” - Julian May,
“Regeneration, the Heart of the Matter” - Gordon McCorkindale,
“Money Matters” - Alf Young,
“Whisky Blender” - Richard Paterson,
“Do You Remember?” - Donald McCorkindale,
“The Broch” - Irwin Campbell,
“The History of Radiology” - Dr John Calder.

2009-10: President - John Williamson

“Malawi beneath the Politics” - Rosemary Harley,
“Israel” - Eileen Robertson,
“Whisky Blending” - Richard Paterson,
“Glasgow Hospitals” - James Collins,
“Biological Warfare” - John Smith,
“DC Thomson Newspapers” - Gordon Small,
“Scale models in water engineering” - John Towson,
“Spitsbergen” - John Knowler,
“Climate Change?” - Millar Allan (Member),
“Children’s Hearing (System)” - Willie Taylor,
“Sports Broadcasting & Journalism” - Ron Marshall,
“Publishing Bibles” - Nicholas Gray,
“Glasgow Works” - Michael Boulton-James,
“Famous Scottish Doctors” - David Lawson.

2010-11: President - Roy McGowan

“Kimo Peru Project” - Chris Scott,

“Family History” - Christine Miller,
“The Eden Project” - Douglas Keith,
“Birds of Scotland” - David Lawson,
“Milngavie - The Village,” - Nigel Orr
“After the Mutiny” - Malcolm Boyd,
“Little stories from the Court” - Brian Adair,
“Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2014” - Alex McLean,
“Normandy Beaches - D Day 60th Anniversary” - Ian Marshall,
“Credit Crunch plus Two” - Alf Young,
“Lasers” - Frank Cruickshank (Member),
“Life and Death Negotiator” - Colin McDougall,
“Bennie Rail Plane” - Bill Black,
“Kilimanjaro Conquered at 60” - Jonathan Cossar.

2011-12: President - Gil Harrison

“Little Stories from the Court” - Brian Adair,
“Is politics becoming just another branch of showbiz” - Des McNulty,
“360 Panoramas” - Bill Ward,
“Diminishing Youth” - Dr J Simpson,
“Blood, Sweat and Tears” - Dr Ian Swann,
“Let the People Decide” - Dennis Canavan,
“Trailblazers - Scots in Canada” - David Forsyth,
“Robert Burns” - Len Murray (Member),
“Scottish Screen Archive” - Ruth Washbrook,
“The MacBrayne Story” - Ian McCrorie,
“Life at the BBC” - Jim Hunter,
“Music in the 21st Century” - Derek Norval,
“The Tall Ship at the Riverside” - Christopher Mason,
“The Work of the Vine Trust” - Eleanor Easton.

2012-1 : President - Douglas Orr

“Amazon Hope II” - Dr Jonathan Cossar,
“Lack of Moral Fibre” - Alex Dickson,
“History of Cartoons” - David Carson
“Jazz in Russia” - Bill Newman,
“HMS Dasher” - John Steele,

“PS Waverley” - Ian Quinn,
“Glasgow thro’ the eyes of the Illustrator” - Bill Black,
“Lighthouses” - Joy Blair,
“Pop to the Pulpit and Back” - Rev David Hamilton,
“Power to the People” - Blair Armstrong,
“Greek Thomson” - Prof. Sam McKinstry,
“Old Maryhill” - Ian Mitchell,
“Stories behind the Pictures” - David Cairns,

2013-14: President - E G Anderson

“Philately will get you everywhere” - Ken Norris,
“UK Oil Industry - It’s Origins” - David Mudge,
“On the roof of the World” - Alan Ingram,
“All at Sea” - Julian Golding,
“What used to be there Grandpa?” - Allan Condie,
“High Speed Bennie” - Henry Osborne,
“We made It!” - Club Members,
“Reach for the Stars” - Margaret Morris,
“Beatson and Contemporaries” - David Smith,
“Digging up Scotland’s Past” - Jim Walker,
“Coming up Roses” - Norman Robb,
“Organs Organs” - Paul Miller & Colin Mackay,
“What went Straight but now goes Round?” - Colin Mackay.

