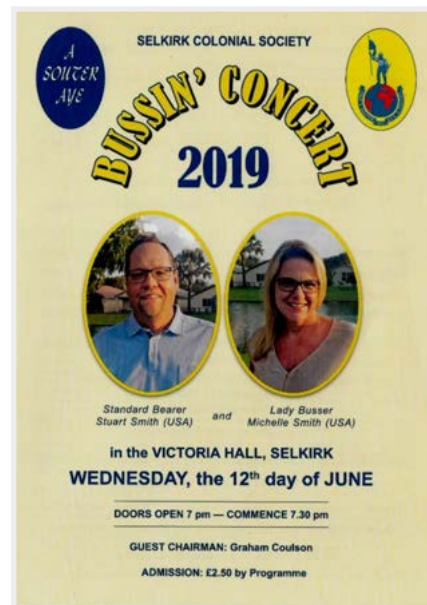


Selkirk Colonial Society - 2019 Newsletter



A full contingent of exiles returned from around the globe to support
2019 Colonial Standard Bearer and Lady Busser Stuart and Michelle Smith, USA



Colonial Society Chairman IAN CLAPPERTON

Once again, I am delighted to send greetings from Selkirk to our exiles in "a the airts" and I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

We have had another great year as an organisation. Sales of our CD continue steadily and the book *Tales of the Exiles*, has sold very well with 75% of stock disappearing in six months. All proceeds from the book and CD sales have been donated to local charities including the Selkirk Parish Church, Stable Life, Selkirk Community Shed and the Annual Common Riding Children's Picnic.

Membership numbers are good and the decision to relax the membership rules has proved positive and resulted in several new applications from a younger age group, which can only benefit the Society in future years.

On the sporting scene, the Society has been very successful. We won the Winter Indoor Bowling Pub League for season 2018/19, and then completed the double by winning the Summer Pub Lawn Bowls League for 2019. A great outcome for us.

Turning to the Common Riding, it is pleasing to be able to report on another tremendous year. Attendances at the Concert, Reception and Foy were very high and pretty much at capacity which has resulted in a positive financial outcome. Our Standard Bearer Stuart Smith and Lady Busser Michelle were great choices to represent the Society, and they brought with them a large number of overseas friends, which in turn boosted the numbers of exiles and visitors on stage at the Bussin'.

Stuart and Michelle did themselves and the Society proud and we hope to welcome them and their friends back in the not to distant future. Mention also has to be made of Raymond and Rosemary Smith, who celebrated their 50th anniversary as Society principals in 1969, and who took great delight in seeing their son and daughter-in-law undertake the responsibilities this year.

In the past year we sadly lost two members of the Society – Peter Baillie and Ethyl Fenton. Our thoughts are with surviving families.

The restoration of the Haining House continues, and the hope is that in 2020 we will be able to fully develop our plans and put the Colonial Society regalia on permanent display at the Haining. We also look forward to greeting as many of you as possible in 2020.

With our very best wishes from Selkirk.

Ian Clapperton, Chairman.

Colonial Standard Bearer **STUART SMITH**

I did not know what to expect when I put in my application for Colonial Society Standard Bearer for 2019. I knew that it was my Father's 50th anniversary of being the Colonial Standard Bearer and I wanted to celebrate that anniversary by doing what he did 50 years ago.

I will treasure this experience for the rest of my life. I was so happy to have my wife share in this experience as my Lady Busser (which took much convincing), as well as having my parents, brother, daughter and friends come and share the experience with me. I know all my friends from the US and Sweden loved Auld Selkirk and the warm people that welcomed us all. It was a busy time with all the Bussin Concerts and dinners and practices which made the time fly by.

Waiting for your turn to walk up onto the platform to cast the flag is an unbelievable experience. All the nerves and emotion welling up in you as you watch the other Standard Bearers take their turn. I can tell you it is something you can not forget.

Thanks again to Ian and the Colonial Society and its members and everyone else for their warm wishes and support! I look forward to returning to Selkirk for the Common Riding and taking part in the festivities again soon.

Cheers from sunny Florida.

Colonial Lady Busser **MICHELLE SMITH**

My experience at the Selkirk Common Riding was wonderful.

I saw a small town with so much support and was proud to be invited to be a part of this tradition. I never expected so much kindness from so many people that I had met for the first time.

