



SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY



BUSSIN' CONCERT 2023



*Standard Bearer
Neil H. Heatlie (Germany)*

and



*Lady Busser
Catriona Heatlie*

in the VICTORIA HALL, SELKIRK
WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of JUNE

DOORS OPEN 7 pm — COMMENCE 7.30 pm

GUEST CHAIRMAN:
Colin Heatlie, Fleshers Standard Bearer 2007

ADMISSION: £3.00 by Programme

"THE ROSES"

From the Cities of Australia, from
the wide Canadian plain,
From the sunny tropic islands,
from Antarctic's icy main;
From every coast and country, by
land and sea and plane,
Souters aye return to Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.
When the roses bloom again,
When the roses bloom again,
Souters aye return to Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.

'Neath their golden banner streaming
o'er the Green they gaily sway,
To the river Ettrick, gleaming, see
the riders on their way.
At the Toll they all forgather, join in
an old world strain,
And they're glad to be in Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.
When the roses bloom again,
When the roses bloom again,
They are glad to be in Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.

When the riders have returned, and
the flags are proudly cast,
There's a friendly farewell hand-
shake, when the final act is past,
The Exile vows when leaving for his
faraway domain,
That he'll aye return to Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.
When the roses bloom again,
When the roses bloom again,
He will aye return to Selkirk when the
roses bloom again.

WELCOMING THE COLONIALS

Selkirk Colonial Society extends a warm welcome to you all, once again we hope to give a resounding welcome to returning "exiles" and overseas visitors. The Society never fails to be amazed at the number of "weel kent" faces who regularly return to the town for the Common Riding.

One hundred years ago James Johnstone (pictured right) was our Society Standard Bearer and his Lady Busser was Miss N Walls (Mrs A Stewart). Mr Johnstone had travelled from Selkirk to Guelph, Ontario, Canada, where he had relatives, to find work, however, due to ill health he found it necessary to return to Scotland.

He met and married Elizabeth Armstrong Stark and had two daughters, who still live in Selkirk, Mrs Anne Bunyan (mother of former Society Chairman and Standard Bearer 2007 Jim Bunyan) and Mrs Elsie Gray.

Mr Johnstone played the

coronet in the Selkirk Silver Band as well as being a keen fisherman. He was killed on April 8th 1941 when a German bomb was dropped on Greenlaw after a raid on the Clyde Shipyards.

Fifty years ago the Bussin Concert was held in the Victoria Hall, and the Chairman

that evening was Mr William Hogg who was celebrating his 40th anniversary as Colonial Standard Bearer (1933). The Society Standard Bearer was Gerald Beggs who returned from Vancouver, BC, Canada to represent the Society, and cast the flag on his grandfather John

Currie's 60th anniversary as Royal Burgh Standard Bearer (1913).

Gerald returned to live in Selkirk in 2006, and that year he cast the Colonial flag for a second time, and as such is the only person to have yet done so. He is a long standing member, and supporter of the Colonial Society, and for many



years he served as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Society extends heartiest congratulations to Gerald on achieving the significant milestone as Golden Anniversary Colonial Standard Bearer

And now to 2023. Tonight, we introduce our Standard Bearer Neil H Heatlie, Germany, and we offer very good wishes to both Neil and his Lady Busser, mum Catriona, and hope that they have a Common Riding never to be forgotten.

To the people of Selkirk, we once again thank you for your continued support and hope that you all have a great Common Riding, "Safe Oot, Safe In".

Ian Clapperton, Chairman







The "exiles" have returned



The Bussin' Concert



Gerald Beggs celebrates his 50th



The Reception



A full house at the Reception



The flag is cast by Standard Bearer Neil Heatlie