2014-15: President - Frank Cruickshank

“Organs’ Organs” - John R Turner (In Cairns Church)
“Life of a Cellist” - Sarah Harrington,
“Alexander Bain, Caithness - Born Telegraph Engineer” - Ivan Ruddock,
“Key Moments in the History and Development of the Piano”
- Alistair McLean,
“The Art of Blending & Bottling Scotch Whisky” - Max McFarlane,
“Life of Bees” - Magnus Peterson,
“Policing the Commonwealth Games - First Real Challenge for Police Scotland, International Force” - Andrew Hutton,
“One Hundred Years or More” - Roger Stark,
“All Things Partick Thistle” - Robert Reid,
“Sir William Burrell and his Ships” - Martin Bellamy,

“Fifteen Years Service to Local Communities” - Stuart Ballantyne,
“The Scottish Coinage” - Joe Lamont,
“Heritage Smells” - Lorraine Gibson,
“Instruments we Play” - Club Members.

2015-16: President - Fred Lee

“The History of Glasgow Police” - Alistair Dinsmore,
“A Global Bank and its Global Heritage” - Roderick Ashley,
“When a City Dies” - David Lawson,
“Chemical Bonds” - Francis Dryburgh,
“From a Postal Historian” - Ian Evans,
“David Livingstone” - Jon Cossar,
“The History of the sailing ship ‘Glenlee’” - Bill MacKinlay,
“A month in the life of a Councillor” - Duncan Cumming (EDC),
“Rudolph Hess” - Ian Valentine,
“Angels with Beards” - Douglas Allen,
“Crimes of War” - Robert Tomlinson,
“Wines of France” - Stewart Roy.

2016-2017: President - Colin Gemmill

“The Merchants House of Glasgow” - Andrew Primrose,
“CALMAC - Marine lifeline (But Who Pays the Ferryman)” - Ian McCrorie,
“Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission - Right the First Time?”
- Gerard Sinclair,
“It’s Scotland’s Bru' The Story of A.G. Barr & Co” - Robin Barr,
“The Eyes Have It” - Charles Kinsey,
“Forensic Science - The Servant of the Legal Process” - Brian Caddy,
“Glasgow Necropolis” - Nigel Willis,
“Local Planning” - Alan Moir,
“Mummy’s seeing Stars - Astronomy in Ancient Egypt” - Chris O’Kane,
“Roman in the Gloamin’ - The Antonine Wall - A Wall too Far?”
- June Neilson,
“The Art of Forgery” - Roy Burdon (Former Member),
“About Time - History of the Clock” - David Carson.

2017-18: President - Stephen Rodgers

"Life, Work & Influence of David Stow" - Dr Glenda White,
"Exploring Myths about Nazi Film Propaganda" - Ian Garden,
"Rebuilding Killearn Village Hall" - Michael Pell,
"Visiting the Shaksgam Valley, Karakoram" - Chris Huxham,
"Club Quiz" - Members,
"RNIB - Cycling Round Capital Cities" - Ken Reid,
"Transport and Climate Change" - Dr John McCormick,
"Sleeping Around Scotland" - Laura Alexander
"Glasgow's Central Hotel" - Jill Scott & Bill Hicks,
"British Electricity Supply Industry" - Stephen Rodgers (Member),
"TV Humour" - Chris Scott,
"Forth & Clyde Canal" - Tommy Lawton.

2018-19: President - George MB Brady

"Telling Lies During Wartime" - Ian Garden,
"U-Boats on the Clyde - Two World Wars" - Alistair Alexander,
"How to Poison Your Spouse" - Dr Ian Dale,
"The History of the Electrification of Public Transport in Glasgow : 1897-1997" - George MB Brady (Member),
"The History of the Fire Brigade in Glasgow & Edinburgh" - Duncan Mackintosh,
"History of Passports" - Robert Wilson MBE,
"Air Traffic Control" - Paul Spooner,
"Buffalo Bill, Wounded Knee & Glasgow" - Kevin Kerrigan,
"VIP & Royal Duties" - Ian Thompson,
"The Beloved, the Damned and the Forgotten" - Bill Fitzpatrick,
"Turning Points in Glasgow's History" - Dr Michael Boulton-James,
"Scottish Islands" - Heather Willmot.

