

Colonial News 2015



Greetings to all our members. Much has happened over the last year and as a result we now look forward to the future in good order. Finances are strong, heritage is preserved, community activity has increased, and we encouraging the younger generation to join. The 2015 Common was a great success and many exiles returned. I hope that this newsletter finds you are all in good health and that we are able to welcome you in Selkirk in the not too distant future.

Lindsay Cockburn, Chairman

Our Standard Bearer for 2015 was 31 year old Chris Yardley from New Zealand. His mum Eleanor, the Lady Busser will be remembered



locally as ELEANOR MACDOUGALL, before she emigrated and married in New Zealand where the whole family, Mum, Dad (Darryl), Chris and his sister (Lauren) are living.



The Annual Colour Bussin' in the Victoria Hall was almost sold out and the audience had a rare time listening to the band and singers. The flag was bussed in traditional manner by Eleanor and our 6 foot 8 inches Standard Bearer was given a great reception. The guest chair was George Thomson – father to Fraser, resident of NZ. There were a large number of exiles and overseas visitors in the town for the Common Riding and following the Bussin' the Society held a Reception for them

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with all seats taken and a hugely successful evening taking place.



Exiles and visitors this year were from – Australia, Canada, NZ, Barbados, USA, Qatar, Norway and Cyprus. Donald Waldie presented Chris with the Walter Waldie Medallion and Sheena Chappell presented Eleanor with her Lady Busser badge.

Common Riding day was a glorious affair and there were larger than usual crowds in the procession and at the casting. The Colonial Standard Bearer had a ball, doing the Society and his family proud.



2015 was truly a great Common Riding for everyone involved. Bring on 2016!

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Other Society news reports –

Our Bussin' Ribbon project is well underway thanks to the support of members at home and abroad. We can be assured that our ribbons are now preserved for the future.



Lady members made a contribution to the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry which is now on a world tour.



Colonials are just champion in the winter pub league beating all opposition.



A table cover was presented by the descendants of Alex Linton to commemorate continuous Society membership since 1910.



We now have Society polo shirts, any size & colour for £10 each + PP. Just contact the secretary.

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Some local news from the town –



Gordon Arms ravaged by fire



Still no by-pass despite fatality



Flood prevention scheme underway



Rugby team go up to premier league



NGT closes but Oregon to expand and create 50 new jobs?

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