

Memories of 2004

excellent job of making the Exiles feel welcome and the concert was a great success with well known singers performing. The buffet at the reception was especially well done, all the food was so fresh. I missed the usual habit of calling on the various exiles to say a little speech on their thoughts about being back in the old town

, but it was explained that it took too much time. But it was a lovely evening all the same.

I find it very heartening to know that the Colonial Standard Bearers are very steeped in the traditions of Selkirk, having been well "brain washed" by their parents. Exiles, over the years, have attempted to explain the urge to return to the Auld Grey Toon and the heartfelt longings to Aye be a Souter but it is one of the unexplainable instincts. Just like the salmon who fight their way back to the place of their birth, it is an urge which cannot be overcome. Long may it continue.

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Hopefully next year we shall have more news from you Exiles round the world. During 2005 write, phone or e-



mail your comments, items of interest, celebrations or commiserations by 15th October to be included in the 2006 newsletter from Selkirk.

Adam Houston, Canada, continues to do his bit to keep you in touch but the Society thought it would be good to send some word directly from the Roal Burgh.

This year the Rugby Club was flooded once again. The Council are consulting to try prevent a replay.

St. Mary's West Church has been demolished so the sky line looks different. With what to replace it has not yet been decided.

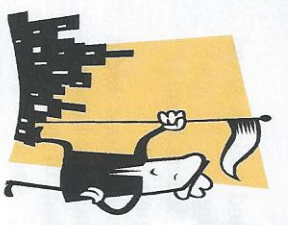
Scott's Selkirk with shops decorated, & people in Georgian dress begins 1st w/e in December.

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Chairman's Greetings!

From Selkirk, every good wish for Christmas and a prosperous New Year to All Exiles everywhere

From Duncan Stewart (Colonial Standard Bearer Canada) appointed Chairman June 2004

I take this opportunity to extend my appreciation & heartfelt thanks to Jim Henderson for his many years of service to the Colonial Society.

The Society is in the process of updating the address & e-mail data base. PLEASE SEND YOUR MOST RECENT UPDATES to either my address at 14, Curror Street, Selkirk TD7 4HF or e-mail to my2legges.selkirk34@virgin.net

Many thanks to all. The Society looks forward to hearing from you.

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Selkirk, surrounded by round shouldered hills, green in summer, purple with heather in autumn and white with snow in winter. To the stranger arriving in this ancient storied Royal Burgh, they find a people with a

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Extract from Guest Chairman JIM NEWLANDS (former Provost) message at the Bussin' Concert 16th June 2004.

" I am sure you will agree when I say that we are very fortunate to live in the Borders of Scotland, especially in