2019-20: President - Ian Marshall

"Glasgow Old & New" - Douglas Annan,
"The Road to Authorship" - Paul Henke,
"Panama Canal" - Malcolm Boyd,
"Medical Cartoons" - Sir Kenneth Calman,

"Bardowie Gin - Your Local Tonic" - Mark Hazell,
"What Goes On in the Basement" - Larry McDougall (Member)
"Financial Journalism" - Alf Young,
"Road Safety and IAM Roadsmart" - Neil Greig,
"Canals of Scotland" - Lisa Snedden,

Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic all meetings of the club were suspended and we met on Zoom. We replaced coffee mornings with Zoom coffee meetings from April 30th 2020.

Two scheduled talks that did not take place due to the Covid restrictions:

"Glasgow Airport Development" - Ross Nimmo,
"From Albatross to Zeppelin - and the Royal Flying Corps" - Robert Wilson.

Covid-19 'Zoom' Morning Sessions:

Session 1: 30 April 2020
General discussion on "Using Zoom and Other Matters".
Session 2: 7 May 2020
Douglas Orr: Recital on electronic keyboard,
Ernest Cormie: Exhibition of his watercolour paintings.
Session 3: 14 May 2020
Ken Wallace: Recitation and Life of Robert Burns,
Reid Harrison: Recitation of McGonagle type poem written by Angus McIntyre describing "the famous Oban Mod",
Dennis Monaghan: Describing his stone sculpting tools and exhibition of his works in sandstone and marble.
Session 4: 21 May 2020
William Ho: Chinese Art,
John Huntley: Antiques.
Session 5: 28 May 2020
Tom Wilson: Thoughts and reminiscences - a poem by Rudyard Kipling,
George MB Brady: History of Garscube House and Estate.
Session 6: 4 June 2020
Frank Cruickshank: Wood and Metal Carving.
Session 7: 11 June 2020
Stephen Rodgers: Woodland Trust,
Session 9: 25 June 2020

The Club held its "Covid-19" 39th AGM when John MacIver and John Huntley were elected President and vice-President respectively for 2020/21.

2020-21: President - John MacIver

'Zoom' Morning Sessions:
Session 10: 2 July 2000
William Ho: "Chinese Culture".
Session 11: 9 July 2020
William Ho: "Chinese Culture - Writing".
Session 12: 16 July 2020
Club Quiz: "Glasgow - Where and When?"
Session 13: 23 July 2020 -
"Scots compared with English, French, Germans and Spaniards.
Session 14: 30 July 2020",
John Huntley - "A Glasgow Winter's tale" - followed by members' reminiscences.
Session 15: 6 August 2020
John Huntley/William Ho : "Photograph Quiz - Capital Cities, Stadiums, Scottish Wildlife, Motor Cars and Equations".
Session 16: 13 August 2020
General discussion regarding future meetings.
Session 17: 20 August 2020
Charles Fetherston - Cyril Fletcher's ditty - "The Tale of Sonia Snell",
John Huntley- Cyril Fletcher's ditty - "The story of Gertie".
Session 18: 27 August 2020
Rob Littlejohn - "A road trip home from Malta to Crieff in 1978".
Session 19: 3 September 2020
John Williamson -"A ghost story",
Tom Wilson: "Trump's visit to the Vatican",
Bill Pollock: "Black Man/White Man".
Session 20: 10 September 2020
Frank Cruickshank: "Quiz with interesting objects".
Session 21: 17 September 2020
Ken Muir: "Why Louisa Jordan? - History of the Scottish Women's Hospital Unit".
Session 22: 1 October 2020
John Huntley - Quiz : "Glasgow Buildings/Architects, British Prime Ministers Young & Old".