I had worried about this before going and if it wasn't for the Chairman Ian and his wife Pat opening their home and making me feel like I had known them for years I would of never been able to get through the things I needed to do.

I am truly grateful for all the kind people, the Standard Bearers and Lady Bussers and of course my husband Stuart, who made this experience one of the most memorable times I have had in my life.

I will cherish it forever.

Selkirk Colonial Society - 2019 BUSSIN OF THE COLOURS



Colonial Standard Bearer and Lady Busser Stuart and Michelle Smith



Bussin Concert - PHILIPHAUGH SCHOOL CHOIR



Selkirk Colonial Society - HISTORY MEDAL



The Colonial Society History Medal which is awarded each year to a Selkirk High School student for the best piece of work telling the story of Selkirk people who live or have lived abroad was awarded to Alex Turnbull for her paper on a Souter who emigrated to Canada in the early 1900's.

Alex received a medal and a cheque for £100.

School Rector Jamie Bryson made the presentation.

Selkirk Colonial Society - COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Society Chairman Ian Clapperton advised that the Society has once again decided to donate all of the money raised from the sales of the Society CD of Common Riding music and the Tales of the Exiles book which raised £1000.00, to local good causes.



Society member Aileen Firth presented Sam Anderson, representing Stable Life with a cheque.

Stable Life provides a safe, nurturing and learning experience using the horse and it's environment to help young people reach their full potential and achieve their aspirations and dreams.

Society member Pat Clapperton presented Rev. Margaret Steele, representing Selkirk Parish Church with a cheque.

Selkirk Parish Church hosts twice monthly "Open Door" events which offer food and fellowship to community members.



Selkirk Colonial Society - COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Society member Jean Proudfoot presented Ex RBSB Martin Rodgerson with a cheque.

The funds will be used by the Common Riding Executive for the annual Children's Picnic.



Society member Christine Brydon presented Frank Brown, representing Selkirk Community Shed with a cheque.

Selkirk Community Shed provides a place for adults in the community to interact socially and participate in various activities including woodwork and gardening.

Selkirk Colonial Society - OVERSEAS RECEPTION



Raymond and Rosemary Smith - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

2019 was a special year for Raymond and Rosemary Smith as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary as CSB and LB 1969.

On behalf of the Society, Gerald Beggs, CSB 1973 & 2006 presented them with a painting of the Three Brethern.



Selkirk Colonial Society - LADY BUSSER MEDAL PRESENTATION



Colonial Standard Bearer Stuart Smith's daughter Althea Smith presented Lady Busser Michelle Smith with the Colonial Society Lady Bussers Medal.

Selkirk Colonial Society - WALTER WALDIE MEMORIAL MEDAL



CSB 1997, Marcus Waldie presented CSB Stuart Smith with the Walter Waldie Memorial Medal.

Colonial Society—COMMON RIDING DAY



“Doon the Green”

CSB & LB Stuart & Michelle Smith



**Longtime friends, CSB Raymond Smith (1969)
and CSB Gerald Beggs (1973, 2006)**

“Yince a Souter Aye a Souter”



**2019 Colonial Standard Bearer
Stuart Smith proudly casting the
Societies golden banner.**



Colonial Foy - "HANDS ACROSS THE SEA"



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Returning exiles, Society members, friends and family enjoyed a great afternoon at the Colonial Foy; a visit from RBS Craig Monks and some excellent community singing highlighted the afternoon.



Colonial Standard Bearers - PAST AND PRESENT



Colonial Standard Bearer 1969 Mr. Ray Smith celebrated his 50th anniversary alongside his son Colonial Standard Bearer 2019 Mr. Stuart Smith.

Colonial Society - LOCAL MEMBERS



Local Society members Sandy Monks, Lewis & Christine Brydon, Ian & Pat Clapperton, Gerald & Heather Beggs, Andy Moyes, Lindsay Cockburn, Annette Walker and Peter Henderson.

Colonial Society - SUMMER BOWLING PUB LEAGUE CHAMPS



The Colonial Society team won the Summer Bowling Pub League remaining undefeated in their seven games and ending with 13 points.

Pictured are team members Ian Clapperton (Skip), Moira Wilson, Pat Clapperton and Alan Hulme. Missing from the photo was Peter Henderson.

The Society are now the holders of both Winter and Summer Pub Leagues for 2019.