Session 23 : 15 October 2020
Tom Love : “Tidal Power”.
Session 24 : 29 October 2020
Douglas Orr : “A Musical Interlude” - A quiz identifying famous jazz personalities.
Session 25 : 5 November 2020
Ian Marshall : “When did the Second World War really start?” - followed by discussion and personal reminiscences.
Session 26 : 19 November 2020
Tom Love : “A Journey” - Experiences during supplying and installing John Brown Engineering gas turbines in China.
Session 27 : 3 December 2020
Iain MacGregor : “Reminiscences of a career in bookselling”.
Session 28 : 10 December 2020
Covid-19 ‘Zoom’ Christmas Lunch
Session 29 : 7 January 2021
General discussion of President Trump and his mob’s ‘insurrection’ at Washington Capital Building and electric vehicles.
Session 30 : 21 January 2021
General discussion on ‘haggis pies’ and Covid-19 vaccination progress.
Session 31 : 28 January 2021
Club’s Zoom Burns Lunch.
Session 32 : 4 February 2021
General discussion on Vaccines & Herd Immunity.
Session 33 : 18 February 2021
General discussion of vaccination programme.
Session 34 : 4 March 2021
General discussion & Jokes.
Session 35 : 18 March 2021
General discussion on vaccinations diseases and personal experiences.
Session 36 : 1 April 2021
General discussion including planning & development issues and electric powered vehicles.
Session 37 : 15 April 2021
General discussion including ‘bit coins’ ,’art’ and ‘cats’.
Session 38 : 22 April 2021
General discussion including tomatoes, trees, pollination, jelly, Scottish Parliamentary election, politics and SPAM.

2020-2021 Afternoon 'Zoom' Meeting Talks: President - John MacIver

"A conversation about listening" - Jenni McCartney, Chair of Samaritans UK,
"The Antonine Wall" - John Perkins (Member),
"An afternoon of photography" - William Kean,
" Conservatoire of Scotland" - Tom Gilchrist,
"The history of the Royal Flying Corps" - Robert Wilson MBE,
"The Mediterranean Oil" - Chris Lebessis (Member),
"When Sundays brought the Post" - Jill Scott & Bill Hicks,
"A Symphony in Stone" - Tony Burdon,
"The First Test Pilot" - Robert Wilson MBE,
"Glasgow Airport" - Ross Nimmo,
"A Trip to Israel & The Holy Land" - John Perkins (Member).

2021-22: President - John AK Huntley

"My Glasgow" - Denise Mina, Scottish crime writer and playwright,
"Light, Water and Reflections: An Artist's Inspiration" - Robert Kelsey FRSA,
"Multibillion Engineering Projects: China & Norway" - Professor Nick Hytiris.
"Glasgow Glass" - James Bruce,
"1000 Years of Neolithic Settlement in Orkney: The Bay of Firth Project" - Richard Jones,
"Can You Hear Me?" - Charles Carmichael,
"The RSAC and the Scottish Car Rally" - Jonathan Lord,
"The East Dunbartonshire Development Plan" - ED Speaker,
"White Gold" - Robert Ferguson,
"GSA, Then and Now" - Peter Trowles,
"Stands Scotland Where it Did?"- Brian Taylor.
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Outings:

Outings to interesting venues are arranged each year by the Outings Convener. Guests are invited to attend. Venues over the years give a good indication of the wide variety of members' interests:

2004
McLellan Galleries, and
The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons
Ibrox Stadium

2005
Scottish Parliament
Glenturret Distillery, Crieff (Also in 2012)

2006
New Lanark
Glasgow Police Museum
Burrell Collection
Yarrows Shipyard

2007
Loch Katrine
Lennox Love House, Haddington

2008
Taylor Bowls Factory, Bridgeton
Hunterian Art Gallery, Glasgow
BBC Studios, Glasgow (for SSO concert)

2009
Summerlee Heritage Museum, Coatbridge
Scottish Mining Museum
Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin, Midlothian

2010
National Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride
Glasgow School of Art

2011
National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Verdant Works & Discovery Point, Dundee
Glasgow Museums Resource Centre, South Nitshill, Glasgow
(Also in 2013, 2014 & 2015)

2012
SSEB Grid Control Centre, Kirkintilloch
Riverside Museum, Glasgow
Grouse Experience, Glenturret Distillery, Crieff

2013
Inchmurrin Island, Loch Lomond
Tunnock's Biscuit Factory, Uddingston
Stirling Castle
Ardagh Glass Bottle Manufacturing Plant, Irvine

2014
Scottish Maritime Museum, Irvine
Deanston Distillery, Doune
Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin, Midlothian
Dumfries House, Cumnock, Ayrshire
Abbotsford House, Melrose

2015
Queensferry Crossing
Glasgow Central Station
2016
National Museum of Flight, East Fortune
Wanlockhead Mining Museum, Dumfries & Galloway
Royal Yacht Britannia

2017
Cruachan Hydro Power Station, Argyll & Bute
Glamis Castle

2018
Forth Bridges
Glasgow City Chambers

V&A Museum, Dundee
Alexander Dennis Coachworks, Falkirk

2019
Fairfield Heritage Museum, Govan
Ross Priory, Loch Lomond
Glasgow Cathedral
Hopetoun House, Linlithgow

2020
Hill House, Helensburgh

In addition, visits were made – on unrecorded dates – to:
Bardowie Loch (Sailing for the Disabled)
BP Refinery, Grangemouth
Botanic Gardens, Glasgow
Buchanan's Whisky Bottling Plant, Stepps
Clyde Cruises:
From Gourock to Rothesay and Tighnabruich
On SRC Sewage Vessel, MVGarroch Head
From Gourock to Kyles of Bute
From Helensburgh to Kilcreggan and Gourock
Clydeport HQ, Glasgow
Clydeside Distillery, Glasgow
Glasgow Cathedral
602 Sqn RAuxAF, Hillington
Glasgow Transport Museum
Glengoyne Distillery, Blanefield
Hunterston B Nuclear Power Station, North Ayrshire
Hillhouse, Helensburgh
Kings Theatre Pantomime, Glasgow
Kvaerner Shipyard, Govan (for ship launch)
Loch Lomond Cruise on Countess Fiona
Milngavie Sewerage Works
Mitchell Library, Glasgow
Mount Stuart House, Isle of Bute
Mugdock Park walk
National Archives, Kelvin Hall
National Maritime Museum, Irvine

Rolls Royce Heritage Display, Hillington
Royal Highland Fusiliers Museum, Glasgow
Strathclyde Police HQ, Glasgow
SV Glenlee, Glasgow
Tenement House, Glasgow
Tennent Caledonian Brewery, Glasgow
Thomas Coats Observatory, Paisley
TS Winston Churchill, Greenock

Section C

Club photographs and
photographs of venues

Club photograph 2018-19: President George MB Brady

Photograph of active past Presidents
& 2022/23 President

Alex Frew
1999-2000

Alastair Ross
2000-01

Alastair McLundy
2001-02

Basil Shearer
2002-03

Gerrie Davidson
2003-04

Morton Fyfe
2004-05

Walter Carswell
2005-06

James Sim
2006-7

Ken Wallace
2007-08

Charles Fetherston
2008-09

John Williamson
2009-10

Roy McGowan
2010-11

Gil Harrison
2011-2012

Douglas Orr
2012-2013

Eric Anderson
2013-2014

Frank Cruickshank
2014-2015

Fred Lee
2015-2016

Colin Gemmell
2016-2017

Stephen Rogers
2017-2018

George Brady
2018-2019

Ian Marshall
2019-2020

John MacIver
2020-2021

John Huntly
2021-2022

Robert Littlejohn
2022-2023

Community Education Centre, Milngavie

Milngavie Town Hall

Gavin’s Mill, Milngavie

Beefeater, Milngavie

Douglas Park Golf Club

Glasgow Golf Club, Killermont

Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie

Kessington Public Hall, Bearsden

Cairns Church of Scotland, Milngavie

BULLETIN

of the ALLANDER PROBUS CLUB

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EDITORIAL

The newly appointed Committee decided that some innovation was important for the future of the Allander Club. One innovation is to start a newsletter that hopefully might improve lines of communication within the membership.

Welcome to the first issue of the Bulletin

Initially this will be available to members on a quarterly basis and the aim is to provide information that will be of use to members whether or not they are able to attend meetings on a regular basis.

For example there will be brief reports of the highlights of most Thursday talks.

In addition, so as to know your Committee better, details of new office bearers will be regularly presented. This will be complemented with information on new members as well as information on any unfortunate depletion of our ranks. At present we have 95 members and the maximum membership is 100.

Information and timings of proposed Club Outings will also be provided well in advance, together with details of important golf pursuits and the activities of the Computer Group.

Along with these standard items it is particularly hoped that there will be contributions of general interest matters and personal experiences from Members.

ROY BURDON Editor

A NEW NAME ON THE ALLANDER TROPHY

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MORTON FYFE

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Morton was educated at Glasgow High School and proceeded to study Medicine at Glasgow University, qualifying in 1945. After military service in Greece and Palestine, he trained in Paediatrics and spent forty happy years in that speciality. He married Elizabeth in in 1953 and presently they have four married children and eight grandchildren, a source of much happiness.
Since retiral he has been much involved with the Trades House of Glasgow, golf, curling and gardening together with being an elder in New Kilpatrick church. Additionally he serves on the Committees of Abbeyfield and Cargill House residential home.
Basically he has now little time in his life for growing old!

OUTINGS

The McLellan Galleries and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. An outing has been planned for **Tuesday 19th October.** This will be in two parts. The plan, at present, is first to visit the **McLellan Galleries** in Sauchiehall Street, which are within walking distance of the railway station at Charing Cross. Starting at 11.00hr there will be a tour of the magnificent *Art Treasures of Kelvingrove* under the guidance of **Roy Burdon** incorporating information on the art works as well as the McLellan and Kelvingrove Galleries themselves. The tour will last around 90 min and is free of charge.
The second part of this outing will be a visit in the afternoon to the nearby **Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow at** 234-242 St Vincent Street. It is hoped that it will be possible to have lunch beforehand at the College for a small cost.
Further and fuller details of this 'double' outing will be provided at our September and October Meetings.

Lunch at Ibrox The possibility of a visit to **Ibrox Park** for lunch is actively being considered by the Committee and will probably take place in November and cost in the region of £10

A CHANGE IN PLAN

Please note that our Annual Lunch, previously planned for the 2nd December will instead take place at the Buchanan Arms Hotel on Monday 6th December 2004.

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Section D

Probus Club of Allander Membership

Retained Members, of which we have 5, are longstanding members, typically aged over 90, some of whom have difficulty coming to Formal talks.

Our Retained Members

Carswell	Walter
Chrystie	Robert
Fyfe	Morton
Shand	John
Wilson	Jim

The Current Membership 2022.

The next page has the list of the current membership.

Allan	James D.
Anderson	Eric
Beastall	John
Bowie	Ian
Brady	George
Brenan	Bob
Broomfield	George
Brown	Iain
Burt	Mel
Cameron	Douglas
Campbell	James
Coaker	Ian
Cormie	Ernest
Cruickshank	Frank
Deakin	Clive
Docherty	William
Dyer	Graham
Fisher	Michael
Galloway	Alistair
Gemmill	Colin
Getty	Graham
Gibson	William
Harris	Alex
Harrison	Gilroy
Harrison	Reid
Henderson	Campbell
Hewitt	Allan
Ho	William
Hopkins	Hugh
Huntley	John
Hytiris	Nicholas
Jones	Wyn
Lamont	Ewen

Lebessis	Chris
Lee	Frederick
Littlejohn	Robert
Love	Thomas
MacDougall	Larry
MacGregor	Iain
MacIver	John
MacKay	George
MacKinnon	Lachlan
Milroy	Jack
Muir	Bill
Muir	Kenneth
Munro	Donald
Orr	Douglas
Page	John
Paterson	William (Bill)
Paton	Robert
Rawson	Terry
Reedie	Jim
Rennie	Jim
Robertson	Duncan (Sandy)
Rodgers	Stephen
Sharp	William (Bill)
Sinclair	Alex
Smith	William (Ewen)
Thomas	Dilwyn
Wallace	Ken
White	Alastair
White	Dougal